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# AECON GROUP INC. (TSX:ARE)

**Q3 2019 CONFERENCE CALL PRESENTATION** 

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## Q3 2019 Financial Results - Reported

| <b>\$ Millions</b> (except EPS, \$ per share) | Three Months Ended<br>Sep 30* |         |                          | Trailing Twelve Months Ended<br>Sep 30* |        |                           |  |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|--------|---------------------------|--|
|   | 2019                          | 2018    | Change+                  | 2019                                    | 2018   | Change⁺                   |  |
| Revenue                                       | 1,025.4                       | 1,019.7 | <b>1</b> %               | 3,492                                   | 3,003  | <b>▲</b> 16%              |  |
| Gross Profit                                  | 120.6                         | 125.1   | <b>▼</b> 4%              | 369.2                                   | 348.7  | <b>▲</b> 6%               |  |
| Gross Margin %                                | 11.8%                         | 12.3%   | ▼ 50 bps                 | 10.6%                                   | 11.6%  | ▼ 100 bps                 |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA                               | 91.1                          | 89.5    | <b>▲</b> 2% <sup>^</sup> | 232.7                                   | 192.5  | <b>▲</b> 21% <sup>^</sup> |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA Margin %                      | 8.9%                          | 8.8%    | ▲ 10 bps <sup>^</sup>    | 6.7%                                    | 6.4%   | ▲ 30 bps^                 |  |
| Operating Profit                              | 58.8                          | 56.2    | <b>▲</b> 5% <sup>^</sup> | 118.7                                   | 79.3   | <b>▲</b> 50% <sup>^</sup> |  |
| Profit  | 42.1                          | 42.0    | -                        | 80.5                                    | 52.3   | <b>▲</b> 54% <sup>^</sup> |  |
| EPS (Diluted)                                 | \$0.60                        | \$0.60  |                          | \$1.22                                  | \$0.83 | <b>▲</b> 47% <sup>^</sup> |  |
| New Awards                                    | 827                           | 1,581   | ▼ 48%                    | 3,042                                   | 5,688  | <b>▼</b> 47%              |  |
| Backlog                                       | 6,557                         | 7,005   | ▼ 6%                     | 6,557                                   | 7,005  | ▼ 6%                      |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Reported results impacted by one-time expenses incurred during 2017 and 2018 including: (1) Q4 2017 severance and restructuring costs of \$2.4M and \$4.7M of expenses incurred as a result of the strategic sale process and proposed associated Arrangement; (2) Q1 2018 severance costs of \$1.7M and \$2.4M of expenses incurred as a result of the strategic sale process and proposed associated Arrangement; and (3) Q2 2018 severance costs of \$1.5M and \$0.8M of expenses incurred as a result of the strategic sale process and proposed associated Arrangement.

<sup>+</sup> bps = basis point



<sup>^</sup> See slide 14 for Q3 2019 Financial results—Adjusted for impact of each of these items on results



## Q3 2019 Results – Excluding Contract Mining

| \$ Millions               | Three Months Ended<br>Sep 30* |       |              | Trailing Twelve Months Ended<br>Sep 30* |       |              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|---|-------|--------------|
|                           | 2019                          | 2018  | Change+      | 2019                                    | 2018  | Change⁺      |
| Revenue                   | 1,025.4                       | 955.2 | <b>▲</b> 7%  | 3,451                                   | 2,799 | <b>▲</b> 23% |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>       | 120.6                         | 116.3 | <b>4</b> %   | 363.0                                   | 321.3 | ▲ 13%        |
| Gross Margin %            | 11.8%                         | 12.2% | ▼ 40 bps     | 10.5%                                   | 11.5% | ▼ 100 bps    |
| Adjusted EBITDA           | 91.1                          | 82.2  | <b>▲</b> 11% | 227.6                                   | 169.2 | ▲ 35%        |
| Adjusted EBITDA Margin %  | 8.9%                          | 8.6%  | ▲ 30 bps     | 6.6%                                    | 6.0%  | ▲ 60 bps     |
| Operating Profit          | 58.8                          | 57.2  | <b>▲</b> 3%  | 121.6                                   | 87.5  | ▲ 39%        |
| Operating Profit Margin % | 5.7%                          | 6.0%  | ▼ 30 bps     | 3.5%                                    | 3.1%  | ▲ 40 bps     |

