

## **Key Highlights**

- Lincoln International Environmental Services Stock Index rose 2.9% in Q4 2017
- Public company trading multiples increased, averaging 11.6x in Q4 2017
- Global deal volume increased in Q3 2017 when compared to the previous quarter

# **Lincoln International's Environmental Services Group**

Lincoln International recognizes the importance of understanding a client's industry, value drivers, growth opportunities and challenges. Our extensive environmental services expertise provides in-depth market insights, deep relationships with the most active strategic and financial partners and superior knowledge on how to best position a business and overcome potential issues. These attributes, combined with our globally integrated resources and flawless execution, enable us to consistently deliver outstanding outcomes for our clients.

Lincoln International's dedicated Environmental Services Group has established itself among the most active M&A advisors in the midmarket. Our senior bankers provide sector-specific expertise, global buyer access and unmatched execution within the environmental services space, particularly in our key areas of focus below:

- Consulting & Engineering
- Laboratory Testing
- Remediation & Construction
- Reverse Logistics, Refurbishment & Recycling
- Waste Collection & Disposal



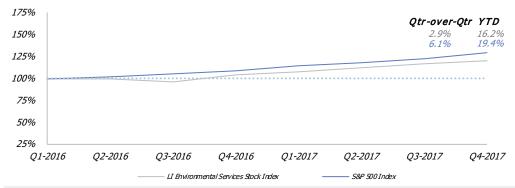
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## **Lincoln International Environmental Services Stock** Index ("LI ESSI")

The LI ESSI is a market cap-weighted composite stock index similar to the S&P 500 Index. Given the broad scope of Environmental Services, the LI ESSI is comprised of companies that generate a meaningful portion of revenue from a variety of sub-sectors,

including Consulting & Engineering; Recycling & Refurbishment; Remediation & Construction; and Waste Collection & Disposal. A full list of the companies included in the LI ESSI is provided on the following page.

#### **Stock Index Change**



Source: Capital IQ as of 12/31/2017v

## **Quarter-over-Quarter Performance**

Outperformers*	Change
Casella Waste Systems, Inc.	22.4%
Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	19.0%
Sims Metal Management Limited	17.0%
Waste Management, Inc.	10.3%
Veolia Environnement S.A.	8.8%
ARCADIS NV	4.5%
Tetra Tech, Inc.	3.4%
Republic Services, Inc.	2.3%
Waste Connections, Inc.	1.4%
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.	1.2%
AECOM	0.9%

Underperformers*	Change
RPS Group plc	(5.6%)
US Ecology, Inc.	(5.2%)
Stericycle, Inc.	(5.1%)
SUEZ SA	(5.1%)
Clean Harbors, Inc.	(4.4%)

<sup>\*</sup>Based on qtr-over-qtr share price performance



























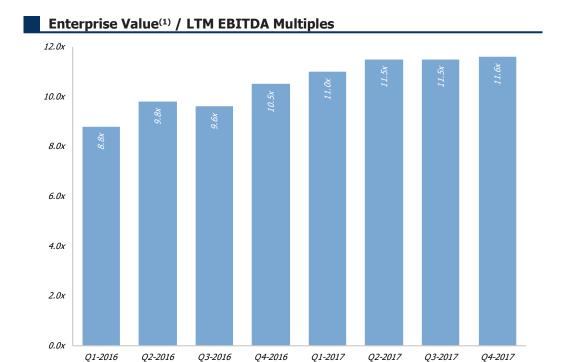








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Source: Capital IQ as of 12/31/2017; multiples represent adjusted mean

(1) Enterprise Value is calculated as market capitalization plus total net debt, preferred equity and minority interest

