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Coordinator Ladies and gentlemen, good day and welcome to the Jaguar Land

Rover Fiscal 2017 Quarter 1 Earnings Conference Call. We have with us today Mr. Ken Gregor, Chief Financial Officer Jaguar Land Rover; Mr. C. Ramakrishnan, Group Financial Officer of Tata Motors; and Mr. Ben Birgbauer, Group Treasurer Jaguar Land Rover.

As a reminder, all participant lines will be in listen-only mode. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions after the presentation concludes. [Operator instructions]. Please note that this conference is being recorded.

I will now hand the conference over to Mr. Ken Gregor. Thank you. Hello to you, sir.

K. Gregor Thank you very much and good evening, good afternoon, and good

morning to everyone who's joined us on the call today. I'm here to talk about our Q1 FY '17 financial results. I'll try to run through the presentation that, hopefully, you've got in front of you and we'll have

some time for Q&A at the end as per normal.

Just turning to Slide 6, the first slide, really a solid quarter for the business with some pretty good volume growth, up 16% compared to the same quarter year ago to 133k units driving the revenue up to £5.5 billion. The profit before tax, just 1 million under £400 million, down from the £638 million in the same quarter year ago, largely reflecting the non-recurrence of a favourable FX revaluation we had in that same quarter year ago combined with an unfavourable FX revaluation in Q1 FY17. I'll talk about the specific numbers around that in a couple of slides.

The profit before tax also includes a further £50 million recovery related to the Tianjin port explosion which we treat as an exceptional item.

We had free cash outflow in the quarter of £633 million. It is a seasonal effect that we see a build-up in inventory in launch-related factors happening in this quarter, like we did a year ago. I'll talk about some of the specifics, and all of that together left us still with very strong liquidity. Recognized by S&P, as I'm sure you're all

aware, we saw our credit rating rise to BB+. Clearly, I'm hoping Moody's might follow.

Slide 7 has some of the metrics. You can see the retail volume up 18k units. The wholesale volume up less and that is reflecting the fact that the wholesale volume excludes the joint venture volume whilst the retail volume includes the joint venture volume, so you do see some differences there. That, of course, impacts our financials in different ways with the share of the joint venture profit not being in EBITDA, but in profit before tax and that's something to watch out for in our results this quarter onward.

I think you can see the metrics I've mostly called out, EBITDA £672 million, 12.3% margin, down 4 points. I'll talk about some of the reasons for that and the underlying result that we saw as I get on to the next slide, or next couple of slides. But first, the volumes. Very solid performance on volume supported by new product launch.

Overall, we were up in every region around the world, strongly up in the US, the UK, China, Europe, a bit more modest growth in overseas with those markets which include Brazil, Russia, South Africa, the Middle East, all being impacted to varying degrees by the economic issues in those places and the continued relatively low oil price. I'm showing some more modest growth, but, overall, a very solid result.

On the following slide, Slide 7, you can see the same volume growth but explained by product. You can see Land Rover, overall up with the Discovery Sport being the main driver. On the Jaguar side, you can see very strong growth, up 76% with the F-Pace being the main driver, with the XE being strong growth also. So, good product-driven growth, which is the key to our future strategy for the business.

I'll talk a bit more detail on Slide 10 about some of the profit drivers. As I said already, PBT is down. Within that, the volume did produce some favourable volume mix as well as higher China joint venture profits, partially offset by higher depreciation and amortization. We did have lower local market incentive than in Q1 FY16, and that's a swing of, round numbers, about £55 million, the good news that we have in Q1 FY16 that we have at a much lower level in Q1 FY17.

Then, with the foreign exchange revaluation (altogether including debt and unrealized hedges) in Q1 FY16 we had a total of 205 million of favourable revaluation that doesn't recur. So, that is actually the main driver for the whole change in profit year-over-year, added to which we've got an unfavourable FX revaluation mainly on Europe payables of £86 million in Q1 FY17. Those two FX more than explain the entire profit change.

I mentioned the D and A already. We had some favourable commodity revaluation and I already mentioned the positive of further £50 million recovery related to the Tianjin port explosion.

