UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 24, 2021

DELUXE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MN (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-7945 (Commission File Number)

41-0216800 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3680 Victoria St. N. 55126-2966 Shoreview MN (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(651) 483-7111

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share	DLX	NYSE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). □ Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. 🗆

Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The following information is being "furnished" in accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing:

Furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is a copy of a presentation entitled "Deluxe Investor Presentation."

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Deluxe Investor Presentation
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover page interactive data file (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 24, 2021

DELUXE CORPORATION

/s/ Jeffrey L. Cotter

Jeffrey L. Cotter Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel

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Investor Presentation

March 24, 2021

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Cautionary Statement

This presentation highlights management's intentions, projections, financial estimates or expectations about the company's future strategy or performance and are forward-looking in nature as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These comments are subject to risks and uncertainties, including risks related to potential continuing negative impacts from pandemic health issues, such as the coronavirus / COVID-19, along with the impact of government stay-at-home orders or other similar directives on our future financial results of operations, our future financial condition, and our ability to continue business activities in affected regions, which could cause our actual results to differ materially from our projections. Additional information about factors that might cause our actual results to differ from projections is contained in the company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and other SEC filings. Any references to non-GAAP financial measures are reconciled to the comparable GAAP financial measures in fourth quarter and full year 2020 earnings release or other SEC filings.

Tech Company with Strong Cash Flow

_ <u>nN\$</u>	Focus on capital efficient, scalable businesses in growth markets
800	Powerful reach, sales and distribution channels
<u>i</u>	Recurring and re-occurring revenue model with long-term relationship
a a a a a	Revenue diversity & reliable cash flow from millions of customers of all sizes across multiple industries

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Total Company Revenue ~\$1.8B Payments Revenue |% Company Revenue ~\$302M | 17% Cloud Solutions Revenue |% Company Revenue ~\$ 253M | 14% Promotional Solutions Revenue |% Company Revenue ~\$ 530M | 30% Checks Revenue |% Company Revenue ~\$ 706M | 39%

FY 2020

Payments

2020 Revenue\$302M2020 Adjusted EBITDA23%2020 % Company Revenue17%Expected LT GrowthMid-teens

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High Growth Segment in Strong Secular Growth Market: *Enabling Businesses to Pay and Get Paid*

Our Solutions	Our Scale	Where We Win	Why We Win
Receivables as a Service Software automation and intelligence plus massive lockbox operations scale	\$2.8T in payments value processed ¹	Helping our bank partners and enterprise customers automate \$80B of expense	 Lockbox as our foundation Software intelligently matching all payment options in one view 70 of top 100 banks currently utilizing at least one DLX service
Digital Disbursements Digital payouts and electronic remittance data without friction	\$16.4B in transaction value disbursed	Initial focus on digitizing B2B and B2C one-off payments that represent over \$7T of check payments value	 Non-disruptive for Payer Payment choices for Payee Significant traction in verticals including Health Insurance
Cash Flow Management Solutions Merchant services, Payroll, Human Capital Management (HCM) and more for SMBs	\$8.8B in payroll value processed ²	Deepening SMB relationships and anchoring with Payroll / HCM to serve 6M SMB employers	 Strong bank distribution partners Investing in next generation self- onboarding technologies New SMB solutions to come
FY 2	020 = Double-Digi	t Revenue Growth; Expect san	ne over the LT

dlx 1 Includes processed directly in outsourced model and indirectly through partners using our software| 2 Includes USD and CAD

Cloud Solutions

Moderate Growth Segment to Grow Enterprises and Start / Manage SMBs

Our Solutions

Data Analytics Full-service, omni-channel, B2B & B2C marketing

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SaaS Solutions DIY and DIFM models. Incorporation, logo, web design services, etc.

Online presence supporting commerce

Web Hosting

Where We Win

FIs and Enterprises Shifting to tighter targeting & digital integration for customer acquisition. Improving through new data sources

SMBs and FIs Increasing need for digital tools and support to effectively setup and manage business operations

SMBs and Web developers

and Internet Providers Significant interest in public cloud coupled with desire for complementary digital customer engagement solutions 2020 Revenue\$253M2020 Adjusted EBITDA24%2020 % Company Revenue14%Expected LT GrowthMid-single digit

Why We Win?

