Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To complement our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Cash Flows, we use non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted operating income, Adjusted net income, and Adjusted EBITDA. We believe that Adjusted gross margin, Adjusted operating income, Adjusted net income, and Adjusted EBITDA are complements to U.S. GAAP amounts and such measures are useful to investors. The presentation of these non-GAAP measures is not meant to be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net income as an indicator of our performance, or as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity.

The following table provides a reconciliation from U.S. GAAP Gross margin to non-GAAP Adjusted gross margin (amounts in thousands):

	Fiscal Years Ended March 31,					
	2019	2018	2017			
Net sales (1)	\$1,382,818	\$1,200,181	\$ 757,338			
Cost of sales (1)	924,276	860,744	571,944			
Gross Margin (GAAP) (1)	458,542	339,437	185,394			
Gross margin as a % of net sales	33.2%	28.3%	24.5%			
Non-GAAP adjustments:						
Plant start-up costs (2)	(927)	929	427			
Stock-based compensation expense	2,756	1,519	1,384			
Adjusted gross margin (non-GAAP) (1)	\$ 460,371	\$ 341,885	\$ 187,205			
Adjusted gross margin as a % of net sales	33.3%	28.5%	24.7%			

⁽¹⁾ Fiscal years ending March 31, 2018 and 2017 adjusted due to the adoption of ASC 606.

The following table provides reconciliation from U.S. GAAP Operating income to non-GAAP Adjusted operating income (amounts in thousands):

Fiscal Years Ended March 31,					
2019		2018		2017	
\$	200,849	\$	112,852	\$	34,968
	1,660		(992)		10,671
	8,813		80		7,045
	12,866		7,657		4,720
	8,779		14,843		5,404
	5,195		6,736		2,640
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	(927)		929		427
\$	237,235	\$	142,105	\$	66,976
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