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AIR INDUSTRIES GROUP
360 Motor Parkway, Suite 100
Hauppauge, New York 11788
October 19, 2018
Dear Stockholders:
On behalf of the Board of Directors, you are cordially invited to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Air Industries Group. The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time
at the offices of Air Industries Group, 360 Motor Parkway, Suite 100, Hauppauge, New York 11788. The formal Notice of Annual Meeting is set forth in the enclosed material.
The matters expected to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting are described in the attached Proxy Statement. At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on our business operations.
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It is important that your views be represented. If you request a proxy card, please mark, sign and date the proxy card
when received and return it promptly in the self-addressed, stamped envelope we will provide. No postage is required if this envelope is mailed in the United States. You also have the option of voting your proxy via the Internet at
www.proxyvote.com or by calling toll free via a touch-tone phone at 1-800-690-6903. Proxies submitted by telephone or over the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 28, 2018. Although we encourage yo
to complete and return a proxy prior to the Annual Meeting to ensure that your vote is counted, you can attend the Annual Meeting and cast your vote in person. If you vote by proxy and also attend the Annual Meeting, there is no
need to vote again at the Annual Meeting unless you wish to change your vote.
We appreciate your investment in Air Industries Group and urge you to cast your vote as soon as possible.
Sincerely,
/s/ Luciano Melluzzo
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President and Chief Executive Officer

AIR INDUSTRIES GROUP 360 Motor Parkway, Suite 100
Hauppauge, NY 11788
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
The 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Air Industries Group will be held at the offices of Air Industries Group, 360 Motor Parkway, Suite 100, Hauppauge, New York 11788 on Thursday, November 29, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time for the following purposes:
1. to elect seven directors;
to approve the issuance of shares of Common Stock to Michael Taglich, Robert Taglich and Taglich Brothers, Inc. 2. in connection with the private placement of our Subordinated Notes due May 31, 2019 in accordance with the applicable rules of the NYSE American Stock Exchange;
3. to ratify the appointment of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018; and
4. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.
The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on October 4, 2018 as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Luciano Melluzzo

October 19, 2018

Please mark, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and

return it promptly in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

To vote via the Internet or telephone:

Internet: www.proxyvote.com

Phone: 1-800-690-6903

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Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2017, as amended

AIR INDUSTRIES GROUP
360 Motor Parkway, Suite 100
Hauppauge, NY 11788
PROXY STATEMENT
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General Information
This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Air Industries Group, a Nevada corporation (the "Company," "we," "our" or "us"), of proxies to be voted at our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting" or the "Meeting") and at any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, at our offices, 360 Motor Parkway, Suite 100, Hauppauge, New York 11788.
This Proxy Statement, the Notice of Annual Meeting, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as amended, and accompanying proxy are being furnished to holders of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), on or about October 19, 2018. Web links and addresses contained in this Proxy Statement are provided for convenience only, and the content on the referenced websites does not constitute a part of this Proxy Statement.
Frequently Asked Questions About the Annual Meeting and Voting
1. Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Holders of our Common Stock as of October 4, 2018 (the "Record Date") are entitled to receive the Notice of Annual Meeting and to vote their shares at the Meeting. Holders of our Common Stock on the Record Date are entitled to one

vote for each share held of record on the Record Date.

2. How many shares of Common Stock are "outstanding"?

As of October 4, 2018, there were 26,413,737 shares of Common Stock outstanding and entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting.

3. What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered in your name with our transfer agent, Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc., you are the "stockholder of record" of those shares. This Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and any accompanying materials have been provided directly to you by Air Industries Group.

If your shares are held through a broker, bank or other holder of record, you hold your shares in "street name" and you are considered the "beneficial owner" of those shares. This Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and any accompanying documents have been provided to you by your broker, bank or other holder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other holder of record how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction card or by following their instructions for voting by telephone or on the Internet. Absent instructions from you, under applicable regulatory requirements, your broker may vote your shares on the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2018, but may not vote your shares on the election of directors, approval of the issuance of shares to Michael Taglich, Robert Taglich and Taglich Brothers, Inc. in connection with the private placement of our Subordinated Notes due May 31, 2019 or any of the other proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

4. Why did I receive a notice of internet availability of proxy materials instead of a full set of proxy materials?

In accordance with the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we are permitted to furnish proxy materials, including this proxy statement and our annual report, to stockholders by providing access to these documents on the Internet instead of mailing printed copies. Most stockholders will not receive printed copies of the proxy materials unless they request so. Instead, the notice provides instructions on how to access and review the proxy materials on the Internet. The notice also provides instructions on how to submit your proxy and voting instructions via the Internet. If you would like to receive a printed copy or an electronic copy (via email) of our proxy materials, please follow the instructions for requesting the materials in the notice.

