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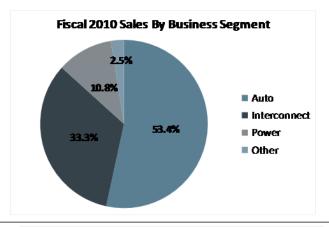
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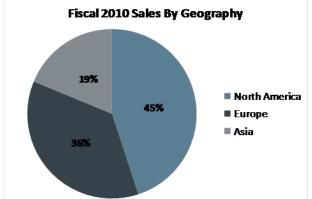
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- > A leading developer of custom engineered and application specific products and solutions
- > Serving a diversified group of customers, markets, and regions of the world
- > Multi-national company headquartered in Chicago with global design, manufacturing and testing capabilities
- > 2,900+ employees worldwide
- > Founded in 1946, public since 1966









### Three World Class Solution Groups



# Automotive

- Electronic and electromechanical devices and related products
- Control switches for electrical power and signals
- Connectors for electrical devices
- Integrated control components
- Switches and sensors that monitor the operation or status of a component or system
- Packaging of electrical components



# nterconnect

- Solid-state field effect interface panels, industrial safety radio remote controls, optical and copper transceivers conductive polymer, thick film inks and custom cable assemblies
- Markets: aerospace, appliance, commercial, computer, construction, consumer, material handling, medical, military, mining, networking, storage, and telecommunications



# Power Products

- Current-carrying laminated bus devices, powder coated bus bars, heat sinks, power connectors, custom power-product assemblies, and highcurrent low voltage flexible power cabling systems
- Markets: aerospace, computers, industrial and power conversion, insulated gate bipolar transistor solutions, military, telecommunications, and transportation

### Long-Term Objectives/Strategy

- > Drive sustainable, profitable growth by providing customers with a competitive advantage for which they are willing to pay
- > Use Methode's technology toolbox to design and engineer custom products for multi-national customers that will drive margin expansion
- > Invest in Methode's future to drive organic growth by maintaining, and as necessary, enhancing infrastructure necessary to book and launch new programs
- > Generate new platforms for growth while improving profitability
- > Seek opportunistic acquisitions









### Investment Appeals

- Focus on value- added products and customer service that deliver genuine differentiation for our customers and drive higher margins
- Through restructuring, diversified product and customer base and repositioned global manufacturing footprint to lower cost base and improve profitability
- Capitalizing on fundamental changes in large, growth markets (+\$14 billion total available market)
- Superior global engineering and manufacturing capabilities 200+ Engineers located in 14 centers worldwide and 3 primary manufacturing campuses
- "World Class" automotive manufacturing pedigree ensures strong design, engineering and manufacturing capabilities throughout Methode
- Projected revenue stream of booked business represents approximately 14% compound annual growth (FY 2011-2014)
- Strong balance sheet; annual dividend of 28¢ per share
- Financial flexibility to pursue strategic acquisitions





### Market Paths and Business Segments

	FY 2010	Methode's Market Paths							
SEC Reporting Segments	ng Revenue (% of Total) User Interfaces		Sensors and Switches	Power Solutions	Data Solutions				
Automotive	53%	✓	✓	✓					
Interconnect	33%	✓	✓		$\checkmark$				
Power Products	11%			✓					
Other	3%		✓						



