

During the quarter, the Company generated revenue of \$67.6 million, down 38% from the \$108.2 million in revenue recorded in Q1 last year. Net loss was \$7.3 million or \$0.09 per share. This is down from net earnings of \$1.5 million, or \$0.02 per share, for the same quarter last year. EBITDA, excluding restructuring charges, decreased to \$4.8 million for the quarter, as compared to \$19.6 million last year. The overall gross margin percentage for the quarter was 24.7% as compared to 32.5% for the same period last year.

Despite the difficult environment, Major Drilling remains net debt free, with net cash at the end of the quarter standing at \$42.8 million. Net cash decreased by only \$3.7 million, as we paid our semi-annual dividend of \$7.9 million, which was offset by the sale of \$9.7 million in equipment in Australia as we exited that country. Subsequent to the end of the quarter the Company spent \$15 million in cash as part of the purchase price in relation to the Taurus acquisition.

Capital expenditures for the quarter were \$7.1 million as we purchased 2 rigs and added support equipment, while retiring 20 rigs, which included 15 rigs sold in Australia. This amount of capital expenditures is higher than usual, as we continued to diversify in energy, grade control and with our new operation in Brazil. These initiatives should generate revenue in coming quarters. Also, during the quarter, we have been able to reduce our general and administrative costs by \$1.7 million, of which \$0.7 million relates to the closure of our Australian operations.

In the quarter, revenue and margins reflected the impact of the lowest pricing that we have seen in 15 years. As senior mining houses focus on cutting costs, they are more likely to defer specialized drilling projects, which are more expensive by nature. As a result, we find ourselves competing more often on a pure price basis, and management has to find the optimum balance between price and volume. Additionally, in a number of jurisdictions, uncertainty as to the policies of host governments or issues around land tenure continues to have an impact on activity levels. With decreasing prices, our margins continue to be affected as we struggle to improve productivity beyond all the gains we have been able to make over the last 18 months.

These levels of pricing are not sustainable beyond the medium term, as it will affect the capacity of the industry to maintain the quality of its equipment. We should note that this quarter our margins were affected by higher than

normal repair costs, as we continued to prepare rigs in order to be able to respond rapidly to any customer requests.

Due to the uncertainty around economic matters impacting the mining market, it is very difficult to predict customer behavior over the next twelve months, as senior customers are still very cautious about investing in future projects. In the immediate future, however, we will be adding revenue from the Taurus acquisition and we are in a unique position to react quickly when the industry begins to recover as the Company's financial strength has allowed it to invest in safety and to maintain its equipment in excellent condition. For now we will continue to focus on cash generation by limiting capital expenditures as necessary, by reducing inventory and by closely managing costs. The Company continues to have 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 relates to variable incentive compensation based on the Company's profitability.

Immediately after the end of the quarter we also welcomed Taurus Drilling into the Major group. With the acquisition of Taurus, which closed on August 1<sup>st</sup>, we have added a new line of activity, and can now provide an even wider range of complimentary services, offering both underground production drilling as well as our existing underground core drilling.

As a result of the Taurus acquisition the Company has invested some of its cash in building for the future. We will continue to look to take advantage of the current market conditions by using our strong balance sheet to seek out strategic opportunities to further build our business. Based on our continuing strong balance sheet the Board of Directors has declared a semi-annual dividend of \$0.10 per common share, which will be paid on November 3, 2014 to shareholders of record as of October 10, 2014. This dividend is designated as an "eligible dividend" for Canadian tax purposes. The Board will continue to closely monitor the Company's balance sheet, and the market in general, in determining the optimal use of its cash resources between acquisitions, capital expenditures and dividends.

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

Francis P. McGuire  
President & CEO

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**First Quarter Fiscal 2015**

# **MAJOR DRILLING GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC.**

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

### **FIRST QUARTER FISCAL 2015**

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, 2014. 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 International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

This MD&A is a review of activities and results for the quarter ended July 31, 2014 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, 2014, 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, 2014.

This MD&A is dated August 29, 2014. 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 and fraud by employees and 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" of the Company's 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 or will be 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 service 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, and Africa. 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 and underground percussive/longhole drilling.

## **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, long-standing relationships with the world's largest mining companies and access to capital.