On the EBITDA, I talked about most of the causal factors already. You've got the same effect with favourable volume and mix. Remember that within in the EBITDA, as I said already, we don't have the China joint venture profits, so you do see unfavourable market mix within the EBITDA, but in PBT terms recovered by the JV profits. That is one of the reasons why the EBITDA is down a bit. But, mainly it's around FX revaluation with the year-on-year effects being £180 million from the same quarter a year ago to this quarter, and the local market incentive, the roughly £55 million swing I mentioned.

If you took out the FX revaluation, the £84 million that's in the quarter, the EBITDA margin would have been about 14%, so a good bit stronger than the 12% headline figure and within the more normal range that we have been seeing and expect to see.

Turning to Slide 11 on the cash flow. Cash outflow in the quarter's already said, although, stronger than the same quarter year ago, the working capital outflow actually wasn't as big, butwe have got the same seasonal effect. The product investment continues to run at a solid level, a little bit lower than the same quarter a year ago, mainly due to the timing of model introductions and run-outs, and we paid a dividend to Tata Motors same level as in the same quarter year ago.

Slide 12 and 13 highlight some of the product that I said is and remains the key to our future growth. We have launched the Evoque convertible, we launched the XE in the US. The F-Pace was, as I already said, a really strong driver for growth and well-received all around the world. And, we have the China joint venture XF long-wheelbase launching in the second half of this fiscal year.

On the manufacturing side, lots of developments as we continue to invest in capacity and facilities to build our business in a number of different directions. We showcased here, special vehicle operations that have, for example, a small paint facility that enables us to do bespoke paint, any colour you want out of a palate of well over 200 colours, to just provide that extra revenue growth on top of our core business which is nice.

Slide 14, we talk about the Brexit referendum that happened in the UK in June and, of course, the unexpected vote by the UK public to leave the EU, and we talk about some of the impacts. Of course, the first thing that happened, actually, was the devaluation of the pound

by about 10% versus the day before the referendum, and that weakening of the pound caused some of the negative revaluation that we saw in the quarter on the euro payables, for example.

The implications clearly then depend on the extent to which the pound remains weaker, any incremental tariffs that might result following the exit of the UK from the EU, and, of course, any economic factors in the EU or the UK in terms of economic growth.

In terms of the currency implications, we do sell about 80% of vehicles outside of the UK with 24% of those into Europe and, of course, the other 60-odd percent into China, the US, and other markets around the world. I think one point I would make is we do have and continue to have a good, balanced global footprint, and that enables us to balance out whatever economic effect happens in one region of the world with, hopefully, counterbalancing effects in other parts of the world.

We do source about 50% of components from the European Union and, therefore, in euros. And those currency implications mean that together, net, we would benefit from a continued weaker pound exchange rate as a result of Brexit if that continues, although there's a partial offset in the case of the euro because we buy more content in euros than we sell in euro terms vehicles in Europe.

Although, in the short-term, that will be and is being largely offset by hedges executed when the pound was stronger, but net it's a benefit and in the medium-term it would be more of a benefit if that sustains.

Against that there's the risk of tariffs. Today, of course, within the EU there are no tariffs on vehicle sales, vehicles that we build in the UK and sell into Europe. It is possible that in the future, depending on whatever arrangements are negotiated between the EU and the UK, there could be tariffs in the future on vehicles that are manufactured in the EU, imported into the UK, and vice versa, and the same with components that are sourced in the EU could be subject to some duties.

Clearly, we don't have a crystal ball, so we don't know exactly the way in which those things are going to develop. The positive impact on currency, the potential risk on tariffs, and all of that, balanced by the fact that we've got a balanced global footprint. So, of course, you could understand, we're watching it very closely and will react accordingly.

Turning to my summary slide before we have a bit of Q&A, Brexit or no Brexit, our business strategy continues to be invest in new

products. That's the key to success in the premium car business, and that's the key to our future success as a business. Therefore, we will continue to invest in those products, in technology, CO2 reducing technology, electrification, and also in the manufacturing capacity to continue to grow profitably.

This year we do expect the investment spending to continue to be in the range that we guided three months ago, round about £3.75 billion. We've got the recent product launches to build on in the case of the Jaguar F-Pace, the XF long-wheelbase that's coming, the Evoque convertible, and some exciting new product launches that we're going to announce in the next six months. Altogether, those things continue our plan to drive profitable volume growth and, of course, strong operating cash flow to help fund that ongoing investment.