- Sophisticated AI tools
- Proprietary Data; bespoke solutions
- Pay-for-Performance and/or Pay-For-Service
- Easy to use
- · Easy to find on-line
- Competitively priced
- · Potential product bundling
- Bundled by resellers
- Low-cost acquisition

Data is Growth Driver Here -- Other Solutions Relevant Across Full Lifecycle of Businesses

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Promotional Solutions

Tech Platform: Helps business manage their Brand. Produce and Manage: Physical Business-Branded Products.

Easy and Fast Cross-Sell to Existing Customers

Our Solutions

Platform to Manage a Business's R Physical Brand Impression

- Customized
- · Ease of access
- · Reporting insights
- · Self-service platform

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- Branded forms • Branded direct mailing pieces
- . Branded physical products

Traditional Business Essentials

Where We Win

SMBs .

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- . Enterprises
- Global Brands

Market Growth

- . Flat
- . Continue to increase scale

Why We Win?

2020 Adjusted EBITDA

Expected LT Growth

2020 % Company Revenue

2020 Revenue

- Omni-channel distribution
- · Well-curated selection
- Rapid innovation

Turn-Key Business-Branded **Product/Inventory Management**

\$530M

Low-single digit

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13%

30%

- Managed Service
- · Branded merchandising
- · Recurring revenue streams

Support Rapidly Changing **Market Demands**

- Rapid prototyping
- Deep sources of supply
- · Meet unique needs
- · Ease of access
- · Reporting insights

Checks

2020 Adjusted EBITDA 2020 % Company Revenue Expected LT Growth

Why We Win

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\$706M 48% 39% Mid-single digit decline

Profitable Strategic Asset to Self-Fund Growth

Solutions Strong cash flow organically funds growth AND generates healthy return of capital to shareholders



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Lead generation source for cost-effective crossselling other DLX solutions to existing customers

Where We Win

Growing market share among FIs and other resellers of all sizes

Superior Quality - minimal COVID-19 downtime/lost production

Superior Product - appropriate

Superior Service - dedicated

customer/account teams

continued investment; design and

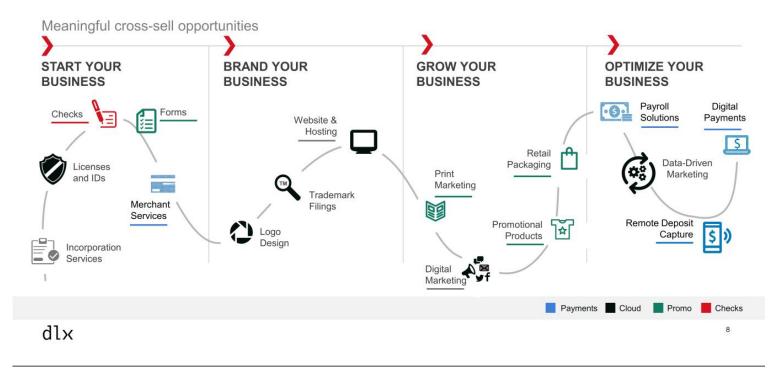
Trust – 106-year history

customization options

Balance Sheet - DLX is financially sound, driving material competitive advantage

No Substitutes for B2B Use Cases – Billions Written Annually – Continue for Many Years Foundation for Strong, Predictable Cash Generation

Uniquely Powering Companies Through Lifecycle



Executing Clear and Durable Strategy

4 Pillars Driving Future Growth





- Unified Go-To-Market sales
 approach
- Sell to new and existing customers
- End dependence on acquisition-only growth

Growth Businesses



- Focus on growing Payments and Cloud
- Sell what we have and build new products
- Move to recurring revenue model

Promotional Solutions Profitability

Adjust revenue mix

- Enhance distribution model
- Move to recurring revenue
 model
- · Continue to increase scale