Although the Company's main focus remains specialized services, it also intends to continue to modernize its conventional fleet and expand its footprint in strategic areas while maintaining prudent debt levels and remaining best in class in safety and human resources. The Company will also seek to diversify by investing in energy and underground drilling 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. The Company just entered a new type of underground service with the acquisition of Taurus Drilling Services, a provider of underground percussive/longhole drilling to mining company clients. Percussive/longhole drilling is more related to the production function of a mine. Offering both underground production drilling and its existing underground core drilling, the Company can now provide an even wider range of complimentary services to its clients.

A key part of the Company's strategy is to maintain a strong balance sheet and the Company is in a unique position to react quickly when the industry begins to recover as its financial strength allows it to invest in safety and to maintain its equipment in excellent 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 relates 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 on the one hand and base metals on the other. 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 emergence of the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) over the last 10 years. As these countries 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 with 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.

Many junior mining companies continue to experience financing difficulties thus have slowed down their exploration efforts. Junior mining companies can account for some 50% of the market in cyclical upturns. While it is expected that some of the more advanced projects will be able to obtain financing as needed, it will be necessary for investors to once again support exploration projects in order for drilling activities to regain the momentum that they had at their peak.

## **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

In the quarter, revenue and margins reflected the impact of the lowest pricing seen in 15 years. As senior mining houses focus on cutting costs, they are more likely to defer specialized drilling projects, which are, by their nature, more expensive. The Company, therefore, finds itself competing more often on a pure price basis, and management has to find the optimum balance between price and volume. Additionally, in a number of jurisdictions, uncertainty as to the policies of host governments or issues around land tenure continues to have an impact on activity levels. These factors, combined with the fact that sources of funding for junior mining companies remain limited, have led to decreased activity in all regions, and as a result, revenue decreased by 38% during the quarter to \$67.6 million.

The overall gross margin percentage for the quarter was 24.7%, down from 32.5% for the same period last year. With decreasing prices, margins continue to be affected as the Company struggles to improve productivity beyond all the gains that it has been able to make over the last 18 months. These levels of pricing are not sustainable beyond the medium term as it will affect the capacity of the industry to maintain the quality of its equipment. It should be noted that in this quarter, margins were affected by higher than normal repair costs, as the Company continued to prepare rigs in order to be able to respond rapidly to any customer requests.

During the quarter, the Company has been able to reduce its general and administrative costs by \$1.7 million, of which \$0.7 million relates to the closure of its Australian operations. As the Company did with Australia, it continually reviews the long-term viability of all its operations.

Net loss was \$7.3 million or \$0.09 per share for the quarter, compared to net earnings of \$1.5 million or \$0.02 per share for the same quarter last year.

As a result of the Taurus acquisition, the Company has invested some of its cash in building for the future. We will continue to look to take advantage of the current market conditions by using our strong balance sheet to seek out strategic opportunities to further build our business. Based on our continuing strong balance sheet the Board of Directors has declared a semi-annual dividend of \$0.10 per common share, which will be paid on November 3, 2014 to shareholders of record as of October 10, 2014. This dividend is designated as an "eligible dividend" for Canadian tax purposes. The Board will continue to closely monitor the Company's balance sheet, and the market in general, in determining the optimal use of its cash resources between acquisitions, capital expenditures and dividends.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – FIRST QUARTER ENDED JULY 31, 2014**

Total revenue for the quarter was \$67.6 million, down 38% from revenue of \$108.2 million recorded in the same quarter last year. Uncertainty around economic matters impacting the mining market caused some customers to delay or cancel their exploration drilling plans, which impacted the quarter's results compared to last year. In a number of jurisdictions, uncertainty as to the policies of host governments or issues of land tenure also had an impact on quarter results. Also, many junior customers have scaled back or suspended drilling activities as compared to last year.

Revenue for the quarter from Canada-U.S. drilling operations decreased by 32% to \$36.4 million compared to the same period last year. All of the decrease came from Canada, as our U.S. operation was able to maintain its activity at the same levels as the corresponding quarter last year.

South and Central American revenue was down 35% to \$14.1 million for the quarter, compared to the prior year quarter. All of the countries in this region, particularly Mexico, Chile and Argentina, were affected by a reduction in work by juniors and the cancellation or reduction of projects. Additionally, in Colombia, geopolitical factors have slowed exploration efforts of many mining companies. In Brazil, the Company had its first month of operations, although it is expected that it will take a few months to attain an adequate volume to become profitable.