With that, I'll pause and we'll open the call to Q&A. Thank you.

Coordinator

Thank you very much. We will now begin the question and answer session. [Operator instructions].

We have our first question from the line of Kapil Singh of Nomura. Please go ahead.

K. Singh

Hi. Thanks for the opportunity. I have a couple of questions. Firstly, on JLR, we have seen a strong improvement in our visualizations on a quarter-on-quarter basis. But simultaneously we've also seen a drop in gross margins or increase in raw material to sales. So, could you just help us understand what's happening there and whether we fully realized the benefit of lower commodity prices? That would be my first question.

Secondly, for the China JV, I wanted to understand, I heard C.R. mention on a previous call that profitability may come down going ahead. Given that we're operating at less than 50% utilization I would expect profitability to be improved if not, at least, stay where it is.

And, if I can squeeze in one more, on the local incentives if there can be some guidance as to do we expect more to come in or will this slowly fade away as we head into the next year? Thanks.

K. Gregor

Let me try and take them in reverse order. On the local market incentive, I do expect in the future to continue to be able to apply and receive them, but we do feel that they will be at a lower level than we previously enjoyed, although somewhat higher than perhaps we have enjoyed this quarter.

> But, that will be, given the way we account for them, we account for them as we receive them given the uncertainty of negotiating with the relevant authority. So, that will be a matter for the same quarter in a year's time.

> In the case of the China joint venture, you're right on the fact that the capacity utilization, we capacitize for about 130,000 units on a two-shift basis in the original application. And you're right, we're probably running just over half of that level right now. So, there is the opportunity as we introduce the XF long-wheelbase to build the capacity utilization which should support the profitability.

At the same time, I think we've enjoyed strong margins in China, but we're very well aware of China economic growth being somewhat slower than it's been in recent times, and that slower economic growth tends to eventually put pressure on margins. So, we're cognizant of that and we're aware of it, building that into our thought process going forward. I think one could see the possibility of lower margin from the China joint venture in percentage terms, but higher profitability, hopefully, as we build the volume.

I think I've touched on most of the factors that drove the EBITDA change that you basically referred to with the material cost. There is a market mix change within EBITDA. If you looked at the wholesale volume development which is a slide in the backup, you could see that the wholesale volume that excludes the China joint venture is down in China year-on-year, so that produces a negative mix factor and that, overall, in EBITDA helped to weaken a little the margin year-on-year in EBITDA terms.

You see that it appears as a higher material cost percentage, but it's really that market mix factor happening. And, within that then, I'd already talked about the non-recurrence of the local market incentive, the re-val that's happening in EBITDA as other features are all serving to lower that EBITDA percentage year-on-year.

Thanks for the answers. Just on the average selling prices we've seen improvement as well, so if it's regional mix then I would have thought that same effect would be there on average selling prices as well. So, if you would just help us understand that why raw material sales have increased but simultaneously average selling prices have also increased.

There's also a favourable effect in foreign exchange on the top line of revenues increasing. Clearly, that has an offset in hedges, as I described earlier. So you get a higher revenue per unit, but the profit per unit, all other things being equal, stays roughly the same because of the effect of the hedges offsetting the higher revenue per unit.

K. Singh

K. Gregor

So, those two things are balanced, but the higher revenue per unit gives you that high realization, the profit per unit stays the same, and then the other factors that I talked about serve to reduce the EBITDA margin year-on-year. So, I think that's probably the other factor that you're seeing in the quarter.

K. Singh Okay. But if I look at the pound exchange, the average for Q4 and

Q1 is nearly the same.

K. Gregor I was talking year-over-year.

Even if I look at quarter-on-quarter the ASPs have improved. K. Singh

K. Gregor There's no doubt some product mix factors there, but perhaps I'm conscious that we're probably just straying into some detail that could perhaps better be handled offline or in a one-on-one which we would obviously be happy to do. Otherwise, I think we're going to get into

too much detail.

We'll take it offline. Thank you. Thanks a lot. K. Singh

Coordinator Thank you for your question. Your next question comes from the line

of Wen Tao Hu of Wei Capital. Please go ahead.

