

During the quarter, the Company generated revenue of \$69.1 million, down 18% from the \$83.9 million in revenue recorded in the first quarter last year, but up 8% over the last three months as demand for our services has improved. Net cash decreased \$4.6 million during the quarter to \$33.4 million, mainly due to the purchase of over \$3 million in inventory in preparation for potential increased activity levels.

The overall gross margin percentage for the quarter was 21.9%, compared to 25.8% for the same period last year. The Company spent \$2.8 million on capital expenditures this quarter. Our general and administrative costs were flat for the quarter at \$10.6 million, despite a small increase due to foreign exchange translation. Net loss was \$9.8 million or \$0.12 per share for the quarter, compared to a net loss of \$11.2 million or \$0.14 per share for the same quarter last year.

Although most mining companies remain cautious in their spending, we have seen an increase in activity compared to the beginning of the year. We continue to focus our efforts on getting prepared in anticipation of a possible recovery in demand for our services while remaining disciplined on pricing and focused on cost control. Commodity prices have improved over the last six months, fueling mineral financings, which have continued to improve during the quarter. However, there is typically a lag between the timing of these financings and the impact they can have on the drilling industry.

The Company's financial strength allows it to invest in safety, to maintain its equipment in good condition, and to retain many of its skilled employees, strategically positioning us to react quickly when the industry recovers.

In the long-term, we believe that most commodities will face an imbalance between supply and demand as mining reserves continue to decrease due to the lack of exploration. Typically, gold and copper projects represent over 70% of the Company's activity. Mineral

reserves of ten of the top senior gold mining companies have decreased by almost 15% over the last two years. As well, many industry experts expect that the copper market will face a deficit position by no later than 2018, due to the continued production and high grading of mines, combined with the lack of exploration work conducted to replace reserves. Therefore, it is expected that at some point in the near future, the need to develop resources in areas that are increasingly difficult to access will significantly increase, at which time we expect to see a resurgence in demand for specialized drilling.

As always, we value the continued support of our customers, employees, and shareholders.

Denis Larocque  
President & CEO

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**First Quarter Fiscal 2017**

# **MAJOR DRILLING GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC.**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **FIRST QUARTER FISCAL 2017**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") relates to the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows of Major Drilling Group International Inc. ("Major Drilling" or the "Company") as at and for the three-month period ended July 31, 2016. All amounts in this MD&A are in Canadian dollars, except where otherwise noted. These quarterly unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

This MD&A is a review of activities and results for the quarter ended July 31, 2016 as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year. Comments relate to, and should be read in conjunction with, the comparative unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements as at and for the three months ended July 31, 2016, and also in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis contained in the Company's annual report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016.

This MD&A is dated August 31, 2016. Disclosure contained in this document is current to that date, unless otherwise stated.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements about the Company's objectives, strategies, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and businesses. These statements are "forward-looking" because they are based on current expectations, estimates, assumptions, risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are typically identified by future or conditional verbs such as "outlook", "believe", "anticipate", "estimate", "project", "expect", "intend", "plan", and terms and expressions of similar import.

Such forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that include, but are not limited to: cyclical downturn; competitive pressures; dealing with business and political systems in a variety of jurisdictions; repatriation of property in other jurisdictions; payment of taxes in various jurisdictions; exposure to currency movements; inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems or from external events; dependence on key customers; safety performance; expansion and acquisition strategy; legal and regulatory risk; corruption, bribery or fraud by employees or agents; extreme weather conditions and the impact of natural or other disasters; specialized skills and cost of labour increases; equipment and parts availability and reputational risk. These factors and other risk factors, as described under "General Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's 2016 Annual Information Form, represent risks the Company believes are material. Actual results could be materially different from expectations if known or unknown risks affect the business, or if estimates or assumptions turn out to be inaccurate. The Company does not guarantee that any forward-looking statement will materialize and, accordingly, the reader is cautioned not to place reliance on these forward-looking statements.

The Company disclaims any intention and assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, even if new information becomes available, as a result of future events or for any other reasons, except in accordance with applicable securities laws. Risks that could cause the Company's actual results to materially differ from its current expectations are also discussed in this MD&A.

