### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549	)
FORM 8-K	

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**CURRENT REPORT** 

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 26, 2025

### FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

		TN		62-1120025	
(State	or other jurisdiction	of incorporation)		(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)	
1915 Snapps Ferry Road	Building N	Greeneville	TN	37745	
(Add	dress of principal ex	ecutive offices)		(Zip Code)	
		00	00-22490		
		(Commiss	sion File Number)		
	Registrant'	s telephone number,	including area coo	de: (423) 636-7000	
			Applicable		
	(Fo	rmer name or former ac	ddress, if changed sin	ce last report)	
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#### SECTION 2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 26, 2025, Forward Air Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing its financial results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024. On February 26, 2025, the Company also posted an Earnings Presentation (the "Earnings Presentation"), dated February 26, 2025, on the Company's Investor Relations website at ir.forwardaircorp.com.

Copies of the Press Release and Earnings Presentation are being furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, attached hereto, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference. The information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 9.01, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

#### 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 February 26, 2025
<u>99.2</u>	Forward Air Year End 2024 Earnings and Business Update Presentation Slides
104	Cover Page Interactive File (the cover page tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

#### **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: February 26, 2025

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Shawn Stewart

Shawn Stewart Chief Executive Officer



#### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### FORWARD AIR CORPORATION REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2024 RESULTS

Full year results near the top end of guidance range

Executed more than \$100 million in annualized cost synergies in first year following Omni transaction

Transitioning from Integration to Transformation

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.- (BUSINESS WIRE) - February 26, 2025 - Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) (the "Company", "Forward Air", "we", "our", or "us") today reported financial results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024 as presented in the tables below on a continuing operations basis, with the Company's former Final Mile business being reported as discontinued operations.

"As we turn the page on the first year operating as a combined company following the acquisition of Omni, I want to express my gratitude to our associates for their dedication to making our customers their top priority," said Shawn Stewart, Chief Executive Officer. "We kept our focus on stabilizing the Company and integrating the Forward Air and Omni's networks, and I am pleased with the pace and rigor of our work. We delivered full year 2024 Consolidated EBITDA results near the top end of our guidance range, and we more than delivered on the previously committed \$75 million of integration synergies. Combining the integration synergies with additional cost saving actions and other efficiency initiatives executed throughout the year, we delivered more than \$100 million in annualized savings. While we have more work to do, I am proud of what we accomplished and I expect the foundational changes and investments made in 2024, coupled with the broader transformation we are embarking on, to improve our results and benefit the Company for many years to come."

"As a combined company, we are equipped with an enhanced suite of global, vertically-integrated services to meet our customers' needs. Our integration and continued operational initiatives are creating a more efficient, nimble and unified company, which we believe better enable us to leverage both networks and provide best-in-class solutions and service to our customers."

"The team that we assembled has made significant progress over a very short period and watching how they have worked together gives me a great deal of confidence as we look ahead and with our new chief commercial officer in place we expect to be playing a lot more offense than we have been since the combination. As we move to the growth phase of our evolution, our priorities in 2025 include technology system simplification and rationalization, global shared service efficiencies and expanding synergistic service offerings for our customers both domestically and around the world," concluded Stewart.

Jamie Pierson, Chief Financial Officer added, "For the fourth quarter 2024, we reported consolidated revenue of \$633 million and income from continuing operations of \$76 million which includes a goodwill impairment adjustment of \$79 million that favorably impacted the quarter. On a segment basis, Omni Logistics' income from operations was favorably impacted by the goodwill impairment adjustment, and it reported its best quarterly reported EBITDA since the transaction. The Intermodal segment maintained its steady performance and improved income from operations compared to a year ago. However, the Expedited Freight segment was negatively impacted by a pricing strategy put in place prior to the acquisition that focused more on growing volume than profitability. We implemented corrective pricing actions during the fourth quarter and are beginning to see results in line with our expectations. We expect to see the full run rate of these actions by the end of February.

"For the fourth quarter, Consolidated EBITDA ("Consolidated EBITDA"), a non-GAAP measure calculated pursuant to our Senior Secured Term Loan Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), was \$69 million. For the full year, 2024 Consolidated EBITDA was \$308 million, which resulted in an approximate \$59 million cushion per the terms of the recently amended Credit Agreement's consolidated first lien net leverage ratio covenant. While we are proud of our collective accomplishments, there is more to do, and we are by no means satisfied with the results nor are we finished combining and transforming this now global opportunity.

"Liquidity at the end of the fourth quarter was \$382 million compared to \$460 million at the end of the third quarter. The quarter-over-quarter change was impacted by a \$40 million reduction to the size of the credit facility in conjunction with the recent amendment to the credit agreement and \$60 million in interest payments made in the fourth quarter. Overall, I'm encouraged by the trends in cash flow in the second half of the year as we reduced acquisition-related costs and integration expenses compared to the first half of the year. The focus on reducing these items contributed to an increase of \$20 million in cash and cash equivalents from the end of the second quarter through the end of the year," concluded Pierson.

