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# Northern Technologies International Corporation

## *First Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Investor Presentation*

NTIC's environmentally friendly technologies deliver leading corrosion inhibiting products and services, as well as advanced bioplastic packaging solutions

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# About NTIC

NTIC believes it is at an inflection point, as the Company capitalizes on recent investments and upgrades across its global operations

## Reaccelerating Revenue Growth in Q1 FY26

- Record consolidated net sales during first quarter, driven by the strongest year-over-year growth rate NTIC has had since FY24
- ZERUST® oil and gas net sales increased 58.1% to a Q1 record of \$2.4 million
- ZERUST® industrial net sales increased 6.9% to a quarterly record of \$14.9 million
- NTIC China net sales increased 23.5% to a quarterly record of \$4.9 million
- Natur-Tec® product net sales increased 2.2% to a quarterly record of \$6.0 million, and up 16.5% from Q4 FY25

## Improving Profitability is a Key Priority in FY26

- Operating expenses as a percentage of Q1 FY26 sales were 41.8%, reflecting the third consecutive quarterly improvement in holding down operating expenses
- NTIC expects quarterly sales to grow faster than operating expenses as it continues to leverage recent investments and upgrades across the Company's global operations
- NTIC expects consolidated gross margin to improve sequentially during FY26, benefitting from more profitable mix of sales, and focus on maintaining strong gross margin across business

## Profitability Aimed at Improving Balance Sheet

- Debt has increased recently to fund recent growth and infrastructure investments
- NTIC's revolving line of credit and term loan balance was a combined total of \$12.0 million at November 30, 2025
- As profitability expands in FY26, NTIC will use excess free cash flow to reduce debt
- Cash and cash equivalents of \$6.4 million at November 30, 2025 does not include \$15.6 million of cash at NTIC's joint ventures
- Any dividends or payments for joint ventures will accelerate debt pay down

Environmentally friendly corrosion inhibiting products and services and advanced bioplastic packaging solutions



ZERUST®/EXCOR® offers a wide range of products and solutions to solve corrosion issues

ZERUST® Oil and Gas technologies reduce facility downtime, increase service life, and produce less waste

Natur-Tec® provides biobased and compostable packaging solutions for a sustainable world

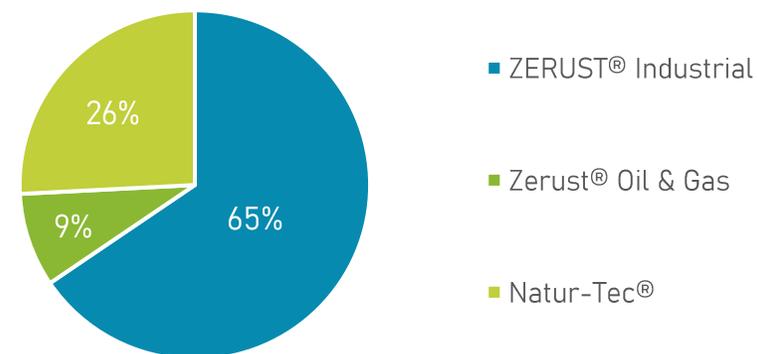
## Northern Technologies International Corp.

- Converting environmentally beneficial technologies into value-added products and services for industrial and consumer applications
- Providing Volatile Corrosion Inhibitor (VCI) based solutions for over 50 years
  - Industrial applications
  - Oil & Gas applications
- Natur-Tec® market leading compostable bioplastic compounds and products
  - Zero-waste solutions
  - Sustainable packaging applications
- Flexible, asset-light business model, with 15 Joint Ventures (JVs) globally
  - Sales by JVs are not consolidated on the Company's income statement
- Focused on creating long-term value for customers, employees, communities and shareholders

## Key Growth Strategies

- Strategy focused on maximizing the potential of ZERUST® Oil and Gas and Natur-Tec® growth opportunities
  - From FY15 to FY25, Natur-Tec® and ZERUST® Oil & Gas have achieved compound annual growth rates (CAGR) of 17.7% and 14.5%, respectively, compared to the 8.6% CAGR of the established ZERUST® industrial business
- Capital light business model supports growth-oriented capital allocation strategies and dividend policy

