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Combining complementary technologies
and development focus to expand global
customer and product mix

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CREATING A PREMIER

ALT FUEL & ENGINE COMPANY

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Additional Information and Where to Find it

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Westport will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-4, which will include the proxy statement of Fuel Systems that also constitutes a prospectus (the proxy statement/prospectus).

**INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO
READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, AND OTHER RELEVANT
DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC, IN THEIR ENTIRETY CAREFULLY
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TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS.

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Participants in the Solicitation

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Westport, Fuel Systems and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Fuel Systems in respect of the proposed transactions contemplated by the proxy statement/prospectus.

Information regarding the persons who are, under the rules of the SEC, participants in the solicitation of the shareholders of Fuel Systems in connection with the proposed transactions, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus when it is filed with the SEC.

Information regarding Westport's directors and executive officers is contained in Westport's Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2014, as amended, and its Management Information Circular, dated March 11, 2015, which is filed with, in the case of the Annual Report on Form 40-F, and furnished to, in the case of the Management Information Circular, the SEC and can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Information regarding Fuel System's directors and executive officers is contained in Fuel System's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated April 14, 2015, each of which are filed with the SEC and can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

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Important Additional Information

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Participants

Mr. David Demers,
Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Nancy Gougarty,
President
and Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Ashoka
Achuthan,
Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Mariano
Costamagna,
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Andrea Alghisi,
Interim Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Pietro Bersani,
Chief Financial
Officer

Strategic rationale

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Creates a premier alternative fuel vehicle and engine company with operations in more than 70 countries

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Complementary technologies and expertise create an expanded product and technology portfolio

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Combined company to possess scale and positioning to compete effectively, grow, and deliver strong shareholder returns as markets improve

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Unanimously approved by both
boards of directors

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Transaction Overview

Structure

Stock for stock transaction resulting in market value of \$351 million*

Consideration

FSYS shareholders will receive 2.129 WPRT shares for each share of FSYS common stock they own at closing

10.0% premium to implied current exchange ratio and 23.9% premium on implied exchange

ratio

over

the

last

30

days

VWAP

as

of

August

31,

2015

Pro forma

ownership

following closing

Existing Westport shareholders will hold ~64% of combined company

Existing Fuel Systems shareholders will hold ~36% of combined company

Synergies and

accretion

Estimated

annual

pre-tax

savings

and

merger

synergies

of

\$30

million

fully-realized

by

2018

Expected to be accretive to Westport earnings in 2016

Governance

Combined
company
will
be
headquartered
in
Vancouver,
Canada

Selected
by
Fuel
Systems,
Mariano
Costamagna,
and
with
two
directors
to
be
confirmed,
will
be
nominated
for
addition
to
the
combined
company's
Board
of
Directors
Management

Mr. David Demers and Westport executive team will lead the combined company.

Mr.
Mariano
Costamagna
will
serve
in
a
senior
advisory
position

of
the
company's
new
business unit with additional titles in the organization to be determined at a later date
Timing and closing
conditions

So
far,
shareholders
owning
34%
of
FSYS
and
15%
of
WPRT
outstanding
shares
have
agreed to vote their shares in favor of the merger

Subject to both companies' shareholder approvals, regulatory approvals and
customary closing conditions

Expected to close in Q4 2015

* Based on closing prices as of August 31, 2015

For Westport

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Two companies, both rich in technology innovation and with proven track records of manufacturing, production and sales, will provide greater breadth of alternative fuel systems solutions as products and development engineering to OEM partners globally.

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Combined company's product offerings will span a more comprehensive array of natural gas solutions from passenger cars to heavy-duty trucks to locomotives and marine applications to stationary power.

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We expect that the increased scale of products and consolidation of facilities will produce both cost-efficiencies and enhanced products, ultimately

creating value for all our customers and our shareholders.

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Combination of a strong intellectual property position, prolific development and commercialization efforts will help expand the product pipeline for the industry, preparing us to compete more effectively as our end markets turn around.

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This transaction marks a milestone in our strategic plans, whereby Westport will realize increased sales and significant cost efficiency opportunities while continuing to focus on the development, validation and launch of its proprietary HPDI 2.0 and enhanced spark ignition technology.

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A Compelling Merger

For Fuel Systems Solutions

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After conducting a lengthy strategic evaluation process, Fuel Systems Strategic Oversight Committee determined that this opportunity creates significant returns for the shareholders of Fuel Systems.

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Bringing together these two premier companies in alternative fuel technology combines our technology expertise and long-standing relationships with global OEMs, our strong shared focus on improving profitability, and aligns our corporate cultures, creating an ideal fit.

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We are creating a strong platform for

growth in all of our addressable markets from which to best serve our customers.

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The combined businesses and brands mean increased scale and relevance both internationally and in the U.S.

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We are confident that we have found the right partner, and look forward to working together as we integrate the two companies.

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A Compelling Merger

APPLICATION
SEGMENTS

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469.7
388.0
339.1
282.2
255.6
220.2
130.6
85.9
47.5
41.2
34.1
30.9
27.3
22.2
12.6

10.5
7.5
917.2
Clean Diesel Quantum
Tech.
Landi
Renzo
Enovation
Controls
4
Hexagon
Westport
Nikki Co.
Agility
Tartarini
Auto Spa
Tech.
Ventrex
4
Zenith FS
Clean Air
Power
Woodward
Romano
4
Rotarex
3,4
Fuel
Systems
FSYS +
WPRT
PSI
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Selected Competitors 2. Represents energy segment revenues 3. Represents total revenues 4. Represents 2013 revenues

Note: Foreign figures translated into USD at the exchange rate as of FYE

Industrial
HD / MD
automotive
LD
automotive
CNG
compression
Fuel storage
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Industry
Overview

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

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The combined company will have a broad global reach, and will be able to serve the world's largest and fastest growing markets through a fortified geographic footprint, greater product diversity, and a leading distribution network spanning 70 countries.