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form for the previous year and the most recently completed financial year, are available on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

Major Drilling Group International Inc. is one of the world's largest drilling services companies primarily serving the mining industry. To support its customers' varied exploration drilling requirements, Major Drilling maintains field operations and offices in Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, Asia, Africa and Europe. Major Drilling provides all types of drilling services including surface and underground coring, directional, reverse circulation, sonic,

geotechnical, environmental, water-well, coal-bed methane, shallow gas, underground percussive/longhole drilling and a variety of drilling-related mine services.

## **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Major Drilling continues to base its business premise on the following: mining companies continue to deplete the more easily accessible mineral reserves around the world and attractive deposits will be in increasingly remote locations, areas difficult to access and/or deep in the ground. For this reason, Major Drilling's strategy is to focus its services on projects that have these characteristics, calling these services "specialized drilling". Over the years, the Company has positioned itself as one of the largest specialized operators in the world by leveraging its main competitive advantages: skilled personnel, specialized equipment, robust safety systems, long-standing relationships with the world's largest mining companies and access to capital.

The Company intends to continue modernizing its conventional fleet and expanding its footprint in strategic areas while maintaining a strong balance sheet and remaining best in class in safety and human resources. The Company will also seek to diversify by investing in energy, underground and drilling-related mine services that are complementary to its skill set.

The Company categorizes its mineral drilling services into three types: specialized drilling, conventional drilling and underground drilling.

Specialized drilling can be defined as any drilling project that, by virtue of its scope, technical complexity or location, creates significant barriers to entry for smaller drilling companies. This would include, for example, deep-hole drilling, directional drilling, and mobilizations to remote locations or high altitudes. Because significant ore bodies are getting more difficult to find, the Company expects specialized drilling services to continue to fuel future growth and, over the next two decades, the Company believes these skills will be in greater and greater demand.

Conventional drilling tends to be more affected by the industry cycle as the barriers to entry are not as significant as with specialized drilling. This part of the industry is highly fragmented and has numerous competitors. Because the Company offers only limited differentiation in this sector, it is not its priority for investment.

Underground drilling takes on greater importance in the latter stages of the mining cycle as clients develop underground mines. In August 2014, the Company entered a new type of underground service with the acquisition of the assets of Taurus Drilling Services, a provider of underground percussive/longhole drilling, which relates more to the production function of a mine. Offering both underground production drilling and underground core drilling, the Company now provides an even wider range of complementary services to its clients.

A key part of the Company's strategy is to maintain a strong balance sheet. The Company is in a unique position to react quickly when the industry begins to recover as its financial strength allows it to retain key employees and to maintain its equipment in good condition. The Company also has a variable cost structure whereby most of its direct costs, including field staff, go up or down with contract revenue, and a large part of the Company's other expenses relate to variable incentive compensation based on the Company's profitability.

## **INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**

The metals and minerals drilling industry is reliant primarily on demand from two metal groups, gold and base metals. Each commodity group is influenced by distinct market forces.

Gold has always been a significant driver in the mining industry accounting for 40 to 50% of the exploration spend carried on around the world. Exploration activity generally varies up or down with the trend in gold prices.

The demand for base metals is dependent on economic activity. In the longer-term, the fundamental drivers of base metals remain positive, with worldwide supply for most metals expected to tighten and higher demand coming from the emerging markets over the last few years. As these markets continue to urbanize, the requirement for base metals will continue to increase at the same time as the easily accessible reserves are being depleted.

One of the realities of the mining industry is that future mineral deposits will have to come from areas difficult to access, either in remote or politically sensitive areas, deeper in the ground or at higher altitudes. This should improve demand for specialized services in the future.

In terms of customer base, the Company has two categories of customers: senior and intermediate companies, for which the Company provides greenfield exploration drilling and/or drilling at operating mines, and junior exploration companies.

The industry is currently in a cyclical downturn. At this point in time, most senior and intermediate mining companies are more cautious with their investments in exploration. Large base metal producers will eventually need to expand existing mines and develop new ones to meet the world's growth, especially in emerging markets. Activity from senior gold producers is likely to show greater volatility as gold prices vary, which will impact their exploration budgets.

With the commodity prices improving over the last six months, many junior mining companies have been able to access capital markets and obtain financing for their mining projects. However, there is typically a lag between the timing of these financings and the impact they can have on the drilling industry. Junior mining companies can account for some 50% of the drilling market in cyclical upturns.