### FY25 Sales Mix by Product Category



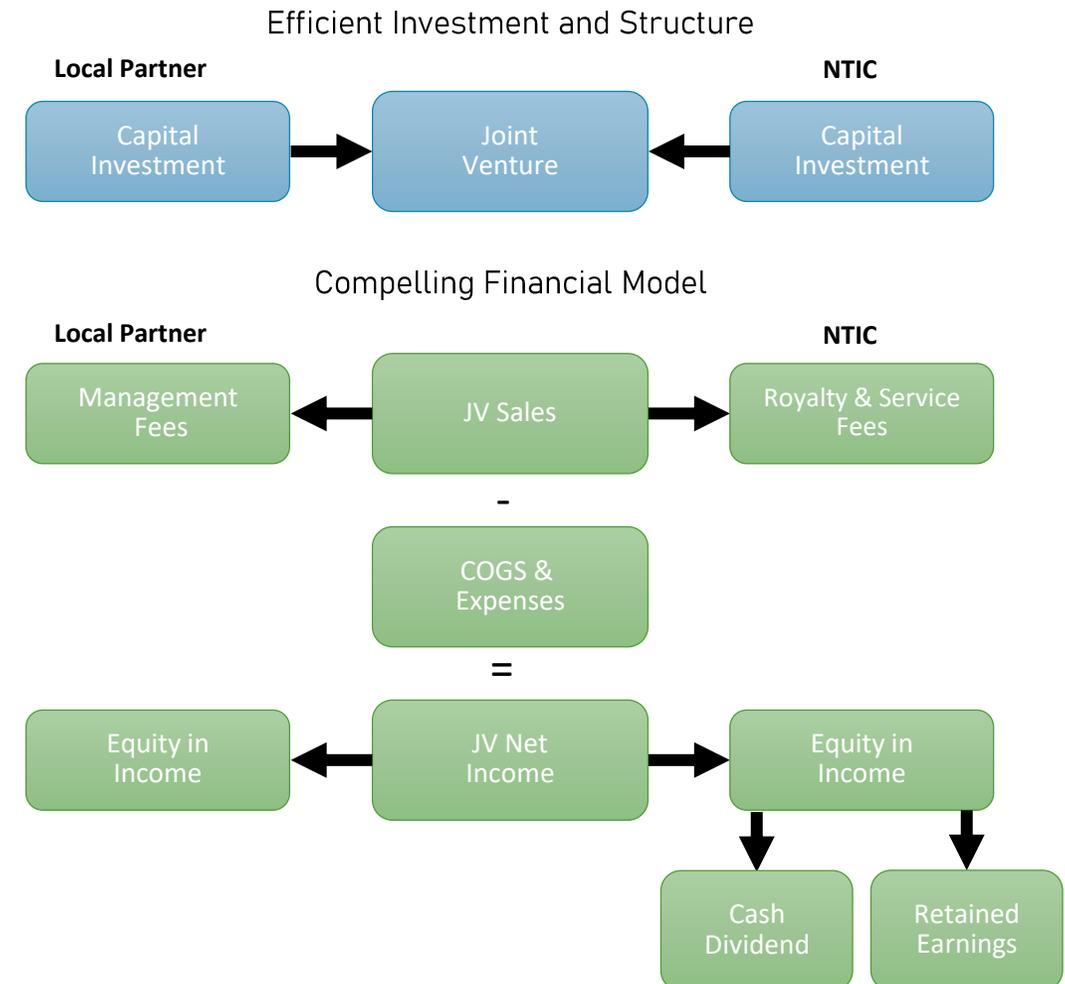


# Compelling Joint Venture Model

## Overview

- 15 international joint ventures
  - JVs have allowed rapid global expansion with little capital investment. Most JV's established in 80's & 90's
  - Generally, 50/50 ownership with local JV partner
  - NTIC receives ~7% fee based on JV sales and 50% of JV dividend distributions after year end (varies by country's tax treatment), local partner receives the same
- Equity method accounting on GAAP financial statements
  - Equity in income is reported on GAAP income statement
  - Gross JV sales not consolidated into NTIC's net sales but are disclosed in notes to consolidated financials
- JV operating income contribution to NTIC has averaged ~11% of total JV sales over the past five fiscal years.
- Direct expenses to support JVs are relatively fixed, representing significant operating leverage on incremental JV sales
- Local partners provide:
  - Direct sales
  - Product support
  - Local contacts and local marketing expertise
  - Local manufacturing oversight

## Financial Model





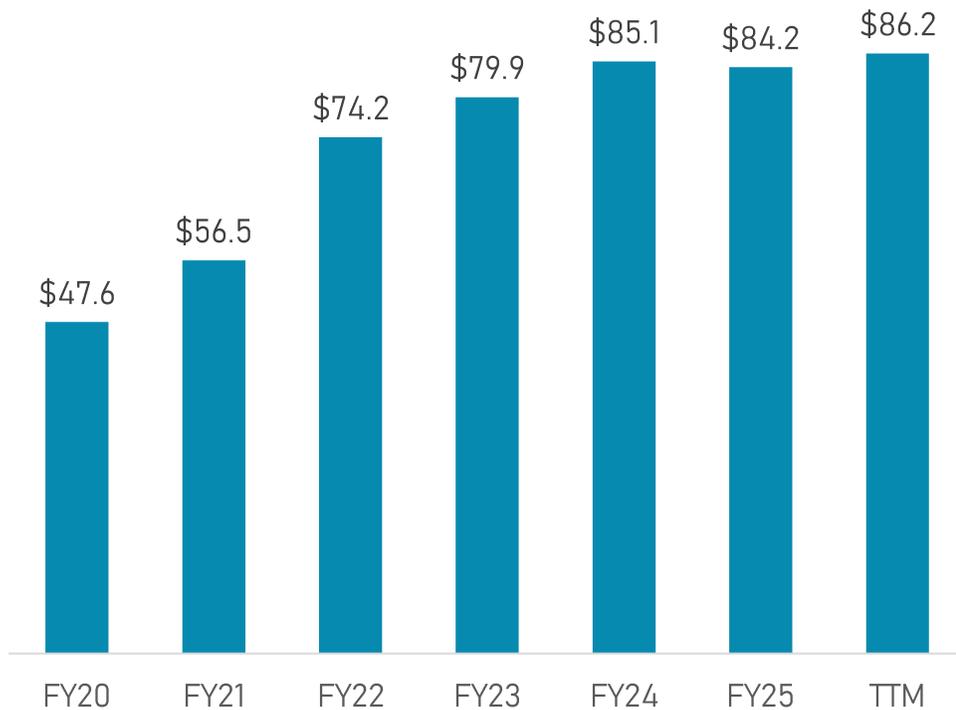
Creating Value for Shareholders  
Through a Proven, Multi-Year  
Growth Strategy



# Strategic Plan Focused on Creating Long-Term Shareholder Value



Total Net Sales (in millions)