<b>Continuing Operations</b>	Three Months Ended							
(in thousands, except per share data)	Dec	ember 31, 2024	December 31, 2023			Change	Percent Change	
Operating revenue	\$	632,846	\$	338,428	\$	294,418	87.0 %	
Income from operations		75,855	\$	3,000	\$	72,855	2,428.5 %	
Operating margin		12.0 %		0.9 %		1,110 b	ps	
Net income	\$	(35,378)	\$	(14,721)	\$	(20,657)	140.3 %	
Net income per diluted share	\$	(1.23)	\$	(0.58)	\$	(0.65)	112.1 %	
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	(30,492)	\$	57,092	\$	(87,584)	(153.4)%	
Non-GAAP Financial Measures: 1								
Consolidated EBITDA	\$	69,259	\$	94,022	\$	(24,763)	(26.3)%	
Free cash flow	\$	(35,098)	\$	48,913	\$	(84,011)	(171.8)%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures are provided below the financial tables.

<b>Continuing Operations</b>	Twelve Months Ended							
(in thousands, except per share data)	De	cember 31, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023		Change	Percent Change	
Operating revenue	\$	2,474,262	\$	1,370,735	\$	1,103,527	80.5 %	
Income from operations	\$	(1,062,936)	\$	88,210	\$	(1,151,146)	(1,305.0)%	
Operating margin		(43.0)%		6.4 %		(4,940) b	ps	
Net income	\$	(1,124,841)	\$	42,803	\$	(1,167,644)	(2,727.9)%	
Net income per diluted share	\$	(29.43)	\$	1.64	\$	(31.07)	(1,894.5)%	
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	(76,262)	\$	199,212	\$	(275,474)	(138.3)%	
Non-GAAP Financial Measures: 1								
Consolidated EBITDA	\$	307,711	\$	402,100	\$	(94,389)	(23.5)%	
Free cash flow	\$	(108,185)	\$	172,228	\$	(280,413)	(162.8)%	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures are provided below the financial tables.

#### **Review of Financial Results**

Forward Air will hold a conference call to discuss fourth quarter and full year 2024 results on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. ET. The Company's conference call will be available online on the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website at <u>ir.forwardaircorp.com</u> or by dialing (800) 445-7795, Access Code: FWRDQ424.

A replay of the conference call will be available on the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website at <u>ir.forwardaircorp.com</u>, which we use as a primary mechanism to communicate with our investors. Investors are urged to monitor the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website to easily find or navigate to current and pertinent information about us.

#### **About Forward Air Corporation**

Forward Air is a leading asset-light provider of transportation services across the United States, Canada and Mexico. We provide expedited less-than-truckload services, including local pick-up and delivery, shipment consolidation/deconsolidation, warehousing, and customs brokerage by utilizing a comprehensive national network of terminals. In addition, we offer truckload brokerage services, including dedicated fleet services, and intermodal, first-and last-mile, high-value drayage services, both to and from seaports and railheads, dedicated contract and Container Freight Station warehouse and handling services. Forward also operates a full portfolio of multimodal solutions, both domestically and internationally, via Omni Logistics. Omni Logistics is a global provider of air, ocean and ground services for mission-critical freight. We are more than a transportation company. Forward is a single resource for your shipping needs. For more information, visit our website at <a href="https://www.forwardaircorp.com">www.forwardaircorp.com</a>.

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

		Three Months Ended			Twelve Mo	Ended	
	I	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023
Operating revenue:							
Expedited Freight	\$	265,879	\$	279,070	\$ 1,115,163	\$	1,096,958
Omni		325,609		_	1,196,841		
Intermodal		59,829		59,440	232,832		274,043
Corporate		164		_	164		
Eliminations and other operations		(18,635)		(82)	(70,738)		(266)
Operating revenue		632,846		338,428	2,474,262		1,370,735
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation		319,498		150,351	1,250,570		586,195
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		130,024		71,583	536,406		287,566
Operating leases		48,326		20,908	182,197		87,413
Depreciation and amortization		37,657		17,579	143,978		57,405
Insurance and claims		19,721		11,145	64,682		50,133
Fuel expense		5,500		5,271	21,460		22,004
Other operating expenses		75,333		58,591	309,508		191,809
Impairment of goodwill		(79,068)		_	1,028,397		_
Total operating expenses		556,991		335,428	3,537,198		1,282,525
Income (loss) from continuing operations							
Expedited Freight		7,238		26,745	67,951		116,040
Omni		88,520		_	(1,044,803)		_
Intermodal		5,931		5,068	18,925		25,327
Other operations		(25,834)	_	(28,813)	 (105,009)		(53,157)
Income (loss) from continuing operations		75,855		3,000	(1,062,936)		88,210
Other expense:							
Interest expense, net		(48,427)		(23,976)	(189,215)		(31,571)
Foreign exchange gain		3,005		_	1,093		_
Other income (expense), net		1,188			 1,226		
Total other expense		(44,234)		(23,976)	(186,896)		(31,571)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		31,621		(20,976)	(1,249,832)		56,639
Income tax expense (benefit)		67,000		(6,255)	 (124,990)		13,836
Net income (loss) from continuing operations		(35,378)		(14,721)	(1,124,841)		42,803
Income (loss) from discontinued operation, net of tax		(374)		116,465	(6,387)		124,548
Net (loss) income	\$	(35,752)	\$	101,744	\$ (1,131,228)	\$	167,351
Net (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	\$	664	\$	_	\$ (314,259)	\$	_
Net (loss) income attributable to Forward Air	\$	(36,416)	\$	101,744	\$ (816,969)	\$	167,351
Net income per share:							
Basic net (loss) income per share:							
Continuing operations	\$	(1.23)	\$	(0.58)	\$ (29.43)	\$	1.64
Discontinued operation		(0.01)		4.51	(0.23)		4.78
Net income per basic share <sup>1</sup>	\$	(1.24)	\$	3.94	\$ (29.66)	\$	6.42
Diluted net (loss) income per share:				·			
Continuing operations	\$	(1.23)	\$	(0.58)	\$ (29.43)	\$	1.64
Discontinued operation		(0.01)		4.51	(0.23)		4.77
Net income per diluted share <sup>1</sup>	\$	(1.24)	\$	3.93	\$ (29.66)	\$	6.40
Dividends per share:	\$	_	\$	0.24	\$ _	\$	0.96