Thanks for taking my question. I've really got three, one on product, two on FX. The first one is I noticed that you recently released the Evoque convertible, launched in June. I just wanted to ask you what the reception of that model has been. Has it been a global release or are you releasing it in Europe only first? Is there a waiting list? If so,

how long?

The second question is on your euro payables and US dollar debt. Could you just remind us the current amount in pound terms of the

euro payables and US dollar debt?

Also, when we look at the FX effects, do you also hedge the euro payables on the rolling four- or five-year basis which is why we don't necessarily see the immediate, the full effect of the mark-to-market of the full amount of the payables in the quarter?

And the last question on FX, given that the pound has weakened quite substantially against a lot of the markets into which you sell, are there any plans to use FX, perhaps tactically, in terms of being more

options at that same price to make the product more competitive, similar to perhaps how some of the Japanese have used the yen

aggressive in certain markets, maybe putting in more features or

W. Hu

weakness in the past? Just wanted to get a sense of your plans in terms of tactically using FX as well. Thanks.

K. Gregor

Thanks. Some good questions there. Perhaps what I'll do just to give Ben a bit of warning. On most of the FX questions I'll ask Ben Birgbauer, our treasurer to answer those. But if I just took the first and last questions together, yes, the Evoque convertible has had a really positive reception. It does have a staggered launch around the world market-by-market.

In the UK and Europe we do have order banks of a number of months, so it's quite positive. I'm obviously looking forward to the full development of that as we roll this out. Although it's maybe not large in volume in terms overall, it's provided a really good boost for the Evoque volumes, overall renewed interest in that vehicle as it's midway through its life. So, positive development there.

On whether we would use foreign exchange from a tactical perspective, that's a great question. You could imagine it's the sort of day-to-day operational issue that we face market-by-market around the world.

Overall, I must admit as the finance guy in the room, I tend to prefer to argue to strengthen our margins rather than chase volume at any margin. But, of course, you do have opportunities where, perhaps, with the opportunity to drive a bit more volume and still earn a good margin.

So, I think on balance we want to drive the profitability, but tactically there's some opportunity on volume is how I'd put it to give you that sense of balance. But, obviously, that's something that we discuss week in, week out and obviously monitor versus what our competitors are doing as well.

Ben, I might hand over to you for some of the more technical FX questions.

B. Birgbauer

Okay. Thanks, Ken. I'll try to answer the questions as I understood them. I think that one question was just around balances of payables and debt or balance sheet items that are getting revalued. What I'd say is in terms of accounts payable, we had total accounts payable at the end of June of £5.8 billion. I don't actually have to hand how much of that was euro. I would tend to say roughly, probably over 40% but I couldn't say for certain, just as a guideline with a health warning.

And then, we do also have dollar debt. We have about \$2.2 billion of dollar debt outstanding. As of this last quarter we did designate some

of that debt, so only about half of the dollar debt was revaluing in this period, whereas in the past all of the dollar debt has actually revalued.

On the payables, I think there was a question on do we hedge those. The answer is that what we hedge is our transaction exposure, so revenue and cost. Payables are just the balance sheet expression of cost. So, in one sense we do hedge them, but the funny thing is that once a cost becomes due and accounted as a payable, then when you do have a change in currency rates and you get an immediate mark-to-market, as it were, of that balance sheet balance, even though the cash flow doesn't happen until later.

So, this is getting quite technical and maybe it's hard to do over the phone, but the point is we really hedge cash flows. We're hedging cash flow exposures is how we think about it. Roughly, our payment terms tend to range between 45 and 60 days depending on which supplier. We do have some suppliers on 30 days, but basically within that corridor, costs that aren't yet cash become payables on the balance sheet and they get revalued immediately. So, the hedge that relates to them doesn't come due until later.

That's I think answering the question you were asking, but if I didn't answer it, please tell me.

I think that helps. Maybe if I just clarify it a little bit. I think I get what you're saying on the euro payables. I guess my question is should we also look at the net of, for example, euro receivables that you may have as well in terms of looking at the mark-to-market exposure?

When we talk about that revaluation balance that we reported, and I don't know if you saw the slide at the end of our presentation, it showed FX. But, that revaluation—for simplicity we've said it's all euro—well, we haven't said it's all, we said it's mostly euro payables.