Increase topline ZERUST® Industrial, ZERUST® Oil and Gas and Natur-Tec® revenues globally

Diversify revenues by product categories and geographies

Maximize potential of ZERUST® Oil and Gas and Natur-Tec® growth opportunities

Control operating expenses domestically and at subsidiaries

Generate free cash flow and maintain strong balance sheet

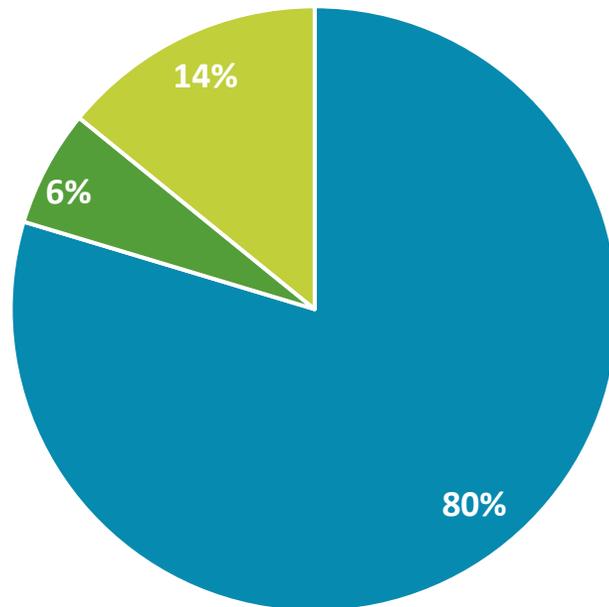
Grow dividend in line with earnings growth

Strategic Objective: >15% top line revenue growth w/ SG&A expense growth <~10%

# Diversifying Revenue by Product Category



FY15 Net Sales by Product Category

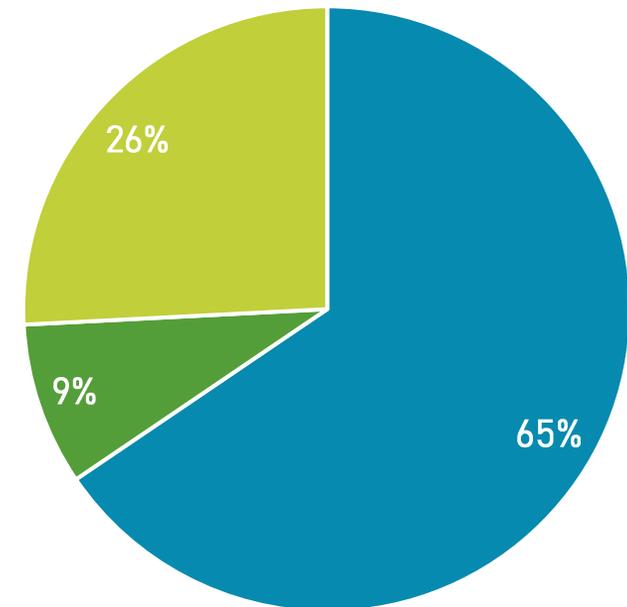


■ ZERUST® Industrial



■ ZERUST® Oil & Gas

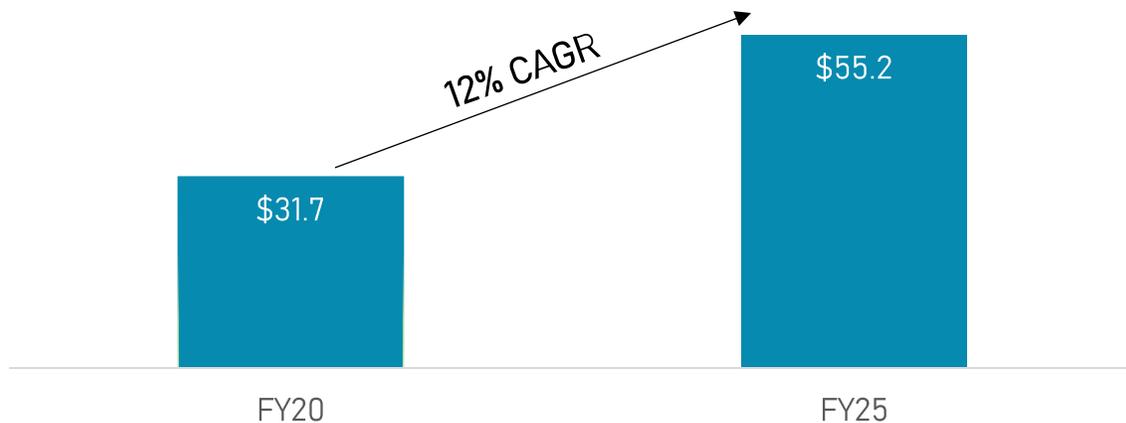
FY25 Net Sales by Product Category



■ Natur-Tec®

NTIC has successfully identified opportunities across large, rapidly growing, global markets that leverage the Company's corrosion prevention technologies and bio-based and compostable plastic solutions

## ZERUST® Industrial Sales (in millions)



## Value Proposition

- Environmentally responsible corrosion protection products & services
- Only VCI company with a truly global scope and scale through subsidiaries and network of JVs
- Primarily subcontracts production for virtually unlimited scalability and low capital structure
- Revenue generated from sales of consumable products

## Growth Highlights

- ZERUST® industrial net sales in Q1 FY26, increased 6.9% year-over-year to a quarterly record of \$14.9 million primarily due to stable demand for North American ZERUST® industrial products and growth at NTIC China.
- Annual global market potential is approximately \$600 million
- Expanding product line increases opportunities to sell more products to new and existing customers