<sup>\*</sup> Results presented excluding contract mining business sold in November 2018

### **Historical Contract Mining Contribution**

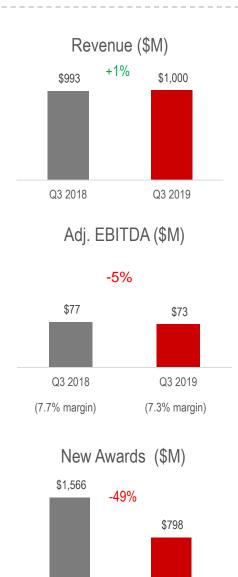
| \$ Millions      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | Q1 2017 | Q2 2017 | Q3 2017 | Q4 2017 | FY 2017 | Q1 2018 | Q2 2018 | Q3 2018 | Q4 2018 | FY 2018 |
| Revenue          | 57.9    | 29.1    | 32.8    | 36.3    | 156.1   | 59.9    | 43.1    | 64.5    | 41.1    | 208.5   |
| EBITDA           | 12.9    | (1.2)   | 11.2    | 7.1     | 30.0    | 12.9    | (4.0)   | 7.3     | 5.0     | 21.3    |
| Operating Profit | 3.5     | (7.2)   | 6.4     | (0.2)   | 2.5     | 4.1     | (11.1)  | (1.0)   | (3.0)   | (10.9)  |



<sup>+</sup> bps = basis point

Q3 2019\*

## Construction Q3 2019 Results



### Revenue up by \$7M, or 1%, year-over-year

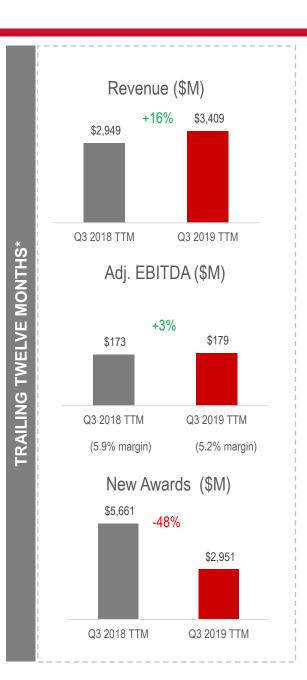
- \$99M in Civil and Urban Transportation Systems driven by increases in both eastern and western Canada
- \$32M in Nuclear from refurbishment work in Ontario
- ▼ \$83M in Conventional Industrial primarily due to sale of the contract mining business in November 2018
- \$41M in Utilities from decreased activity in mainline pipeline as compared to last year

### Adjusted EBITDA down by \$4M, or 5%, year-over-year

▼ Primarily due to sale of the contract mining business in November 2018 which generated \$7.3 M of EBITDA in Q3 2018

### New awards lower by 768M, or 49%, year-over-year

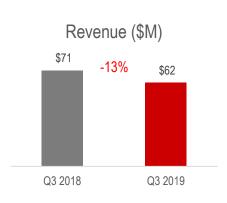
- \$967M in Civil (Gordie Howe and Gardiner Expressway were two major projects awarded in Q3 2018)
- \$81M in Utilities
- \$79M in Conventional Industrial
- \$34M in Nuclear



Q3 2018

Q3 2019

## Concessions Q3 2019 Results



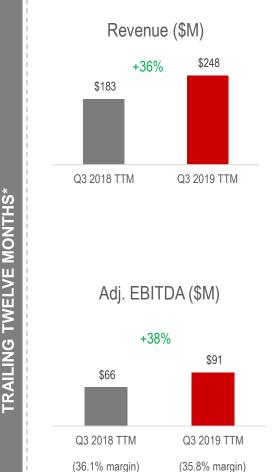
### Revenue down by \$9M, or 13%, year-over-year

Primarily driven by decreased construction activities related to the Bermuda International Airport Redevelopment Project



### Adjusted EBITDA up by \$2M, or 9%, year-over-year

Primarily driven by increased management and development fees for Canadian concessions