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

Although most mining companies remain cautious in their spending, the Company has seen an increase in activity compared to the beginning of the year. Revenue is up 8% over the last three months as demand for the Company's services has improved. The Company's net cash position (net of debt) continues to be positive at \$33.4 million. The decrease this quarter was mainly due to the purchase of over \$3 million in inventory in preparation for potential increased activity levels. The Company also spent \$2.8 million on capital expenditures this quarter.

Total revenue for the quarter was \$69.1 million, down 18% from revenue of \$83.9 million recorded in the same quarter last year. The favourable foreign exchange translation impact for the quarter is estimated at \$1.8 million on revenue but negligible on net earnings, when comparing to the effective rates for the same period last year.

The overall gross margin percentage for the quarter was 21.9%, down from 25.8% for the same period last year. Pricing pressure and higher repair costs impacted margins in the current quarter.

Net loss was \$9.8 million or \$0.12 per share for the quarter, compared to a net loss of \$11.2 million or \$0.14 per share for the same quarter last year.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – FIRST QUARTER ENDED JULY 31, 2016**

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Revenue for the quarter from Canada-U.S. drilling operations decreased by 14% to \$43.8 million compared to the same period last year. The increase in revenue from the US operations was more than offset by the decrease from the Canadian operations.

South and Central American revenue was down 34% to \$13.5 million for the quarter, compared to the prior year quarter. The decrease came mostly from the Mexican and Chilean operations.

Asian and African operations reported revenue of \$11.8 million, down 5% from the same period last year. Asia showed some improvement, which was more than offset by a decrease in activity levels in Africa.

The overall gross margin percentage for the quarter was 21.9%, down from 25.8% for the same period last year. Pricing pressure and higher repair costs impacted margins in the current quarter.

General and administrative costs were flat at \$10.6 million compared to the previous quarter, despite a small increase due to foreign exchange translation. The Company continues to monitor its general and administrative costs across all of its operations.

In the same quarter last year, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$6.4 million consisting primarily of a non-cash write-down of assets of \$5.0 million in South Africa and Namibia, \$1.1 million in closedown costs relating to severance and lease termination, and \$0.3 million in additional restructuring charges.

The income tax provision for the quarter was an expense of \$0.9 million compared to an expense of \$2.8 million for the prior year period. The tax expense for the quarter was impacted by non-tax affected losses and non-deductible expenses, while incurring taxes in profitable branches.

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## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

(in \$000 CAD, except per share)	Fiscal 2015			Fiscal 2016				Fiscal 2017
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Revenue	\$ 87,192	\$ 69,784	\$ 81,191	\$ 83,934	\$ 84,667	\$ 71,887	\$ 64,133	\$ 69,089
Gross profit	20,736	7,786	20,707	21,617	23,311	12,982	12,051	15,141
Gross margin	23.8%	11.2%	25.5%	25.8%	27.5%	18.1%	18.8%	21.9%
Net loss	(10,148)	(18,999)	(13,087)	(11,180)	(5,349)	(15,897)	(12,859)	(9,782)
Per share - basic	(0.13)	(0.24)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.20)	(0.16)	(0.12)
Per share - diluted	(0.13)	(0.24)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.20)	(0.16)	(0.12)

With the exception of the third quarter, the Company exhibits comparatively less seasonality in quarterly revenue than in the past. The third quarter (November to January) is normally the Company's weakest quarter due to the shutdown of mining and exploration activities, often for extended periods over the holiday season.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### *Operating Activities*

Cash flow from operations (before changes in non-cash operating working capital items, interest and income taxes) was \$4.3 million for the quarter compared to \$7.6 million generated in the same period last year.

The change in non-cash operating working capital items was an outflow of \$7.6 million for the quarter compared to an outflow of \$1.1 million for the same period last year. The outflow in non-cash operating working capital in the quarter ended July 31, 2016 was primarily impacted by:

- An increase in accounts receivable of \$4.1 million;
- An increase in accounts payable of \$2.2 million;
- An increase in inventory of \$3.1 million; and
- An increase in prepaid expenses of \$2.5 million.

### *Financing Activities*

Under the terms of certain of the Company's debt agreements, the Company must satisfy certain financial covenants. Such agreements also limit, among other things, the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness, create liens, engage in mergers or acquisitions and make dividend and other payments. During the quarter, due to the level of EBITDA, the debt service ratio was not met under the debt agreement. The Company does not consider this to be material as the lenders provided a waiver and the Company's cash position is more than four times the amount of its debt. The current debt agreement expires on September 30, 2016 and the Company and the lenders are currently in the process of finalizing a three-year extension to the existing agreement.