## Key Applications

Packaging Films



Packaging Paper



Emitters & Diffusers



Cleaners & Degreasers



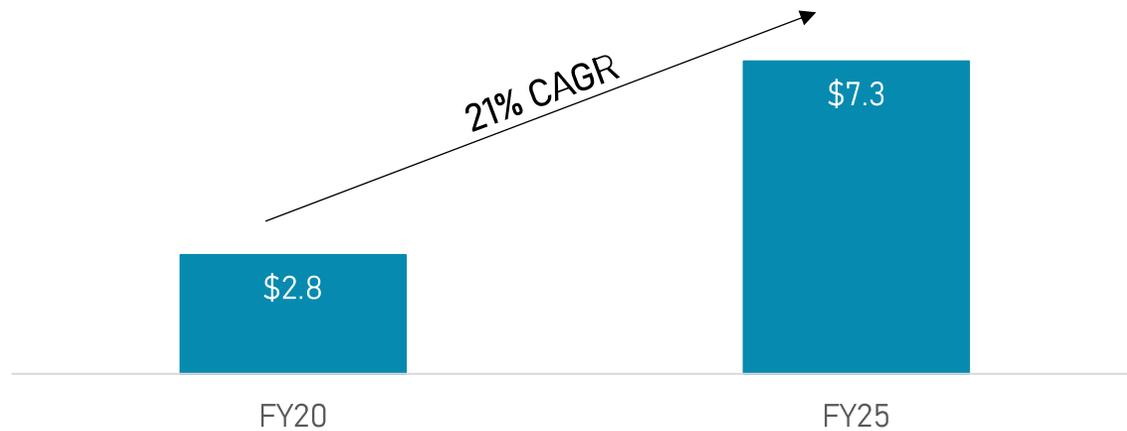
Rust Removers



Tapes



## ZERUST® Oil and Gas Sales (in millions)



## Value Proposition

- Patented VCI processes and solutions provide significantly lower maintenance costs and downtime on critical oil and gas industry infrastructure
- VCI technologies provide new solutions that are BOTH cheaper and more efficient than legacy cathodic protection systems and coatings technologies
- Oil and gas industry increasingly focused on product performance and cost containment, which supports broad conversion to VCI solutions
- Partnering with large oil and gas service companies to expand customer reach and contacts

## Growth Highlights

- ZERUST® oil and gas net sales in Q1 FY26, increased 58.1% year-over-year to a first quarter record of \$2.4 million, reflecting growing adoption of the Company's VCI solutions by new and existing customers.
- In November 2025, Zerust Brazil (NTIC's 85%-owned subsidiary) secured a new three-year offshore project with a leading global EPC company to provide advanced corrosion-protection solutions for floating production storage and offloading units. The order is valued at approximately \$13 million.

## Key Applications

### Pipeline Protection & Preservation



Corrosion inhibitors and gels that are injected into the annular pipe casing space.

### Above Ground Storage Tank Protection



VCI, can be used for the protection of aboveground storage tank bottoms from soil-side corrosion.

## Natur-Tec® Sales (in millions)

16% CAGR



## Value Proposition

- Global provider of certified 100% compostable alternatives to conventional plastics for the Circular Economy with an 18+ year track record
- Patented processes allow the more efficient manufacture of finished products at a lower cost, and with a greater mechanical strength
- Market-leading, patented resin compounds and a broad product portfolio provides one-stop for bioplastic solutions

## Growth Highlights

- Natur-Tec net sales in Q1 FY26 increased 2.2% year-over-year to a quarterly record of \$6.0 million, driven primarily by higher sales in North America.
- In Q4 FY25, Natur-Tec entered into a preferred supplier agreement with the nation's leading specialized distributor for JanSan, foodservice and industrial packaging.
- Annual market potential of approximately \$1 billion

## Key Applications

### 3000 Series



- Compostable single-use cutlery and packaging alternatives
- Garment industry packaging accessories

### 5000 Series



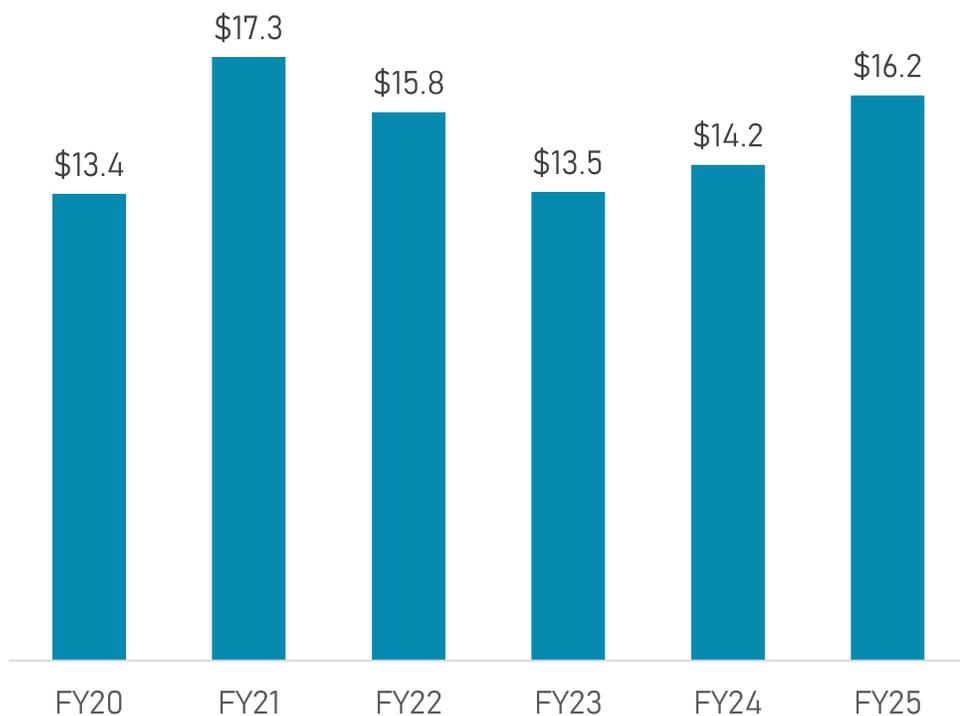
- Compostable straws and thermoformed lids
- Food-service containers