Australian, Asian and African operations reported revenue of \$17.0 million, down 49% from the same period last year. Three main factors affected the region's revenue: 1) Australia, where the Company has shut down operations, 2) Mongolia, which is affected by political uncertainty around mining laws, and 3) Mozambique, where the cancellation of one large project had a significant impact on that operation.

The overall gross margin percentage for the quarter was 24.7%, down from 32.5% for the same period last year. Margins continue to be affected by reduced pricing due to increased competitive pressures. As well, margins were affected by higher than normal repair costs this quarter, as the Company continued to prepare rigs in order to be able to respond rapidly to any customer requests.

General and administrative costs were down 16% from last year at \$11.0 million for the quarter compared to \$13.0 million in the same period last year. With the decrease in activity, the Company has reduced its general and administrative costs by implementing reductions of salaried employees, restructuring certain branches, and reducing management salaries. The Company continues to review the viability of all its operations.

Other expenses for the quarter were \$0.9 million, down from \$1.1 million in the prior year quarter, due primarily to lower incentive compensation expenses given the Company's decreased profitability, which was somewhat offset by higher bad debt provisions.

Net loss was \$7.3 million or \$0.09 per share for the quarter, compared to net earnings of \$1.5 million or \$0.02 per share for the same quarter last year.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

(in \$000 CAD, except per share)	Fiscal 2013			Fiscal 2014				Fiscal 2015
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Revenue	\$ 199,637	\$ 123,189	\$ 135,537	\$ 108,211	\$ 92,268	\$ 71,830	\$ 82,637	\$ 67,551
Gross profit	66,699	29,275	43,087	35,122	30,011	17,770	21,524	16,667
Gross margin	33.4%	23.8%	31.8%	32.5%	32.5%	24.7%	26.0%	24.7%
Net earnings (loss)	22,349	(4,288)	2,174	1,522	(19,100)	(12,797)	(24,935)	(7,331)
Per share - basic	0.28	(0.05)	0.03	0.02	(0.24)	(0.16)	(0.31)	(0.09)
Per share - diluted	0.28	(0.05)	0.03	0.02	(0.24)	(0.16)	(0.31)	(0.09)

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, particularly in South and Central America.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### *Operating Activities*

Cash flow from operations (before changes in non-cash operating working capital items, interest and income taxes) was \$4.5 million for the quarter compared to \$18.9 million generated in the same period last year.

The change in non-cash operating working capital items was an outflow of \$1.2 million for the quarter compared to an outflow of \$9.6 million for the same period last year. The outflow in non-cash operating working capital in the quarter ended July 31, 2014 was primarily impacted by:

- A decrease in accounts receivable of \$7.6 million;
- A decrease in accounts payable of \$8.3 million;
- A decrease in inventory of \$0.8 million; and
- An increase in prepaid expenses of \$1.2 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 period, certain covenants were not met under the debt agreement. Due to the level of EBITDA this quarter the debt service ratio of 1.5 to 1 was not met (actual 1.33 to 1). The Company does not consider this to be material as the lenders have provided a waiver and, importantly, the Company's cash position is three times the amount of its debt. Additionally the Company has restrictions in its credit agreement against the making of dividend payments where those payments, in a year, exceed 50% of net earnings. With regard to the dividend payment made in May, 2014, and the dividend payment to be made in November, 2014, the lenders have waived that restriction, again based primarily on the Company's positive net cash position.

### Operating Credit Facilities

The credit facilities related to operations total \$33.1 million (\$25.0 million from a Canadian chartered bank, \$3.8 million for a Chilean pesos facility and \$4.3 million in various credit facilities) and are primarily secured by corporate guarantees of companies within the group. At July 31, 2014, the Company had utilized \$6.5 million of these lines mostly for stand-by letters of credit. The Company also has a credit facility of \$3.9 million for credit cards for which interest rate and repayment are as per cardholder agreements.

### Long-Term Debt

Total long-term debt decreased by \$1.7 million during the quarter to \$22.1 million at July 31, 2014. Debt repayments were \$1.7 million during the quarter.

