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): October 21, 2015 (October 21, 2015)

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee	000-22490	62-1120025
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
incorporation)	Inullidel)	identification No.)
430 Airport Road		
Greeneville, Tennessee		37745
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zin Cada)
executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 636-7000

Not Applicable

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

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

SECTION 2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of a press release, dated October 21, 2015, announcing the financial results of Forward Air Corporation for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Also, attached as Exhibit 99.2 are certain historical operating statistics for each quarter ended from March 31, 2013 through September 30, 2015.

SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being furnished as part of this Report.

No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated October 21, 2015
No.	Exhibit
99.2	Forward Air Inc. Historical Operating Statistics

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: October 21, 2015

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Rodney L. Bell Rodney L. Bell

Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer

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NEWS RELEASE

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2015 RESULTS TOWNE AIR INTEGRATION SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.- (BUSINESS WIRE) - October 21, 2015 - Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) today reported operating revenue, income from operations, net income and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Operating revenue for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 increased 22.6% to \$247.1 million from \$201.5 million for the same quarter in 2014. Income from operations was \$24.6 million, compared to \$26.9 million in the prior-year quarter. Net income during the period was \$15.7 million compared to \$16.7 million in the third quarter of 2014. Net income per diluted share for the third quarter of 2015 was \$0.50 compared to \$0.54 in the prior-year quarter.

There are approximately \$3.9 million in Towne Air related integration costs included in our third quarter 2015 results. Excluding these costs, our adjusted income from operations would have been \$28.5 million, compared with \$26.7 million in the prior-year quarter, adjusted net income for the period would have been \$18.1 million compared to \$16.7 million in the prior year quarter and our adjusted income per diluted share would have been \$0.58 compared to \$0.54 a year ago. A reconciliation of these adjusted amounts to the most directly comparable GAAP amounts appears at the end of this press release. On an adjusted basis this is the highest quarterly adjusted income from operations, net income and income per diluted share in the Company's history.

Operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 increased 24.0% to \$702.7 million from \$566.9 million for the same period in 2014. Income from operations was \$ 52.7 million, compared with \$70.8 million in the prior-year period. As a percent of operating revenue, income from operations was 7.5%, compared with 12.5% in the same period last year. Net income during the period was \$32.3 million compared to \$44.1 million in the prior-year period. Income per diluted share for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$1.03 compared with \$1.41 in the prior-year period.

There are approximately \$22.9 million in Towne Air related deal and integration costs included in our results for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Excluding these costs, our adjusted income from operations was \$75.6 million compared with \$71.5 million for the same period of 2014, adjusted net income for the period was \$46.3 million compared to \$44.7 million in 2014, and adjusted income per diluted share was \$1.49 compared to \$1.43 a year ago.

Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, President, and CEO, commenting on the third quarter said, "We are happy to report that we exited the third quarter with the integration of Towne Air Freight substantially behind us. Our yield improvement initiatives implemented in September should drive increased profitability in the fourth quarter and throughout next year. These yield improvements should drive approximately \$3.0 million in increased profitability in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared to the same period of 2014. Also, during September, we made additional headcount reductions, closed duplicate facilities, reduced dock labor costs and drove more efficient network routing which should produce approximately \$1.5 million in additional cost savings in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared to the same period of 2014."

Commenting further, Mr. Campbell said, "Central States Trucking Company (CST) is our first and final mile intermodal operation and its results are reported within our Forward Air, Inc. segment. Once again, CST delivered an outstanding quarter growing revenues 37%, posting an 87.5% operating ratio and increasing earnings 44%. Also, the CST team has started some very promising green-field operations in select targeted markets and is closing in on some additional tuck-in acquisition opportunities. We continue to be pleased with not only the CST team and their operating results but also CST as an accelerated growth platform."

Commenting on the Forward Air Solutions (Solutions) operating segment Mr. Campbell said, "Going into peak season, Solutions typically doesn't have the opportunity to take on new business. Yet, late in the third quarter, we were awarded \$4 million of new business. Also, a large competitor went out of business. As a result, we have at least \$5 million of additional business that started coming on board in the third quarter. Preparing for these new volumes was costly as well as time consuming and drove our lower than expected profitability in the third quarter. On a positive note, this new business should have substantial operating leverage for Solutions as it will be layered across our existing route structures."

Commenting on our Total Quality, Inc. (TQI) segment Mr. Campbell said, "TQI's struggles continued into the third quarter as our quarterly revenues declined approximately 15% year over year. Recognizing our lack of top line growth and the reasons for it, we identified and hired a new leader for this business, Steve Gilmore. Steve brings a wealth of life science, cold chain and transportation experience with him. We are committed to this business and to our customers and look forward to putting TQI back on a revenue growth trajectory."

In closing Mr. Campbell said, "Especially given the Towne integration, 2015 has been a very challenging year. More than ever, I appreciate all the hard work on the part of our employees and independent contractors. We should finally realize the full benefit of all of that hard work in the fourth quarter. We fully expect to end 2015 on a high note and continue into 2016 driving the kind of enhanced shareholder value everyone has come to expect of Forward Air."