Those revaluations are actually our estimate of all of the balance sheet revaluation that's happening, including any euro receivables. It includes dollar payables in there. It also includes other liabilities that are in current assets and liabilities that are denominated in euros or dollars. So, for example, we have warranty reserves denominated in euros that are in there. Those get in there as well.

One of the funny things about the auto business is because of dealer wholesale financing arrangements there tend to be rather lower receivable balances on the balance sheet. So, in that sense you get less of an offset than you might see businesses in other sectors that don't have those kinds of arrangements.

W. Hu

B. Birgbauer

W. Hu Got it. And then, just the final clarification on that point is the

negative £84m in 2016, capturing, if I understand you correctly, all of those euro payable, warranty, on balance sheet, foreign exchange

mark-to-markets, right?

B. Birgbauer Yes, it's all of those items yes.

W. Hu Okay. All in there. And then the negative 23, the revaluation of

undesignated debt, that would capture all of the mark-to-market on

the US dollar debt?

B. Birgbauer Yes.

W. Hu Okay. Great, got it. Thank you very much.

Coordinator Thank you for your question. Your next question comes from the line

of Richard Smith of Citi. Please go ahead.

R. Smith Hi there. Good afternoon. Just a very quick question on the pension.

Obviously, the change in the actuarial assumption around the discount rate has inflated the obligation side, and obviously it's encouraging to see that the proportion that you guys hold in terms of the plan assets in debt instruments means that a large amount of that has been offset, but clearly rates have moved further since the balance

sheet date.

In terms of timing wise around trying new evaluations and—I'm just trying to get a sense of to what extent the pension is or any pension deficit is potentially going to be as a draw on cash in terms of additional contributions in the future. Is there anything you can say

about that?

B. Birgbauer We just completed our triennial valuation this year basically, with a

renewed deficit contribution schedule, and I don't think we've ever given those deficit contribution schedules. But I think that the shape of it doesn't look much different than what it was in the last triennial valuation. I think I'd say—I don't know, Ken, if you have a different

view, but I think that's what I'd say about it.

K. Gregor Yes, I think that's true. Probably the overall—the contributions by

year were not significantly different. I think we did extend the payment schedule by a couple of years given the higher deficit that

you alluded to already, but year-by-year it was much the same.

R. Smith Thank you.

Coordinator Thank you for your question. Your next question is from the line of

Robin Zhu of Bernstein. Please go ahead.

R. Zhu

Hi. Thanks for taking the question. I had two quick things to follow up on. In terms of Slovakia, this is a plant that you're building within the eurozone conveniently enough. I know in the original announcement you guys mentioned the plant would be for all new products. Is that still the case or is there logic in reassigning that plant to produce as much of European demand as possible given the threat of potential tariffs into the EU? That's the first question.

The second question, back on FX, I just wanted to get more clarity around this idea of the realized hedges. I understand that you're 60% or 70% hedged in the near-term, but doesn't that mean that you can effectively adjust the rate that you hedge at reasonably quickly, and once the first 60% roll off, the rest you can—say next year that you can reduce the level of FX losses that you realized over a fairly short period or does that not work with the logic of the way you hedge?

K. Gregor

Robin, thanks for the couple of questions. Yes, on the FX you're basically right. Over time if we hedge on a declining balance basis about 70% to 80% one year out; 50% to 60% two years out; 30%, 35% three years out; 10% to 20% four years out. So, absolutely, the mental math you're doing of that declining balance as we go forward, those hedges taken out, prior levels start to roll off. We put new hedges on at present levels so we lock in the present levels, and you'd see that effect work through over time.

So, yes, the principle is right. It doesn't necessarily happen next quarter or the quarter after because we still have those hedge levels, but over time you'll see that effect happen, yes.

K. Gregor

On Slovakia, yes, in principle, you're right about the possibility that that plant offers—I think all I'd say is obviously you'd expect within the business we have that sort of thought process in hand. I think probably what I'd say is creating the sort of flexibility that you allude to requires investment.

There are choices that would need to be made in the case of were we to see a scenario in which there would be tariffs. Perhaps then there would be a business case for making those additional investments in flexibility versus a situation in which there were no tariffs in a single-market type environment continues, then there would be less of a business for investing in that flexibility that you allude to. But, clearly, that possibility is there, and we'll, obviously, continue to monitor exactly how that goes and decide at the appropriate time whether or not to make those investments in flexibility.

