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**FirstService Reports Strong Second Quarter Results**

*Double-Digit Revenue Increase and Margin Expansion Drive Earnings Growth*

**Operating highlights:**

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30		June 30	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenues (millions)	\$ 495.3	\$ 441.7	\$ 921.8	\$ 822.0
Adjusted EBITDA (millions) (note 1)	57.1	47.1	82.5	67.2
Adjusted EPS (note 2)	0.86	0.60	1.10	0.75
GAAP Operating Earnings	42.4	35.3	53.4	44.2
GAAP EPS	0.62	0.49	0.79	0.61

**TORONTO**, Canada, July 25, 2018 – FirstService Corporation (TSX: FSV; NASDAQ: FSV) today reported strong results for its second quarter ended June 30, 2018. All amounts are in US dollars.

Revenues for the second quarter were \$495.3 million, a 12% increase relative to the same quarter in the prior year, Adjusted EBITDA (note 1) increased 21% to \$57.1 million, and Adjusted EPS (note 2) was \$0.86, a 43% increase versus the prior year quarter. GAAP Operating Earnings were \$42.4 million, relative to \$35.3 million in the prior year period. GAAP diluted earnings per share was \$0.62 in the quarter, versus \$0.49 for the same quarter a year ago.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, revenues were \$921.8 million, a 12% increase relative to the comparable prior year period, Adjusted EBITDA was \$82.5 million, up 23%, and Adjusted EPS was \$1.10, a 47% increase versus the prior year period. GAAP Operating Earnings were \$53.4 million, relative to \$44.2 million in the prior year period. GAAP diluted EPS for the six months year-to-date was \$0.79, compared to \$0.61 in the prior year period.

“We delivered another strong quarter, capitalizing on balanced organic top-line growth across our businesses,” said Scott Patterson, Chief Executive Officer of FirstService. “Our results largely mirror the performance in our prior quarter demonstrating the consistency of our business model and keeping us well on track to deliver on our targets for the full year,” he concluded.

### **About FirstService Corporation**

**FirstService Corporation** is a North American leader in the essential outsourced property services sector, serving its customers through two industry-leading service platforms: **FirstService Residential** - North America’s largest manager of residential communities; and **FirstService Brands** - one of North America’s largest providers of essential property services delivered through individually branded franchise systems and company-owned operations.

FirstService generates more than US\$1.7 billion in annual revenues and has more than 19,000 employees across North America. With significant insider ownership and an experienced management team, FirstService has a long-term track record of creating value and superior returns for shareholders. The common shares of FirstService trade on the NASDAQ under the symbol “FSV” and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “FSV”. More information is available at [www.firstservice.com](http://www.firstservice.com).

### **Impact of New Revenue Recognition Standard**

As previously disclosed in our prior first quarter of this year, FirstService adopted, in accordance with U.S. GAAP effective January 1, 2018, the New Revenue Recognition Standard to all contracts using the full retrospective method. Our prior year 2017 financial results as reported herein have been recast in accordance with the New Revenue Standard to provide a consistent comparison to current year results. The impact is confined to our franchised operations within our FirstService Brands segment, relating to the timing and recognition of franchise fees and the gross revenue recognition of marketing fund fees. The effect of the New Revenue Standard on the prior year second quarter results was an increase of \$6.8 million to our consolidated revenues, a decrease of \$0.5 million to our consolidated Adjusted EBITDA, resulting in a 30 basis points decrease to our consolidated Adjusted EBITDA margin, and a decrease of \$0.01 to our Adjusted EPS. The same \$6.8 million increase to our FirstService Brands revenues and \$0.5 million decrease to our FirstService Brands Adjusted EBITDA resulted in a reduction of 120 basis points to our FirstService Brands Adjusted EBITDA margin for

our recast segmented 2017 second quarter results. The New Revenue Recognition Standard does not have any impact on our cash flow from operations.

### **Segmented Quarterly Results**

FirstService Residential revenues were \$327.0 million for the second quarter, up 8% versus the prior year quarter, including 5% organic growth. Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter was \$33.4 million, versus \$28.7 million in the prior year period. The top-line growth was primarily driven by contract wins and new development in several of our larger markets. Margin improvement resulted from ongoing operational efficiencies previously disclosed in prior periods and further optimizing our allocation of labour and resources towards our property management and ancillary service contracts. GAAP Operating Earnings were \$27.5 million, versus \$23.2 million for the second quarter of last year.