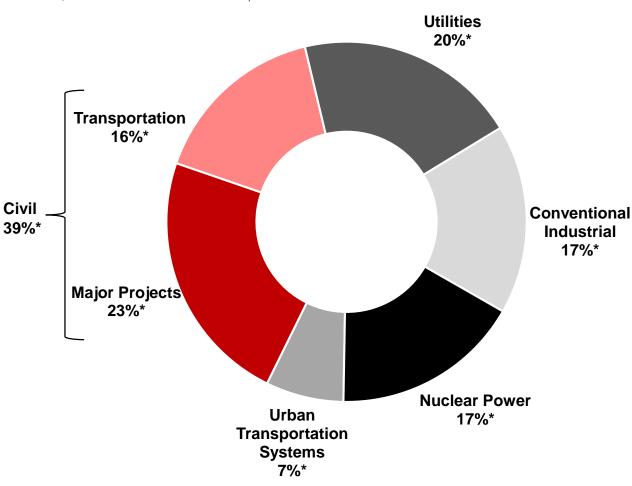


(35.8% margin)

### Diverse & Resilient Business Model

### CONSTRUCTION

Q3 2019 TTM Revenue \$3,409 M + Q3 2019 TTM EBITDA \$179 M +



### **CONCESSIONS**

Q3 2019 TTM Revenue \$248 M + Q3 2019 TTM EBITDA \$91 M +



**Bermuda Airport** 100%^



**Eglinton LRT** 25%^



**Finch West LRT** 33%^



**Gordie Howe International Bridge** 20%^



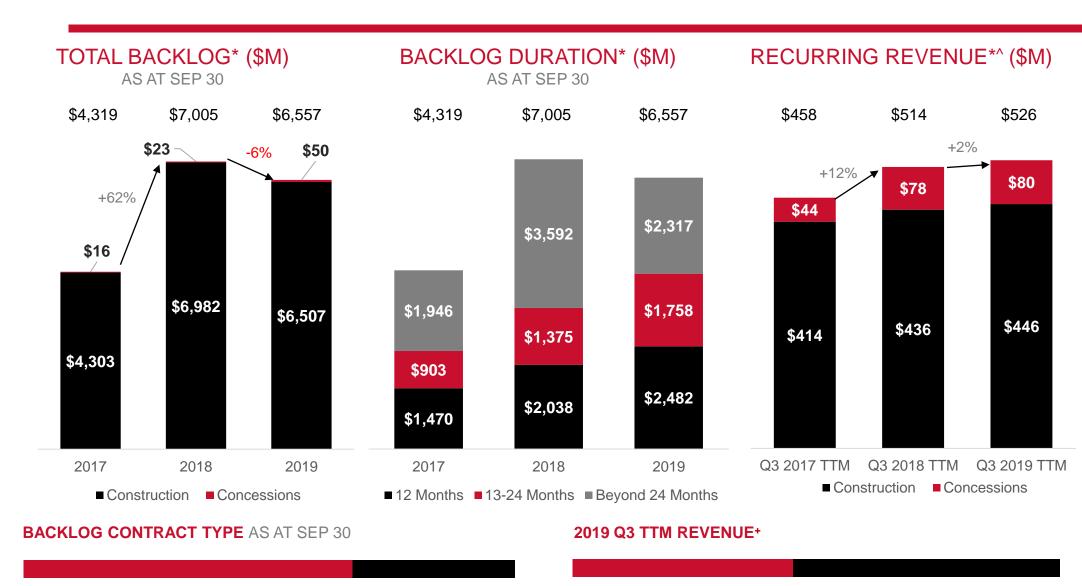
Waterloo LRT 10%^

<sup>\* %</sup> of Q3 2019 Trailing Twelve Months ("TTM") Revenue

<sup>^ %</sup> of Aecon equity ownership in the concessionaire

<sup>+</sup> Before corporate costs and eliminations

## Strong Backlog & Recurring Revenue



<sup>\*</sup> Recurring revenue is not included in backlog and is, therefore, revenue over and above work to be performed from contracts in backlog