### 7000 Series



- Compostable bags and liners
- Carry-out and shopper bags
- Produce bags

Annual NTIC China Sales (in millions)



NTIC China net sales for the first quarter FY26, increased 23.5% year-over-year to a quarterly record of \$4.9 million

NTIC China net sales in FY25 was the second strongest year of sales NTIC has achieved since transitioning to a wholly owned subsidiary in FY15

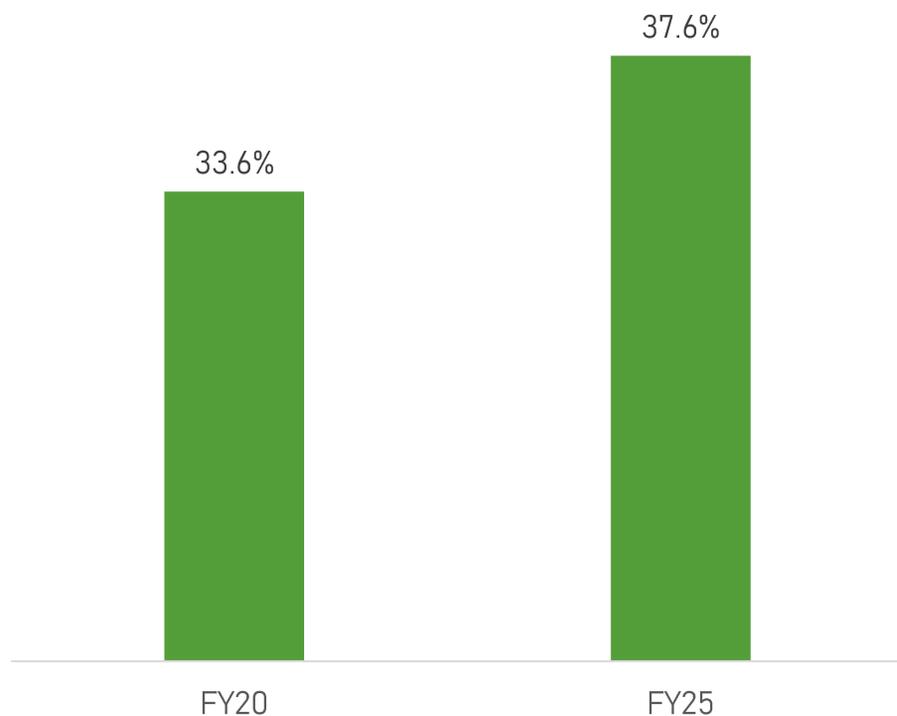
The majority of NTIC China's production and sales are for local consumption which may limit NTIC China's exposure to tariffs, including those recently imposed by the U.S.

In FY21, NTIC purchased a new facility in Shanghai, China, to support its R&D, production, sales and marketing, and training efforts for the region

As the largest global steel producing country, China supports a significant market for NTIC's corrosion prevention technologies

As market dynamics improve in China, NTIC expects to be well positioned to take advantage of a meaningful long-term growth opportunity in this market

## 5-Year Gross Margin Growth

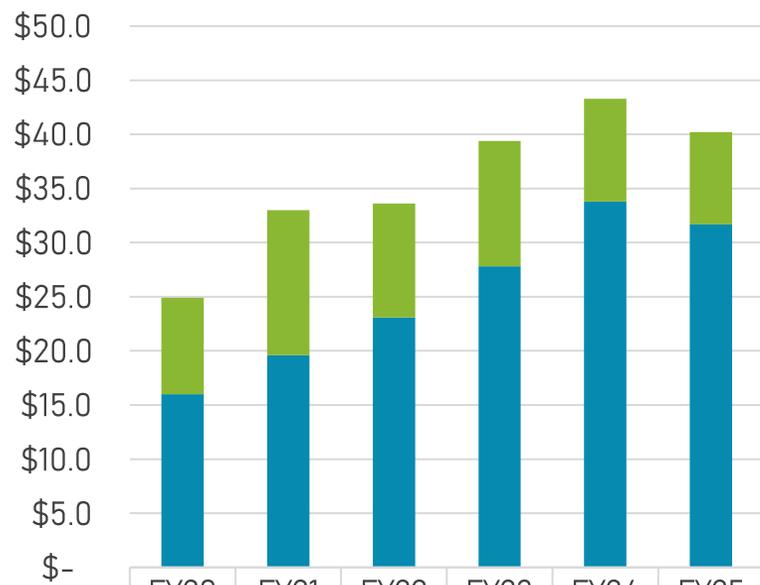


- NTIC has been pursuing strategies aimed at improving profitability through quality system improvement initiatives
- Q1 FY26 gross profit, as a percent of net sales, was 36.0%, compared to 38.3% for the prior fiscal year period.
- Lower Q1 FY26 gross margin was primarily due to a temporary supplier lead-time issue and gross margin is expected to improve sequentially throughout FY26.
  