FirstService Brands revenues during the second quarter grew to \$168.4 million, up 21% relative to the prior year period and including 8% organic growth. Adjusted EBITDA for the second quarter was \$26.7 million, up from \$21.6 million in the prior year period. The performance was led by continued strength across our service lines which are benefiting from the current robust home improvement market and also supported by a strong quarter at Century Fire Protection. Growth was further augmented by recent tuck-under acquisitions across our company-owned operations at California Closets, Paul Davis Restoration and Century Fire. GAAP Operating Earnings were \$19.1 million, versus \$16.3 million in the prior year quarter.

Corporate costs, as presented in Adjusted EBITDA, were \$3.0 million in the second quarter, relative to \$3.2 million in the prior year period. On a GAAP basis, corporate costs for the quarter were \$4.3 million, relative to \$4.2 million in the prior year period.

### **Conference Call**

FirstService will be holding a conference call on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the quarter's results. The number to use for this call is toll-free 1) 1-888-241-0551 or 2) 647-427-3415 for international callers. The call will be simultaneously webcast and can be accessed live or after the call at [www.firstservice.com](http://www.firstservice.com) in the "Investors / Newsroom" section.

### **Forward-looking Statements**

This press release includes or may include forward-looking statements. Much of this information can be identified by words such as “expect to,” “expected,” “will,” “estimated” or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events. FirstService believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements contemplated in the forward-looking statements. Such factors include: (i) general economic and business conditions, which will, among other things, impact demand for FirstService’s services and the cost of providing services; (ii) the ability of FirstService to implement its business strategy, including FirstService’s ability to acquire suitable acquisition candidates on acceptable terms and successfully integrate newly acquired businesses with its existing businesses; (iii) changes in or the failure to comply with government regulations; and (iv) other factors which are described in FirstService’s annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2017 under the heading “Risk factors” (a copy of which may be obtained at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) and Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (a copy of which may be obtained at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)), and subsequent filings (which factors are adopted herein). Forward-looking statements contained in this press release are made as of the date hereof and are subject to change. All forward-looking statements in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements. Unless otherwise required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend, nor do we undertake any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this press release to reflect subsequent information, events, results or circumstances or otherwise.

Summary financial information is provided in this press release. This press release should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and MD&A to be made available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**Notes***1. Reconciliation of net earnings to adjusted EBITDA:*

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net earnings, adjusted to exclude: (i) income tax; (ii) other expense (income); (iii) interest expense; (iv) depreciation and amortization; (v) acquisition-related items; and (vi) stock-based compensation expense. We use adjusted EBITDA to evaluate our own operating performance and our ability to service debt, as well as an integral part of our planning and reporting systems. Additionally, we use this measure in conjunction with discounted cash flow models to determine the Company's overall enterprise valuation and to evaluate acquisition targets. We present adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental measure because we believe such measure is useful to investors as a reasonable indicator of operating performance because of the low capital intensity of the Company's service operations. We believe this measure is a financial metric used by many investors to compare companies, especially in the services industry. This measure is not a recognized measure of financial performance under GAAP in the United States, and should not be considered as a substitute for operating earnings, net earnings or cash flow from operating activities, as determined in accordance with GAAP. Our method of calculating adjusted EBITDA may differ from other issuers and accordingly, this measure may not be comparable to measures used by other issuers. A reconciliation of net earnings to adjusted EBITDA appears below.

(in thousands of US\$)	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30		June 30	
	<b>2018</b>	2017	<b>2018</b>	2017
Net earnings	\$ <b>29,894</b>	\$ 21,934	\$ <b>38,829</b>	\$ 30,202
Income tax	<b>9,285</b>	10,888	<b>8,613</b>	9,361
Other income, net	<b>(39)</b>	(110)	<b>(103)</b>	(205)
Interest expense, net	<b>3,210</b>	2,554	<b>6,084</b>	4,879
Operating earnings	<b>42,350</b>	35,266	<b>53,423</b>	44,237
Depreciation and amortization	<b>12,903</b>	10,356	<b>24,686</b>	19,851
Acquisition-related items	<b>548</b>	525	<b>1,109</b>	771
Stock-based compensation expense	<b>1,317</b>	929	<b>3,314</b>	2,344
Adjusted EBITDA	<b>\$ 57,118</b>	\$ 47,076	<b>\$ 82,532</b>	\$ 67,203