Fixed Price - 47%

Cost Plus / Unit Price - 33%

<sup>+</sup> TTM revenue contract mix reflects inclusion of recurring revenue (Cost Plus/Unit Price) and timing of backlog work off



Fixed Price - 67%

Cost Plus / Unit Price - 53%

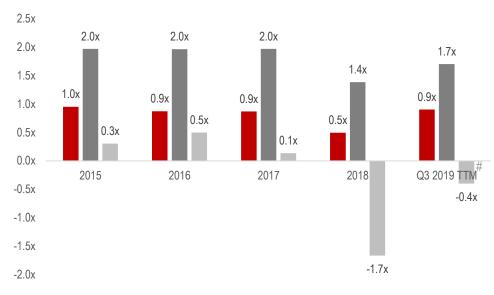
<sup>^</sup> Excludes contract mining recurring revenue in each TTM period due to sale of business in 2018



## **Strong & Liquid Balance Sheet to Support Growth**

### **BALANCE SHEET (\$M)** Sep 30, 2019 Core Cash<sup>^</sup> 12.8 Cash in Joint Ventures<sup>^</sup> 473.6 Total Cash<sup>^</sup> 486.4 **Working Capital** 324.0 Long-Term Debt - Finance Leases # 167.8 33.7 - Equipment & Other Asset Loans LT Debt excluding Convertible Debentures 201.5 Convertible Debentures (Face Value) 184.0 - Due December 2023 (5.0%) Total LT Debt plus Convertible Debentures^# 385.5 LT Debt to Q3 2019 TTM Adjusted EBITDA\*^# - Excluding Convertible Debentures 0.9 x- Including Convertible Debentures 1.7 xNet Debt to Q3 2019 TTM Adjusted EBITDA\*# (0.4) x

### DEBT TO ADJUSTED EBITDA\*^+#



- LT Debt to Adj. EBITDA (excl. Converts) LT Debt to Adj. EBITDA (incl. Converts)
   Net Debt to Adj. EBITDA
- \* Calculations based on face value of convertible debentures
- #Q3 2019 TTM includes impact of IFRS 16 from January 1, 2019 on LT Debt and Net Debt
- ^Excludes non-recourse project debt and restricted cash associated with Bermuda Airport redevelopment project
- Net debt calculated as bank indebtedness and long-term debt (including convertible debentures) less cash





### Free Cash Flow

| FREE CASH FLOW (\$M)                 |                                |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Adjusted EBITDA                      | Q3 2019<br><u>TTM</u><br>232.7 | Y/E<br>2018<br>207.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Interest Expense (net)          | (34.4)                         | (33.0)               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital Expenditures (net)           | (51.2)                         | (43.0)               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income Taxes Recovered/(Paid)        | (5.9)                          | (1.8)                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net JV Impact*                       | (33.3)                         | (27.1)               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free Cash Flow Before W/C            | 107.8                          | 102.1                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in Working Capital            | (272.9)                        | 181.9                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free Cash Flow before one-time items | (165.1)                        | 284.0                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sale process and severance           | -                              | (6.4)                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining business cash proceeds **     | 162.6                          | 150.8                |  |  |  |  |  |
| FREE CASH FLOW                       | (2.5)                          | 428.4                |  |  |  |  |  |

### **KEY DRIVERS FOR** FREE CASH FLOW MOMENTUM

- TTM working capital increase due to strong revenue growth. Year end 2018 benefited from significant advance payments on major projects received during 2018.
- Expect reduction in working capital during Q4 2019 and Q1 2020 based on typical seasonality.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Additional proceeds from sale of Contract Mining business of approximately \$24 million to be received in two additional instalments in November 2019 and May 2020



<sup>\*</sup> Net JV Impact represents the difference between Equity Project EBITDA included in Adjusted EBITDA (Equity Project EBITDA as defined in Aecon's MD&A) and distributions from projects accounted for using the equity method

### Positive Outlook

# Strong future revenue profile, new opportunities, and year-to-date performance and execution, supports an expectation of like-for-like revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth in 2019 and in 2020