#### LI Environmental Services Stock Index Data

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Current			Diluted		Diluted LTM	EV / LTM		LTM Growth		EBITDA	Net Debt	
	Price	52-Wk	Market	Enterprise Dilut Value EPS		Rev	Rev	EBITDA	EBIT	Rev	<b>EBITDA</b>	Margin	/ EBITDA
AECOM	\$37.15	\$39.50	\$5,856	\$9,116	\$2.13	\$18,203	0.5x	11.2x	16.6x	4.6%	(9.4%)	4.5%	3.7x
ARCADIS NV	22.88	24.02	1,961	2,586	0.68	3,764	0.7x	11.9x	18.4x	(0.4%)	(17.5%)	5.7%	2.7x
Casella Waste Systems Inc.	23.02	23.20	968	1,450	(1.29)	592	2.5x	12.6x	27.2x	5.5%	10.2%	19.4%	4.2x
Clean Harbors, Inc.	54.20	61.62	3,086	4,354	0.07	2,890	1.5x	10.6x	35.3x	4.1%	5.1%	14.2%	3.1x
Republic Services, Inc.	67.61	68.00	22,597	30,393	2.36	9,861	3.1x	11.1x	18.5x	6.0%	4.9%	27.8%	2.8x
RPS Group plc	3.68	4.11	802	928	0.14	798	1.2x	10.5x	15.9x	4.6%	12.5%	11.0%	1.4x
Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	33.50	35.15	883	1,025	2.27	1,837	0.6x	8.2x	13.7x	34.5%	66.9%	6.8%	1.4x
Sims Metal Management Limited	12.32	12.77	2,484	2,185	1.02	3,906	0.6x	12.3x	23.8x	12.4%	251.1%	4.6%	(1.7x)
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.	45.49	47.35	7,983	9,737	2.12	6,903	1.4x	17.6x	22.5x	1.7%	17.8%	8.0%	3.2x
Stericycle, Inc.	67.99	88.00	5,805	8,542	(0.55)	3,599	2.4x	11.4x	16.6x	1.6%	(14.7%)	20.8%	3.6x
Suez Environnement Company SA	17.61	20.40	10,943	21,643	0.46	17,562	1.2x	9.0x	17.8x	3.4%	2.0%	13.7%	3.4x
Tetra Tech, Inc.	48.15	50.90	2,683	2,850	2.04	2,034	1.4x	12.9x	16.2x	5.4%	9.0%	10.9%	0.8x
US Ecology, Inc.	51.00	55.75	1,113	1,383	1.20	488	2.8x	13.6x	23.2x	(2.3%)	(13.1%)	20.9%	2.7x
Veolia Environnement S.A.	25.55	25.96	14,040	25,526	0.47	28,410	0.9x	8.0x	16.5x	4.5%	0.4%	11.2%	3.0x
Waste Connections Inc.	70.94	74.20	18,703	22,176	1.32	4,522	4.9x	15.5x	27.4x	58.2%	57.9%	31.5%	2.4x
Waste Management, Inc.	86.30	86.89	37,473	46,805	3.12	14,293	3.3x	12.0x	18.3x	6.7%	7.0%	27.4%	2.4x
Mean							1.8x	11.8x	20.5x	9.4%	24.4%	14.9%	2.4x
Median							1.4x	11.7x	18.3x	4.6%	6.1%	12.5%	2.8x
Adjusted Mean (excludes highest and lowest value)					1.7x	11.6x	19.9x	6.7%	11.2%	14.5%	2.6x		

Source: Capital IQ as of 12/31/2017



## **Lincoln's Insights**

Lincoln International advised **Rotunda** Capital and management shareholders on the sale of **Primary** Integration ("PI") to France-based **Bureau** Veritas SA. PI is the leading provider of commissioning and operational consulting services for data centers and other mission-critical environments. **PI's** full suite of services span the entire data center lifecycle, from precommissioning through facility operation. **PI's** services ensure new and existing facilities run at peak performance and verify mechanical, electrical and control systems operate according to the engineers' design intent, thus preventing costly system malfunctions, as well as maximizing energy efficiency. Lincoln acted as the exclusive sell-side advisor to Rotunda and PI. working closely with the team throughout the sale process.

## **Market Intelligence**

01/10/18: Arcadis NV (ENXTAM:ARCAD), the Netherlands-based design and consultancy firm for natural and built assets, has acquired SEAMS Limited, a provider of software and analytics solutions focused on wastewater and energy industries. The acquisition will further grow Arcadis' digital and data expertise while also helping the company improve customer satisfaction, increase affordability and maintain high service levels.

12/21/17: Audax Private Equity, the Boston-based private equity firm, has acquired Liquid Environmental Solutions ("LES"), a provider of non-hazardous liquid waste management and disposal services. LES has over 650 employees, a fleet of more than 300 trucks, 54 collection branches and 23 wastewater treatment plants.

Waste 12/01/17: Connection (NYSE:WCN), the Ontario-based solid waste services company, plans to make near term acquisitions. Research reports suggest that the management team will deploy its cash balance on M&A beginning in late 2017 and through early 2018. Per CEO Ron Mittelstaedt, Waste **Connections** would like to close on around 25 to 30 small acquisitions in 2017, focusing on landfill and collection buys.

11/30/17: **EagleTree Capital**, the New Yorkbased private equity fund, has acquired a majority stake in WaterFleet LLC, a provider of mobile water and wastewater treatment services. Stars Investment Management Co. and other co-investors are partnering alongside **EagleTree**.

11/20/17: Valicor Environmental Services, the Ohio-based provider of non-hazardous wastewater treatment services and portfolio company of Wind Point Partners, has acquired Midstate Environmental **Services**, a provider of used oil collection and processing services. This is the second bolt-on acquisition under Wind Point's ownership. Valicor's acquisition program focuses on acquiring operators of CWT facilities as well as other providers of waste management and environmental services.