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rounding may impact summation of amounts.

#### Expedited Freight Segment Information (In thousands) (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2024 December 31, 2023 Percent of Percent Change Percent of Revenue Change Revenue Operating revenue: 199,022 Network 1 \$ 74.8 % \$ 217,279 77.9 % \$ (18,257) (8.4)% Truckload 45,087 38,538 6,549 17.0 17.0 13.8 Other 21,770 8.2 23,253 8.3 (1,483) (6.4)Total operating revenue 265,879 100.0 279,070 100.0 (13,191) (4.7) Operating expenses: Purchased transportation 136,151 51.2 132,359 47.4 3,792 2.9 56,587 21.3 56,291 20.2 296 0.5 Salaries, wages and employee benefits 18,130 Operating leases 6.8 15,396 5.5 2,734 17.8 Depreciation and amortization 10,395 3.9 12,328 4.4 (1,933)(15.7)Insurance and claims 10,423 3.9 9,438 3.4 985 10.4 2,906 (301) Fuel expense 2,605 1.0 1.0 (10.4)Other operating expenses 24,350 9.2 23,607 8.5 743 3.1 258,641 97.3 252,325 90.4 6,316 2.5 Total operating expenses 7,238 2.7 % 26,745 9.6 % (19,507) (72.9)% Income from operations

<sup>1</sup> Network revenue is comprised of all revenue, including linehaul, pickup and/or delivery, and fuel surcharge revenue, excluding accessorial and Truckload revenue.

### **Expedited Freight Operating Statistics**

	Three Months Ended				
	 December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	Percent Change		
Business days	64	63	1.6 %		
Tonnage 1,2					
Total pounds	670,168	689,621	(2.8)		
Pounds per day	10,471	10,946	(4.3)		
Shipments 1,2					
Total shipments	783	846	(7.4)		
Shipments per day	12.2	13.4	(9.0)		
Weight per shipment	856	815	5.0		
Revenue per hundredweight <sup>3</sup>	\$ 29.70	\$ 31.52	(5.8)		
Revenue per hundredweight, ex fuel <sup>3</sup>	\$ 23.74	\$ 23.99	(1.0)		
Revenue per shipment <sup>3</sup>	\$ 254.30	\$ 256.90	(1.0)		
Revenue per shipment, ex fuel <sup>3</sup>	\$ 203.26	\$ 195.52	4.0		

<sup>1</sup> In thousands.

#### Omni Logistics Segment Information (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			
	De	ecember 31, 2024	Percent of Revenue		
Operating revenue	\$	325,609	100.0 %		
Operating expenses:					
Purchased transportation		183,084	56.2		
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		54,056	16.6		
Operating leases		23,036	7.1		
Depreciation and amortization		22,605	6.9		
Insurance and claims		3,911	1.2		
Fuel expense		863	0.3		
Other operating expenses		28,602	8.8		
Impairment of goodwill		(79,068)	(24.3)		
Total operating expenses		237,089	72.8		
Income from operations	\$	88,520	27.2 %		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Excludes accessorial and Truckload products.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Includes intercompany revenue between the Network and Truckload revenue streams.