Commenting further on the third quarter results was Rodney Bell, Senior Vice President and CFO, "After adding back Towne-related deal costs, we posted \$0.58 for the quarter against a guidance midpoint of \$0.60. Not included in our guidance was the benefit of approximately \$0.03 that resulted from amending prior year tax returns for a technology-related permanent tax deduction. This deduction should result in an additional \$3.0 million of tax benefit in the fourth quarter as we amend additional prior year returns. In 2016 and subsequent years, we expect the full year benefit of this credit to be approximately \$1.0 million."

Continuing, Mr. Bell said, "Backing out the \$0.03 tax benefit, we posted a \$0.05 shortfall to the midpoint of our guidance. Approximately \$0.03 and \$0.01 per share of that shortfall was due to the lower than expected profitability of Solutions and TQI, respectively. Additionally, we assumed that our Towne integration cost reduction and pricing initiatives would take place earlier in the quarter. Had they taken place as modeled, we would have earned approximately \$0.02 per share more on the quarter. Also, the continued decline in the benefit of net fuel surcharges (FSC) was approximately an additional \$0.01 drag than we modeled in our guidance. In order to simplify analysis of the quarterly results, we have included an actual to mid-point guidance earnings per share (EPS) bridge within this release."

Closing with comments on the Company's fourth quarter guidance Mr. Bell said, "We anticipate our fourth quarter 2015 revenues to increase in a range of 18% to 21% over the comparable 2014 period. Without regard to additional costs of integration, the above described technology tax deduction, or additional declines in our net fuel surcharge we expect income per diluted share to be between \$0.62 and \$0.66 per share. This compares to \$0.55 per share in the fourth quarter of 2014."

Review of Financial Results

Forward Air will hold a conference call to discuss third quarter 2015 results on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. The Company's conference call will be available online at <u>www.forwardair.com</u> or by dialing (800) 230-1093. A replay of the conference call will be available at <u>www.forwardair.com</u> beginning shortly after the completion of the live call.

About Forward Air Corporation

Forward Air Corporation operates three business segments: Forward Air, Forward Air Solutions and Total Quality.

Through our Forward Air segment, we provide time-definite surface transportation and related logistics services to the North American expedited ground freight market. Our licensed property broker utilizes qualified motor carriers, including our own, and other third-party transportation companies, to offer our customers local pick-up and delivery (Forward Air Complete®) and scheduled surface transportation of cargo as a cost-effective, reliable alternative to air transportation. We transport cargo that must be delivered at a specific time but is less time-sensitive than traditional air freight. This type of cargo is frequently referred to in the transportation industry as deferred air freight. We also offer our customers an array of logistics and other services including: expedited full truckload (TLX); dedicated fleets; warehousing; customs brokerage; and shipment consolidation, deconsolidation and handling. Also included in the Forward Air segment are the services performed by Central States Trucking Co. and Central States Logistics, Inc. ("CST"), which we acquired in 2014. CST provides intermodal drayage, devanning, transloading and warehousing services.

Forward Air Solutions, which we formed in July 2007, provides pool distribution services throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest and Southwest continental United States. Pool distribution involves managing high-frequency, last mile handling and distribution of time-sensitive products to numerous destinations in specific geographic regions. Our primary customers for pool distribution are regional and nationwide distributors and specialty retailers, such as mall, strip mall and outlet-based retail chains.

Total Quality ("TQI"), which we acquired in March 2013, provides maximum security and temperature-controlled logistics services, primarily truckload services, to the life sciences sector (pharmaceutical and biotechnology products). In addition to core pharmaceutical services and other cold chain services, TQI provides truckload and less-than-truckload brokerage transportation services.

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

		Three months ended		Nine months ended				
	Sept	tember 30, 2015	Sep	tember 30, 2014	Sep	otember 30, 2015	Sep	otember 30, 2014
Operating revenue	\$	247,093	\$	201,477	\$	702,705	\$	566,897
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		104,434		85,874		301,253		242,259
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		59,025		45,651		174,815		131,464
Operating leases		17,072		8,503		51,105		25,019
Depreciation and amortization		9,399		8,115		27,601		22,879
Insurance and claims		5,161		3,747		16,531		10,978
Fuel expense		3,826		5,012		12,034		14,990
Other operating expenses		23,575		17,669		66,608		48,537
Total operating expenses		222,492		174,571		649,947		496,126
Income from operations		24,601		26,906		52,758		70,771
Other income (expense):								
Interest expense		(554)		(172)		(1,489)		(355)
Other, net		10		(55)		(127)		144
Total other income (expense)		(544)		(227)		(1,616)		(211)
Income before income taxes		24,057		26,679		51,142		70,560
Income taxes		8,370		9,935		18,795		26,437
Net income and comprehensive income	\$	15,687	\$	16,744	\$	32,347	\$	44,123
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Net income per share:	¢	0.51	¢	0.55	¢	1.04	¢	1 44
Basic	\$		\$	0.55	\$	1.04	\$	1.44
Diluted	\$	0.50	\$	0.54	\$	1.03	\$	1.41
Dividends per share:	\$	0.12	\$	0.12	\$	0.36	\$	0.36

