

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

April 2, 2024

Mark Oswald Chief Financial Officer Adient plc 3 Dublin Landings, North Wall Quay Dublin 1, Ireland D01 H104

Re: Adient plc

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 Filed November 17, 2023 Form 8-K Furnished February 7, 2024 File No. 001-37757

Dear Mark Oswald:

We have limited our review of your filings to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe a comment applies to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to this letter, we may have additional comments.

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Exhibit 99.1

- 1. Your presentation on page 7 of the Appendix gives the appearance of a full non-GAAP income statement. Please note that the presentation of a full non-GAAP income statement, or a presentation that gives the appearance of one, may place undue prominence on the non-GAAP information and give the impression that the non-GAAP income statement represents a comprehensive basis of accounting. Confirm to us that you will not present full non-GAAP consolidated income statements or their equivalents in future filings. Refer to Question 102.10(c) of the C&DI's on Non-GAAP Financial Measures.
- 2. We note you present consolidated adjusted EBITDA which is reconciled on page 7 to adjusted results rather than to GAAP amounts. Please revise your reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, in future filings. Confirm whether or not you

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consider net income and net income margin to be the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

- 3. We note you present the following non-GAAP financial measures without presenting the most directly comparable GAAP measures:
 - Adjusted equity income, adjusted interest expense, and adjusted income tax expense on the second page of the earnings release
 - Adjusted EBITDA excluding adjusted equity income and its percentage of sales on page 8 of the Appendix
 - Net leverage ratio on page 10 of the Appendix

When you present a non-GAAP financial measure, please present the most directly comparable GAAP measure with equal or greater prominence as required by Item 10(e)(1)(i)(A) of Regulation S-K. Tell us what you consider to be the most directly comparable GAAP measure for each of the non-GAAP financial measures.

4. We note that your non-GAAP measures, adjusted net income attributable to Adient and adjusted diluted earnings per share, adjust for "non-qualified restructuring charges for costs that are directly attributable to restructuring activities, but do not meet the definition of restructuring under ASC 420" on page 11 of the Appendix. Please further explain the nature of these costs and tell us your consideration of whether the costs relate to normal, recurring, cash operating expenses of the Company.

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<u>Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies</u>

Revenue Recognition, page 45

5. We note that your disclosures on page 67 refer to ASC 606; however, your disclosure on page 45 appears to refer to terminology and recognition principles in ASC 605. Please revise future filings to ensure your disclosures appropriately address the guidance in ASC 606.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Customers, page 64

6. We note your disclosure of the most significant customers that comprised 11% and 10% of consolidated net sales in fiscal 2023, 12% of consolidated net sales in fiscal 2022, and 13% and 11% of consolidated net sales in fiscal 2021. Please revise future filings to disclose the identity of the segment(s) reporting the revenues from such customers pursuant to ASC 280-10-50-42.

16. Income Taxes, page 87

7. We note the impact of foreign tax rate differential which fluctuated over the last years

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presented. Considering the change in trends, please provide a further discussion of the primary taxing jurisdictions where your foreign earnings are derived and the relevant statutory rates driving the fluctuations.

17. Segment Information, page 91

8. We note your reconciliation of the reportable segments' measure of profit or loss, adjusted EBITDA, to income (loss) before income taxes on page 92. Please note that ASC 280-10-50-30b requires a reconciliation of the total of the reportable segments' measures of profit or loss to the public entity's consolidated income before income taxes. Please revise your reconciliation to present the total of the reportable segments' adjusted EBITDA before other reconciling items, such as Corporate-related costs. Also refer to ASC 280-10-55-49.

In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Stephany Yang at 202-551-3167 or Melissa Gilmore at 202-551-3777 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Manufacturing