As of July 31, 2014, the Company had the following long-term debt facilities:

- \$10.8 million non-revolving facility for financing the acquisition of Bradley Group. This facility is 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, 2014, this line had not been utilized.
- \$7.1 million non-revolving facility. This facility carries a fixed interest rate of 5.9% and is amortized over ten years ending in August 2021.
- \$3.0 million note payable, carrying interest at a fixed rate of 4% due in September 2014.
- The Company also has various other loans and capital lease facilities related to equipment purchases that totaled \$1.2 million at July 31, 2014, which were fully drawn and mature through 2017.

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, 2014, the Company had unused borrowing capacity under its credit facilities of \$76.6 million and cash of \$65.5 million, for a total of \$142.1 million in available funds.

### ***Investing Activities***

Capital expenditures were \$7.1 million for the quarter ended July 31, 2014 compared to \$5.2 million for the same period last year.

The disposal of equipment generated proceeds of \$10.6 million during the quarter, \$9.7 million of which came from the closure of the Company's Australian operations, compared to \$1.8 million for the same period last year.

During the quarter, the Company added 2 drill rigs through its capital expenditure program while retiring or disposing of 20 drill rigs, 15 of which were sold as part of the closure of the Australian operations. This brings the total drill rig count to 690 at quarter-end.

## **OUTLOOK**

Due to the uncertainty around economic matters impacting the mining market, it is very difficult to predict customer behavior over the next twelve months, as senior customers are still very cautious about investing in future projects. In the immediate future, however, the Company will be adding revenue from the Taurus acquisition, and the Company is in a unique position to react quickly when the industry begins to recover as the Company's financial strength has allowed it to invest in safety and to maintain its equipment in excellent condition.

The Company will continue to focus on cash generation by limiting capital expenditures as necessary, by reducing inventory and by closely managing costs. The Company continues to have 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 relates to variable incentive compensation based on the Company's profitability.

## **FOREIGN EXCHANGE**

Year-over-year revenue comparisons can be affected by the variations of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar and other functional reporting currencies. The impact of foreign exchange translation for the quarter was negligible on both revenue and net earnings.

## **COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS**

The consolidated statements of comprehensive earnings for the quarter include \$2.5 million in unrealized losses on translating the financial statements of the Company's foreign operations compared to a loss of \$5.1 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.

## **SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On August 1, 2014, the Company completed the purchase of the underground percussive/longhole drilling company, Taurus Drilling Services, based in the United States and Canada.

Through this purchase, which fits with the Company's strategic focus on specialized drilling, the Company acquired 39 underground drill rigs. In addition to the rigs, this acquisition involved support equipment and inventory, existing contracts, the operation's management team, and other employees, including experienced drillers.

Over the past 12 months, the operations of Taurus have produced revenue of approximately \$38 million and EBITDA of approximately \$8 million.

The purchase price for the transaction was \$28.9 million (consisting of \$15.9 million in cash, \$8.7 million in Major Drilling shares, and \$4.3 million in assumption of debt), and an additional maximum amount of \$11.5 million tied to



performance. The additional payout period extends for three years, commencing on August 1, 2014, and payments are contingent on growing EBITDA run rates above current levels.

## **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, 2014, 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, 2014, 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, 2014 and ended on July 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As of August 29, 2014, there were 80,135,883 common shares issued and outstanding in the Company. This represents an increase of 974,505 issued and outstanding shares as compared to the number reported in our annual MD&A (reported as of June 5, 2014).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR 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)

	Three months ended July 31 (unaudited)	
	2014	2013
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 67,551</b>	<b>\$ 108,211</b>
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>50,884</b>	<b>73,089</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>16,667</b>	<b>35,122</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
General and administrative	10,979	13,047
Other expenses	871	1,065
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(15)	170
Foreign exchange loss	73	1,224
Finance costs	204	314
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13,353	13,175
Amortization of intangible assets	321	342
Restructuring charge	591	2,034
	<b>26,377</b>	<b>31,371</b>
<b>(LOSS) EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b>(9,710)</b>	<b>3,751</b>
<b>INCOME TAX - PROVISION (RECOVERY) (note 7)</b>		
Current	328	3,791
Deferred	(2,707)	(1,562)
	<b>(2,379)</b>	<b>2,229</b>
<b>NET (LOSS) EARNINGS</b>	<b>\$ (7,331)</b>	<b>\$ 1,522</b>
<b>(LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE (note 8)</b>		
Basic	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>
Diluted	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Earnings**  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Three months ended July 31 (unaudited)	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>NET (LOSS) EARNINGS</b>	<b>\$ (7,331)</b>	<b>\$ 1,522</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Unrealized loss on foreign currency translations (net of tax)	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>(5,097)</u>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>	<b><u>\$ (9,831)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (3,575)</u></b>