11/13/17: Integrated Global Services ("IGS"), the Virginia-based provider of surface protection solutions for metal wastage and a portfolio company of Industrial **Growth Partners**, is in active discussions with multiple targets. IGS announced the acquisition of Cetek, a provider of surface protection solutions for wastage and emission reduction, in early November for undisclosed terms. IGS is "looking for the next Cetek," said CEO Rich Crawford, and while an exit is not in the near future, the management team is "young, aggressive and motivated" and building a company with an exit in mind.

11/09/17: Ecological Service Partners ("ESP"), the Washington DC-based provider of ecological restoration services, announced the successful closing of a \$250M equity round. The equity raised will support ESP's activities in large-scale ecological restoration of damaged wetlands, streams and habitats for endangered species, as well as enhance water quality. With the newly committed capital, ESP is now one of the largest and best capitalized operators in the ecological service market.

10/31/17: **SNC-Lavalin (TSX:SNC)**, the Montreal-based professional services and project management company, has acquired Data Transfer Solutions, a provider of engineering, GIS and environmental management solutions, for \$45M. The acquisition will add to the capabilities of SNC-Lavalin's Atkins sector and will enhance service offerings in digital asset management. The acquisition is aligned with the SNC-Lavalin's global digital strategy and recognizes the pace of technological change in the engineering, construction and environmental industry.

10/24/17: **Veolia** Environment (ENXTPA:VIE), the France-based waste management company, has Van Scherpenzeel, a provider of waste collection and recycling services. Veolia paid an estimated €50M - €70M for the Dutch company, which has 150 employees, according to the company's website.



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## **Environmental Services M&A Activity**

Quarterly M&A Activity



Source: Capital IQ as of 12/31/2017

Note: Represents closed M&A transactions for targets classified under relevant SIC codes or tracked on Lincoln's industry watch list; this chart is subject to change quarterly as this report may be published prior to the announcement of certain transactions completed within the respective periods outlined above

## Select M&A Transactions

(\$ in millions)

Closed	Target	Target Description	Acquirer	Enterprise Value	Rev.	EBITDA
Announced	SEAMS Limited	Provides environmentally focused software and analytics solutions	Arcadis	-	-	-
Announced	Amec Foster Wheeler's American & Romanian Nuclear Operations	Provides environmental services	Kinectrics	\$10.0	-	-
Jan-18	Complete Disposal	Provides integrated solid waste management services	Casella Waste Systems	16.5	-	-
Dec-17	CTI Group	Provides waste management services	Accuworx	-	-	-
Dec-17	Liquid Environmental Solutions	Provides liquid and non-hazardous waste collection services	Audax Group	-	-	-
Dec-17	Fondasol	Provides geotechnical engineering services	BNP Paribas; BTP Capital Investissement; Amundi	-	-	-
Dec-17	Ingenieria, Control Y Administracion	Provides infrastructure development services	Bureau Veritas	-	-	-
Nov-17	Waterfleet	Provides waste management services	EagleTree Capital	-	-	-
Nov-17	Delmar Disposal	Provides environmental and industrial services	TAS Environmental Services	-	-	-
Nov-17	Midstate Environmental Services	Provides oil recycling and other environmental services	Valicor Environmental Services	-	-	-
Nov-17	CRS Reprocessing	Provides fluid reprocessing management services	Triangle Capital	27.1	-	-
Nov-17	Consultoría Colombiana	Provides engineering and environmental services	WSP Global	-	-	-
Oct-17	Cetek Limited	Provides surface protection solutions for wastage and emission reduction	Integrated Global Services	-	-	-
Oct-17	Van Scherpenzeel Groep	Provides paper and plastic waste recycling services	Veolia Environnement	-	-	-
Oct-17	OHES Environmental	Provides environmental consultancy services	Adler and Allan	-	-	-
Oct-17	Data Transfer Solutions	Provides GIS and environmental management system solutions	SNC-Lavalin Group	45.0	-	-
Oct-17	North State Resources	Provides environmental consulting services	Stantec	-	-	-
Oct-17	Gelabert Gestión de Residuos	Provides waste management services	Griñó Yield	-	-	-
Oct-17	Amaris Energie	Provides engineering and consulting services	Intuitis Investisseurs Privés	-	-	-
Oct-17	WSR Recycling	Provides waste management services	PandaGreen	-	-	-

Source: Capital IQ, Mergermarket, Company Filings as of 12/31/2017



## **Global Industry** Groups

**Business Services** 

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& Infrastructure

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**Industrials** 

Technology, Media

& Telecom

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