#### **UNITED STATES**

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 8, 2012

### **Colfax Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-34045** (Commission File Number)

**54-1887631** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8170 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Suite 180 Fulton, MD 20759

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(301) 323-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 8, 2012, Colfax Corporation issued a press release reporting financial results for the first quarter ended March 30, 2012. A copy of Colfax Corporation's press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference. Colfax Corporation has scheduled a conference call for 8:00 a.m. EDT on May 8, 2012 to discuss its financial results, and slides for that call are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 and are incorporated in this report by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Colfax Corporation press release dated May 8, 2012, reporting financial results for the first quarter ended March 30, 2012.
- 99.2 Colfax Corporation slides for May 8, 2012 conference call reporting financial results for the first quarter ended March 30, 2012.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### **Colfax Corporation**

Date: May 8, 2012 By: /s/ C. SCOTT BRANNAN

Name: C. Scott Brannan

Title: Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial

Officer

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#### **Colfax Reports First Quarter 2012 Results**

FULTON, Md., May 8, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Colfax Corporation (NYSE: CFX) today announced its financial results for the first quarter of 2012. On a year-over-year basis, highlights for the first quarter include:

#### First Quarter of 2012

- After pre-tax expenses of \$42.9 million of Charter acquisition-related expense and \$33.7 million of year-one acquisition-related amortization expense, a net loss of \$109.3 million (\$1.33 per share); adjusted net income (as defined below) of \$25.5 million (23 cents per share)
- Net sales of \$886.4 million, an increase of 11.3% from first quarter 2011 proforma net sales (includes the comparable period sales for the operations acquired in the Charter acquisition); organic sales increase (as defined below) of 10.3%
- Operating loss of \$24.1 million; adjusted operating income (as defined below) of \$63.4 million
- First quarter gas- and fluid-handling orders of \$497.5 million, an increase of 10.1%
- Gas- and fluid-handling backlog of \$1,372.8 million at period end

Adjusted net income, adjusted net income per share, adjusted operating income, organic sales growth (decline) and organic order growth (decline) are not financial measures calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ("GAAP"). See below for a description of the measures' usefulness and a reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

Steve Simms, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased to report solid results for the first quarter. Revenues were in line with expectations across all areas. During the quarter, we experienced 10.3% proforma organic sales growth and a 9.5% increase in adjusted net income per share. While results were balanced across the entire company, margins in the gas-handling business exceeded expectations, with particular strength from the operations in China and South Africa. Clearly, the acquisition of Charter (which serves to make period to period comparisons difficult) and the successful completion of our common stock offering of approximately \$300 million were the real highlights for the period. With the acquisition of Charter, Colfax experiences a five times increase in sales and adds an arsenal of industry leading brands and technologies. The common stock offering improves our liquidity profile and positions us well for bolt-on acquisitions to supplement organic growth. However, our near term focus continues to be the integration of the newly acquired businesses."

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Other Adjustments

Colfax has provided in this press release financial information that has not been prepared in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures are adjusted net income, adjusted net income per share, adjusted operating income, earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation (EBITDA), adjusted EBITDA, organic sales growth (decline) and organic order growth (decline). Adjusted net income, adjusted net income per share, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted operating income exclude asbestos coverage litigation expense, restructuring and other related charges, charges related to the Charter acquisition and fair value adjustments related to the ESAB and Howden inventory and backlog amortization expense to the extent they impact the periods presented. The effective tax rates used to calculate adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share are 31% for the first quarter of 2012 in comparison to 32% for the first quarter of 2011. Proforma organic sales growth (decline) and proforma organic order growth (decline) represent the proforma comparison of the change in existing businesses that includes the operations acquired in the Charter Acquisition for the comparable prior period (which excludes the results of operations acquired in the Charter Acquisition for the first 12 days of each reporting period) excluding the impact due to acquisitions made by Colfax and Charter and foreign currency fluctuations. These non-GAAP financial measures assist Colfax in comparing its operating performance on a consistent basis because, among other things, they remove the impact of asbestos coverage litigation, costs related to the Charter acquisition and foreign currency fluctuations outside the control of its operating management team.

Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information calculated in accordance with GAAP. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures presented above to GAAP results has beer provided in the financial tables included in this press release.

#### **Conference Call and Webcast**

Colfax will host a conference call to provide details about its results on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. EDT. The call will be open to the public through 877-303-7908 or 678-373-0875 and webcast via Colfax's website at www.colfaxcorp.com under the "Investors" section. Access to a supplemental slide presentation can also be found at the Colfax website under the same heading. Both the audio of this call and the slide presentation will be archived on the website later today and will be available until the next quarterly call.

#### **About Colfax Corporation**

Colfax Corporation is a diversified global manufacturing and engineering company that provides gas- and fluid-handling and fabrication technology products and services to commercial and governmental customers around the world under the Howden, Colfax Fluid Handling and ESAB brands. Colfax believes that its brands are among the most highly recognized in each of the markets that it serves. Colfax is traded on the NYSE under the ticker "CFX." Additional information about Colfax is available at www.colfaxcorp.com.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS:

This press release may contain forward-looking statements, including forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning Colfax's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical or current fact. Forward-looking statements are based on Colfax's current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause Colfax's results to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to factors detailed in Colfax's reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission including its 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Risk Factors." In addition, these statements are based on a number of assumptions that are subject to change. This press release speaks only as of the date hereof. Colfax disclaims any duty to update the information herein.

The term "Colfax" in reference to the activities described in this press release may mean one or more of Colfax's global operating subsidiaries and/or their internal business divisions and does not necessarily indicate activities engaged in by Colfax Corporation.

#### Colfax Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations Dollars in thousands, except per share data (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended				
	March 30, 201	<u>.2</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>1, 20</u>	<u>)11</u>
Net sales Cost of sales		86,366 30,970	\$	\$	158,558 105,304
Gross profit		55,396			53,254
Selling, general and administrative expense	2	25,746			37,879
Charter acquisition-related expense		42,851			_
Restructuring and other related charges		8,643			1,977
Asbestos coverage litigation expense		<u>2,287</u>			<u>2,066</u>
Operating (loss) income		24,131)			11,332
Interest expense		<u> 18,982</u>			<u>1,827</u>
(Loss) income before income taxes		43,113)			9,505
Provision for income taxes(1)		<u>57,348</u>			<u>2,950</u>
Net (loss) income	(10	00,461)			6,555
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of taxes		<u>5,137</u>			<u> </u>
Net (loss) income attributable to Colfax Corporation	(10	05,598)			6,555
Dividends on preferred stock	<b>A</b> (4)	3, <u>734</u>			<u> </u>
Net (loss) income available to Colfax Corporation common shareholders	\$ (10	09,332)		\$	6,555
Net (loss) income per share—basic and diluted	\$	(1.33)		\$	0.15

<sup>(1)</sup> Income tax provision for the first quarter of 2012 was significantly impacted by the reassessment of certain deferred tax assets as of the date of the Charter acquisition, which resulted in an increase in the Company's valuation allowance, and the Charter acquisition-related expenses that are either not deductible for tax purposes or were incurred in jurisdictions where no tax benefit can be recognized.

# Colfax Corporation Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Dollars in thousands, except per share data (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended		<u>ded</u>	
Mar	<u>ch 30, 2012</u>	<u>Apr</u>	il <u>1, 2011</u>
\$	(100,461) 18,982 57,348 61,804 37,673 4.3%	\$	6,555 1,827 2,950 <u>5,527</u> 16,859
\$	(100,461) 18,982 57,348 61,804 8,643 42,851 2,287 91,454 10.3%	\$	6,555 1,827 2,950 5,527 1,977 2,066 20,902
\$	(24,131) 8,643 42,851 33,705 2,287 63,355 7.1%	\$	11,332 1,977 — 2,066 15,375 9.7%
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#### Dollars in thousands, except per share data (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 30, 2012	<u>April 1, 2011</u>
Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Net Income Per Share  Net (loss) income attributable to Colfax Corporation Restructuring and other related charges Charter acquisition-related expense Fair value adjustments – ESAB/Howden backlog and inventory amortization expense Asbestos coverage litigation expense Tax adjustment (1) Adjusted net income Adjusted net income margin Dividends on preferred stock Adjusted net income available to Colfax Corporation common shareholders Less: net income attributable to participating securities (2)	\$ (105,598) 8,643 42,851 33,705 2,287 43,592 25,480 2.9% 3,734 21,746 2,757 \$ 18,989	\$ 6,555 1,977 — 2,066 (1,385) 9,213 5.8% — — 9,213 — \$ 9,213
Weighted-average shares outstanding—diluted Adjusted net income per share	82,851,827 \$ 0.23	44,105,120 \$ 0.21
Net (loss) income per share— basic and diluted (in accordance with GAAP)	\$ (1.33)	\$ 0.15