### Operating Credit Facilities

The credit facilities related to operations total \$25 million. This facility is from a Canadian chartered bank and is primarily secured by corporate guarantees of companies within the group. At July 31, 2016, the Company had utilized \$0.5 million of these lines for stand-by letters of credit. The Company also has a credit facility of \$2.7 million for credit cards for which interest rate and repayment are as per cardholder agreements.

### Long-Term Debt

Total long-term debt decreased by \$2.0 million during the quarter to \$10.2 million at July 31, 2016. The decrease is due to debt repayments during the quarter.

As of July 31, 2016, the Company had the following long-term debt facilities:

- \$0.8 million non-revolving facility amortized over five years ending in September 2016.
- \$50.0 million revolving facility for financing the cost of equipment purchases or acquisition costs of related businesses. At July 31, 2016, this facility had not been utilized.
- \$5.1 million non-revolving facility. This facility carries a fixed interest rate of 5.9% and is amortized over ten years ending in August 2021.
- The Company also has various other loans and capital lease facilities related to equipment purchases that totaled \$4.3 million at July 31, 2016, which were fully drawn and mature through 2019.

The Company believes that it will be able to generate sufficient cash flow to meet its current and future working capital, capital expenditure, dividend and debt obligations. As at July 31, 2016, the Company had unused borrowing capacity under its credit facilities of \$74.5 million and cash of \$43.6 million, for a total of \$118.1 million in available funds.

### *Investing Activities*

Capital expenditures were \$2.8 million for the quarter ended July 31, 2016 compared to \$3.3 million (net of \$2.0 million of equipment financing) for the same period last year.

The disposal of property, plant and equipment generated proceeds of \$1.2 million during the quarter, compared to \$5.9 million for the same period last year.

During the quarter, the Company added 1 drill rig, while retiring or disposing of 13 drill rigs, 10 of which were part of the South Africa and Namibia restructuring plan. This brings the total drill rig count to 678 at quarter-end.

## **OUTLOOK**

The Company continues to focus its efforts on getting prepared in anticipation of a possible recovery in demand for its services while remaining disciplined on pricing and focused on cost control. With the commodity prices improving over the last six months, many junior mining companies have been able to access capital markets and obtain financing for their mining projects. However, there is typically a lag between the timing of these financings and the impact they

can have on the drilling industry. Junior mining companies can account for some 50% of the drilling market in cyclical upturns. The Company's financial strength allows it to invest in safety, to maintain its equipment in good condition, and to retain many of its skilled employees, strategically positioning the Company to react quickly when the industry recovers.

In the long-term, the Company believes that most commodities will face an imbalance between supply and demand as mining reserves continue to decrease due to the lack of exploration. Typically, gold and copper projects represent over 70% of the Company's activity. Mineral reserves of ten of the top senior gold mining companies have decreased by almost 15% over the last two years. Many industry experts expect that the copper market will face a deficit position by no later than 2018, due to the continued production and high grading of mines, combined with the lack of exploration work conducted to replace reserves. It is expected that at some point in the near future, the need to develop resources in areas that are increasingly difficult to access will significantly increase, at which time we expect to see a resurgence in demand for specialized drilling.

## **FOREIGN EXCHANGE**

Year-over-year revenue comparisons continue to be affected by the variations of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar and other functional reporting currencies. The favourable impact of foreign exchange translation, for the quarter, when comparing to the effective rates for the same period last year, is estimated at \$1.8 million on revenue but negligible on net earnings.

## **COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS**

The interim condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive earnings for the quarter include \$11.4 million in unrealized gains on translating the financial statements of the Company's foreign operations compared to a gain of \$21.0 million for the same period last year. The change relates to translating the net assets of the Company's foreign operations, which have a functional currency other than the Canadian dollar, to the Company's Canadian dollar currency presentation.

## **GENERAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

A complete discussion of general risks and uncertainties may be found in the Company's Annual Information Form for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016, which can be found on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The Company is not aware of any significant changes to risk factors from those disclosed at that time.