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- · Capture new market share
- Hold margins flat, making smart investments
- Driving strong cash to invest in Payments and Cloud

One Deluxe = *Trusted Business Technology*[™] Company

2020 Accomplishments

Foundation Built in Middle of COVID - Now Well Positioned for Growth in 2021 and Beyond



Despite COVID..... Exited 2020 Financially Stronger

Cash Flow Highlights

- Delivered free cash flow of \$155.0M, down \$65.1M y/y
 - Decline due to COVID-related impacts, non-core Cloud business exits described last year, and continued secular check declines
 - All partially offset by lower interest, taxes, integration expenses and lower capital expenditures
- · Did not repurchase common stock in Q4
- Declared all 4 regular quarterly dividends of \$0.30 per share
- · Ended year with strong liquidity of \$425M and cash balance of \$123M
 - Paid down debt, ending year with \$840M
- Net debt is \$717M, lowest level in 2.5 years

Full Year Financial Results

Revenue decline compared to last year (\$1.791B) **10.8**%

GAAP net income was **\$8.8B**

Adjusted EBITDA \$364.5M

Adjusted EBITDA margin **20.4**%



Note: A comparison of reported 2019 and 2020 full year results is difficult given each year was impacted by asset impairment charges. Our measures of adjusted earnings and adjusted EBITDA exclude these non-cash charges along with restructuring, integration and other costs. These adjustments are detailed in the reconciliations provided in our release.

2021 Guidance

Resilient Business Model - Well Positioned for Growth

Full Year 2021 Outlook

- · Exit growth rate: mid-single digit
- FY revenue growth of 0% to 2%
- FY Adjusted EBITDA margin between 20% and 21%
- Q1 2021 will be a continuation of Q4 2020 with similar pandemic impacts
- · Expect recovery to begin in the second quarter

Accelerating Transformation

Capital expenditures = ~\$90M

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Deluxe: A Compelling Investment Opportunity

~\$1.8B Fintech Hidden Gem: Payments | Cloud Solutions | Promotional Solutions | Checks







Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income (Loss)

» \$ in millions, except per share amounts (Unaudited)

	Quarter End	Quarter Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	
oduct revenue	\$322.5	\$365.3	\$1,230.7	\$1,409.1	
rvice revenue	132.0	156.8	560.1	599.6	
Total revenue	454.5	522.1	1,790.8	2,008.7	
st of products	(125.8)	(132.5)	(458.7)	(531.3)	
st of services	(66.2)	(74.6)	(272.1)	(281.6)	
Total cost of revenue	(192.0)	(207.1)	(730.8)	(812.9)	
Gross profit	262.5	315.0	1,060.0	1,195.8	
elling, general and administrative expense	(207.0)	(225.9)	(841.6)	(891.7)	
structuring and integration expense	(18.9)	(22.2)	(75.9)	(71.2)	
set impairment charges	<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(98.0)	(391.0)	
Operating income (loss)	36.6	66.9	44.5	(158.1)	
erest expense	(4.9)	(7.4)	(23.1)	(34.7)	
ner income	0.7	1.1	9.2	7.2	
Income (loss) before income taxes	32.4	60.6	30.6	(185.6)	
ome tax provision	(7.7)	(15.8)	(21.7)	(14.3)	
Net income (loss)	24.7	44.8	8.9	(199.9)	
n-controlling interest			(0.1)		
Net income (loss) attributable to Deluxe	\$24.7	\$44.8	\$8.8	(\$199.9)	
ighted average dilutive shares	42.2	42.3	42.1	43.0	
uted earnings (loss) per share	\$0.58	\$1.06	\$0.19	(\$4.65)	
justed diluted earnings per share	1.38	1.94	5.08	6.82	
pital expenditures	19.9	16.9	62.6	66.6	
preciation and amortization expense	27.7	30.6	110.8	126.0	
ITDA	65.0	98.6	164.4	(24.9)	
justed EBITDA	94.9	130.3	364.5	480.9	
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Segment Information