- NTIC has focused on maintaining 30+% gross margins through strategies aimed at driving efficiencies, and optimizing pricing and purchasing actions
- Longer-term, NTIC expects to benefit from higher sales of ZERUST® Oil & Gas, which have higher gross margins than the Company's average

# Transformation in Profitability



Annual Gross Profit + JV Operating Income  
(in millions)



JV Operating Income	\$8.9	\$13.4	\$10.5	\$11.6	\$9.5	\$8.5
Gross Profit	\$16.0	\$19.6	\$23.1	\$27.8	\$33.8	\$31.7

From FY20 to FY25, gross profit increased at a 14.6% CAGR

From FY20 to FY25, gross profit margin has improved 400-basis points to 37.6%

NTIC has acquired two joint venture partners over this period, which are now consolidated on NTIC's financial results and contributing to gross profit, versus joint venture operating income

In FY25, European joint ventures were impacted by higher energy prices and regional economic pressures that affected sales and profitability

Joint venture operating income contribution to NTIC has averaged ~10% of total joint venture sales from FY20 to FY25

NTIC's consolidated sales are contributing more to profitability compared to the Company's joint venture as a result of higher levels of sales growth and profitability at NTIC

# Financial Performance and Capital Allocation Priorities

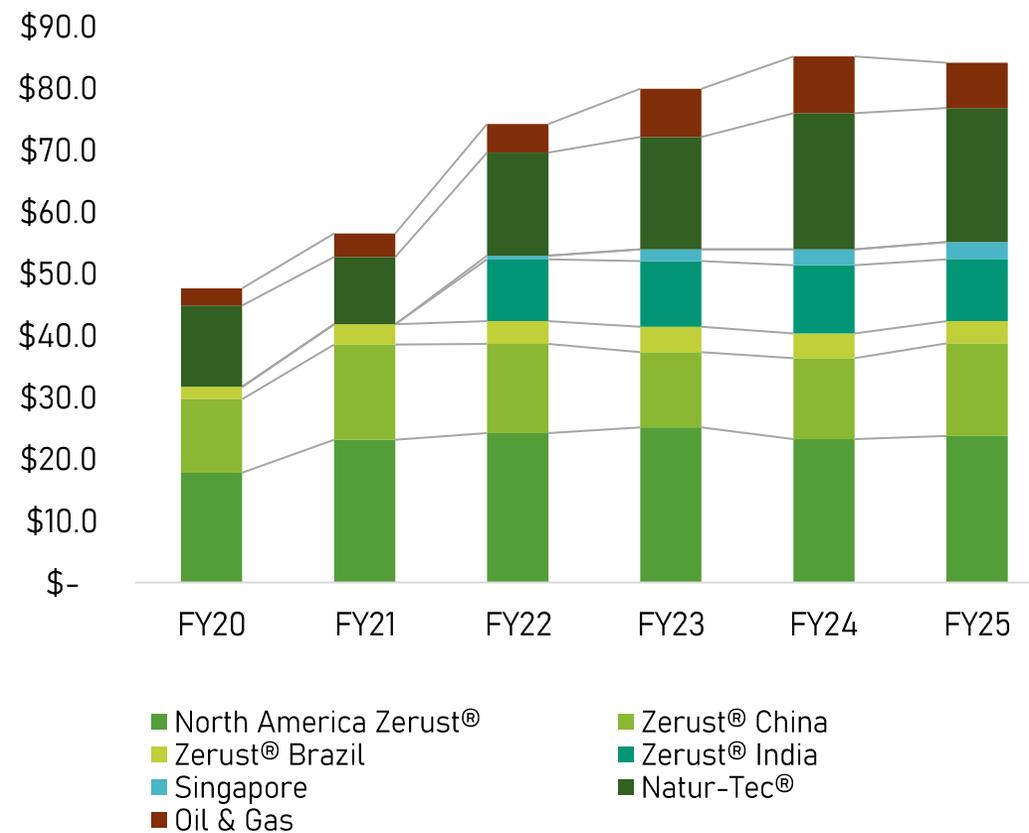


# Sales Composition



	Actual (\$ in millions)		
	FY23	FY24	FY25
North America	25.1	23.2	23.7
NTI China	12.2	13.1	15.0
India	10.6	11.0	10.0
Singapore	1.9	2.6	2.8
Brazil	4.1	4.0	3.6
<b>ZERUST® INDUSTRIAL SALES</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>55.1</b>
OIL & GAS - North America	5.9	7.2	4.4
OIL & GAS - Brazil	1.9	2.0	2.9
<b>OIL &amp; GAS SALES</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Natur-Tec® North America	7.6	9.7	8.4
NTI China - Natur-Tec®	1.2	1.1	1.2
Natur-Tec® India	9.3	11.2	12.1
<b>NATUR-TEC® SALES</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>21.7</b>
<b>NTIC SALES (GAAP)</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>84.1</b>
Joint Venture Sales	100.7	95.9	91.2
<b>WORLDWIDE SALES</b>	<b>180.6</b>	<b>181.0</b>	<b>175.3</b>