Sorry, you had a followup on the FX, I think?

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R. Zhu

Yes. Given that you hedge roughly 20% a year on a staggered fashion, in theory that's suggestive that 120 million realized loss should come off over a period of four or five years, or whatever it is. But, just in terms of the logic you hedge, shouldn't you be able to either hedge at a fairly low rate currently given where the pound is or somehow eventually allow that realized hedge loss to come off quicker given that you're able to put on new hedges now that can be given the current level of FX?

K. Gregor

Ben, I might let you.

B. Birgbauer

I think the reality—let's just discuss the scenario where the exchange rate is frozen, it doesn't change again ever. I think that the reality is that yes, over time, as a function of the declining percentages along the lines Ken described, you'd expect the level of hedges bearing that level of loss to reduce over time. So, that's definitely true.

I think that what I would say then, though, is that the principle of a hedging program is to smooth volatility. So, actually, what you probably don't want to do is worse-ball yourself by—okay, we are in the unfortunate position where yes, we hedged it one level and the pound's at historically low rates, and so we have these hedging losses.

But in some ways I think the worst thing we could do is say we're going to start hedging less because we're not going to hedge in what are now historically low rates. So, I think the thought process would be that we should carry on hedging to secure these historically low rates in the hedge book with the view that there's going to be future volatility, and it will be good to have part of our hedge portfolio, having hedges that were put on at these levels right now.

So, I think that's how we think about it. I don't know if that answers your question, Robin.

R. Zhu

It does. Just to clarify, hedges that you're putting on this month would be something in the range of 1.2 or 1.3 pound dollar. Does that make sense?

B. Birgbauer

Today's spot rate is circa 1.32, right?

R. Zhu

Something around there.

K. Gregor

Absolutely.

R. Zhu

Thank you. Thanks, guys.

Coordinator

Thank you for your question. Your next question comes from the line of Eshish Nigam of Axis Capital. Please go ahead.

E. Nigam

Thanks for taking my question. I just wanted your thoughts on this £630 million negative free cash flow this quarter. Can you explain the seasonal impact in working capital? Because it was there last year as well, so, is it because of the UK name plate change or just it coincided with some heavy launches last year as well?

K. Gregor

Yes. There are a number of effects, but perhaps the biggest effect is quarter one calendar year, January to March, is a very large production and sales quarter with more production days than quarter two calendar year, April to June. And because of the working capital profile of the business that Ben already described, you see payables unwinding in quarter two—sorry in April to June period relative to quarter one. So, that drives part of the negative seasonal working capital effect.

You also have the effect of seasonality in terms of market demand where quarter one calendar year, January to March, is a very strong quarter for the UK, and so we bias production and shipment plans to satisfy the demand we get in the UK in March when the number plate changes in particular is the biggest single month of the year.

And then in the April to June period we start rebalancing production from the UK back to other destinations that are further away, and the further away means more inventory in transit relative to at the end of March that we have at the end of June more inventory than at the end of March. Because of that seasonal balancing of demand that gets in there too.

And then the other factor this quarter is the F-Pace launch, the XE launch in the US, and the Evoque convertible which is smaller, but all of those three vehicle launches you have the normal pipeline fill as you send vehicles around all of the world, you get inventory growth associated with those things as well.

So, two seasonal factors plus one launch factor all combines to give the negative working capital effect that we saw in the April to June period.

E. Nigam

Thanks. That's helpful. Just secondly, on your capex of £3.7 billion, if you can just break that up between R&D, maintenance cap ex, and capacity editions.

K. Gregor

Let me try and split it between—I could split it between R&D and cap ex. It's roughly £1.5 billion of R&D, just over, and £2.2 billion of investment in tools, equipment, capacity like, for example, the initial

investments in the Slovakian manufacturing plant. I think it's always

you're calling maintenance versus other capital. So, I think I'll just stop with the split between R&D and cap ex.

E. Nigam

Okay. Are you still guiding for negative free cash flow in FY17? You have given a guidance in the past. What are your thoughts on free cash flows in FY17?

hard, though, to try and give a sense of how it's split between what

K. Gregor

I think I would just reiterate the guidance we gave in the past. It's just like I said before. It's possible with the higher capex level that we're sustaining this year that we could see some modestly negative cash flow this year. But, of course, internally, you could expect and trust that we're driving quite hard to try to make that cash flow positive at the same time.