## **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

Except for operating leases discussed in the annual MD&A for the year ended April 30, 2016, where there were no significant changes, the Company does not have any other off balance sheet arrangements.

## **DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

There have been no changes in the Company's disclosure and internal controls over financial reporting during the period beginning on May 1, 2016 and ended on July 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As of August 31, 2016, there were 80,136,884 common shares issued and outstanding in the Company. This is the same number as reported in the Company's annual MD&A (reported as of June 7, 2016).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form, is available on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share information)  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended July 31	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 69,089</b>	<b>\$ 83,934</b>
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>53,948</b>	<b>62,317</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b><u>15,141</u></b>	<b><u>21,617</u></b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
General and administrative	10,629	10,640
Other expenses	723	1,068
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	158	(2,624)
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(174)	1,168
Finance costs	47	70
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	11,956	12,258
Amortization of intangible assets	650	958
Restructuring charge (note 10)	-	6,432
	<b><u>23,989</u></b>	<b><u>29,970</u></b>
<b>LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b><u>(8,848)</u></b>	<b><u>(8,353)</u></b>
<b>INCOME TAX - PROVISION (RECOVERY) (note 7)</b>		
Current	3,685	2,884
Deferred	(2,751)	(57)
	<b><u>934</u></b>	<b><u>2,827</u></b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b><u>\$ (9,782)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (11,180)</u></b>
<b>LOSS PER SHARE (note 8)</b>		
Basic	<b><u>\$ (0.12)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (0.14)</u></b>
Diluted	<b><u>\$ (0.12)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (0.14)</u></b>

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings**

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended July 31	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$ (9,782)</b>	<b>\$ (11,180)</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS</b>		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Unrealized gain on foreign currency translations (net of tax)	<b>11,368</b>	20,961
Unrealized (loss) gain on derivatives (net of tax)	<b>(137)</b>	<u>4</u>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,449</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,785</u></b>

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**

For the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

(unaudited)

	Share capital	Reserves	Share-based payments reserve	Retained earnings	Foreign currency translation reserve	Total
<b>BALANCE AS AT MAY 1, 2015</b>	\$ 239,726	\$ 24	\$ 17,234	\$152,764	\$ 50,644	\$460,392
Share-based payments reserve	-	-	263	-	-	263
	<u>239,726</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>17,497</u>	<u>152,764</u>	<u>50,644</u>	<u>460,655</u>
<b>Comprehensive earnings:</b>						
Net loss	-	-	-	(11,180)	-	(11,180)
Unrealized gain on foreign currency translations	-	-	-	-	20,961	20,961
Unrealized gain on derivatives	-	4	-	-	-	4
Total comprehensive earnings	-	<u>4</u>	-	<u>(11,180)</u>	<u>20,961</u>	<u>9,785</u>
<b>BALANCE AS AT JULY 31, 2015</b>	<u>\$ 239,726</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 17,497</u>	<u>\$141,584</u>	<u>\$ 71,605</u>	<u>\$470,440</u>
<b>BALANCE AS AT MAY 1, 2016</b>	\$ 239,726	\$ 326	\$ 18,317	\$105,876	\$ 61,896	\$426,141
Share-based payments reserve	-	-	290	-	-	290
	<u>239,726</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>18,607</u>	<u>105,876</u>	<u>61,896</u>	<u>426,431</u>
<b>Comprehensive earnings:</b>						
Net loss	-	-	-	(9,782)	-	(9,782)
Unrealized gain on foreign currency translations	-	-	-	-	11,368	11,368
Unrealized loss on derivatives	-	(137)	-	-	-	(137)
Total comprehensive earnings	-	<u>(137)</u>	-	<u>(9,782)</u>	<u>11,368</u>	<u>1,449</u>
<b>BALANCE AS AT JULY 31, 2016</b>	<u>\$ 239,726</u>	<u>\$ 189</u>	<u>\$ 18,607</u>	<u>\$ 96,094</u>	<u>\$ 73,264</u>	<u>\$427,880</u>