2. Reconciliation of net earnings and diluted net earnings per share to adjusted net earnings and adjusted net earnings per share:

Adjusted earnings per share is defined as diluted net earnings per share, adjusted for the effect, after income tax, of: (i) the non-controlling interest redemption increment; (ii) acquisition-related items; (iii) amortization expense related to intangible assets recognized in connection with acquisitions; (iv) stock-based compensation expense; and (v) a stock-based compensation tax adjustment related to a US GAAP change. We believe this measure is useful to investors because it provides a supplemental way to understand the underlying operating performance of the Company and enhances the comparability of operating results from period to period. Adjusted earnings per share is not a recognized measure of financial performance under GAAP, and should not be considered as a substitute for diluted net earnings per share, as determined in accordance with GAAP. Our method of calculating this non-GAAP measure may differ from other issuers and, accordingly, this measure may not be comparable to measures used by other issuers. A reconciliation of net earnings to adjusted net earnings and of diluted net earnings per share to adjusted earnings per share appears below.

(in thousands of US\$)	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30		June 30	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net earnings	\$ 29,894	\$ 21,934	\$ 38,829	\$ 30,202
Non-controlling interest share of earnings	(2,915)	(2,330)	(5,235)	(4,159)
Acquisition-related items	548	525	1,109	771
Amortization of intangible assets	4,736	3,565	8,650	6,751
Stock-based compensation expense	1,317	929	3,314	2,344
Stock-based compensation tax adjustment for US GAAP change	(622)	(880)	(3,037)	(4,623)
Income tax on adjustments	(1,574)	(1,751)	(3,111)	(3,521)
Non-controlling interest on adjustments	(145)	(91)	(255)	(162)
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 31,239	\$ 21,901	\$ 40,264	\$ 27,603

(in US\$)	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30		June 30	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Diluted net earnings per share	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.61
Non-controlling interest redemption increment	0.12	0.04	0.13	0.10
Acquisition-related items	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
Amortization of intangible assets, net of tax	0.09	0.06	0.17	0.11
Stock-based compensation expense, net of tax	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.04
Stock-based compensation tax adjustment for US GAAP change	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.08)	(0.13)
Adjusted earnings per share	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.75

**FIRSTSERVICE CORPORATION****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings**

(in thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)	Three months ended June 30		Six months ended June 30	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$ 495,348	\$ 441,666	\$ 921,804	\$ 822,015
Cost of revenues	331,445	301,804	629,969	574,083
Selling, general and administrative expenses	108,102	93,715	212,617	183,073
Depreciation	8,167	6,791	16,036	13,100
Amortization of intangible assets	4,736	3,565	8,650	6,751
Acquisition-related items (1)	548	525	1,109	771
<b>Operating earnings</b>	<b>42,350</b>	<b>35,266</b>	<b>53,423</b>	<b>44,237</b>
Interest expense, net	3,210	2,554	6,084	4,879
Other income	(39)	(110)	(103)	(205)
Earnings before income tax	39,179	32,822	47,442	39,563
Income tax	9,285	10,888	8,613	9,361
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>29,894</b>	<b>21,934</b>	<b>38,829</b>	<b>30,202</b>
Non-controlling interest share of earnings	2,915	2,330	5,235	4,159
Non-controlling interest redemption increment	4,373	1,586	4,905	3,733
<b>Net earnings attributable to Company</b>	<b>\$ 22,606</b>	<b>\$ 18,018</b>	<b>\$ 28,689</b>	<b>\$ 22,310</b>
<b>Net earnings per common share</b>				
Basic	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.62
Diluted	0.62	0.49	0.79	0.61
<b>Adjusted earnings per share (2)</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 0.60</b>	<b>\$ 1.10</b>	<b>\$ 0.75</b>
Weighted average common shares (thousands)				
Basic	35,936	35,921	35,929	35,901
Diluted	36,534	36,575	36,526	36,562

**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings (Loss)**

(1) Acquisition-related items include transaction costs, and contingent acquisition consideration fair value adjustments.

(2) See definition and reconciliation above.