#### Intermodal Segment Information (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Decen	nber 31, 2024	Percent of Revenue	December 31, 2023	Percent of Revenue	Change	Percent Change
Operating revenue	\$	59,829	100.0 %	\$ 59,440	100.0 %	\$ 389	0.7 %
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation		18,898	31.6	18,073	30.4	825	4.6
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		14,227	23.8	15,243	25.6	(1,016)	(6.7)
Operating leases		6,463	10.8	5,512	9.3	951	17.3
Depreciation and amortization		4,519	7.6	5,251	8.8	(732)	(13.9)
Insurance and claims		2,498	4.2	2,398	4.0	100	4.2
Fuel expense		2,032	3.4	2,365	4.0	(333)	(14.1)
Other operating expenses		5,261	8.8	5,530	9.3	(269)	(4.9)
Total operating expenses		53,898	90.1	54,372	91.5	(474)	(0.9)
Income from operations	\$	5,931	9.9 %	\$ 5,068	8.5 %	\$ 863	17.0 %

### **Intermodal Operating Statistics**

		Three Months Ended						
	Decemb	er 31, 2024	Dece	mber 31, 2023	Percent Change			
Drayage shipments		63,920		65,776	(2.8)%			
Drayage revenue per shipment	\$	847	\$	821	3.2 %			

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

(	Dece	ember 31, 2024	Dece	mber 31, 2023
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	104,903	\$	121,969
Restricted cash equivalents		363		39,604
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$2,633 in 2024 and \$2,206 in 2023		310,185		153,267
Other receivables		205		5,408
Prepaid expenses		29,053		25,682
Other current assets		15,685		1,098
Total current assets		460,394		347,028
Noncurrent restricted cash equivalents		_		1,790,500
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$292,855 in 2024 and \$250,185 in 2023		326,188		258,095
Operating lease right-of-use assets		410,084		111,552
Goodwill		564,948		278,706
Other acquired intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$144,845 in 2024 and \$127,032		,		,
in 2023		999,216		134,789
Other assets		71,940		58,863
Total assets	\$	2,832,770	\$	2,979,533
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	96,059	\$	45,430
Accrued expenses		121,836		62,948
Other current liabilities		43,147		71,727
Current portion of debt and finance lease obligations		16,930		12,645
Current portion of operating lease liabilities		96,440		44,344
Total current liabilities		374,412		237,094
Finance lease obligations, less current portion		30,858		26,736
Long-term debt, less current portion and debt issuance costs		1,675,930		
Long-term debt held in escrow				1,790,500
Liability from tax receivable agreement		13,295		
Operating lease liabilities, less current portion		325,640		71,598
Other long-term liabilities		48,835		47,144
Deferred income taxes		38,169		42,200
Shareholders' equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value: Authorized shares - 5,000,000; no shares issued or outstanding in 2024 and 2023		_		
Preferred stock, Class B, \$0.01 par value: Authorized shares - 15,000; issued and outstanding shares - 10,096 in 2024 and none in 2023		_		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: Authorized shares - 50,000,000; issued and outstanding shares - 29,761,197 in 2024 and 25,670,663 in 2023		298		257
Additional paid-in capital		582,153		283,684
Retained (deficit) earnings		(338,228)		480,320
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Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,732)		
Total Forward Air shareholders equity		241,491		764,261
Noncontrolling interest		84,140		_
Total shareholders' equity		325,631		764,261
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,832,770	\$	2,979,533

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

(Unaudited)	Three Months Ended			
	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023		
Operating activities:				
Net (loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (35,378)	\$ (14,721)		
Adjustments to reconcile net income of continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations:				
Depreciation and amortization	37,657	17,579		
Impairment of goodwill	(79,068)	_		
Share-based compensation expense	2,100	2,938		
Provision for revenue adjustments	874	1,065		
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	108,276	(11,092)		
Other	3,014	(135)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from the purchase of acquired companies:				
Accounts receivable	36,050	9,588		
Other receivables	2,034	(5,408)		
Other current and noncurrent assets	2,004	27,061		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(108,055)	30,217		
Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations	(30,492)	57,092		
Investing activities:				
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	2,644	466		
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,250)	(8,645)		
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	623	_		
Other	(125)	_		
Net cash used in investing activities of continuing operations	(4,108)	(8,179)		
Financing activities:				
Repayments of finance lease obligations	(3,086)	(2,660)		
Proceeds from credit facility	75,000	25,000		
Repayments on credit facility	(75,000)	(147,375)		
Proceeds from long-term debt held in escrow	_	1,790,500		
Payments of dividends to shareholders	_	(6,197)		
Proceeds from common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan	398	379		
Payment of minimum tax withholdings on share-based awards	_	(25)		
Contributions from subsidiary held for sale	_	224,695		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities of continuing operations	(2,688)	1,884,317		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	874	_		
Net increase (decrease) in cash of continuing operations	(36,414)	1,933,230		
Cash from discontinued operation:				
Net cash used in operating activities of discontinued operations	(374)	(35,135)		
Net cash provided by investing activities of discontinued operations	(=, 1)	259,863		
Net cash used in financing activities of discontinued operations	_	(224,728)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents	(36,788)			
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash equivalents at beginning of period of continuing operations	138,156	18,843		
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash equivalents	(32,890)			
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash equivalents at end of period of continuing operations	\$ 105,266			
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# Forward Air Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