Forward Air Corporation Components of Consolidated Revenue and Purchased Transportation (In millions) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended									
	Sej	otember 30,	Percent of	Se	eptember 30,	Percent of			Percent	
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Ch	ange	Change	
Operating Revenue										
Forward Air										
Airport-to-airport	\$	133.7	64.8 %	\$	111.4	69.6 %	\$	22.3	20.0 %	
Logistics services										
Expedited full truckload - TLX		28.3	13.7		20.0	12.5		8.3	41.5	
Intermodal/drayage		22.9	11.1		15.8	9.9		7.1	44.9	
Total Logistics services		51.2	24.8		35.8	22.4		15.4	43.0	
Other Forward Air services		21.4	10.4		12.9	8.0		8.5	65.9	
Forward Air - Total revenue		206.3	83.5		160.1	79.4		46.2	28.9	
TQI - Pharmaceutical services		10.2	4.1		12.0	6.0		(1.8)	(15.0)	
Forward Air Solutions - Pool distribution		32.1	13.0		30.6	15.2		1.5	4.9	
Intersegment eliminations		(1.5)	(0.6)		(1.2)	(0.6)		(0.3)	25.0	
Consolidated operating revenue	\$	247.1	100.0 %	\$	201.5	100.0 %	\$	45.6	22.6 %	

				Th	ree months en	ded			
	Sep	tember 30,	Percent of	Se	ptember 30,	Percent of			Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Cł	nange	Change
Purchased Transportation									
Forward Air									
Airport-to-airport	\$	56.9	42.6 %	\$	47.7	42.8 %	\$	9.2	19.3 %
Logistics services									
Expedited full truckload - TLX		20.7	73.1		15.0	75.0		5.7	38.0
Intermodal/drayage		8.3	36.2		6.0	38.0		2.3	38.3
Total Logistics services		29.0	56.6		21.0	58.7		8.0	38.1
Other Forward Air services		6.1	28.5		3.2	24.8		2.9	90.6
Forward Air - Total purchased									
transportation		92.0	44.6		71.9	44.9		20.1	28.0
TQI - Pharmaceutical services		4.6	45.1		6.0	50.0		(1.4)	(23.3)
Forward Air Solutions - Pool distribution		8.8	27.4		8.8	28.8			
Intersegment eliminations		(1.0)	66.7		(0.8)	66.7		(0.2)	25.0
Consolidated purchased transportation	\$	104.4	42.2 %	\$	85.9	42.6 %	\$	18.5	21.5 %

Forward Air Corporation Components of Consolidated Revenue and Purchased Transportation (In millions) (Unaudited)

				Ν	ine months end	led			
	Sep	otember 30,	Percent of Septeml		eptember 30,	Percent of			Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Cha	ange	Change
Operating Revenue									
Forward Air									
Airport-to-airport	\$	387.9	66.1 %	\$	317.1	70.7 %	\$	70.8	22.3 %
Logistics services									
Expedited full truckload - TLX		79.1	13.5		56.6	12.6		22.5	39.8
Intermodal/drayage		62.6	10.7		39.1	8.7		23.5	60.1
Total Logistics services		141.7	24.2		95.7	21.3		46.0	48.1
Other Forward Air services		56.8	9.7		35.7	8.0		21.1	59.1
Forward Air - Total revenue	_	586.4	83.5		448.5	79.1	1	37.9	30.7
TQI - Pharmaceutical services		33.3	4.7		36.8	6.5		(3.5)	(9.5)
Forward Air Solutions - Pool distribution		87.0	12.4		84.9	15.0		2.1	2.5
Intersegment eliminations		(4.0)	(0.6)		(3.3)	(0.6)		(0.7)	21.2
Consolidated operating revenue	\$	702.7	100.0 %	\$	566.9	100.0 %	\$ 1	35.8	24.0 %

	Nine months ended									
	Sep	tember 30,	Percent of	Se	eptember 30,	Percent of			Percent	
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	C	hange	Change	
Purchased Transportation										
Forward Air										
Airport-to-airport	\$	168.1	43.3 %	\$	133.2	42.0 %	\$	34.9	26.2 %	
Logistics services										
Expedited full truckload - TLX		57.2	72.3		43.4	76.7		13.8	31.8	
Intermodal/drayage		23.0	36.7		15.9	40.7		7.1	44.7	
Total Logistics services		80.2	56.6		59.3	62.0		20.9	35.2	
Other Forward Air services		16.3	28.7		8.8	24.6		7.5	85.2	
Forward Air - Total purchased										
transportation		264.6	45.1	_	201.3	44.9	_	63.3	31.4	
TQI - Pharmaceutical services		15.7	47.1		18.7	50.8		(3.0)	(16.0)	
Forward Air Solutions - Pool distribution		23.8	27.4		24.6	29.0		(0.8)	(3.3)	
Intersegment eliminations		(2.8)	70.0		(2.4)	72.7		(0.4)	16.7	
Consolidated purchased transportation	\$	301.3	42.9 %	\$	242.2	42.7 %	\$	59.1	24.4 %	