5. How do I vote?

You may vote using any of the following methods:

By mail

Complete, sign and date the accompanying proxy or voting instruction card and return it in the prepaid envelope. If you are a stockholder of record and return your signed proxy card but do not indicate your voting preferences, the persons named in the proxy card will vote the shares represented by your proxy card as recommended by the Board of Directors.

By telephone or on the Internet

Air Industries Group has established telephone and Internet voting procedures for stockholders of record. These procedures are designed to authenticate your identity, to allow you to give your voting instructions and to confirm that those instructions have been properly recorded. Telephone and Internet voting facilities for stockholders of record will be available 24 hours a day until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 28, 2018.

The availability of telephone and Internet voting for beneficial owners will depend on the voting processes of your broker, bank or other holder of record. We therefore recommend that you follow the voting instructions in the materials you receive.

If you vote by telephone or on the Internet, you do not have to return your proxy or voting instruction card.

Telephone. You can vote by calling the toll-free telephone number on your proxy card. Please have your proxy card handy when you call. Easy-to-follow voice prompts will allow you to vote your shares and confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded.

Internet. The website for Internet voting is www.proxyvote.com. Please have your proxy card handy when you go to the website. As with telephone voting, you can confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. If you vote on the Internet, you also can request electronic delivery of future proxy materials.

In person at the Annual Meeting

Stockholders who attend the Annual Meeting may vote in person at the Meeting. You may also be represented by another person at the Meeting by executing a proper proxy designating that person. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other holder of record and present it to the inspector of election with your ballot to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important. Please complete your proxy card promptly to ensure that your vote is received timely.

6. What can I do if I change my mind after I vote?

If you are a stockholder of record, you can revoke your proxy before it is exercised by:

giving written notice to the Corporate Secretary of the Company;

delivering a valid, later-dated proxy, or a later-dated vote by telephone or on the Internet, in a timely manner; or

voting by ballot at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you may submit new voting instructions by contacting your broker, bank or other holder of record. All shares for which proxies have been properly submitted and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting.

7. How will your proxy vote your shares?

Your proxy will vote according to your instructions. If you vote by mail and complete, sign, and return the proxy card but do not indicate your vote, your proxy will vote "FOR" each of the director nominees, "FOR" approval of the issuance of shares to Michael Taglich, Robert Taglich and Taglich Brothers, Inc. (collectively, the "Taglich Parties") in connection with the private placement of our Subordinated Notes due May 31, 2019 (the "Note Offering") and "FOR" ratification of the appointment of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, which votes represent the recommendations of the Board with respect to such matters. The Board does not intend to bring any other matter for a vote at the Annual Meeting, and neither we nor the Board knows of anyone else who intends to do so. However, on any other business that properly comes before the Annual Meeting, your proxies are authorized to vote on your behalf using their best judgment.

8. Where can you find the voting results?

We intend to announce the preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting and will publish the final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which we will file with the SEC no later than four business days following the Annual Meeting. If the final voting results are unavailable in time to file a current report on Form 8-K with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting, we intend to file a Form 8-K to disclose the preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known, will file an additional current report on Form 8-K with the

SEC to disclose the final voting results.

9. What is a broker non-vote?

If you are a beneficial owner whose shares are held of record by a broker, you must instruct the broker how to vote your shares. If you do not provide voting instructions, your shares will not be voted on any proposal on which the broker does not have discretionary authority to vote. This is called a "broker non-vote." In these cases, the broker can register your shares as being present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum but will not be able to vote on those matters for which specific authorization is required under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

If you are a beneficial owner whose shares are held of record by a broker, your broker has discretionary voting authority under NYSE rules to vote your shares on the ratification of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm, even if the broker does not receive voting instructions from you. However, your broker does not have discretionary authority to vote on the election of directors, the approval of the issuance of shares to the Taglich Parties in connection with the Note Offering or any other proposal, in which case a broker non-vote will occur and your shares will not be voted on these matters.