(Unaudited)	Year Ended				
	Dece	mber 31, 2024		er 31, 2023	
Operating activities:			Determo	. 01, 2020	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(1,124,841)	\$	42,803	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) of continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations:		· · · · · · ·			
Depreciation and amortization		143,978		57,405	
Impairment of goodwill		1,028,397		_	
Share-based compensation expense		10,188		11,495	
Provision for revenue adjustments		3,635		5,091	
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)		(88,880)		(8,893)	
Other		7,310		(1,180)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from the purchase of acquired companies:					
Accounts receivable		2,000		30,555	
Other receivables		8,193		(5,408)	
Other current and noncurrent assets		(16,211)		30,683	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(50,031)		36,661	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities of continuing operations		(76,262)		199,212	
Investing activities:				2 = 11	
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		5,137		3,741	
Purchases of property and equipment		(37,060)		(30,725)	
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired		(1,564,619)		(56,703)	
Other		(444)			
Net cash used in investing activities of continuing operations		(1,596,986)		(83,687)	
Financing activities:					
Repayments of finance lease obligations		(18,425)		(9,500)	
Proceeds from credit facility		75,000		70,000	
Payments on credit facility		(155,000)		(178,500)	
Proceeds from long-term debt held in escrow		_		1,790,500	
Payment of debt issuance costs		(60,591)		_	
Payment of earn-out liability		(12,247)		_	
Payments of dividends to shareholders		_		(24,995)	
Repurchases and retirement of common stock		_		(93,811)	
Proceeds from common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan		753		800	
Payment of minimum tax withholdings on share-based awards		(1,572)		(4,340)	
Contributions from subsidiary held for sale				240,572	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities of continuing operations		(172,082)		1,790,726	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		1,012		_	
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash equivalents from continuing operations		(1,844,318)		1,906,251	
Cash from discontinued operation:					
Net cash used in operating activities of discontinued operations		(6,387)		(17,824)	
Net cash provided by investing activities of discontinued operation		_		258,525	
Net cash used in financing activities of discontinued operation	_			(240,701)	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(1,850,705)		1,906,251	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash equivalents at beginning of period of continuing operations		1,952,073		45,822	
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash equivalents		(1,846,807)		1,906,251	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash equivalents at end of period of continuing operations	\$	105,266	S	1,952,073	

#### Forward Air Corporation Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this press release, the Company uses non-GAAP financial measures that are derived on the basis of methodologies other than in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that meaningful analysis of its financial performance requires an understanding of the factors underlying that performance, including an understanding of items that are non-operational. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in making financial, operating, compensation and planning decisions as well as evaluating the Company's performance.

For the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, this press release contains the following non-GAAP financial measures: earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), adjusted EBITDA, free cash flow, adjusted income from continuing operations, adjusted net income, and adjusted net income per diluted share. All non-GAAP financial measures are presented on a continuing operations basis.

The Company believes that EBITDA improves comparability from period to period by removing the impact of its capital structure (interest and financing expenses), asset base (depreciation and amortization) and tax impacts. The Company believes that free cash flow is an important measure of its ability to repay maturing debt or fund other uses of capital that it believes will enhance shareholder value. The Company believes providing adjusted EBITDA, adjusted income from operations, adjusted net income and adjusted net income per diluted share allows investors to compare Company performance consistently over various periods without regard to the impact of unusual, nonrecurring or nonoperational items.

Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, the Company's financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial information does not represent a comprehensive basis of accounting. As required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the Company has included, for the periods indicated, a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

The following is a reconciliation of net income to adjusted EBITDA for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended		
	Decembe	er 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(35,378)	\$ (14,721)	\$ (1,124,841)	\$ 42,803
Interest expense		48,427	23,976	189,215	31,571
Income tax (benefit) expense		67,000	(6,255)	(124,990)	13,836
Depreciation and amortization		37,657	17,579	143,978	57,405
Reported EBITDA		117,706	20,579	(916,638)	145,615
Impairment of goodwill		(79,068)	_	1,028,397	_
Transaction and integration costs		10,074	29,619	81,467	57,490
Severance costs		1,923	198	16,337	517
Optimization project costs		9,873	_	9,873	_
Pro forma synergies		1,353	_	22,239	_
Pro forma savings		5,048	5,649	32,622	21,524
Other		2,351	1,485	33,414	7,085
Pro forma -Omni adjusted EBITDA		_	36,492		169,869
Consolidated EBITDA	\$	69,260	\$ 94,022	\$ 307,711	\$ 402,100

The following is a reconciliation of net cash provided (used in) by operating activities to free cash flow for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

		Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended			nded
Continuing Operations	Dece	December 31, 2024 December 31, 2023		ember 31, 2023	Dec	ember 31, 2024	Dec	cember 31, 2023
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(30,492)	\$	57,092	\$	(76,262)	\$	199,212
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		2,644		466		5,137		3,741
Purchases of property and equipment		(7,250)		(8,645)		(37,060)		(30,725)
Free cash flow	\$	(35,098)	\$	48,913	\$	(108,185)	\$	172,228

#### Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "goal," "seek," "believe," "project," "estimate," "expect," "strategy," "future," "likely," "may," "should," "will" and similar references to future periods. Forward-looking statements included in this press release relate to the Company's expectations for long-term growth; ability to achieve and expand synergistic service offerings; expectations regarding the corrective pricing actions that the Company has taken as well as the impact that may have on the business and the Company's expectations regarding the Company's financial performance, including Consolidated EBITDA, and the impact it may have on the business and results of operations.

Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Our actual results and financial condition may differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, you should not unduly rely on any of these 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, the Company's ability to achieve the expected strategic, financial and other benefits of the acquisition of Omni Logistics, the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully or that integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected, the risk that operating costs, customer loss, management and employee retention and business disruption (including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, customers, clients or suppliers) as a result of the acquisition of Omni Logistics may be greater than expected, continued weakening of the freight environment, future debt and financing levels, our ability to deleverage, including, without limitation, through capital allocation or divestitures of non-core businesses, our ability to secure terminal facilities in desirable locations at reasonable rates, more limited liquidity than expected which limits our ability to make key investments, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, the availability and compensation of qualified Leased Capacity Providers and freight handlers as well as contracted, third-party carriers needed to serve our customers' transportation needs, our inability to manage our information systems and inability of our information systems to handle an increased volume of freight moving through our network, the occurrence of cybersecurity risks and events, market acceptance of our service offerings, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental, tax, insurance and accounting matters, the handling of hazardous materials, changes in fuel prices, loss of a major customer, increasing competition, and pricing pressure, our dependence on our senior management team and the potential effects of changes in employee status, seasonal trends, the occurrence of certain weather events, restrictions in our charter and bylaws and the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, and as may be identified in our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

We caution readers that any forward-looking statement made by us in this press release is based only on information currently available to us and they should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's opinion as of the date on which it is made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise unless required by law.

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### Non-GAAP Measures

To supplement the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), we have included Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated EBITDA Margin %, Excluding Impairment of Goodwill, each a non-GAAP financial measure (each, a "Non-GAAP Measure"), in this presentation. The reconciliation of each Non-GAAP Measure to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP can be found in the Appendix to this presentation. Because each Non-GAAP Measure excludes certain items as described herein, it may not be indicative of the results that Forward expects to recognize for future periods. As a result, each Non-GAAP Measure should be considered in addition to, and not a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company is also providing Consolidated EBITDA and Net Leverage Ratio calculated in accordance with Forward's credit agreement as we believe it provides investors with important information regarding our liquidity, financial condition and compliance with our obligations under our credit agreement.





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### AGENDA

4Q24 Highlights

Full Year Results by Quarter

Integration Update

Leverage and Liquidity

Cash Flow

2024 Summary

Appendix





### 4Q24 Overall Performance Steady Despite Prolonged Softness in Freight Cycle







### Consolidated Results by Quarter

\$ in millions







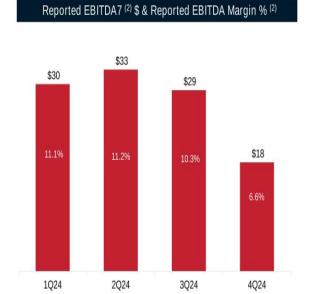
- Pro-forma adjusted to reflect the Omni acquisition calculated in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X. As a result, this
  number differs from reported amounts for 1Q24. For more information, please see our 8-K filed on June 10, 2024.
- 2. Non-GAAP financial measure. Calculated pursuant to Senior Secured Loan Credit Agreement
- Reflects Consolidated EBITDA reported in previous quarters. Amounts were updated to reflect pro forma EBITDA add-backs of rent expense related to abandoned properties.

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## Expedited Freight Segment Results by Quarter "

\$ in millions









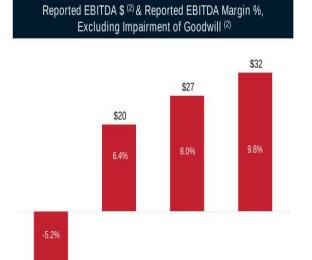
- Segment totals do not include intercompany eliminations or corporate unallocated expenses.
   Non-GAAP financial measure. Reconciliation provided in the Appendix on slide 17

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### Omni Logistics Segment Results by Quarter <sup>®</sup>

\$ in millions





3Q24

2Q24





- Segment totals do not include intercompany eliminations or corporate unallocated expenses.
   Non-GAAP financial measure. Reconciliation provided in the Appendix on slide 18

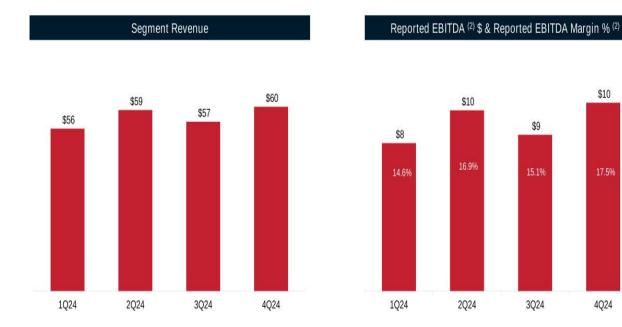
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1Q24