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

For the three months ended July 31, 2013 and 2014

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)  
(unaudited)

	Share capital	Share-based payments reserve	Retained earnings	Foreign currency translation reserve	Total
<b>BALANCE AS AT MAY 1, 2013</b>	\$ 230,985	\$ 14,204	\$ 283,088	\$ 10,052	\$ 538,329
Share-based payments reserve	-	530	-	-	530
	<u>230,985</u>	<u>14,734</u>	<u>283,088</u>	<u>10,052</u>	<u>538,859</u>
<b>Comprehensive loss:</b>					
Net earnings	-	-	1,522	-	1,522
Unrealized loss on foreign currency translations	-	-	-	(5,097)	(5,097)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	1,522	(5,097)	(3,575)
<b>BALANCE AS AT JULY 31, 2013</b>	<u>\$ 230,985</u>	<u>\$ 14,734</u>	<u>\$ 284,610</u>	<u>\$ 4,955</u>	<u>\$ 535,284</u>
<b>BALANCE AS AT MAY 1, 2014</b>	\$ 230,985	\$ 15,937	\$ 211,945	\$ 25,480	\$ 484,347
Exercise of stock options	12	(3)	-	-	9
Share-based payments reserve	-	355	-	-	355
	<u>230,997</u>	<u>16,289</u>	<u>211,945</u>	<u>25,480</u>	<u>484,711</u>
<b>Comprehensive loss:</b>					
Net loss	-	-	(7,331)	-	(7,331)
Unrealized loss on foreign currency translations	-	-	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	(7,331)	(2,500)	(9,831)
<b>BALANCE AS AT JULY 31, 2014</b>	<u>\$ 230,997</u>	<u>\$ 16,289</u>	<u>\$ 204,614</u>	<u>\$ 22,980</u>	<u>\$ 474,880</u>

**Major Drilling Group International Inc.**  
**Interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Three months ended July 31 (unaudited)	
	2014	2013
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
(Loss) earnings before income tax	\$ (9,710)	\$ 3,751
Operating items not involving cash		
Depreciation and amortization	13,674	13,517
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(15)	170
Share-based payments reserve	355	530
Restructuring charge	-	665
Finance costs recognized in (loss) earnings before income tax	204	314
	4,508	18,947
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items	(1,195)	(9,576)
Finance costs paid	(201)	(310)
Income taxes paid	(2,200)	(6,351)
Cash flow from operating activities	912	2,710
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of demand loan	(3,354)	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,739)	(13,066)
Issuance of common shares	9	-
Dividends paid	(7,916)	(7,916)
Cash flow used in financing activities	(13,000)	(20,982)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payment of consideration for previous business acquisition	-	(205)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment (note 6)	(7,145)	(5,204)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	10,634	1,816
Cash flow from (used in) investing activities	3,489	(3,593)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(170)	613
<b>DECREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>(8,769)</b>	<b>(21,252)</b>
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>74,244</b>	<b>82,311</b>
<b>CASH, END OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 65,475</b>	<b>\$ 61,059</b>

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

As at July 31, 2014 and April 30, 2014  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)  
(unaudited)

	July 31, 2014	April 30, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 65,475	\$ 74,244
Trade and other receivables	58,207	66,211
Income tax receivable	11,613	12,179
Inventories	79,979	81,308
Prepaid expenses	5,892	4,690
	<b>221,166</b>	<b>238,632</b>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>288,944</b>	<b>307,288</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAX ASSETS</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>5,825</b>
<b>GOODWILL</b>	<b>38,056</b>	<b>38,056</b>
<b>INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>1,923</b>
	<b>\$ 556,260</b>	<b>\$ 591,724</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Demand loan	\$ 535	\$ 3,909
Trade and other payables	35,883	52,155
Income tax payable	972	3,416
Current portion of long-term debt	9,294	9,655
	<b>46,684</b>	<b>69,135</b>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	<b>12,811</b>	<b>14,187</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES</b>	<b>21,885</b>	<b>24,055</b>
	<b>81,380</b>	<b>107,377</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	230,997	230,985
Share-based payments reserve	16,289	15,937
Retained earnings	204,614	211,945
Foreign currency translation reserve	22,980	25,480
	<b>474,880</b>	<b>484,347</b>
	<b>\$ 556,260</b>	<b>\$ 591,724</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 and Africa.