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Increased Scale and Opportunity to Better Serve Customers

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The merger combines 17 brands in the automotive and industrial space.

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Company & Product Brands

FUEL SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS

WESTPORT

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The customer bases and communities will be served with an outstanding asset base and state-of-the-art facilities strategically located across 5 continents.

*
not all customers listed

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Complementary Customer Bases
FUEL SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS

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WESTPORT

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Both companies have a long history of technology innovation and engineering capabilities, which have garnered the interest and demand from global vehicle and engine OEMs.

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The combined company will have filed over 500 patents in CNG/LNG/LPG parts and systems worldwide. This combination of a strong intellectual property position, and prolific development and commercialization efforts will help expand the product pipeline for the industry.

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Premier Technology Position

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As of January 15, 2015 and based on the patent search results of publicly available data within the International Patent Classification, the search term criteria: one of ("engine" or "combustion" or "injector" or "injection valve") and ("natural gas" or "methane" or "hydrogen") in the claims, not ("fuel cell" or "turbine"). This chart includes issued or granted patents from: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eurasian Patent Organization Grants, European Patent Office Grants, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, USA, USSR, Yugoslavia, and pending published patent applications from the European Patent Office, USA, and the World Intellectual Property Office.

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111

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145

187

242

334

363

500+

Continental

Mazda

Bosch

Porsche

Honda

GE

Ford

Toyota

Caterpillar

FSYS + Westport

Top 10 Companies with

Natural Gas Engine Related Patents*

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Upon closing, the combined company:
Will continue trading on both the TSX and Nasdaq
as WPT and WPRT respectively; under the name
Westport Fuel Systems Inc., headquartered in
Vancouver, Canada

New business unit called Fuel Systems Automotive
and Industrial Group, with its automotive division
headquartered in Cherasco, Italy and its industrial
division headquartered in Santa Ana, CA

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Mr. David Demers and the rest of the
Westport executive team will lead the
combined company.

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Mr. Mariano Costamagna, who is retiring
as CEO of Fuel Systems, will serve in a
senior advisory position of the

company's new business unit with additional titles in the organization to be determined at a later date.

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Top talent across the combined organization will be evaluated and retained based on the organization's new structure.

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Three individuals selected by Fuel Systems Mariano Costamagna, and two directors to be confirmed will be nominated for addition to the combined company's Westport's Board of Directors.

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Management, Board Composition & Headquarters

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Transaction Process

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Westport will create a
new entity called
Westport Merge Co.

2.

Fuel Systems Solutions, Inc. will merge with Whitehorse Merger Sub Inc.

The new entity will be called Fuel Systems Solutions

Whitehorse

Merger

Sub Inc.

Whitehorse

Merger

Sub Inc.

Fuel Systems

Solutions, Inc.

Fuel Systems

Solutions, Inc.

Whitehorse

Merger

Sub Inc.

Whitehorse

Merger

Sub Inc.

3.

Fuel Systems Solutions shareholders will receive 2.129 Westport Innovations shares as consideration for each share of Fuel Systems common stock they own at closing.

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Shareholders owning approximately 34% of Fuel Systems and approximately 15% of WPRT outstanding shares so far, have each agreed to vote their shares in favor of the merger.

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The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals such as:
Expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and certain other anti-trust approvals
SEC Review

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The transaction is also subject to the approval of Fuel Systems and Westport

shareholders.

Information circular and proxy statements/
prospectus in advance of special meetings

Shareholder meetings at respective locations

Shareholders can vote in person or by

signing and returning their form of proxy

Requirement for the merger to be approved

by simple majority (50% plus one) of votes

cast present in person or by proxy

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The transaction is expected to close in

the fourth quarter of 2015.

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Transaction Process Details

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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The transaction is expected to be accretive to Westport's earnings per share and adjusted EBITDA in 2016, excluding one-time costs, with approximately \$30 million per year of expected annual pre-tax savings and merger synergies fully realized by calendar year 2018
~\$15 million in annualized benefits expected to be generated by Fuel Systems' restructuring program in 2016 and beyond

Westport's initiatives to reach positive adjusted EBITDA positive by mid 2016

Combination of reductions in corporate management costs, manufacturing costs, and operating expenses

So far, shareholders owning 34% of FSYS and 15% of WPRT outstanding shares have agreed to vote their shares in favor of the merger

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The combined company savings and merger synergies are expected to generate positive effects on Westport's adjusted EBITDA results and target for breakeven by mid 2016

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Combined annual revenues ranging from \$380 to \$405 million projected for 2015

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On a pro forma basis, the combined company had approximately \$117 million in cash and short term investments as of June 30, 2015

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Positive Financial Impacts

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Compelling merger creates premier alternative
fuel vehicle and engine company
Combines complementary technologies,
development focus, customers and product mix
Scales globally, building foundation for future
growth as markets improve

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Stock-for-stock consideration
10.0% premium to yesterday's closing price implied
exchange ratio and 23.9% premium on implied
exchange ratio over past 30 days VWAP as at
August 31, 2015

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\$30 million in annual pre-tax savings and
merger
synergies
Fuel Systems restructuring program

Westport initiatives to meet adjusted EBITDA target for mid 2016

Reductions in corporate management costs, manufacturing costs, and operating expenses
Accretive to combined company earnings and adjusted EBITDA in 2016

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Unanimously approved by both boards of directors

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Expected to close in Q4 2015 subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals

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Summary and Key Highlights

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