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

(enautrea)	Sept	September 30, 2015		
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	47,444	\$	41,429
Accounts receivable, net		114,674		95,326
Other current assets		23,579		13,200
Total current assets		185,697		149,955
Property and equipment		322,681		305,188
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		150,180		132,699
Net property and equipment		172,501		172,489
Goodwill and other acquired intangibles:				
Goodwill		206,899		144,412
Other acquired intangibles, net of accumulated amortization		130,531		72,705
Total net goodwill and other acquired intangibles		337,430		217,117
Other assets		3,037		2,244
Total assets	\$	698,665	\$	541,805
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	27,435	\$	20,572
Accrued expenses		29,691		22,583
Current portion of debt and capital lease obligations		55,898		276
Total current liabilities		113,024		43,431
Debt and capital lease obligations, less current portion		42,830		1,275
Other long-term liabilities		12,198		8,356
Deferred income taxes		38,257		25,180
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock		306		303
Additional paid-in capital		152,700		130,107
Retained earnings		339,350		333,153
Total shareholders' equity		492,356		463,563
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	698,665	\$	541,805

(a) Taken from audited financial statements, which are not presented in their entirety.

Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended				
Departing activities.		September 30, 2015		ember 30, 2014	
Operating activities:	^	15 (07		16 744	
Net income	\$	15,687	\$	16,744	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		0.000		0.115	
Depreciation and amortization		9,399		8,115	
Share-based compensation		1,886		1,676	
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment		30		(329)	
Provision for loss on receivables		380		46	
Provision for revenue adjustments		1,549		646	
Deferred income tax		6,044		156	
Excess tax benefit for stock options exercised				353	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				(2.1.10)	
Accounts receivable		5,753		(3,148)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,679		1,032	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(3,654)		587	
Net cash provided by operating activities		38,753		25,878	
Investing activities:					
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		577		1,120	
Purchases of property and equipment		(6,579)		(3,681	
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired		—		(1,350	
Other		(33)		246	
Net cash used in investing activities		(6,035)		(3,665)	
Financing activities:					
Payments of debt and capital lease obligations		(14,104)		(84	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		_		1,503	
Payments of cash dividends		(3,700)		(3,662	
Repurchase of common stock (repurchase program)		(9,996)		(19,987	
Cash settlement of share-based awards for minimum tax withholdings		(5)			
Excess tax benefit for stock options exercised		_		(353	
Net cash used in financing activities		(27,805)		(22,583	
Net increase (decrease) in cash		4,913		(370	
Cash at beginning of period		42,531		24,943	
Cash at end of period	\$,	\$	24.573	
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Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Nine months ended				
	Sep	tember 30, 2015	September 30, 2014		
Operating activities:					
Net income	\$	32,347	\$ 44,123		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities					
Depreciation and amortization		27,601	22,879		
Share-based compensation		5,562	5,005		
Gain on disposal of property and equipment		(3)	(441)		
Provision for loss (recovery) on receivables		463	(39)		
Provision for revenue adjustments		3,391	1,896		
Deferred income tax		5,546	1,729		
Excess tax benefit for stock options exercised		(2,365)	(554)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities					
Accounts receivable		866	(15,875)		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(1,531)	(1,397)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(14,562)	7,767		
Net cash provided by operating activities		57,315	65,093		
Investing activities:					
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		1,200	1,582		
Purchases of property and equipment		(18,541)	(37,101		
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired		(62,375)	(84,348		
Other		(101)	53		
Net cash used in investing activities		(79,817)	(119,814)		
Financing activities:					
Proceeds from term loan		125,000	_		
Payments of debt and capital lease obligations		(87,367)	(9,662)		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		11,351	13,083		
Payments of cash dividends		(11,133)	(11,141)		
Repurchase of common stock (repurchase program)		(9,996)	(39,972)		
Common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan		228	148		
Cash settlement of share-based awards for minimum tax withholdings		(1,931)	(1,083)		
Excess tax benefit for stock options exercised		2,365	554		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		28,517	(48,073)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash		6,015	(102,794		
		41,429	127,367		
Cash at beginning of period	¢		-		
Cash at end of period	\$	47,444	\$ 24,573		

Forward Air Corporation Segment Information (In millions) (unaudited)