- (1) The effective tax rates used to calculate adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share are 31% and 32% for the first quarters of 2012 and 2011, respectively.
- (2) Adjusted net income per share was calculated consistent with the two-class method in accordance with GAAP as the Series A preferred stock are considered participating securities. Losses are not allocated to the preferred stock.

#### Colfax Corporation Change in Sales, Orders and Backlog Dollars in millions (Unaudited)

	Net Sales		<u>Orders</u>		Backlog at Period End	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
Proforma as of and for the three months ended April 1, 2011	\$ 796.5		\$ 451.9		\$1,270.5	
Components of Change: Existing businesses Acquisitions Foreign currency translation	81.9 37.1 ( <u>29.1)</u>	10.3 % 4.7 % (3.7)%	(11.0) 66.7 (10.1)	(2.4)% 14.8 % (2.3)%	136.4 2.9 (37.0)	10.7 % 0.2 % (2.8) %
As of and for the three months ended March 30, 2012	<u>89.9</u> \$ 886.4	<u>11.3 %</u>	45.6 \$ 497.5	<u>10.1 %</u>	102.3 \$ 1,372.8	<u>8.1 %</u>

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## First Quarter 2012 Earnings Conference Call

May 8, 2012

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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# Q1 2012 Results

### Q1 2012 Highlights

- Adjusted net income of \$25.5 million (\$0.23 per share) compared to \$9.2 million (\$0.21 per share) in Q1 2011
- Net sales of \$886.4 million, an increase of 11.3% from first quarter 2011 proforma net sales of \$796.5 million
- Adjusted operating income of \$63.4 million compared to \$15.4 million in Q1 2011
- First quarter gas- and fluid-handling orders of \$497.5 million compared to proforma orders of \$451.9 million in Q1 2011, an increase of 10.1%
- Gas- and fluid-handling backlog of \$1.4 billion at period end



# Gas- and Fluid-Handling

# **Gas- and Fluid-Handling Highlights**

- Net sales of \$425.3 million compared to proforma net sales of \$342.9 million in Q1 2011, an increase of 24.0%
- Adjusted segment operating income of \$40.7 million and adjusted segment operating income margin of 9.6%
- First quarter orders of \$497.5 million compared to proforma orders of \$451.9 million in Q1 2011, an increase of 10.1%
- Backlog of \$1.4 billion at period end



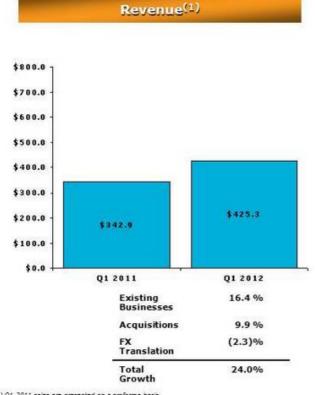
# **Orders and Backlog**

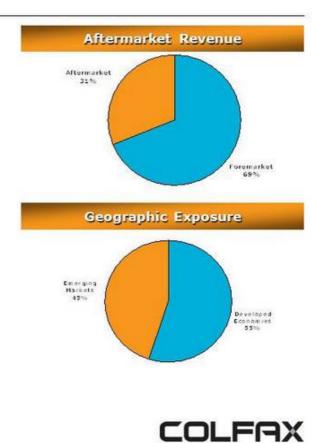


(1) Order and backlog data for the periods prior to Q1 2012 are presented on a proforma basis. Note: Dollars in millions (unaudited).