# Methode's UI Technology Enabling Changes in Functionality and Form



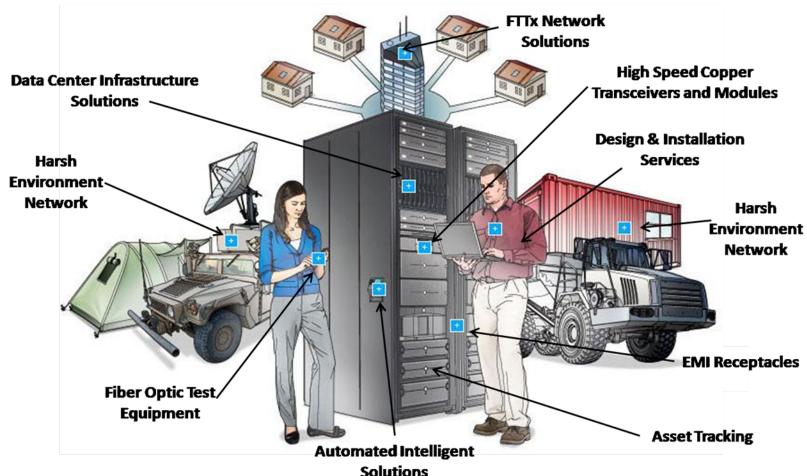


### Methode's Sensor and Switch Solutions Increasing Safety, Security and Performance

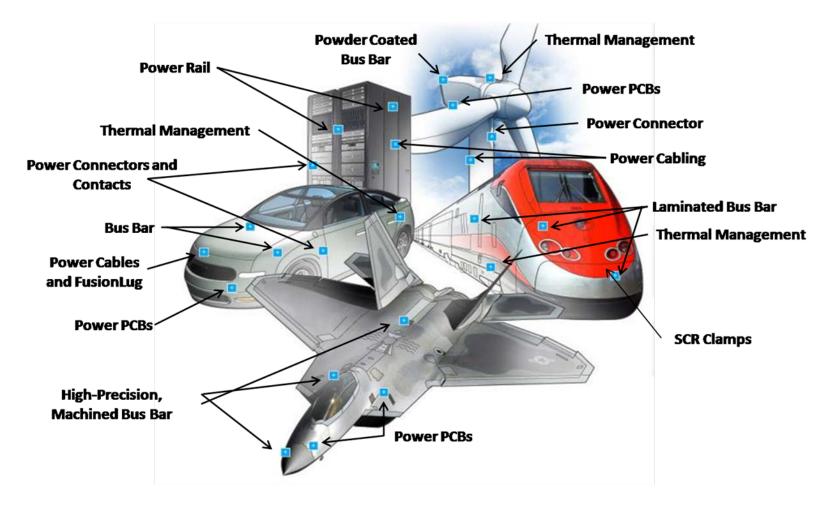




# Methode's Data Solutions Provides Advanced, Versatile Solutions



### Methode's Power Solutions Mean Power Possibilities







### Automotive Encompasses Multiple Market Paths

- > User Interfaces
  - Center stacks
  - Switches and switchbanks
  - GUI (Graphic User Interface) Software
- > Sensors and Switches
  - Steering Angle Sensor
  - Transmission Torque
  - Clutch Linear Position
  - Fluid Level
- > Power Solutions
  - Lead Frame
  - Inverters and chargers
  - Power cabling
  - Powerflex ™
  - Fusionlug ™

- > Through restructuring, strategically exited low margin products
- > Focus on value added customized products
  - Aided by know-how and technical expertise of our Interconnect (TouchSensor)and Power segments
- > Poised for growth given new business awards
- > Diverse, global customer base of OEM's and tiered suppliers





# Automotive Encompasses Multiple Technologies

#### > Technology Toolbox

- Field Effect
- Touchscreen (Harsh/Severe environment)
- Integrated Back-Lighting
- Eddy Current
- Hall Effect
- Optical

- Magneto-elastic (MDI)
- Multi-spectral Imaging\*\*
- Conductive printable inks
- Thick film inks
- Haptics\*\*

\*\*Strategic partner



# Field Effect Technology Enables Innovation and Differentiation

- > Expanded TouchSensor's field-effect technology from white goods to automotive
- > Innovated automotive switches
  - From simple commodities to custom engineered modular solutions
  - From strictly competing on price to winning business based on technical knowledge and quality
- > Improved Reliability
  - Backed by over 200 million field-effect touch points in use
  - No moving parts to damage or wear
- > Differentiation

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 Methode's system solutions approach produces unique, brand-differentiating User Interface designs with common cross-platform architecture, reducing development time and manufacturing costs