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(in thousands of US dollars)

(unaudited)

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 57,689	\$ 57,187
Restricted cash	11,304	9,707
Accounts receivable	204,891	183,803
Prepaid and other current assets	<u>93,321</u>	<u>73,654</u>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>367,205</b>	<b>324,351</b>
Other non-current assets	10,136	9,805
Fixed assets	94,756	85,424
Deferred income tax	84	780
Goodwill and intangible assets	<u>467,795</u>	<u>425,764</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>939,976</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>846,124</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 154,382	\$ 157,260
Other current liabilities	68,098	51,657
Long-term debt - current	<u>3,213</u>	<u>2,751</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>225,693</b>	<b>211,668</b>
Long-term debt - non-current	309,121	266,874
Other liabilities	55,488	54,639
Deferred income tax	1,820	1,467
Redeemable non-controlling interests	137,124	117,708
Shareholders' equity	<u>210,730</u>	<u>193,768</u>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$ <u>939,976</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>846,124</u></b>
<b>Supplemental balance sheet information</b>		
Total debt	\$ 312,334	\$ 269,625
Total debt, net of cash	254,645	212,438



**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands of US dollars)

(unaudited)	Three months ended June 30		Six months ended June 30	
	<b>2018</b>	2017	<b>2018</b>	2017
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>				
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Net earnings	\$ 29,894	\$ 21,934	\$ 38,829	\$ 30,202
Items not affecting cash:				
Depreciation and amortization	12,903	10,357	24,686	19,851
Deferred income tax	38	(34)	346	363
Other	1,629	442	4,031	(2,102)
	<u>44,464</u>	<u>32,699</u>	<u>67,892</u>	<u>48,314</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital				
Accounts receivable	(16,259)	(16,484)	(12,181)	(16,774)
Payables and accruals	2,366	18,642	(12,504)	6,596
Other	8,701	6,740	4,367	11,065
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>39,272</u>	<u>41,597</u>	<u>47,574</u>	<u>49,201</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(13,577)	(2,182)	(43,179)	(12,545)
Purchases of fixed assets	(9,097)	(8,922)	(19,620)	(18,890)
Other investing activities	(1,306)	277	(1,984)	(2,904)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(23,980)</u>	<u>(10,827)</u>	<u>(64,783)</u>	<u>(34,339)</u>
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Increase in long-term debt, net	(8,128)	(3,883)	42,086	30,470
Purchases of non-controlling interests, net	(511)	(1,688)	(2,132)	(5,468)
Financing fees paid	-	-	(575)	-
Dividends paid to common shareholders	(4,849)	(4,397)	(9,249)	(8,340)
Distributions paid to non-controlling interests	(2,751)	(476)	(4,342)	(2,349)
Repurchases of Subordinate Voting Shares	-	-	(5,941)	(7,416)
Other financing activities	893	(1,363)	(196)	609
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(15,346)</u>	<u>(11,807)</u>	<u>19,651</u>	<u>7,506</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	<u>(206)</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>(343)</u>	<u>126</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>(260)</u>	<u>19,066</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>22,494</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	<u>69,253</u>	<u>60,262</u>	<u>66,894</u>	<u>56,834</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	<u>\$ 68,993</u>	<u>\$ 79,328</u>	<u>\$ 68,993</u>	<u>\$ 79,328</u>

**Segmented Results**

(in thousands of US dollars)

(unaudited)	FirstService Residential	FirstService Brands	Corporate	Consolidated
<b>Three months ended June 30</b>				
<b>2018</b>				
Revenues	\$ 326,992	\$ 168,356	\$ -	\$ 495,348
Adjusted EBITDA	33,402	26,675	(2,959)	57,118
<b>Operating earnings</b>	<b>27,498</b>	<b>19,145</b>	<b>(4,293)</b>	<b>42,350</b>
2017				
Revenues	\$ 302,900	\$ 138,766	\$ -	\$ 441,666
Adjusted EBITDA	28,696	21,580	(3,200)	47,076
Operating earnings	23,191	16,270	(4,195)	35,266
	FirstService Residential	FirstService Brands	Corporate	Consolidated
<b>Six months ended June 30</b>				
<b>2018</b>				
Revenues	\$ 611,127	\$ 310,677	\$ -	\$ 921,804
Adjusted EBITDA	50,878	37,838	(6,184)	82,532
<b>Operating earnings</b>	<b>38,864</b>	<b>24,220</b>	<b>(9,661)</b>	<b>53,423</b>
2017				
Revenues	\$ 568,753	\$ 253,262	\$ -	\$ 822,015
Adjusted EBITDA	43,129	29,879	(5,805)	67,203
Operating earnings	32,318	20,167	(8,248)	44,237