### Revenue

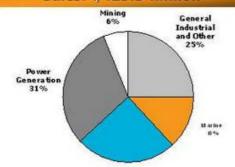




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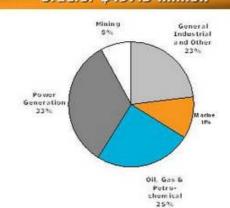
### Q1 2012 Sales and Orders by End Market

#### Sales: \$425.3 million



	Oil, Gas & Petro- chemical 25% Total (Decline) Growth	Organic (Decline) Growth
Power Generation	30.0 %	30.4 %
Oil, Gas & Petrochemical	68.7 %	23.2%
Marine	(3.1)%	(1.1)%
Mining	6.9%	10.1%
General Industrial & Other	8.5 %	9.1 %
Total	24.0 %	16.4%

#### Orders: \$497.5 million



Total (Decline) Growth	Organic (Decline) Growth
0.9 %	1.8 %
54.7 %	(17.6)%
(5.6)%	(3.5)%
21.5%	26.0%
(4.1) %	(5.5) %
10.1 %	(2.4)%
	Growth 0.9 % 54.7 % (5.6)% 21.5% (4.1) %

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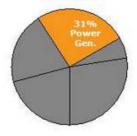
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### **Power Generation Market Perspective**

#### Sales & Orders Growth

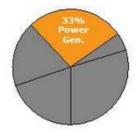
	Q1 2012 vs. Q1 2011		
	Total	Organic	
Sales	30.0%	30.4%	
Orders	0.9%	1.8%	





- Served by both Howden and Colfax Fluid Handling
- Driven by global fundamental undersupply of electricity
- Growth is strong in China, South East Asia, South Africa and the Middle East

Colfax 2012 Orders Split

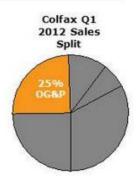




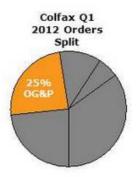
# Oil, Gas & Petrochemical Market Perspective

#### Sales & Orders Growth (Decline)

	Q1 2012 vs. Q1 2011		
	Total	Organic	
Sales	68.7%	23.2%	
Orders	54.7%	(17.6)%	



- Served by both Howden and Colfax Fluid Handling
- Driven by sustained price levels for oil globally
- Thomassen compressor acquisition increases presence in this market

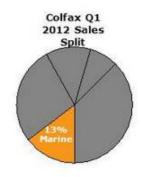




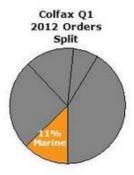
### **Marine Market Perspective**

#### Sales & Orders (Decline)

	Q1 2012 vs. Q1 2011		
	Total	Organic	
Sales	(3.1)%	(1.1)%	
Orders	(5.6)%	(3.5)%	



- Comprised of commercial marine and government, or defense, customers
- Primarily served by Colfax Fluid Handling
- •New ship build is down from 2011 peak

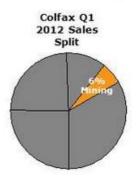




# **Mining Market Perspective**

#### Sales & Orders Growth

	Q1 2012 vs. Q1 2011		
	Total	Organic	
Sales	6.9%	10.1%	
Orders	21.5%	26.0%	



- Primarily served by Howden
- Includes centrifugal and axial fans, providing mine ventilation
- Driven by demand of mined resources, including: coal, iron ore, copper, gold, rare earths, nickel and potash

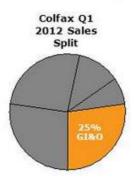




# **General Industrial & Other Market Perspective**

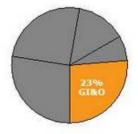
#### Sales & Orders Growth (Decline)

	Q1 2012 vs. Q1 2011		
	Total	Organic	
Sales	8.5%	9.1%	
Orders	(4.1)%	(5.5)%	



- Includes both Howden and Colfax Fluid Handling
- Represents a variety of industrial fans and compressors, tunnel ventilation and pumps serving various industrial needs
- Sales were driven by industrial fans and compressors, and fluid-handling's distribution, waste water and chemical processing submarkets