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended July 31	
	2016	2015
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loss before income tax	\$ (8,848)	\$ (8,353)
Operating items not involving cash		
Depreciation and amortization	12,606	13,216
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	158	(2,624)
Share-based payments reserve	290	263
Restructuring charge	-	5,045
Finance costs recognized in loss before income tax	47	70
	4,253	7,617
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items	(7,624)	(1,096)
Finance costs paid	(47)	(72)
Income taxes paid	(635)	(4,118)
Cash flow (used in) from operating activities	(4,053)	2,331
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of long-term debt	(2,072)	(1,784)
Dividends paid	-	(1,603)
Cash flow used in financing activities	(2,072)	(3,387)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment (net of direct financing) (note 6)	(2,777)	(3,265)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,172	5,869
Cash flow (used in) from investing activities	(1,605)	2,604
Effect of exchange rate changes	1,122	2,131
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>(6,608)</b>	<b>3,679</b>
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>50,228</b>	<b>44,897</b>
<b>CASH, END OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 43,620</b>	<b>\$ 48,576</b>

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

As at July 31, 2016 and April 30, 2016  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)  
(unaudited)

	July 31, 2016	April 30, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 43,620	\$ 50,228
Trade and other receivables	61,425	55,829
Note receivable	462	457
Income tax receivable	4,051	7,513
Inventories	79,915	74,144
Prepaid expenses	5,039	2,498
	<b>194,512</b>	<b>190,669</b>
<b>NOTE RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,531</b>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>237,081</b>	<b>240,703</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAX ASSETS</b>	<b>11,890</b>	<b>9,564</b>
<b>GOODWILL</b>	<b>57,992</b>	<b>57,641</b>
<b>INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>3,193</b>
	<b>\$ 505,497</b>	<b>\$ 503,301</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	\$ 36,951	\$ 34,068
Income tax payable	1,295	1,859
Current portion of contingent consideration	3,000	3,000
Current portion of long-term debt	4,017	5,288
	<b>45,263</b>	<b>44,215</b>
<b>CONTINGENT CONSIDERATION</b>	<b>5,347</b>	<b>5,347</b>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>6,936</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES</b>	<b>20,789</b>	<b>20,662</b>
	<b>77,617</b>	<b>77,160</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	239,726	239,726
Reserves	189	326
Share-based payments reserve	18,607	18,317
Retained earnings	96,094	105,876
Foreign currency translation reserve	73,264	61,896
	<b>427,880</b>	<b>426,141</b>
	<b>\$ 505,497</b>	<b>\$ 503,301</b>

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**1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES**

Major Drilling Group International Inc. (the "Company") is incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act and has its head office at 111 St. George Street, Suite 100, Moncton, NB, Canada. The Company's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). The principal source of revenue consists of contract drilling for companies primarily involved in mining and mineral exploration. The Company has operations in Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, Asia, Africa and Europe.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

***Statement of compliance***

These Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and using the accounting policies as outlined in the Company's annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2016.

On September 6, 2016, the Board of Directors authorized the financial statements for issue.

***Basis of consolidation***

These Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Company is exposed, or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the period are included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

Intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation, where appropriate.

***Basis of preparation***

These Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared based on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair value, using the same accounting policies and methods of computation as presented in the Company's annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2016.

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**3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED IFRS**

The following IASB standards, now in effect, have had no significant impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements:

IFRS 10 *(amended) Consolidated Financial Statements*  
IFRS 11 *(amended) Joint Arrangements - Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations*  
IAS 1 *(amended) Presentation of Financial Statements*  
IAS 16 *(amended) Property, Plant and Equipment*  
IAS 28 *(amended) Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*  
IAS 38 *(amended) Intangible Assets*

The Company has not applied the following revised IASB standards that have been issued, but are not yet effective:

IFRS 9 *(as amended in 2014) Financial Instruments\**  
IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers\**  
IFRS 16 *Leases\*\**  
IAS 7 *(amended) Statement of Cash Flows\*\*\**  
IAS 12 *(amended) Income Taxes\*\*\**

*\*Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with earlier application permitted*

*\*\*Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with earlier application permitted*

*\*\*\*Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017, with earlier application permitted*

**4. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY AND CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS**

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that are not readily apparent from other sources, which affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the useful lives of property, plant and equipment for depreciation purposes, property, plant and equipment and inventory valuation, determination of income and other taxes, assumptions used in the compilation of share-based payments, fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business acquisitions, amounts recorded as accrued liabilities, contingent consideration and allowance for doubtful accounts, and impairment testing of goodwill and intangible assets.

The Company applied judgment in determining the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries, the determination of cash-generating units ("CGUs"), the degree of componentization of property, plant and equipment, and the recognition of provisions and accrued liabilities.