\$ in millions (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2020		2020	
Revenue:		- 225		
Payments	\$78.0	\$75.7	\$301.9	\$269.6
Cloud Solutions	59.2	81.2	252.8	318.4
Promotional Solutions	144.0	172.7	529.6	640.9
Checks	173.3	192.5	706.5	779.8
Total	\$454.5	\$522.1	\$1,790.8	\$2,008.7
Adjusted EBITDA:				
Payments	\$17.8	\$22.3	\$68.1	\$74.4
Cloud Solutions	16.1	20.8	61.6	77.2
Promotional Solutions	20.1	32.5	66.6	101.3
Checks	83.3	101.8	341.7	402.7
Corporate	(42.4)	(47.1)	(173.5)	(174.7)
Total	\$94.9	\$130.3	\$364.5	\$480.9
Adjusted EBITDA Margin:				
Payments	22.8 %	29.5 %	22.6 %	27.6 %
Cloud Solutions	27.2 %	25.6 %	24.4 %	24.2 %
Promotional Solutions	14.0 %	18.8 %	12.6 %	15.8 %
Checks	48.1 %	52.9 %	48.4 %	51.6 %
Total	20.9 %	25.0 %	20.4 %	23.9 %
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Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

(EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA)

Management discloses EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA because it believes they are useful in evaluating the company's operating performance, as the calculations eliminate the effect of interest expense, income taxes, the accounting effects of capital investments (i.e., depreciation and amortization) and in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, certain items, as presented below, that may vary for companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance. In addition, management utilizes Adjusted EBITDA to assess the operating results and performance of the business, to perform analytical comparisons and to identify strategies to improve performance. Management also believes that an increasing EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA depict an increase in the value of the company. Management does not consider EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to be measures of cash flow, as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as interest, income taxes, debt service payments or capital investments. Management does not consider EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA to be substitutes for operating income or net income. Instead, management believes that EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are useful performance measures that should be considered in addition to GAAP performance measures.

	Quarter End	Quarter Ended December 31,		d December 31,
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net income (loss)	\$24.7	\$44.8	\$8.9	(\$199.9)
Non-controlling interest	—		(0.1)	_
Interest expense	4.9	7.4	23.1	34.7
Income tax provision	7.7	15.8	21.7	14.3
Depreciation and amortization expense	27.7	30.6	110.8	126.0
EBITDA	65.0	98.6	164.4	(24.9)
Asset impairment charges		-	98.0	391.0
Restructuring, integration and other costs	21.6	25.8	80.7	79.5
CEO transition costs	_	0.9	_	9.4
Share-based compensation expense	6.5	5.1	21.8	19.2
Acquisition transaction costs	-	—		0.2
Certain legal-related (benefit) expense		_	(2.2)	6.4
Loss (gain) on sales of businesses and customer lists	1.8	(0.1)	1.8	0.1
Adjusted EBITDA	\$94.9	\$130.3	\$364.5	\$480.9

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Note that the company has not reconciled adjusted EBITDA for full year 2021 to the directly comparable GAAP financial measure because the company does not provide outlook guidance for net income or the reconciling items between net income and adjusted EBITDA. Because of the substantial uncertainty and variability surrounding certain of these forward-looking reconciling items, including asset impairment charges, restructuring, integration and other costs, and certain legal-related expenses, a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure outlook guidance to the corresponding GAAP measure is not available without unreasonable effort. The probable significance of certain of these reconciling items is high and, based on historical experience, could be material.

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

Adjusted Diluted EPS

By excluding the impact of non-cash items or items that may not be indicative of ongoing operations, management believes that Adjusted Diluted EPS provides useful comparable information to assist in analyzing the company's current and future operating performance. As such, Adjusted Diluted EPS is one of the key financial performance of metrics used to assess the operating results and performance. It is reasonable to expect that one or more of the excluded items will occur in future periods, but the amounts recognized may vary significantly. Management does not consider Adjusted Diluted EPS to be a substitute for GAAP performance measures but believes that it is a useful performance measures.