10. What is a quorum for the Annual Meeting?

The presence of the holders of shares of common stock representing 13,206,869 votes, a majority of the Common Stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, in person or represented by proxy, is necessary to constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum.

11. What are the voting requirements to elect the directors and to approve each of the proposals discussed in this Proxy Statement?

Election of Directors

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting. This means that the seven persons receiving the highest number of affirmative "for" votes at the Annual Meeting will be elected. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as votes "for" or "against" a director nominee.

Approval of Issuance of Shares to the Taglich Parties in connection with the Note Financing

The votes cast "for" must exceed the votes cast "against" to approve the issuance of shares to the Taglich Parties in connection with the Note Financing. Abstentions are not counted as votes "for" or "against" this proposal. The 204,999 shares issued to the Taglich Parties in connection with the Note Financing may not be voted on this proposal. Consequently, the votes of the holders of only 26,208,738 shares of Common Stock will determine whether the issuance of 204,999 shares to the Taglich Parties in connection with the Note Offering are approved in accordance with the applicable rules of the NYSE American.

Ratification of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C as our independent registered public accounting firm

The votes cast "for" must exceed the votes cast "against" to approve the ratification of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C as our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions are not counted as votes "for" or "against" this proposal.

12. How will my shares be voted at the Annual Meeting?

At the Meeting, the Board of Directors (the persons named in the proxy card or, if applicable, their substitutes) will vote your shares as you instruct. If you sign your proxy card and return it without indicating how you would like to vote your shares, your shares will be voted as the Board of Directors recommends, which is:

FOR the election of each of the director nominees named in this Proxy Statement;

FOR approval of the issuance of shares to the Taglich Parties in connection with the Note Offering; and

FOR ratification of the appointment of Rotenberg Meril Solomon Bertiger & Guttilla, P.C as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

13. Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, we did not know of any matters to be presented at the Annual Meeting, other than those referred to in this Proxy Statement.

If you return your signed and completed proxy card or vote by telephone or on the Internet and other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration, the individuals named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card will have the discretion to vote on your behalf.

14. Who will pay for the cost of the Annual Meeting and this proxy solicitation?

The Company will pay the costs associated with the Annual Meeting and solicitation of proxies, including the costs of transmitting the proxy materials. In addition to solicitation by mail, our directors, officers and regular employees (who will not be specifically compensated for such services) may solicit proxies by telephone or otherwise. Arrangements will be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward proxies and proxy materials to their principals, and we will reimburse them for their expenses. We have retained Broadridge Issuer Corporate Solutions, Inc. to assist in the mailing, collection and administration of proxies. We have not retained a soliciting agent to assist in the solicitation of proxies.

MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING

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Election of Directors

Nominees

At the Annual Meeting, seven directors, who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, are to be elected, each to hold office (subject to our By-Laws) until the next annual meeting and until his successor has been elected and qualified. All of the nominees for director currently serve as directors.

Each nominee has consented to being named as a nominee in this proxy statement and to serve if elected. If any nominee listed in the table below should become unavailable for any reason, which the Board of Directors does not anticipate, the proxy will be voted for any substitute nominee or nominees who may be selected by the Board of Directors prior to or at the Annual Meeting, or, if no substitute is selected by the Board of Directors prior to or at the Annual Meeting, for a motion to reduce the membership of the Board of Directors to the number of nominees available. The seven nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative "for" votes at the Annual Meeting will be elected. The information concerning the nominees and their security holdings has been furnished by them to us.

Directors are nominated by our Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. As discussed elsewhere in this proxy statement, in evaluating director nominees, the Nominating Committee considers characteristics that include, among others, integrity, business experience, financial acumen, leadership abilities, familiarity with our businesses and businesses similar or analogous to ours, and the extent to which a candidate's knowledge, skills, background and experience are already represented by other members of our Board of Directors. Listed below are our director nominees with their biographies.