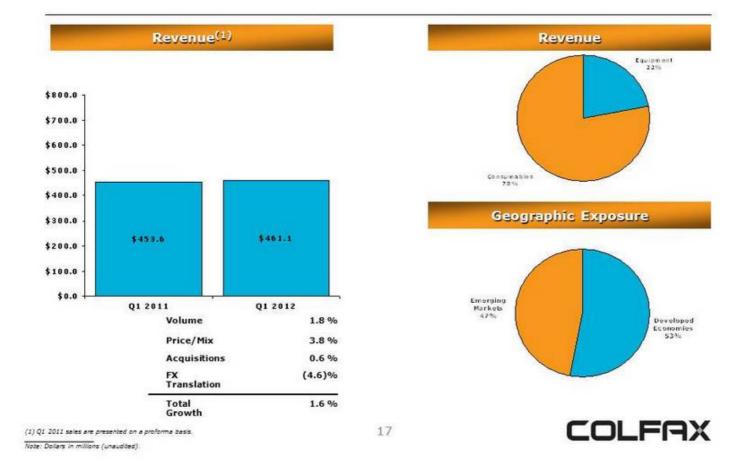
# Fabrication Technology

### **Fabrication Technology Highlights**

- Net sales of \$461.1 million compared to proforma net sales of \$453.6 million in Q1 2011, an increase of 1.6%
- Adjusted segment operating income of \$34.0 million and adjusted operating income margin of 7.4%
- Higher volumes in North America and the Middle East
- Benefitted by \$4 million from cost savings initiatives during the quarter; offset, in part, by depressed volumes in Europe, higher production costs in India and Asia and start up of a new consumables facility in the U.S.



### Revenue



# Results of Operations

# **Income Statement Summary**

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended				
	Marc	h 30, 2012	Apr	il 1, 2011	
Sales	\$	886.4	\$	158.6	
Gross profit % of sales	\$	255.4 28.8%	\$	53.3 33.6%	
SG&A expense % of sales	\$	225.7 25.5%	\$	37.9 23.9%	
Adjusted operating income % of sales	\$	63.4 7.1%	\$	15.4 9.7%	
Adjusted EBITDA % of sales	\$	91.5 10.3%	\$	20.9 13.2%	
Adjusted net income % of sales	\$	25.5 2.9%	\$	9.2 5.8%	
Adjusted net income per share	\$	0.23	\$	0.21	

Refer to Appendix for Non-GAAP reconciliation and footnotes.

Note: Dollars in millions.

# **Appendix**

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Sales and order information by end market are estimates. We periodically update our customer groupings order to refine these estimates.



(unaudited)

	<u> </u>	Three Months Ended				
	Mar	March 30, 2012		April 1, 2011		
EBITDA Net (loss) income	\$	(100,461)	\$	6,555		
Interest expense		18,982	200	1,827		
Provision for income taxes		57,348		2,950		
Depreciation and amortization		61,804		5,527		
ЕВІТОА	\$	37,673	\$	16,859		
EBITDA margin		4.3%		10.6%		
Adjusted EBITDA						
Net (loss) income	\$	(100,461)	\$	6,555		
Interest expense		18,982		1,827		
Provision for income taxes		57,348		2,950		
Depreciation and amortization		61,804		5,527		
Restructuring and other related charges		8,643		1,977		
Charter acquisition-related expense		42,851		-		
Asbestos coverage litigation expense		2,287		2,066		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	91,454	\$	20,902		
Adjusted EBITDA margin		10.3%		13.2%		



(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			
	Mai	rch 30, 2012	A	pril 1, 2011
Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share				
Net (loss) income attributable to Colfax Corporation	\$	(105,598)	\$	6,555
Restructuring and other related charges		8,643		1,977
Charter acquisition-related expense		42,851		_
Fair value adjustments - ESAB/Howden backlog and inventory amortization expense		33,705		
Asbestos coverage litigation expense		2,287		2,066
Tax adjustment <sup>(1)</sup>		43,592		(1,385)
Adjusted net income		25,480		9,213
Adjusted net income margin		2.9%		5.8%
Dividends on preferred stock		3,734	-	
Adjusted net income available to Colfax Corporation common shareholders		21,746		9,213
Less: net income attributable to participating securities 3		2,757		
	\$	18,989	\$	9,213
Weighted-average shares outstanding - diluted		82,851,827		44, 105, 120
Adjusted net income per share	\$	0.23	\$	0.21
Net (loss) income per share— basic and diluted (in accordance with GAAP)	\$	(1.33)	\$	0.15

