

Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report includes forward-looking statements, including the statements in the Chairman's Message and other statements in this report regarding market demand, population growth, farm productivity, investments in new product and technology introductions, strategic initiatives and their effects, energy savings, cost reductions, cash flows, returns to shareholders and general economic conditions. These statements are subject to risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the statements, including:

Our financial results depend entirely upon the agricultural industry, and factors that adversely affect the agricultural industry generally, including declines in the general economy, increases in farm input costs, lower commodity prices and changes in the availability of credit for our retail customers, will adversely affect us. The poor performance of the general economy has adversely impacted our sales and may continue to have an adverse impact on our sales in the future, the extent of which we are unable to predict, and there can be no assurance that our results will not continue to be affected by the weakness in global economic conditions. Our success depends on the introduction of new products, which requires substantial expenditures and may not be well received in the marketplace.

We face significant competition, and if we are unable to compete successfully against other agricultural equipment manufacturers, we would lose customers and our revenues and profitability would decline.

Most of our sales depend on the retail customers obtaining financing, and any disruption in their ability to obtain financing, whether due to economic downturns

or otherwise, will result in the sale of fewer products by us. A large portion of the retail sales of our products is financed by our retail finance joint ventures with Rabobank, and any difficulty on Rabobank's part to fund the venture would adversely impact sales if our customers would be required to utilize other retail financing providers. We depend on suppliers for raw materials, components and parts for our products, and any failure by our suppliers to provide products as needed, or by us to promptly address supplier issues, will adversely impact our ability to timely and efficiently manufacture and sell products.

A majority of our sales and manufacturing takes place outside the United States, and, as a result, we are exposed to risks related to foreign laws, taxes, economic conditions, labor supply and relations, political conditions and governmental policies. These risks may delay or reduce our realization of value from our international operations.

Volatility with respect to currency exchange rates and interest rates can adversely affect our reported results of operations and the competitiveness of our products. We are subject to extensive environmental laws and regulations, and our compliance with, or our failure to comply with, existing or future laws and regulations could delay production of our products or otherwise adversely affect our business.

We are subject to raw material price fluctuations, which can adversely affect our manufacturing costs.

We disclaim any obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required by law.