**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, 2014.

On August 29, 2014 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, 2014, with the exception of the impact of certain amendments to accounting standards or new interpretations issued by the IASB, which were applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

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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:

IAS 32 (*amended*) *Financial Instruments: Presentation*  
IAS 36 (*amended*) *Impairment of Assets*  
IAS 39 (*amended*) *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*  
IFRIC 21 *Levies*

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

IFRS 9 (*as amended in 2010*) *Financial Instruments*  
IFRS 11 (*amended*) *Joint Arrangements - Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations*  
IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*  
IAS 16 (*amended*) *Property, Plant and Equipment*  
IAS 38 (*amended*) *Intangible Assets*

The Company is currently in the process of assessing the impact of the adoption of these standards on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**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 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 amortization purposes, property, plant and equipment and inventory valuation, determination of income and other taxes, assumptions used in compilation of share-based payments, fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business acquisitions, amounts recorded as accrued liabilities, 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, particularly in South and Central America.

**6. PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

Capital expenditures for the three months ended July 31, 2014 were \$7,145 (2013 - \$5,204). The Company did not obtain direct financing in either quarter.

**7. INCOME TAXES**

The income tax expense for the period can be reconciled to accounting profit as follows:

	<u>Q1 2015</u>	<u>Q1 2014</u>
(Loss) earnings before income tax	<u>\$ (9,710)</u>	<u>\$ 3,751</u>
Statutory Canadian corporate income tax rate	27%	28%
Expected income tax expense based on statutory rate	\$ (2,622)	\$ 1,050
Non-recognition of tax benefits related to losses	750	76
Other foreign taxes paid	94	125
Rate variances in foreign jurisdictions	(257)	454
Other	(344)	524
	<u>\$ (2,379)</u>	<u>\$ 2,229</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) EARNINGS PER SHARE**

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

	<u>Q1 2015</u>	<u>Q1 2014</u>
Net (loss) earnings for the period	<u>\$ (7,331)</u>	<u>\$ 1,522</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding – basic (000's)	<b>79,162</b>	79,161
<b>Net effect of dilutive securities:</b>		
Stock options (000's)	-	31
Weighted average common shares – diluted (000's)	<u><b>79,162</b></u>	<u>79,192</u>
<b>(Loss) earnings per share:</b>		
Basic	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	\$ 0.02
Diluted	<b>\$ (0.09)</b>	\$ 0.02

The calculation of the diluted (loss) earnings per share for the three months ended July 31, 2014 excludes the effect of 1,956,271 options (2013 - 2,815,212) as they were anti-dilutive.

The total number of shares outstanding on July 31, 2014 was 79,163,388 (2013 – 79,161,378).

**9. SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

The Company's operations are divided into three geographic segments corresponding to its management structure, Canada - U.S., South and Central America, and Australia, 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, 2014. Management evaluates performance based on (loss) 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 2015</u>	<u>Q1 2014</u>
Revenue		
Canada – U.S.	\$ 36,419	\$ 53,367
South and Central America	14,105	21,738
Australia, Asia and Africa	17,027	33,106
	<u>\$ 67,551</u>	<u>\$ 108,211</u>
(Loss) earnings from operations		
Canada – U.S.	\$ (613)	\$ 7,363
South and Central America	(4,718)	(2,087)
Australia, Asia and Africa	(2,282)	1,447
	<u>(7,613)</u>	<u>6,723</u>
Eliminations	-	(152)
	<u>(7,613)</u>	<u>6,571</u>
Finance costs	204	314
General corporate expenses*	1,893	2,506
Income tax	(2,379)	2,229
Net (loss) earnings	<u>\$ (7,331)</u>	<u>\$ 1,522</u>

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

Canada – U.S. includes revenue for the period ended July 31, 2014 of \$22,450 (July 31, 2013 - \$38,345) for Canadian operations.