<sup>(1)</sup> The effective tax rates used to calculate adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share are 31% and 32% for the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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Net sales	\$	425,331	\$ 4	61,035	<u> </u>	\$	886,366	\$	1	58,558	3		\$	158,558
Operating income	20,849	4.9%	10,880	2.4%	(55,860)	(24,131	(2.7)%	\$	17,969	11,7%	\$	(6,637)	\$ 11,332	7.1%
Charter a equisition related expense Restructuring and other related charges About the company of the company of the company Fair value adjustments - ESAB/Howden	780 2.287		6,116		42,851 1,747	42,851 8,643 2,287			1,014 2.066			963	1,977 2,066	
backlog and inventory amortization expense	16,742		16,963		-	33,705	i.							
Adjusted operating income	40.658	9.6%	33,959	7.4%	(11, 262)	63,355	7.1%	\$	21,049	17.2%	\$	(5674)	\$ 15,375	0.7%



# Sales & Order Growth

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	Sales			Ord	ers	Backlog			
		\$	9/0	\$	9/0		\$	0/0	
Proforma three months ended April 1, 2011	\$	796.5		\$ 451.9		\$	1,270.5		
Components of Change:									
Existing Businesses		81.9	10.3 %	(11.0)	(2.4)%		136.4	10.7 %	
Acquisitions		37.1	4.7 %	66.7	14.8 %		2.9	0.2 %	
Foreign Currency Translation	-	(29.1)	(3.7)%	(10.1)	(2.3)%	-	(37.0)	(2.8)%	
Total		89.9	11.3 %	45.6	10.1 %		102.3	8.1 %	
Three months ended March 30,									
2012	\$	886.4		\$ 497.5		\$	1,372.8		

# **2012 Outlook Summary**

Reve	nue Range			
2012 Total <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4.0 billion	То	\$4	1.1 billion
EPS and Adjust	ed Net Incon	ne Rang	е	
2012 Net loss per share	\$(	0.35)	То	\$(0.15)
Adjusted net income - Colfax	\$17	2,500	To	\$193,700
2012 Adjusted net income per sha	re (1) \$	1.45	То	\$1.65

Assumptions					
Asbestos coverage litigation	\$9 million				
Asbestos liability and defense costs	\$7 million				
Restructuring costs	\$30 million				
Charter acquisition-related expense	\$43 million				
Fair value adjustments – ESAB/Howden inventory and backlog	\$78 million				
Euro	\$1.30				
Tax rate - Adjusted basis/GAAP	31%/80%				
Outstanding shares – common and equivalents/preferred	95 million/13.9 million (Q2 - Q4) 92 million/13.4 million (Full Year)				

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes impact of asbestos coverage litigation costs, Charter acquisition-related expense, Charter inventory and backlog fair value adjustments and restructuring charges.

(See Non-GAAP Reconciliation included in this Appendix)

Note: Guidance as of 5/8/12

# **2012 Outlook Summary**

(continued)

Assumptions (continued)					
Depreciation	\$70 million				
Amortization	\$105 million				
Interest Expense (based on LIBOR = 25 bps, EURIBOR = 70 bps)	\$97 million				
Capital Expenditures	2.5% of revenue				
Pension funding in excess of expense	\$40 million				
Preferred dividend	\$19 million				

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	EPS Range					
Projected net income per share - diluted	\$ (0.35)	\$ (0.15)				
Fair value adjustments - Charter inventory and backlog	0.78	0.78				
Restructuring costs	0.30	0.30				
Asbestos coverage litigation	0.09	0.09				
Charter transaction costs	0.43	0.43				
Tax adjustment	0.20	0.20				
Projected adjusted net income per share - diluted	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.65				