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### Intermodal Segment Results by Quarter <sup>(1)</sup>

\$ in millions







- Segment totals do not include intercompany eliminations or corporate unallocated expenses.
   Non-GAAP financial measure. Reconciliation provided in the Appendix on slide 19

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4Q24

### Omni Integration on Track

Gross Synergies by Quarter in \$M

#### \$20.0M (Anticipated)

End of 1Q25 and Beyond (Run-Rate) ~\$80M Annualized

- · All synergy initiatives currently planned are expected to be actioned by the end of 1Q25
- . Costs to achieve depend on ability to secure lease terminations and sublets. Amount expected to decrease over time as lease overhang costs are mitigated from exited
- · Continue to seek new synergy opportunities

#### \$17.9M

- · Completed air freight transportation management system consolidation; additional systems conversions to continue into 2025
- · Rolled out indirect spend initiatives using combined company's improved buying power
- · Continued to execute facilities consolidations

### \$8.3M

- · Maintained service and corporate processes without interruption
- · Shut down Omni's linehaul operations and absorbed volume into FWRD's network
- · Began to execute facilities consolidation plan

### · Executed organizational streamlining with headcount

\$14.6M

redundancies · Transitioned local cartage from 3rd-party vendors to FWRD

where accretive

· Continued to execute facilities consolidations

The above does not include approximately \$23M in other annualized cost reductions announced in June 2024

The above does not include approximately \$22M in other annualized cost reductions announced in

\$18.6M

· Completed harmonization of

capital management in US

· Continued to execute facilities

· Continued IT system

consolidations

consolidations

corporate policies and human



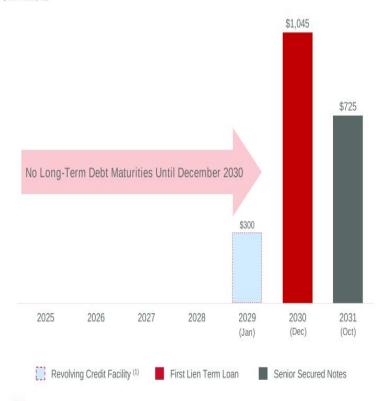
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### No Maturities Over Next 5 Years(1)

\$ in millions



### **Key Commentary**

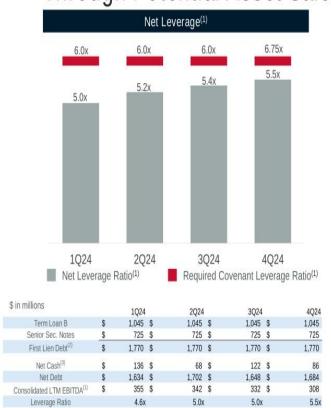
- No material maturities within the next 4 years
- Long period of time to effectuate integration and transformation and garner benefits of combination





1. Credit facility undrawn as of 12/31/24 other than \$23 million letters of credit issued through the facility

### Deleveraging Remains a Key Priority for Management Through Potential Asset Sales and Operational Improvement





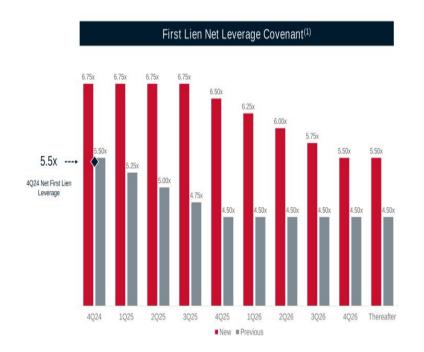
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- L. Calculated pursuant to Senior Secured Loan Credit Agreement
- 2. Includes Term Loan, Senior Secured Notes, and Revolving Credit Facility; excludes finance leases
- 3. Excludes foreign subsidiaries and restricted cash
- 4. Undrawn revolver balance
- 5. Totals may not foot due to rounding

### Amended Credit Facility Agreement – December 2024



Provides increased flexibility to continue executing transformation

Extended leverage step down by four quarters

2027 through maturity net leverage covenant increased by 1x

Facility size reduced from \$340M to \$300M

Additional details regarding the amendment can be found in **the Company's Form 8**-K filed with the SEC on January 6, 2025



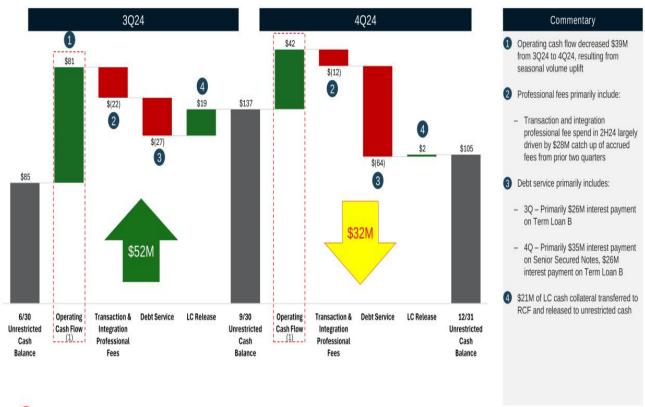


1. Calculated pursuant to Senior Secured Loan Credit Agreement

## \$20M positive cash flow over 2H24, with operating cash flow primarily used to service debt and pay legacy professional fees