	<u>Q1 2015</u>	<u>Q1 2014</u>
Depreciation and amortization		
Canada – U.S.	\$ 6,043	\$ 5,809
South and Central America	3,654	3,014
Australia, Asia and Africa	3,605	4,123
Unallocated corporate assets	372	571
Total depreciation and amortization	<u>\$ 13,674</u>	<u>\$ 13,517</u>

	<u>July 31, 2014</u>	<u>April 30, 2014</u>
Identifiable assets		
Canada – U.S.	\$ 210,093	\$ 197,673
South and Central America	163,653	178,026
Australia, Asia and Africa	130,627	148,806
	<u>504,373</u>	<u>524,505</u>
Unallocated and corporate assets	51,887	67,219
	<u>\$ 556,260</u>	<u>\$ 591,724</u>

Canada – U.S. includes property, plant and equipment at July 31, 2014 of \$86,995 (April 30, 2014 - \$88,347) for Canadian operations.

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**10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

***Fair value***

The carrying values of cash, trade and other receivables, demand credit facility, demand loan and trade and other payables approximate their fair value due to the relatively short period to maturity of the instruments. The following table shows carrying values of long-term debt, which approximates its fair values, as most debts carry variable interest rates and the remaining fixed rate debts continue to reflect fair value. The fair value of the interest rate swap included in long-term debt is measured using quoted interest rates.

	<u>July 31, 2014</u>	<u>April 30, 2014</u>
Long-term debt	\$ 22,105	\$ 23,842

During the period, certain covenants were not met under the debt agreement. Due to the level of EBITDA this quarter the debt service ratio of 1.5 to 1 was not met (actual 1.33 to 1). The debt continues to be presented as long-term, consistent with the debt agreement, as the lenders have provided a waiver and the Company's cash position is three times the amount of its debt.

***Credit risk***

As at July 31, 2014, 81.1% of the Company's trade receivables were aged as current (April 30, 2014 - 79.8%) and 5.9% of the trade receivables were impaired (April 30, 2014 - 5.1%).

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

	<u>July 31, 2014</u>	<u>July 31, 2013</u>
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,016</b>	<b>\$ 2,790</b>
Increase in impairment allowance	<b>588</b>	203
Write-off charged against allowance	<b>(742)</b>	-
Foreign exchange translation differences	<b>4</b>	(41)
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,866</b>	<b>\$ 2,952</b>

***Foreign currency risk***

The 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, is US \$430 as of July 31, 2014.

If the Canadian dollar moved by plus or minus 10% at July 31, 2014, the unrealized foreign exchange gain or loss recognized in net (loss) earnings would move by approximately US \$43.

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**10. 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>
Demand loan	\$ 535	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535
Trade and other payables	35,883	-	-	-	35,883
Long-term debt	9,904	8,956	2,213	2,206	23,279
	<u>\$ 46,322</u>	<u>\$ 8,956</u>	<u>\$ 2,213</u>	<u>\$ 2,206</u>	<u>\$ 59,697</u>

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On August 1, 2014, the Company entered into the underground percussive/longhole drilling sector with its purchase of the operations of Taurus Drilling Services, based in Canada and the United States.

Through this purchase, which fits with the Company's strategic focus on specialized drilling, the Company acquired 39 underground drill rigs. In addition to the rigs, this acquisition involved support equipment and inventory, existing contracts and receivables, the operation's management team, and other employees, including experienced drillers.

Over the past 12 months the operations of Taurus have produced revenue of approximately \$38 million.

Goodwill arising from this acquisition will be the excess of the total consideration paid over the fair market value of the net assets acquired and amounts in relation to the benefit of expected synergies, revenue growth, future market development and the assembled workforce of Taurus and Major.

The purchase price for the transaction was \$28.9 million (consisting of \$15.9 million in cash, \$8.7 million in Major Drilling shares, and \$4.3 million in assumption of debt), and an additional maximum amount of \$11.5 million tied to performance. The additional payout period extends for three years, commencing on August 1, 2014, and payments are contingent on growing EBITDA run rates above current levels.

As the Company's process of valuing the assets acquired is ongoing, valuation of equipment, inventory, receivables, goodwill, intangible assets and the range of possible outcomes of contingent consideration, is currently in the preliminary stages.