# Field Effect Technology Enables Innovative Center Stacks

### MyFord Touch and MyLincoln Touch

- Touch sensitive technology allows driver to engage and operate center console and climate controls with the swipe of a finger instead of traditional buttons and switches
- > Featuring solid-state, field-effect technology
- > Uniquely illuminated volume and fan controls
- > Ergonomically designed surface
- Methode provides entire center console assembly, which includes solid state touch points, (excluding touchscreen)



### Field Effect Technology Enables Automotive Awards

#### > GM Award

- "Next generation" Integrated Center Stack program for multiple GM vehicle platforms
- Center stacks to be featured on certain vehicles starting in model year 2013
- Expected to have a five-year program life
- Production will begin during Methode's fiscal year 2013
- Expected to represent over \$100 million in revenue per year starting in fiscal year 2014
- Brings new technologies into Methode's product portfolio including an automotive grade touchscreen





### Process Technology Enables Automotive Awards

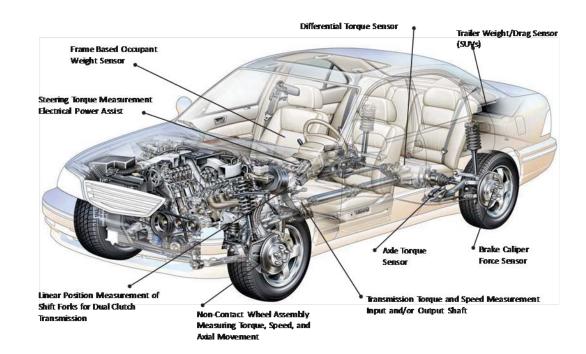
#### > Automotive Lead Frame

- Integrated power and signal distribution backbone for a transmission controller
- Highly complex insert molded assembly that reduces electrical connections required with traditional design
- Improves system reliability and reduces cost
- Three awards total \$40 million in average annual revenue at full launch in Fiscal 2012



### MDI Sensor Technologies Provide Automotive Performance Optimization

- > Patented magneto-elastic technology
- > Potential uses for noncontact sensing solutions
  - Enhance automotive performance by enabling operational measurements including: torque, speed, horsepower, bending, linear position, load, force, or a simultaneous combination of multiple process variable measurements
  - Rugged, reliable, and designed to operate under harsh environmental conditions





### MDI Sensor Technologies Enable Automotive Awards

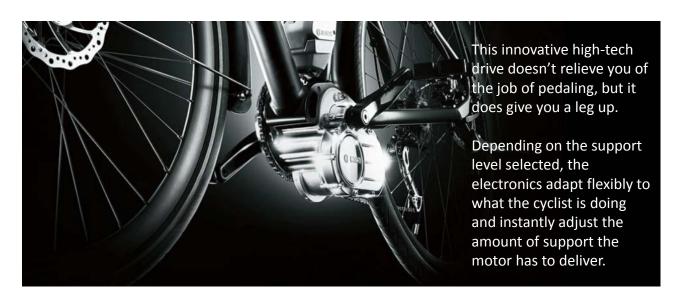
- > Provide top tier automotive OEM with custom sensor for measurement of clutch plate position in fuel-efficient, dual clutch, six-speed transmission
  - Measures linear position with resolution nearly ten times current, commercially viable technology
  - Sensor designed to withstand harsh environment of transmission
  - Operates at temperatures in excess of 180 degrees Celsius
  - Represents first major deployment of MDI technology in automotive
  - Culmination of over five years of development efforts
- > Initial North American OEM Award: Approximately \$1.5 million in revenue in Fiscal 2014, ramping to \$10 million in Fiscal 2016
- > Additional Chinese JV Award: Approximately \$500,000 in Fiscal 2014, ramping to \$10 million in Fiscal 2016
- > Program Total: Approximately \$2 million in revenue in Fiscal 2014, ramping to \$20 million in Fiscal 2016.