	Three months ended									
Forward Air	Sep	tember 30,	Percent of	September 30,	Percent of		Percent			
		2015	Revenue	2014	Revenue	Change	Change			
Operating revenue	\$	206.3	83.5 %	\$ 160.1	79.4 %	\$ 46.2	28.9 %			
Operating expenses:										
Purchased transportation		92.0	44.6	71.9	44.9	20.1	28.0			
Salaries, wages, and employee			21.6	22.1	20 5					
benefits		44.5	21.6	33.1	20.7	11.4	34.4			
Operating leases		14.5	7.0	6.5	4.1	8.0	123.1			
Depreciation and amortization		6.9	3.4	5.7	3.6	1.2	21.1			
Insurance and claims		4.0	1.9	3.1	1.9	0.9	29.0			
Fuel expense		1.7	0.8	2.1	1.3	(0.4)	(19.0)			
Other operating expenses		19.0	9.2	13.5	8.4	5.5	40.7			
Income from operations	\$	23.7	11.5 %	\$ 24.2	15.1 %	\$ (0.5)	(2.1)%			
FASI	Sep	tember 30,	Percent of	September 30,	Percent of		Percent			
		2015	Revenue	2014	Revenue	Change	Change			
Operating revenue	\$	32.1	13.0 %	\$ 30.6	15.2 %	\$ 1.5	4.9 %			
Operating expenses:										
Purchased transportation		8.8	27.4	8.8	28.8	—	_			
Salaries, wages, and employee										
benefits		12.2	38.0	10.4	34.0	1.8	17.3			
Operating leases		2.5	7.8	2.0	6.5	0.5	25.0			
Depreciation and amortization		1.5	4.7	1.5	4.9		—			
Insurance and claims		0.9	2.8	0.4	1.3	0.5	125.0			
Fuel expense		1.3	4.0	1.8	5.9	(0.5)	(27.8)			
Other operating expenses		4.4	13.7	3.9	12.7	0.5	12.8			
Income from operations	\$	0.5	1.6 %	\$ 1.8	5.9 %	\$ (1.3)	(72.2)%			

TQI	Sept	tember 30, 2015	Percent of Revenue	September 30, 2014	Percent of Revenue	Change	Percent Change
Operating revenue	\$	10.2	4.1 %	\$ 12.0	6.0 %	\$ (1.8)	(15.0)%
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation		4.6	45.1	6.0	50.0	(1.4)	(23.3)
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		2.4	23.5	2.2	18.3	0.2	9.1
Operating leases							
Depreciation and amortization		1.0	9.8	0.9	7.5	0.1	11.1
Insurance and claims		0.3	2.9	0.2	1.7	0.1	50.0
Fuel expense		0.8	7.9	1.1	9.2	(0.3)	(27.3)
Other operating expenses		0.7	6.9	0.7	5.8		—
Income from operations	\$	0.4	3.9 %	\$ 0.9	7.5 %	\$ (0.5)	(55.6)%

Intercompany Eliminations	Sej	otember 30,	Percent of	Se	eptember 30, 2014	Percent of	Change	Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Change	Change
Operating revenue	\$	(1.5)	(0.6)%	\$	(1.2)	(0.6)%	\$ (0.3)	25.0 %
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		(1.0)	66.7		(0.8)	66.7	(0.2)	25.0
Other operating expenses		(0.5)	33.3		(0.4)	33.3	(0.1)	25.0
Income from operations	\$	_	- %	\$		— %	\$ —	- %
Consolidated	Sej	ptember 30,	Percent of	Se	eptember 30,	Percent of		Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Change	Change
Operating revenue	\$	247.1	100.0 %	\$	201.5	100.0 %	\$ 45.6	22.6 %
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		104.4	42.2		85.9	42.6	18.5	21.5

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Salaries, wages, and employee

Depreciation and amortization

benefits

Operating leases

Insurance and claims	5.2	2.1	3.7	1.9	1.5	40.5
Fuel expense	3.8	1.5	5.0	2.5	(1.2)	(24.0)
Other operating expenses	 23.6	9.6	17.7	8.8	5.9	33.3
Income from operations	\$ 24.6	10.0 % \$	26.9	13.3 % \$	(2.3)	(8.6)%

Forward Air Corporation Segment Information (In millions) (unaudited)

					Nine months	ended		
Forward Air	Sept	ember 30,	Percent of	Se	ptember 30,	Percent of		Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Change	Change
Operating revenue	\$	586.4	83.5 %	\$	448.5	79.1 %	\$ 137.9	30.7 %
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		264.6	45.1		201.3	44.9	63.3	31.4
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		134.8	23.0		96.1	21.4	38.7	40.3
Operating leases		44.3	7.5		18.4	4.1	25.9	140.8
Depreciation and amortization		20.1	3.4		16.0	3.6	4.1	25.6
Insurance and claims		13.1	2.2		8.7	1.9	4.4	50.6
Fuel expense		5.6	1.0		6.2	1.4	(0.6)	(9.7)
Other operating expenses		54.3	9.3		37.0	8.3	17.3	46.8
Income from operations	\$	49.6	8.5 %	\$	64.8	14.4 %	\$ (15.2)	(23.5)%
FASI	Sept	ember 30,	Percent of	Se	ptember 30,	Percent of		Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	Change	Change
Operating revenue	\$	87.0	12.4 %	\$	84.9	15.0 %	\$ 2.1	2.5 %