Name of Nominee	Ag
Michael N. Taglich	53
Robert F. Taglich	51
David J. Buonnano	62
Peter D. Rettaliata	67
Robert C. Schroeder	51
Michael Brand	60

Michael D. Porcelain 49

Michael N. Taglich has been Chairman of our Board of Directors since September 22, 2008. He is Chairman and President of Taglich Brothers, a New York City based securities firm which he co-founded in 1992 and which is focused on public and private micro-cap companies. Mr. Taglich is currently Chairman of the Board of Mare Island Dry Dock LLC, a company engaged in ship repair services, and BioVentrix, Inc., a privately held medical device company whose products are directed at heart failure. He also serves as a Director of Bridgeline Digital Inc., a publicly traded company, Icagen Inc., a reporting but not trading company engaged in early stage pharmaceutical research, Decision Point Systems Inc., a private company engaged in Field service automation, Dilon Technologies, a private medical device company and Autonet Mobile Inc., a private company focused on connecting automobiles to the internet. Mr. Taglich's extensive experience in the capital markets and his knowledge of the aerospace industry qualify him to serve as a Director.

Robert F. Taglich has been a director of our company since 2008. He is a Managing Director of Taglich Brothers, which he co-founded in 1992. Prior to founding Taglich Brothers, Mr. Taglich was a Vice President at Weatherly Securities. Mr. Taglich has served in various positions in the securities brokerage industry for the past 25 years. Mr. Taglich serves on the board of privately held BioVentrix, Inc., a medical device company whose products are directed at heart failure. Mr. Taglich holds a Bachelor's degree from New York University. Mr. Taglich's extensive experience in the capital markets and his knowledge of the aerospace industry qualify him to serve as a Director.

David J. Buonanno has been a director of our company since 2008. He is the Founder and President of Buonanno Enterprises Consulting, providing strategic management, supply chain/operations and recruitment services to aerospace and defense industry clients. Mr. Buonanno has extensive experience in manufacturing, supply management and operations. He was employed by Sikorsky Aircraft, Inc., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, as Vice President, Supply Management and International Offset (from January 1997 to July 2006) and as Director, Systems Subcontracts (from November 1992 to January 1997). From May 1987 to November 1992, he was employed by General Electric Company serving as Operations Manager and Manager, Program Materials Management of GE's Astro-Space Division. From June 1977 to May 1987, he was employed by RCA and affiliated companies. Mr. Buonanno attended Lehigh University College of Electrical Engineering and holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Rutgers University. He completed the Program for Management Development at Harvard Business School in 1996. Mr. Buonanno's extensive experience in the aerospace and defense industries and familiarity with the operations of companies in the industry qualify him to serve as a Director.

Peter D. Rettaliata has been a director of our company since 2005. He served as our Acting President and Chief Executive Officer from March 2, 2017 to November 15, 2017, and served as our President and Chief Executive Officer from November 30, 2005 to December 31, 2014. He also served as the President of our wholly-owned subsidiary, AIM, from 1994 to 2008. Prior to his involvement at AIM, Mr. Rettaliata was employed by Grumman Aerospace Corporation for twenty-two years, where he attained the position of Senior Procurement Officer. Professionally, Mr. Rettaliata has served as the Chairman of "ADDAPT", an organization of regional aerospace companies, as a member of the Board of Governors of the Aerospace Industries Association, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the AIA Supplier Council. He is a graduate of Niagara University where he received a B.A. in History and Harvard Business School where he completed the PMD Program. Mr. Rettaliata's extensive experience in the aerospace industry and his knowledge of our operations qualify him to serve as a Director.

Robert C. Schroeder has been a director of our company since 2008. He is Vice President - Investment Banking of Taglich Brothers and specializes in advisory services and capital raising for small public and private companies. Mr. Schroeder joined Taglich Brothers in April 1993 as an Equity Analyst publishing sell-side research. Prior to joining Taglich Brothers, he served in various positions in the brokerage and public accounting industry. Mr. Schroeder also serves as a director of the following publicly traded companies: DecisionPoint Systems, Inc., a leading provider and integrator of Enterprise Mobility, Wireless Applications and RFID solutions, and Intellinetics, Inc., a provider of cloud-based enterprise content management solutions. Mr. Schroeder received a B.S. degree in accounting and economics from New York University. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a member of the Association for Investment Management and Research and a member of the New York Society of Security Analysts. Mr. Schroeder's extensive experience in the capital markets qualify him to serve as a Director.