## MDI Sensor Technologies Enable Automotive Awards

#### > Bosch eBike

- Traditional pedal bikes with electric motor that provides pedal assist
- MDI sensor determines how hard the rider is pedaling, and instantly adjusts the amount of support the motor needs to deliver
- Approximately \$2 million in revenue in Fiscal 2012







# Interconnect Encompasses UI Technology

- > Expanded presence in User-Interface (UI) market through acquisitions of
  - TouchSensor in March 2007 15 patents and solid platform into new markets
  - Hetronic in October 2008 application specific and standard controls
- > Technology toolbox
  - Field Effect
  - Magneto-elastic (MDI)
  - Multi-spectral Imaging\*\*
  - Conductive printable inks
  - Thick film inks
  - Eddy Current
  - Hall Effect
  - Optical

- > User Interface Solutions
  - Interface panels
  - Remote controls
  - Touchscreens
  - GUI (Graphic User Interface) Software
  - Rotary Haptic controls
  - Field effect touch cell, keypad
  - Biometric Identification

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# TouchSensor's Field Effect Technology Enabling Differentiation

- > TouchSensor technology used on 70% of North American appliances with solid-state touch interfaces
- > User interface solutions for medical, industrial and vending applications will make devices easier to use and more reliable



KitchenAid built-in side-by-side refrigerator



Life Fitness Treadmill



Kohler Shower Control



Whirlpool KitchenAid Ice/Water Dispenser



Jenn-Air Wall oven



Kenmore dishwasher user-interface



# Hetronic's UI World Class Safety Solutions

- > Hetronic safety radio remote controls are used on five continents controlling multi-million dollar equipment
- > Touch and biometric technologies are enabling safer and more efficient operations

Hetronic Locomotive Radio Remote Control



Hetronic Radio Remote Control
For Miller Wireless Welding Controls





# Interconnect Solutions Increase Safety, Security and Performance

#### > Other Interconnect Solutions

- Cermet Ink Fuel-Level Sensor
- Caustic Fluid-Level Sensor
- Solid-State Fluid Level Controls, Alarms and Monitoring Systems
- Load Control Sensing
- Continuous Weigh Scales
- Clean and Waste Water Level Sensor



LevelGuard sump pump control







### **Power Solutions**



# Power Solutions Mean Power Possibilities

- > Technology Toolbox
  - Heat Sinks
  - Tribotek™ Connectors
  - Heavy Copper PCBs\*\*
  - Laminated Busbars
  - Powerflex ™cable
  - FusionLug™
  - Sonicrimp™

- > Design and manufacture innovative products that meet requirements of variety of highdemand applications
- > Collaborate with customers to develop robust systems that meet their electrical and thermal performance, weight and cost needs
- > Fortune 100 customer base
- > Expanding global footprint





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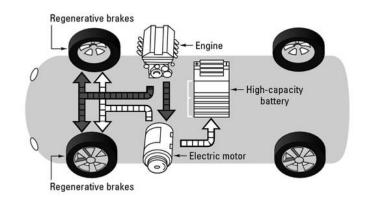
# Growth in Hybrids Creates Opportunities For Power Solutions

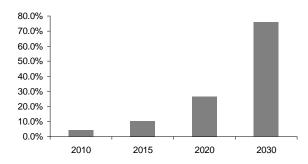
#### > Transportation Segment

- Hybrid vehicles require power distribution components
- Powerflex<sup>™</sup> and FusionLug<sup>®</sup> are designed into electric vehicle controllers and charging systems

#### > Investment in **EEtrex**

- Developer of chargers, inverters, and battery management systems for hybrid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV)
- Since 2006, leader in PHEV conversions for Toyota Prius and Ford Escape
- Methode has 51% ownership interest with option to increase to 90% interest





Hybrid And Electric Vehicle Sales
Percent Of Total Vehicle Sales\*

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Deutsche Bank



### Power Solutions Technologies Enable "Green" Awards

- > On-board integrated power unit for pure electric commercial truck
  - 10 kW charger, auxiliary 14-volt power supply and associated vehicle interface controller
  - Based on Eetrex's power electronics technology and know-how and Methode's automotive engineering and design for manufacturing expertise, the Eetrex-Methode team worked together from concept to production readiness
  - Production award approximately \$2 million in Fiscal 2012 ramping to \$10 million in Fiscal 2014