- Continue to see significant infrastructure investment commitments by all levels of government across the country as well as by non-resource driven segments of the private sector
  - Provincial and federal electoral cycles could cause investment delays as project priorities and procurement models may be re-evaluated following any change in government
- Investment focus primarily on civil infrastructure, urban transportation systems, nuclear power, and utility and pipeline infrastructure which aligns with Aecon's strengths
- Bidding activity continues to be solid with many of Aecon's larger pursuits expected to be awarded in 2020
- Concessions drives value through internal partnerships and from equity concessionaire role on Waterloo LRT, Eglinton LRT, Finch West LRT, Bermuda International Airport Redevelopment and Gordie Howe International Bridge projects

### Improvement in Adjusted EBITDA and Operating Profit Margin

- Outlook for 2019 remains solid as current strong backlog, robust pipeline of future opportunities, and ongoing concessions are expected to lead to another year of improved like-for-like results compared to 2018
- Another strong year of results expected in 2020 as construction continues on a number of previously awarded projects that have ramped up during 2019
- Strong program of work going forward in backlog and significant ongoing revenue from recurring work under long-term agreements and concession arrangements
- Both segments continue to bid on opportunities that support continued Adjusted EBITDA margin improvement



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# **APPENDIX**

## **EBITDA Contribution by Segment**

### **ADJUSTED EBITDA (\$ MILLIONS)**

|              | Q3 2019 | Q3 2018 | % CHANGE   |
|--------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Construction | 73.1    | 76.5    | ▼ 4%       |
| Concessions  | 25.2    | 23.0    | 10%        |
| TOTAL*       | 91.1    | 89.5    | <b>2</b> % |

|              | Q3 2019<br>TTM | Q3 2018<br>TTM | % CHANGE     |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Construction | 178.6          | 173.0          | <b>A</b> 3%  |
| Concessions  | 90.8           | 65.7           | <b>1</b> 38% |
| TOTAL*       | 232.7          | 192.5          | <b>1</b> 21% |

### **ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN %**

|                                   | Q3 2019 | Q3 2018 | BPS CHANGE   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Construction                      | 7.3%    | 7.7%    | <b>y</b> 40  |
| Concessions                       | 41.0%   | 32.5%   | <b>A</b> 850 |
| TOTAL*                            | 8.9%    | 8.8%    | <b>1</b> 0   |
| Total Excluding One-Time Items ^* | 8.9%    | 8.8%    | <b>1</b> 0   |

|                                   | Q3 2019<br>TTM | Q3 2018<br>TTM | BPS CHA  | ANGE |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|------|
| Construction                      | 5.2%           | 5.9%           | •        | 70   |
| Concessions                       | 36.6%          | 35.8%          |          | 80   |
| TOTAL*                            | 6.7%           | 6.4%           | <b>A</b> | 30   |
| Total Excluding One-Time Items ^* | 6.7%           | 6.9%           | •        | 20   |

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<sup>^</sup> See notes on slide 14 for detail of one-time adjustments to results

<sup>\*</sup> After corporate costs and eliminations



## Q3 2019 Financial Results - Adjusted

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| Adjusted EBITDA Margin %                      | 8.9%    | 8.8%                   | ▲ 10 bps                       | 6.7%   | 6.9%   | ▼ 20 bps     |
| Operating Profit                              | 58.8    | 56.2                   | ▲ 5%                           | 118.7  | 92.8   | ▲ 28%        |
| Profit  | 42.1    | 42.0                   |                                | 80.5   | 62.2   | <b>29%</b>   |
| EPS (Diluted)                                 | \$0.60  | \$0.60                 |                                | \$1.22 | \$0.98 | <b>▲</b> 25% |



<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted results presented with adjustments for one-time expenses incurred during 2017 and 2018: (1) Q4 2017 severance and restructuring costs of \$2.4M and \$4.7M of expenses incurred as a result of the strategic sale process and proposed associated Arrangement; (2) Q1 2018 severance costs of \$1.7M and \$2.4M of expenses incurred as a result of the strategic sale process and proposed associated Arrangement; and (3) Q2 2018 severance costs of \$1.5M and \$0.8M of expenses incurred as a result of the strategic sale process and proposed associated Arrangement.

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