(1) The tax effect of the pretax adjustments considers the tax treatment and related tax rate(s) that apply to each adjustment in the applicable tax jurisdiction(s). Generally, this results in a tax impact that approximates the U.S. effective tax rate for each adjustment. However, the tax impact of certain adjustments, such as asset impairment charges, share-based compensation expense and CEO transition costs, depends on whether the amounts are deductible in the respective tax jurisdictions and the applicable effective tax rate(s) in those jurisdictions.

(2) The adjustment to total weighted-average dilutive shares is due to the net loss reported in certain of the periods presented. During these periods, the GAAP EPS calculations excluded a higher number of share-based compensation awards because their effect was antidilutive.

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	Quarter Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net income (loss)	\$24.7	\$44.8	\$8.9	(\$199.9
Non-controlling interest	_	_	(0.1)	
Net income (loss) attributable to Deluxe	24.7	44.8	8.8	(199.9)
Asset impairment charges	_	—	98.0	391.0
Acquisition amortization	13.8	16.5	55.9	70.7
Restructuring, integration and other costs	21.6	25.8	80.7	79.5
CEO transition costs	—	0.9	_	9.4
Share-based compensation expense	6.5	5.1	21.8	19.2
Acquisition transaction costs	_	_	_	0.2
Certain legal-related (benefit) expense	—	—	(2.2)	6.4
Loss (gain) on sales of businesses and customer lists	1.8	(0.1)	1.8	0.1
Adjustments, pre-tax	43.7	48.2	256.0	576.5
Income tax provision impact of pre-tax adjustments(1)	(10.2)	(10.6)	(49.9)	(81.9)
Adjustments, net of tax	33.5	37.6	206.1	494.6
Adjusted net income	58.2	82.4	214.9	294.7
Income allocated to participating securities	_	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.4)
Re-measurement of share-based awards classified as liabilities	—	17 1	(0.8)	0.1
Adjusted income attributable to Deluxe available to common shareholders	\$58.2	\$82.3	\$214.0	\$294.4
Neighted-average dilutive shares	42.2	42.3	42.1	43.0
Adjustment ⁽²⁾	_	_	_	0.2
Adjusted weighted-average dilutive shares	42.2	42.3	42.1	43.2
SAAP Diluted EPS	\$0.58	\$1.06	\$0.19	(\$4.65)
Adjustments, net of tax	0.80	0.88	4.89	11.47
Adjusted Diluted EPS	\$1.38	\$1.94	\$5.08	\$6.82

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Net Debt and Free Cash Flow

\$ in millions, except per share amounts (Unaudited)

NET DEBT

Net debt is not a GAAP financial measure. Nevertheless, management believes that net debt is an important measure to monitor leverage and evaluate the balance sheet. In calculating net debt, cash and cash equivalents are subtracted from total debt because they could be used to reduce the company's debt obligations. A limitation associated with using net debt is that it subtracts cash and cash equivalents, and therefore, may imply that management intends to use cash and cash equivalents to reduce outstanding debt and that there is less company debt than the most comparable GAAP measure indicates.

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Management believes that free cash flow is an important indicator of cash available for debt service and for shareholders, after making capital investments to maintain or expand the company's asset base. Free cash flow is limited and not all of the company's free cash flow is available for discretionary spending, as the company may have mandatory debt payments and other cash requirements that must be deducted from its cash available for future use. Free cash flow is not a substitute for GAAP liquidity measures. Instead, management believes that this measurement provides an additional metric to compare cash generated by operations on a consistent basis and to provide insight into the cash flow available to fund items such as share repurchases, dividends, mandatory and discretionary debt reduction and acquisitions or other strategic investments.

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December 31, 2020	December 31,2019
\$840.0	\$883.5
(123.1)	(73.6)
\$716.9	\$809.9
	(123.1)

Year Ended December 31,

	2020	2019
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$217.6	\$286.7
Purchases of capital assets	(62.6)	(66.6)
Free cash flow	\$155.0	\$220.1