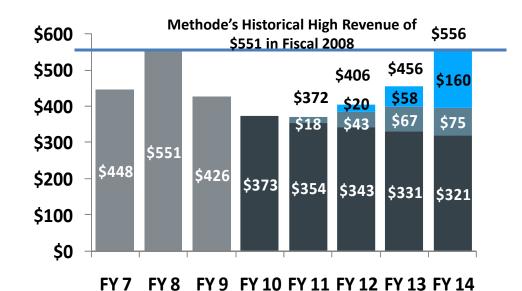
# MDI Sensor Technologies Enable Power Solutions Opportunities

- > State of Charge (SOC) and State of Health (SOH) Sensor for Lithium Ion Cells
  - Monitor SOC to enhance the performance: cells available and unavailable capacity
  - Monitor SOH: "life" of the cell remaining, cell performance analysis for optimized battery management
  - Provides battery management system
    - Real time, absolute cell/battery information based on percentage of full scale
    - Sensor's self diagnostics assures performance





### Rebuilding Methode's Revenue Stream



■ Base Business ■ Awarded in FY 10 ■ Awarded in FY 11

Revenue projections are approximate and may vary 15% to 20% based on economic conditions, customer demands, and other factors

- > Based on projections as of November 2010
- Majority of business is 18-24 months from award to start of production
- > Full launch typically 36 months after award
- Assumes base business maintained and goes end of life at average of 2% to 4% per year, but could be as high as 10% based on product life cycle



<sup>\*</sup>All numbers millions of dollars

### Rebuilding Methode's Margins

#### **Gross Margin**

		Pre- ructuring Restructuring			Post - Restructuring					
	Fiscal 2007	Fiscal 2008	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2010	Post- Restructuring Target	9-Months Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2014 Target			
Auto	16.1%	17.6%	16.5%	18.3%	High teens to low 20%	18.7%	Low to mid 20%			
Interconnect	29.5%	23.2%	24.0%	28.7%	High 20%	29.0%	Low to mid 30%			
Power	28.3%	27.5%	12.9%	26.0%	Mid to high 20%	27.6%	High 20%			

### Rebuilding Methode's Margins

- > Long-range view and looking towards the future
  - Maintained core engineering resources throughout restructuring
  - Incurring costs to recruit highly skilled technical employees necessary to launch new programs
  - Consciously maintaining investment in SG&A activities in spite of lower sales to focus on longer-term health of company
  - New business requires engineering and prototyping prior to award
- > Goal: Exceed pre-restructuring Fiscal 2008 ROS of 9% and EPS of \$1.00 by Fiscal 2014

### Recent Financial History

	Fiscal Period										
	2007	2008	2009	2010	Q1 2011	Q2 2011	Q3 2011				
Total Revenue*	\$448.4	\$551.1	\$425.6	\$373.1	\$98.3	\$106.6	\$101.3				
Gross Margin	20.1%	22.6%	17.0%	21.4%	19.8%	22.1%	19.2%				
EPS (GAAP)	\$0.72	\$1.07	\$(3.05)	\$0.37	\$0.11	(\$0.01)	\$0.16				
EPS (Non-GAAP)+	\$0.77	\$0.82	\$0.17	\$0.48	\$0.11	\$0.12	\$0.11				
Dividend Paid	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07				

- > Maintained profitability through recession and restructuring
- > 35 years of uninterrupted dividends
- > \$69.4 million cash on hand (Q3 Fiscal 2011)

<sup>\*</sup> Millions

<sup>+</sup> Earnings have been adjusted to eliminate restructuring and impairment charges and other one-time charges and credits



#### Methode Is Positioned For Growth

- > Projected revenue stream of booked business represents approximately 14% compound annual growth (FY 2011-2014)
- > Winning new business and new customers
- > Global restructuring actions have lowered MEI's revenue break-even point
- > Diversified business model means reduced risk and volatility
- > Global footprint differentiates and aligns us with larger global customers
- > Conservative balance sheet and positive cash flow
- > Seeking opportunistic acquisitions