Operating revenue	\$ 87.0	12.4 % \$	84.9	15.0 % \$	2.1	2.5 %
Operating expenses:						
Purchased transportation	23.8	27.4	24.6	29.0	(0.8)	(3.3)
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	32.8	37.7	29.0	34.2	3.8	13.1
Operating leases	6.8	7.8	6.5	7.7	0.3	4.6
Depreciation and amortization	4.6	5.3	4.2	4.9	0.4	9.5
Insurance and claims	2.7	3.1	1.8	2.1	0.9	50.0
Fuel expense	3.9	4.5	5.3	6.2	(1.4)	(26.4)
Other operating expenses	 11.6	13.3	10.7	12.6	0.9	8.4
Income from operations	\$ 0.8	0.9 % \$	2.8	3.3 % \$	(2.0)	(71.4)%

TQI	•	ember 30, 2015	Percent of Revenue	September 30, 2014	Percent of Revenue	Change	Percent Change
Operating revenue	\$	33.3	4.7 %	\$ 36.8	6.5 %	\$ (3.5)	(9.5)%
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation		15.7	47.2	18.7	50.8	(3.0)	(16.0)
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		7.2	21.6	6.4	17.4	0.8	12.5
Operating leases		0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3		
Depreciation and amortization		2.9	8.7	2.7	7.3	0.2	7.4
Insurance and claims		0.7	2.1	0.5	1.4	0.2	40.0
Fuel expense		2.6	7.8	3.5	9.5	(0.9)	(25.7)
Other operating expenses		1.8	5.4	1.7	4.6	0.1	5.9
Income from operations	\$	2.3	6.9 %	\$ 3.2	8.7 %	\$ (0.9)	(28.1)%

Intercompany Eliminations	Sep	otember 30, 2015	Percent of Revenue	Se	ptember 30, 2014	Percent of Revenue	 Change	Percent Change
Operating revenue	\$	(4.0)	(0.6)%	\$	(3.3)	(0.6)%	\$ (0.7)	21.2 %
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		(2.8)	70.0		(2.4)	72.7	(0.4)	16.7
Other operating expenses		(1.2)	30.0		(0.9)	27.3	(0.3)	33.3
Income from operations	\$	_	- %	\$		— %	\$ 	— %
Consolidated	Ser	otember 30,	Percent of	Se	ptember 30,	Percent of		Percent
		2015	Revenue		2014	Revenue	 Change	Change
Operating revenue	\$	702.7	100.0 %	\$	566.9	100.0 %	\$ 135.8	24.0 %
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		301.3	42.9		242.2	42.7	59.1	24.4

Salaries, wages, and employee benefits 174.8 24.9 131.5 23.2 43.3 32.9 51.2 26.2 104.8 Operating leases 7.3 25.0 4.4 Depreciation and amortization 27.6 3.9 22.9 4.7 20.5 4.0

Insurance and claims	16.5	2.3	11.0	2.0	5.5	50.0
Fuel expense	12.1	1.7	15.0	2.6	(2.9)	(19.3)
Other operating expenses	 66.5	9.5	48.5	8.6	18.0	37.1
Income from operations	\$ 52.7	7.5 % \$	70.8	12.5 % \$	(18.1)	(25.6)%

Forward Air Corporation Forward Air Inc. Operating Statistics

			Thre	e months ended	
	Sej	ptember 30, 2015	Se	ptember 30, 2014	Percent Change
Operating ratio		88.5%		84.9%	4.2 %
Business days		64.0		64.0	
Business weeks		12.8		12.8	—
Airport-to-airport:					
Tonnage					
Total pounds ¹		617,066		484,827	27.3
Average weekly pounds ¹		48,208		37,877	27.3
Linehaul shipments					
Total linehaul		920,493		734,163	25.4
Average weekly		71,914		57,356	25.4
Forward Air Complete shipments		223,143		146,024	52.8
As a percentage of linehaul shipments	8	24.2%		19.9%	21.6
Average linehaul shipment size		670		660	1.5
Revenue per pound ²					
Linehaul yield	\$	17.07	\$	17.69	(2.7)
Fuel surcharge impact		1.16		1.94	(3.4)
Forward Air Complete impact		3.44		3.35	0.4
Total airport-to-airport yield	\$	21.67	\$	22.98	(5.7)
Expedited full truckload - TLX:					
Miles					
Owner operator ¹		9,933		6,391	55.4
Third party ¹		5,822		4,895	18.9
Total Miles		15,755		11,286	39.6
Revenue per mile	\$	1.80	\$	1.77	1.7
Cost per mile	\$	1.31	\$	1.33	(1.5)%

¹ - In thousands

² - In dollars per hundred pound; percentage change is expressed as a percent of total yield.