## Net Sales Growth



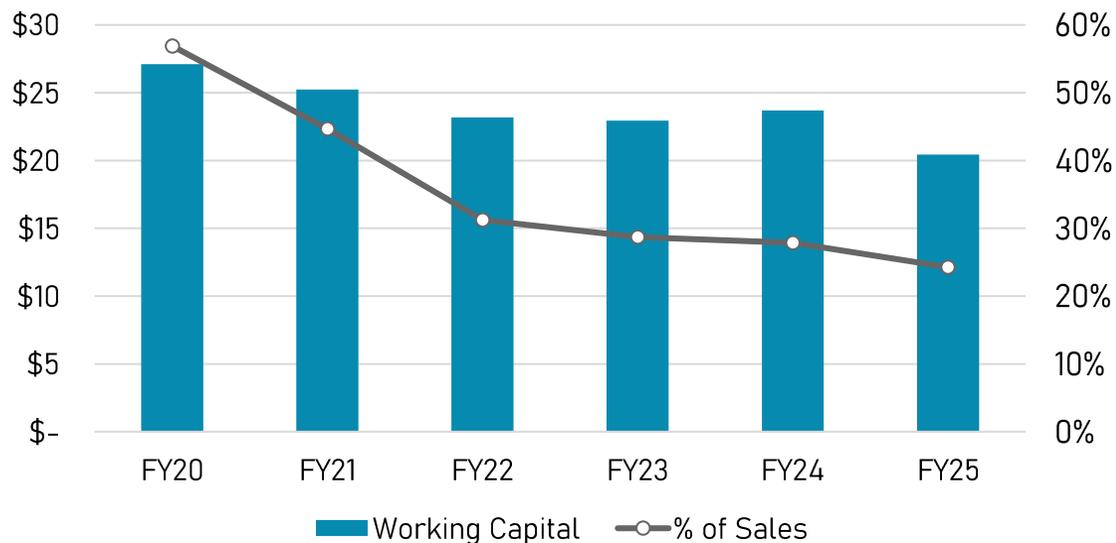
Notes: Dollars, in millions

Totals have been adjusted for rounding

# Capital Light Business Model

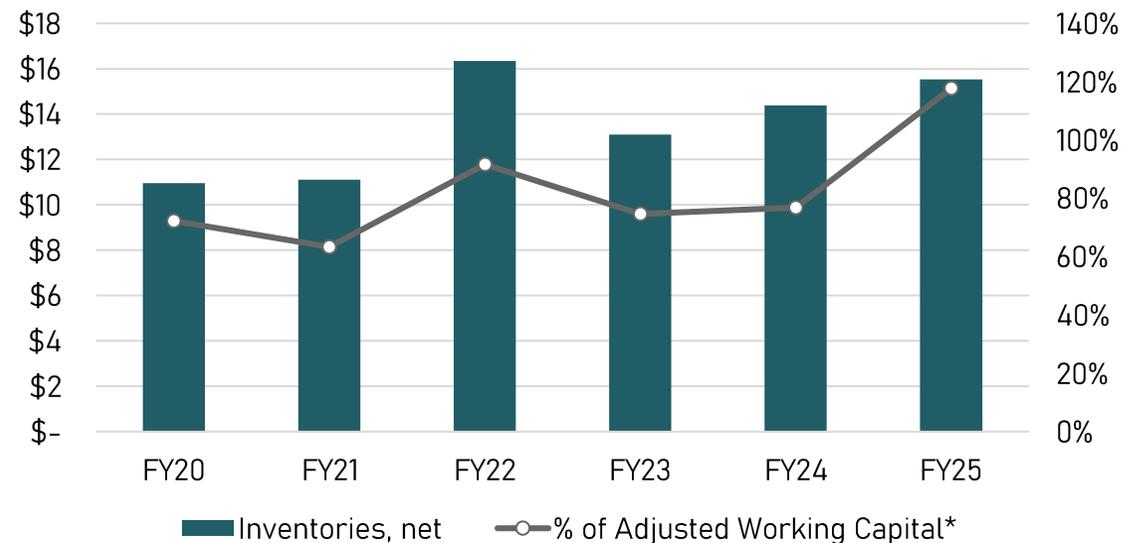
## Limited Working Capital Requirements

(in millions)



## Inventory Largest Component of Working Capital

(in millions)

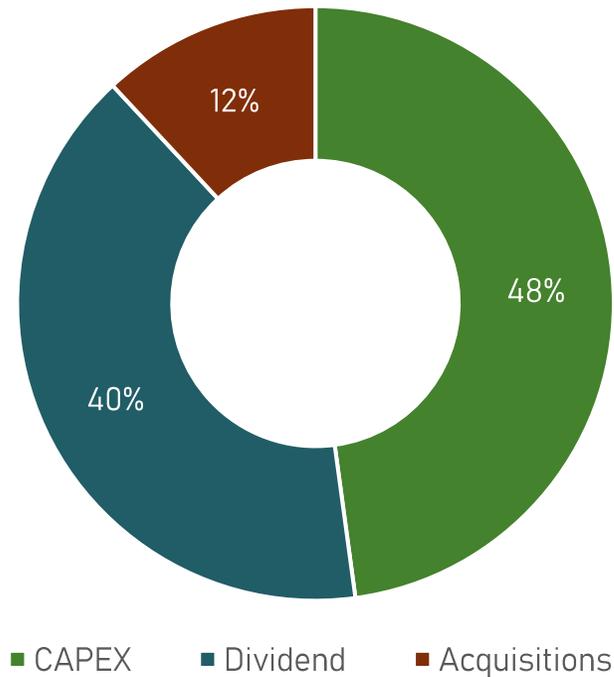


\* Adjusted working capital removes cash and cash equivalents

- NTIC's operating structure and strategy support a capital light business model
- \$104.0 million in total assets at November 30, 2025, which included \$29.3 million in investments in joint ventures, \$13.4 million in goodwill and intangibles, and \$6.4 million in cash

- Inventory consist primarily of Finished Goods
- From FY20 to FY25, inventory increased 41.6%, compared to sales growth of 76.8%