Michael Brand has been a director of our company since 2012, and from March 2017 to November 2017 served as a consultant to our company focused on day to day production issues, scheduling of the products to be manufactured and related operational issues such as the maintenance of appropriate inventory levels. He was the President of Goodrich Landing Gear, a unit of Goodrich Corporation, from July 2005 to June 2012. Prior to joining Goodrich for over 25 years he held senior management positions in the Aerospace industry. He began his career at General Electric Corporation and rose to senior management in its jet engine manufacturing operations. Mr. Brand is a graduate of

Clarkson University, with advanced degrees and certificates from Xavier University and the Wharton School. Mr. Brand's extensive experience in the aerospace and defense industries and familiarity with the operations of companies in the industry qualify him to serve as a Director.

Michael Porcelain has a director of our company since October 23, 2017. Mr. Porcelain has been Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Comtech Telecommunications Corp., a publicly traded company and leading provider of advanced communication solutions for both commercial and government customers worldwide, since March 2006, and from 2002 to March 2006, he served as Vice President of Finance and Internal Audit of Comtech. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. Porcelain was Director of Corporate Profit and Business Planning for Symbol Technologies, a mobile wireless information solutions company. Previously, he spent five years in public accounting holding various positions, including Manager in the Transaction Advisory Services Group of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Since 1998, he has owned and operated The Independent Adviser Corporation, a privately held company which holds the rights to use certain intellectual properties and trademarks (including various Internet websites) related to the financial planning and advisory industry. Mr. Porcelain is an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University located in New York where he teaches graduate level accounting courses. Mr. Porcelain has a B.S. in Business Economics from State University of Oneonta, New York, a M.S. in Accounting and an M.B.A. degree from Binghamton University. Mr. Porcelain's knowledge and experience in accounting matters qualify him to serve as a Director.

Michael N. Taglich and Robert F. Taglich are brothers.

All directors hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Officers are elected by and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Employee directors do not receive any compensation for their services as directors. Non-employee directors are entitled to receive compensation for serving as directors and may receive option grants from our company.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR

THE ELECTION OF EACH NOMINEE UNDER PROPOSAL ONE

Information Concerning the Board of Directors

Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight

The Board does not have a policy requiring separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Nevertheless, Michael N. Taglich is Chairman of the Board and Lou Melluzzo is Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Board has determined that a non-employee director serving as Chairman is in the best interests of our stockholders at this time. This structure ensures a greater role of non-employee Directors in the active oversight of our business, including risk management oversight, and in setting agendas and establishing Board priorities and procedures. This structure also allows the Chief Executive Officer to focus to a greater extent on the management of our day-to-day operations.

The Board of Directors as a whole is responsible for consideration and oversight of risks facing the Company, and is responsible for ensuring that material risks are identified and managed appropriately. Certain risks are overseen by committees of the Board of Directors and these committees make reports to the full Board of Directors, including reports on noteworthy risk-management issues. Members of the Company's senior management team regularly report to the full Board about their areas of responsibility and a component of these reports is risk within the area of responsibility and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures. Additional review or reporting on risks is conducted as needed or as requested by the Board or one of its committees.

Board Independence

Our Board of Directors has determined that Robert Schroeder, David Buonanno, Peter Rettaliata and Michael Porcelain are "independent directors" within the meaning of NYSE American Rule 803A(2).

Director Compensation

Non-employee Directors are entitled to receive compensation for serving as directors and may receive option grants from our company. Each Director also is entitled to be repaid or prepaid all traveling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonably incurred or expected to be incurred in attending meetings of our Board of Directors or committees of our Board of Directors or stockholder meetings or otherwise in connection with the discharge of his duties as a Director. The compensation committee will assist the directors in reviewing and approving the compensation structure for our directors.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation paid to, earned by or accrued for, our directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.