### 2H24 Cash Bridge

\$ in millions







### 2024 Summary



Completed transaction in 1Q24



Executed more than \$100 million in annualized cost reduction synergies in 2024



Brought in new senior leadership beginning in April



Transforming from separate legal entity driven organizations to a product, service and operations driven team with stronger back-office support, process and procedure



Continuing as an industry leader in on-time service and claims rates



Steady 4Q24 financial performance in the face of challenging market backdrop



Amended senior secured term loan credit agreement in December to provide additional financial flexibility



Deleveraging remains focus via asset rationalization and improved performance



Ended 4Q24 in strong liquidity position





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### Net Income to Consolidated EBITDA Reconciliation

\$ in millions

Consolidated EBITDA Reconciliation	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	TTM (12/31/2024)
Net (loss) income from continuing operations	(\$89)	(\$966)	(\$34)	(\$35)	(\$1,125)
Interest expense	41	47	53	48	189
Income tax (benefit) expense	(18)	(175)	1	67	(125)
Depreciation and amortization	32	49	26	38	144
Reported EBITDA <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	(\$35)	(\$1,046)	\$46	\$118	(\$917)
Impairment of goodwill		1,093	15	(79)	1,028
Transaction and integration costs	62	10	(1)	10	81
Severance costs	8	4	3	2	16
Optimization project costs				10	10
Pro forma synergies	11	6	5	1	22
Pro forma savings	11	10	6	5	33
Other	7	12	13	2	33
Consolidated EBITDA <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$63	\$89	\$86	\$69	\$308
Consolidated First Lien Indebtedness					1,770
Net Cash & Cash Equivalents					(86)
Net Debt					\$1,684
Consolidated First Lien Net Leverage Ratio					5.5x





# FY2024 Segment Performance - Expedited Freight®

\$ in millions

	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	FY 2024
Expedited Freight					
Operating revenue	\$273	\$291	\$285	\$266	\$1,115
Operating expenses					
Purchased transportation	128	143	140	136	546
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	63	64	59	57	242
Operating leases	15	15	16	18	64
Depreciation and amortization	10	11	10	10	41
Insurance and claims	11	11	12	10	44
Fuel expense	3	2	2	3	10
Other operating expenses	25	24	26	24	100
Total operating expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	254	269	265	259	1,047
Income (loss) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$19	\$22	\$19	\$7	\$68
(+) Depreciation and amortization	10	11	10	10	41
Reported EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup> Reported EBITDA Margin %	\$30 10.9%	\$33 11.2%	\$29 10.3%	\$18 6.6%	\$109 9.8%





Segment totals do not include intercompany eliminations or corporate unallocated expenses

Totals may not foot due to rounding

## FY2024 Segment Performance – Omni Logistics

\$ in millions	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	FY 2024
Omni Logistics					
Operating revenue	\$225	\$312	\$335	\$326	\$1,197
Operating expenses					
Purchased transportation	144	179	195	183	701
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	49	58	55	54	216
Operating leases	19	27	28	23	97
Depreciation and amortization	17	33	11	23	84
Insurance and claims	2	3	3	4	12
Fuel expense	0	1	1	1	3
Other operating expenses	22	25	26	29	101
Impairment of goodwill	4	1,093	15	(79)	1,029
Total operating expenses (2)	253	1,418	333	237	2,242
Income (loss) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	(\$29)	(\$1,106)	\$1	\$89	(\$1,045)
(+) Impairment of goodwill	2	1,093	15	(79)	1,029
Adjusted income (loss) from operations (2)	(\$29)	(\$13)	\$16	\$9	(\$16)
(+) Depreciation and amortization	17	33	11	23	84
Reported EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	(\$12)	\$20	\$27	\$32	\$67
Reported EBITDA Margin %	-5.2%	6.4%	8.0%	9.8%	5.6%





Segment totals do not include intercompany eliminations or corporate unallocated expenses

Totals may not foot due to rounding

## FY2024 Segment Performance – Intermodal

\$ in millions

	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	FY 2024
Intermodal					
Operating revenue	\$56	\$59	\$57	\$60	\$233
Operating expenses					
Purchased transportation	17	19	18	19	74
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	15	15	15	14	59
Operating leases	5	5	6	6	22
Depreciation and amortization	5	5	5	5	18
Insurance and claims	3	3	3	2	10
Fuel expense	2	2	2	2	9
Other operating expenses	6	6	6	5	23
Total operating expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	53	54	53	54	214
Income (loss) from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$4	\$5	\$4	\$6	\$19
(+) Depreciation and amortization	5	5	5	5	18
Reported EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup> Reported EBITDA Margin %	\$8 14.6%	\$10 16.9%	\$9 15.1%	\$10 17.5%	\$37 16.0%





### Legacy Forward Air LTL Operating Metrics