Forward Air Corporation Forward Air Inc. Operating Statistics

			Nin	e months ended	
	S	eptember 30,	S	eptember 30,	Percent
		2015		2014	Change
Operating ratio		91.5%		85.6%	6.9 %
Business days		191.0		191.0	—
Business weeks		38.2		38.2	—
Airport-to-airport:					
Tonnage					
Total pounds ¹		1,787,262		1,399,687	27.7
Average weekly pounds ¹		46,787		36,641	27.7
Linehaul shipments					
Total linehaul		2,717,100		2,127,645	27.7
Average weekly		71,128		55,698	27.7
Forward Air Complete shipments		649,431		393,170	65.2
As a percentage of linehaul shipments	5	23.9%		18.5%	29.2
Average linehaul shipment size		658		658	—
Revenue per pound ²					
Linehaul yield	\$	17.28	\$	17.56	(1.2)
Fuel surcharge impact		1.20		2.00	(3.5)
Forward Air Complete impact		3.22		3.10	0.5
Total airport-to-airport yield	\$	21.70	\$	22.66	(4.2)
Expedited full truckload - TLX:					
Miles					
Owner operator ¹		24,011		20,288	18.4
Third party ¹		18,128		13,547	33.8
Total Miles	_	42,139		33,835	24.5
Revenue per mile	\$	1.88	\$	1.67	12.6
Cost per mile	\$	1.36	\$	1.28	6.3 %

¹ - In thousands

² - In dollars per hundred pound; percentage change is expressed as a percent of total yield.

Forward Air Corporation Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP

The Company believes that meaningful analysis of our financial performance requires an understanding of the factors underlying that performance, including an understanding of items that are non-recurring in nature. We believe that excluding integration costs related to Towne Air from our results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 will assist investors in understanding our core operating performance and allow for more accurate comparisons of results. As required by SEC rules, the tables below present, for the periods indicated, a reconciliation of our presented adjusted non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

(In millions, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Tł	nree n	nonths ended	
	tember 30, 2015 (1)		egration and Deal Costs	Adjusted tember 30, 2015
Income from operations	\$ 24.6	\$	3.9	\$ 28.5
Net income	\$ 15.7	\$	2.4	\$ 18.1
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	30,998		30,998	30,998
Net income per share:	\$ 0.50	\$	0.08	\$ 0.58

(1) - As reported in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

	Three months ended					
		tember 30, 2014 (1)		egration and Deal Costs		Adjusted ptember 30, 2014
Income from operations	\$	26.7	\$	_	\$	26.7
Net income	\$	16.7	\$	—	\$	16.7
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding		30,932				30,932
Net income per share:	\$	0.54	\$	_	\$	0.54

(1) - As reported in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Forward Air Corporation Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP (In millions, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Nine months ended					
		tember 30, 015 (1)		gration and eal Costs		Adjusted ptember 30, 2015
Income from operations	\$	52.7	\$	22.9	\$	75.6
Net income	\$	32.3	\$	14.0	\$	46.3
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding		31,084		31,084		31,084
Net income per share:	\$	1.03	\$	0.45	\$	1.49

(1) - As reported in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

	Nine months ended					
		ember 30, 014 (1)		egration and Deal Costs	S	Adjusted eptember 30, 2014
Income from operations	\$	70.6	\$	0.9	\$	71.5
Net income	\$	44.1	\$	0.6	\$	44.7
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding		31,234		31,234		31,234
Net income per share:	\$	1.41	\$	0.02	\$	1.43

(1) - As reported in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Forward Air Corporation Actual to Guidance EPS Bridge Three months ended September 30, 2015 (All EPS is diluted earnings per share)

Third quarter EPS as reported	\$	0.500
Towne Air acquisition and integration costs		0.080
Adjusted EPS		0.580
Variances from guidance assumptions:		
Technology tax deduction	(0.030)	
FASI EPS contribution shortfall	0.025	
TQI EPS contribution shortfall	0.010	
Timing of cost reductions and pricing adjustments related to Towne	0.015	
Detrimental difference in net fuel surcharge	0.010	
Total variances from guidance assumptions		0.030
Adjusted EPS with variances added back		0.610
Mid-point of original third quarter guidance		0.600
Remaining positive EPS variance	\$	0.010

Important Information

This press release may contain statements that might be considered as forward-looking statements or predictions of future operations. Such statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are based on management's belief or interpretation of information currently available. These statements and assumptions involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual events may differ from these expectations as specified from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no duty to update these statements as of any future date.

This press release contains "forward-looking statements," as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical information or statements of current condition and relate to future events or our future financial performance, including, without limitation, statements as to Towne or the anticipated benefits of the transaction. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by use of such terms as "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "projects" or "expects." Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements: economic factors such as recessions, inflation, higher interest rates and downturns in customer business cycles, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight moving through our network or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, increasing competition and pricing pressure, surplus inventories, loss of a major customer, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our ability to secure terminal facilities in desirable locations at reasonable rates, the inability of our information systems to handle an increased volume of freight moving through our network, changes in fuel prices, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, employment matters including rising health care costs, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental and tax matters, the handling of hazardous materials, the availability and compensation of qualified independent owner-operators and freight handlers needed to serve our transportation needs and our inability to successfully integrate Towne. As a result of the foregoing, no assurance can be given as to future financial condition, cash flows or results of operations. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Forward Air Corporation