## 10-Year Average Capital Allocation



## Capital Allocation Strategy

### CAPEX

- Focus on value-add projects that improve efficiencies and capabilities
- In FY21, NTIC purchased a new facility in Shanghai, China, to support its R&D, production, sales and marketing, and training efforts throughout the region
- In FY23, added new facility in Circle Pines, Minnesota to expand its production and warehousing capabilities
- In FY24, added manufacturing capacity in India to support Natur-Tec sales growth and are in the process of adding a new facility in Brazil to support growth opportunities

### Dividend and Share Repurchases

- Since FY17, NTIC has increased its annual dividend five times

### Acquisitions

- In FY22, NTIC acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest in Harita-NTI, the Company's ZERUST® joint venture in India

# Making a Difference: Commitment to Sustainability



At Northern Technologies International Corporation (NTIC), we are committed to creating a more sustainable future. We convert unique environmentally beneficial materials science into value-added products and services for industrial and consumer applications. Our research and development teams deliver innovative technologies and products that: address climate change, use renewable materials, and enable sustainable waste management. We do this while maintaining the highest performance and processability.

– G. Patrick Lynch, President & CEO



## Our Environment

NTIC develops technologies that support green manufacturing processes and energy production through three divisions:

**ZERUST®:** Solutions help reduce waste and the energy to make new items

**ZERUST® Oil & Gas:** Solutions and applications help prevent spillage and leaks while dramatically extending metal asset service life

**Natur-Tec®:** Applications enable users to reduce their carbon footprint by offering 100% compostable resins compounds and finished products



## Our Employees

NTIC is committed to building a diverse and inclusive workforce and is committed to providing equal opportunity regarding all hiring decisions.

<b>41%</b> of US workforce is female	<b>40%</b> of US management is female
<b>27%</b> of US workforce is racially or ethnically diverse	<b>23%</b> of US management team is racially or ethnically diverse
<b>6%</b> of our US workforce are veterans	



## Our Health, Safety, Environment, & Security

NTIC is dedicated to investing in the future of our planet and our people. We pledge to:

- ❖ Ensure that the environment is a better place because of what we do
- ❖ Select and evaluate all service providers with NTIC's Quality Management Standard
- ❖ Ensure business activities are conducted to prevent harm and protect health and safety of all involved



## Our Communities

NTIC believes that sustainability means being a responsible and ethical corporate citizen. To accomplish this, we:

- ❖ Support employees as they give back to the communities in which they work and live
- ❖ Strengthen community relationships
- ❖ Foster employee engagement
- ❖ Encourage fundraising and other events



NTIC has continually paid a quarterly cash dividend since FY21, reflecting the Company's commitment to creating value for shareholders



NTIC has \$2.6 million remaining under its stock repurchase program as of November 30, 2025



Insiders aligned with shareholders and own approximately 18% of the Company's outstanding stock (according to Bloomberg)



NTIC has \$6.4 million in cash and cash equivalents, and approximately \$15.6 million of cash at its joint ventures, compared to \$12.0 million of total debt

- Creating a diverse portfolio of environmentally beneficial materials
- Operating in large, dynamic, and global markets, with favorable long-term trends
- Global footprint and service focus, as well as 12 patents and 50 trademarks create competitive advantages and barriers to entry
- Investing to Support Growth
  - Continued strategic investments in Natur-Tec® and ZERUST® Oil & Gas
  - Consolidating India warehouses into a larger single facility and adding manufacturing capacity to support growth
  - Added a facility in Brazil to support growth opportunities in this market
  - Added new facility to increase capacity in Circle Pines
- Commitment to creating long-term shareholder value
  - Compelling organic growth opportunities
  - Significant improvement in earnings
  - Disciplined capital management
  - History of returning capital to shareholders
- Strong, experienced, and motivated management team
  - Management aligned with shareholders and insiders own about 18% of the total outstanding shares

## ZERUST® Industrial

- ZERUST® Industrial growth driven by increased demand for North American ZERUST® industrial products.
- Sales in China continue to stabilize. The majority of current NTIC China sales are for domestic consumption and therefore the Company believes NTIC China's exposure to tariffs is limited.
- Demand for ZERUST® products and services depends heavily on the overall health of the markets in which NTIC sells its products.

## ZERUST® Oil & Gas

- Seasonality and the timing of orders can impact quarterly comparisons.
- Sales pipeline continues to grow among both new and existing customers.
- The Company continues to expect seasonal ordering patterns to drive fluctuations in sales but expects growth in this sector through fiscal 2026 and beyond.
- In November 2025, Zerust Brazil secured a new three-year ~\$13 million contract for a major offshore project with a leading global EPC company.

## Natur-Tec®

- The long-term market opportunities remain strong. In addition, U.S. organic diversion mandates and waste management rules are created at the local municipality and state levels.
- The Company does not expect changes to federal priorities to impact local U.S. demand for Natur-Tec® compostable solution.
- In Q4 of FY25, entered into a preferred supplier agreement with the nation's leading specialized distributor for JanSan, foodservice and industrial packaging.

## Joint Ventures

- Joint Venture sales reflects the continued impacts of high energy prices and regional economic pressures in the European economy, as well as increased uncertainty related to U.S. trade and economic policies and the potential impacts this will have on global supply chains.
- Cautiously optimistic that recent government spending on defense and industrial production in Germany will benefit NTIC German joint venture in the coming quarters.

NTIC's anticipates higher year-over-year profitability in FY26 as the Company benefits from increased sales, expanding gross margin, and controlled operating expenses