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**5. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS**

The third quarter (November to January) is normally the Company's weakest quarter due to the shutdown of mining and exploration activities, often for extended periods over the holiday season.

**6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Capital expenditures for the three months ended July 31, 2016 were \$2,777 (2015 - \$5,236). The Company obtained direct financing of nil in the current quarter (2015 - \$1,971).

**7. INCOME TAXES**

The income tax provision for the period can be reconciled to accounting loss as follows:

	<u>Q1 2017</u>	<u>Q1 2016</u>
Loss before income tax	<u>\$ (8,848)</u>	<u>\$ (8,353)</u>
Statutory Canadian corporate income tax rate	27%	27%
Expected income tax recovery based on statutory rate	(2,389)	(2,255)
Non-recognition of tax benefits related to losses	1,207	3,281
Other foreign taxes paid	291	453
Rate variances in foreign jurisdictions	137	(306)
Permanent differences	1,170	1,546
Other	518	108
Income tax provision recognized in net loss	<u>\$ 934</u>	<u>\$ 2,827</u>

The Company periodically assesses its liabilities and contingencies for all tax years open to audit based upon the latest information available. For those matters where it is probable that an adjustment will be made, the Company records its best estimate of these tax liabilities, including related interest charges. Inherent uncertainties exist in estimates of tax contingencies due to changes in tax laws. While management believes they have adequately provided for the probable outcome of these matters, future results may include favorable or unfavorable adjustments to these estimated tax liabilities in the period the assessments are made, or resolved, or when the statutes of limitations lapse.

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**8. LOSS PER SHARE**

All of the Company's earnings are attributable to common shares therefore net loss is used in determining loss per share.

	<u>Q1 2017</u>	<u>Q1 2016</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (9,782)</u>	<u>\$ (11,180)</u>
Weighted average number of shares – basic and diluted (000's)	<u>80,137</u>	<u>80,137</u>
<b>Loss per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.14)

The calculation of diluted loss per share for the three months ended July 31, 2016 excludes the effect of 3,710,913 options (2015 - 3,921,796) as they were anti-dilutive.

The total number of shares outstanding on July 31, 2016 was 80,136,884 (2015 - 80,136,884).

**9. SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

The Company's operations are divided into the following three geographic segments, corresponding to its management structure: Canada - U.S.; South and Central America; and Asia and Africa. The services provided in each of the reportable segments are essentially the same. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the Company's annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2016. Management evaluates performance based on earnings from operations in these three geographic segments before finance costs, general corporate expenses and income taxes. Data relating to each of the Company's reportable segments is presented as follows:

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**9. SEGMENTED INFORMATION (Continued)**

	<u>Q1 2017</u>	<u>Q1 2016</u>
Revenue		
Canada - U.S.*	\$ 43,797	\$ 51,031
South and Central America	13,496	20,481
Asia and Africa	11,796	12,422
	<u>\$ 69,089</u>	<u>\$ 83,934</u>
(Loss) earnings from operations		
Canada - U.S.	\$ (3,318)	\$ 826
South and Central America	(1,900)	1,205
Asia and Africa	(1,625)	(8,505)
	<u>(6,843)</u>	<u>(6,474)</u>
Finance costs	47	70
General corporate expenses**	1,958	1,809
Income tax	934	2,827
	<u>934</u>	<u>2,827</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (9,782)</u>	<u>\$ (11,180)</u>

\*Canada - U.S. includes revenue of \$19,941 and \$31,672 for Canadian operations for the three months ended July 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

\*\*General corporate expenses include expenses for corporate offices and stock options.

	<u>Q1 2017</u>	<u>Q1 2016</u>
Capital expenditures		
Canada - U.S.	\$ 1,359	\$ 4,036
South and Central America	970	687
Asia and Africa	448	513
Total capital expenditures	<u>\$ 2,777</u>	<u>\$ 5,236</u>
Depreciation and amortization		
Canada - U.S.	\$ 7,133	\$ 6,724
South and Central America	3,109	3,515
Asia and Africa	2,011	2,604
Unallocated and corporate assets	353	373
Total depreciation and amortization	<u>\$ 12,606</u>	<u>\$ 13,216</u>

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**9. SEGMENTED INFORMATION (Continued)**

	<u>July 31, 2016</u>	<u>April 30, 2016</u>
Identifiable assets		
Canada - U.S.*	\$ 223,397	\$ 223,606
South and Central America	146,217	138,961
Asia and Africa	100,382	95,554
Unallocated and corporate assets	35,501	45,180
Total identifiable assets	<u>\$ 505,497</u>	<u>\$ 503,301</u>

\*Canada - U.S. includes property, plant and equipment at July 31, 2016 of \$66,958 (April 30, 2016 - \$70,527) for Canadian operations.