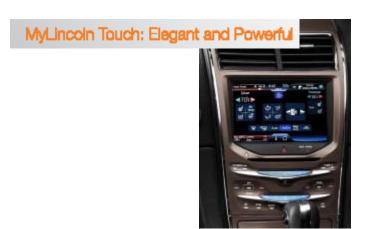




### MyFord and MyLincoln Touch

#### > First award

- 2011 Ford Edge Midlevel (launched Aug 10)
- 2011 Ford Edge Sony (launched Aug 10)
- 2011 Lincoln MKX (launched Aug 10)
- 2011 Ford Explorer Midlevel (launched Oct 10)
- 2011 Ford Explorer Sony (launched Oct 10)
- Take rate: MyLincoln Touch standard and MyFord Touch is an anticipated 80% Take Rate Option
- > Second award: 2012 "unreleased" models as part of MyFord and MyLincoln Touch Systems
- > Revenue: \$12 million in Fiscal 2011, \$40 million at full launch in Fiscal 2013







### **Key Statistics\***

**NYSE: MEI** 

Market Cap ( as of 5-11-11)	\$443.3M
Stock Price (as of 5-11-11)	\$12.26
52-week range	\$7.85-\$13.73
Average Volume (3 month)	103,510
Shares Outstanding	37.6M
Percent Held by Insiders	2.02%
Dividend & Yield	\$0.28 (2.38%)
Debt	\$0
Cash	\$69.4M
Revenue (ttm)	\$401.9M
Adjusted EBITDA (ttm)	\$38.3M
Diluted EPS (ttm) (GAAP)	\$0.69
Diluted EPS (ttm) (non-GAAP)	\$0.79



### Select Financial Data

#### **Automotive Segment Results**

	January 29,		Ja	January 30,			
	2011		2010		Net Change		Net Change
Net sales	\$	156.5	\$	151.6	\$	4.9	3.2 %
Other income		2.5		3.2		(0.7)	(21.9)%
	'	159.0		154.8		4.2	2.7 %
Cost of products sold		129.7		127.3		2.4	1.9 %
Gross margins (including other income)		29.3		27.5		1.8	6.5 %
Restructuring		_		5.4		(5.4)	N/M
Selling and administrative expenses		20.0		14.9		5.1	34.2 %
Interest income, net		(0.2)		_		(0.2)	N/M
Other expense, net		1.3		0.7		0.6	85.7 %
Income before income taxes	\$	8.2	\$	6.5	\$	1.7	26.2 %

### Select Financial Data

#### **Interconnect Segment Results**

	January 29,		Ja	January 30,			
	2011		2010		<b>Net Change</b>		Net Change
Net sales	\$	103.7	\$	88.5	\$	15.2	17.2%
Other income		0.2		0.1		0.1	100.0%
		103.9		88.6		15.3	17.3%
Cost of products sold		73.8		65.6		8.2	12.5%
Gross margins (including other income)		30.1		23.0		7.1	30.9%
Restructuring		_		1.5		(1.5)	N/M
Selling and administrative expenses		16.1		16.1		_	<b>-</b> %
Interest income		(0.1)		(0.1)		_	-%
Other expense, net		0.4		0.3		0.1	33.3%
Income before income taxes	\$	13.7	\$	5.2	\$	8.5	163.5%

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#### **Power Products Segment Results**

	January 29,		Ja	January 30,			
	2011			2010		t Change	Net Change
Net sales	\$	36.5	\$	30.1	\$	6.4	21.3%
Other income				0.1		(0.1)	N/M
		36.5		30.2		6.3	20.9%
Cost of products sold		29.0		23.1		5.9	25.5%
Gross margins (including other income)		7.5		7.1		0.4	5.6%
Restructuring		_		0.5		(0.5)	N/M
Selling and administrative expenses		4.8		4.3		0.5	11.6%
Other expense, net		0.2		_		0.2	N/M
Income before income taxes	\$	2.5	\$	2.3	\$	0.2	8.7%