And that's been the case for the last two to three years. I've given the same guidance, and I think you've seen each time in the last two to three years that, actually, we've managed to come out of the year with strongly positive cash flow. We've got three quarters in front of us this year to see how we travel.

E. Nigam

Just this last question on the China JV. I saw a profit number of around £51 million. Does this include the royalty received from the JV?

K. Gregor

No. That profit figure on the income statement is just the share of the after-tax profit of the joint venture.

E. Nigam

Okay. So, if you can just help me comprehend the numbers, I think you had a question previously about it as well. For JV volumes of around 13,000 over the quarter, a £15 million profit seems too good to be true. So, am I missing some number here? Because I think C.R mentioned that it would moderate going ahead. Can you share some operating—

Coordinator

Excuse me for interrupting. We now have to take the final question which comes from Sonal Gupta of UBS Securities. I do apologize.

E. Nigam

Okay. Sure. Thanks.

K. Gregor

Just before you do—we'll take the final question; let me just try and answer that one real quick. There are also some seasonal factors with the joint venture in terms of balance of production and wholesale volumes. So that ebbs and flows through the quarters a little bit. Also that can produce higher profits in one quarter versus another quarter.

So, I do tend to think one has to try to—I mean, this is the same thing with any results of any quarter is you try to have to not look, and you can imagine in the business I don't just look at one quarter, I prefer to look at the balance of the full year where all the seasonal factors are taken into account and you can see the trend. Because, at the end of the day, this is a business where we're investing over four, five years for model introduction, we're investing for a cycle seven, eight, ten years, and therefore, one has to try to look beyond just one quarter's results, is what I think I'd say on that.

I'm sorry. Last question?

S. Gupta

Hi. Good evening. Thanks for taking my question. Just on the F-Pace, I just wanted to check if there were any material start-up costs in this quarter and would that be a factor in terms of why we are seeing the quarter-on quarter ASP improvement, we're not seeing that in our material cost.

K. Gregor

Yes, it's there as well. I didn't labour it because I felt I was labouring all the other reasons why the EBITDA margin was lower. But there are also the impact of launch costs in the quarter given all the three product launches. But they're less big than the other numbers that I called out, let's put it that way.

S. Gupta

Okay. And would you be able to give us some sense on what to look for a waiting period do we have for the ASPs?

K. Gregor

I don't like to get specific for competitive reasons, but in some markets we've got some really good strong demand and longer waiting periods, over six months, but probably the world average is three to four months.

S. Gupta

Great. And just lastly, again, on the China JV, my understanding would be that the JV, whatever component it's procuring from JLR, are paid for in pounds and, therefore, with the pound depreciation, the JV should benefit. Is that understanding correct?

K. Gregor

That's a good question. I'm just thinking about that. Sorry, you've thrown me because you've taken me into the next level of detail that I wasn't thinking about.

There's definitely an FX effect though for JV source materials that it sources from JLR. Roughly maybe 40% of the building materials is sourced out of the UK or mainland Europe and, therefore, that is an impact. And if the pound is weaker, then those material costs should be lower, yes, I think that's true. So, there's an effect in there, yes. But I'd struggle to mention it right now and that might be one to take offline.

S. Gupta Okay. Just going back to the supply side. Would all the payments to

JLR be in pound or would there be some euro for the euro component

that the JV is procuring?

K. Gregor No. There'd be euros. Basically, we pass through all the currency

effects on to the joint ventures, so if the commodity's sourced in

euros, then the joint venture pays in euros, basically.

S. Gupta Okay. Great. Thank you so much.

Coordinator Thank you for your question. Ladies and gentlemen, due to time

constraints no further questions can be taken. I'll now hand the floor

back to Mr. Ken Gregor for the closing comments.

K. Gregor Just thanks as always for taking the time to join us today. Appreciate

your support, both this quarter and over the years as we continue to

develop our business. So, thank you.

Coordinator Thank you. On behalf of Jaguar Land Rover, that concludes this

conference. Thank you for joining us, and you may now disconnect

your lines.

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