Historical Operating Data - Unaudited

	March 31	June 30 September 30 Dec			Average
		cune co	September 20	200000000	iiieiuge
Forward Air, Inc.					
Average linehaul pounds per week (1)					
(in thousands)	32,215	35,326	36,117	37,724	35,35
Number of terminals - Company-operated	66	66	66	66	(
Number of terminals - agent	22	22	22	22	2
Number of terminals - total	88	88	88	88	8
Average tractors - Company	210	211	203	203	20
Average leased tractors - Company	2	1	1	1	
Average leased straight trucks - Company	1	1	_	_	
Average tractors - owner-operator	945	961	964	959	95
Average tractors - total	1,158	1,174	1,168	1,163	1,16
Average trailers	2,882	3,021	3,030	3,019	2,98
orward Air Solutions, Inc.					
Number of terminals - Company-operated	19	19	19	19	
Number of terminals - agent	5	5	5	5	
Number of terminals - total	24	24	24	24	
Average tractors - Company	45	58	62	61	:
Average leased tractors - Company	4	2	11	11	
Average straight trucks & vans - Company	107	139	139	134	1.
Average leased straight trucks - Company	34	33	24	24	ź
Average tractors - owner-operator	83	84	89	92	:
Average straight trucks & vans - owner-operator	59	65	67	72	(
Average tractors - total	332	381	392	394	31
Average trailers	25	125	126	126	10
Fotal Quality, Inc.	<i>Z</i> 1	<i>C</i> 1		<i>(</i> 7)	
Average tractors - Company	61	61	66	67	
Average tractors - owner-operator	3	10	15	16	
Average tractors - total	64	71	81	83	,
Average trailers	68	77	92	92	1

Forward Air Corporation

Historical Operating Data - Unaudited

	N 1 21				
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Average
Forward Air, Inc.					
Average linehaul pounds per week (1)					
(in thousands)	35,057	36,965	37,877	39,883	37,44
Number of terminals - Company-operated	66	66	66	66	
Number of terminals - agent	22	22	22	22	-
Number of terminals - total	88	88	88	88	8
Average tractors - Company	230	222	217	210	22
Average leased tractors - Company	1	1	1	1	
Average leased straight trucks - Company	1	1	1	1	
Average tractors - owner-operator	928	942	936	920	93
Average tractors - total	1,160	1,166	1,155	1,132	1,1:
Average trailers	3,114	3,481	3,479	3,479	3,3
orward Air Solutions, Inc.					
Number of terminals - Company-operated	19	19	19	21	
Number of terminals - agent	5	5	5	8	
Number of terminals - total	24	24	24	29	
Average tractors - Company	57	57	60	61	
Average leased tractors - Company	2		4	4	
Average straight trucks & vans - Company	162	162	161	158	10
Average leased straight trucks - Company	21	18	17	16	
Average tractors - owner-operator	88	82	84	85	
Average straight trucks & vans - owner-operator	74	69	78	91	,
Average tractors - total	404	388	404	415	40
Average trailers	126	126	126	126	12
atal Quality Inc.					
Total Quality, Inc.	77	77	74	70	,
Average tractors - Company Average tractors - owner-operator	19	18	14	70 10	
	96	95	88	80	
Average trailers	96	95 114	119	80 119	1
Average trailers	92	114	119	119	1
) Includes pounds associated with linehaul shipments	only				

Forward Air Corporation Historical Operating Data - Unaudited

	2015				
	March 31	June 30	September 30	Average	
Forward Air, Inc.					
Average linehaul pounds per week (1) (in thousands)	40,967	50,803	48,208	46,787	
Number of terminals - Company-operated	40,987	50,803	48,208	40,787	
Number of terminals - company-operated	17	17	17	17	
Number of terminals - total	91	91	90	91	
	307	271			
Average tractors - Company	307 72		265	281	
Average leased tractors - Company	22	73 22	73 22	73 22	
Average leased straight trucks - Company	1.575	1,422	1,444	1,480	
Average tractors - owner-operator	· · · ·	,	,	,	
Average tractors - total	1,976	1,788	1,804	1,856	
Average trailers	3,731	3,669	3,660	3,687	
Average leased trailers	1,057	1,012	1,015	1,028	
Average trailers - total	4,788	4,681	4,675	4,715	
Forward Air Solutions, Inc.					
Number of terminals - Company-operated	19	20	20	20	
Number of terminals - agent	10	9	9	9	
Number of terminals - total	29	29	29	29	
Average tractors - Company	65	62	62	63	
Average leased tractors - Company	_		7	2	
Average straight trucks & vans - Company	156	180	177	171	
Average leased straight trucks - Company	15	16	24	18	
Average tractors - owner-operator	91	87	82	87	
Average straight trucks & vans - owner-operator	81	100	118	100	
Average tractors - total	408	445	470	441	
Average trailers	126	126	126	126	
Total Quality, Inc.			. ·		
Average tractors - Company	83	72	84	80	
Average tractors - owner-operator	11	21	24	19	
Average tractors - total	94	93	108	99	
Average trailers	96	122	122	113	

(1) Includes pounds associated with linehaul shipments only.