**10. RESTRUCTURING CHARGE**

During the previous year, due to ongoing market difficulties in the Republic of South Africa and Namibia, the Company decided to close its operations in those countries.

These restructuring initiatives generated impairment losses calculated based on the determination of the fair value of assets less cost of disposal. Fair value was determined through the use of industry knowledge and specialists.

The costs related to these initiatives were recorded as part of the restructuring charge for a total of \$6,432. This amount consisted of an impairment charge of \$3,479 relating to property, plant and equipment, a write-down of \$1,304 to reduce inventory to net realizable value, employee severance charges of \$387 incurred to rationalize the workforce, and other non-cash charges of \$262. The remaining charge of \$1,000 related to the cost of winding down operations.

**11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

***Fair value***

The carrying values of cash, trade and other receivables, demand credit facility and trade and other payables approximate their fair value due to the relatively short period to maturity of the instruments. The carrying value of long-term debt approximates its fair value as most debts carry variable interest rates, and the remaining fixed rate debts have been acquired recently and their carrying value continues to reflect fair value. The fair value of the interest rate swap included in long-term debt is measured using quoted interest rates. Contingent consideration is recorded at fair value and is classified as level 2 in accordance with the fair value hierarchy.

- Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3 - inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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**11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

There were no transfers of amounts between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 financial instruments for the quarter ended July 31, 2016. Additionally, there are no financial instruments classified as Level 3.

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market inputs whenever such inputs exist. A financial instrument is classified to the lowest level of the hierarchy for which a significant input has been considered in measuring fair value.

During the quarter, due to the level of EBITDA, the debt service ratio was not met under the debt agreement. The debt continues to be presented as long-term, consistent with the debt agreement, as the lenders provided a waiver during the quarter.

**Credit risk**

As at July 31, 2016, 87.0% (April 30, 2016 - 85.9%) of the Company's trade receivables were aged as current and 1.4% (April 30, 2016 - 7.2%) of the trade receivables were impaired.

The movements in the allowance for impairment of trade receivables during the three-month periods were as follows:

	<u>July 31, 2016</u>	<u>July 31, 2015</u>
<b>Opening balance</b>	\$ 3,554	\$ 4,204
Increase in impairment allowance	344	440
Recovery of amounts previously impaired	(63)	(155)
Write-off charged against allowance	(3,127)	(192)
Foreign exchange translation differences	22	109
<b>Ending balance</b>	<u>\$ 730</u>	<u>\$ 4,406</u>

**Foreign currency risk**

As at July 31, 2016, the most significant carrying amounts of net monetary assets that: (i) are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the respective Company subsidiary; (ii) cause foreign exchange rate exposure; and (iii) may include intercompany balances with other subsidiaries, including the impact on earnings before income taxes ("EBIT"), if the corresponding rate changes by 10%, are as follows:

	<b>Rate</b>					
	<b>Variance</b>	<b>USD/CAD</b>	<b>CFA/USD</b>	<b>ARS/USD</b>	<b>IDR/USD</b>	<b>Other</b>
Exposure		\$ 2,898	\$ 2,655	\$ 1,067	\$ (1,210)	\$ 1,333
EBIT impact	+10%	322	295	119	(134)	147

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**11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

***Liquidity risk***

The following table details contractual maturities for the Company's financial liabilities.

	<u>1 year</u>	<u>2-3 years</u>	<u>4-5 years</u>	<u>thereafter</u>	<u>Total</u>
Trade and other payables	\$ 36,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,951
Contingent consideration	3,000	5,347	-	-	8,347
Long-term debt (interest included)	4,226	4,263	2,158	88	10,735
	<u>\$ 44,177</u>	<u>\$ 9,610</u>	<u>\$ 2,158</u>	<u>\$ 88</u>	<u>\$ 56,033</u>