

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **THIRD QUARTER FISCAL 2015**

(Three and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2015)

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is a review of the results of operations, the liquidity and the capital resources of Orbit Garant Drilling Inc. This discussion contains forward-looking statements. Please see "Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to these statements.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2015, as compared with the corresponding periods of the previous year and also with the audited consolidated financial statements and MD&A contained in the Company's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

The Company's third quarter of fiscal 2015 unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All amounts in this MD&A are in Canadian dollars, except when otherwise noted.

In this MD&A, references to the "Company" or to "Orbit Garant" shall mean, as the context may require, either Orbit Garant Drilling Inc. or Orbit Garant Drilling Inc. together with its wholly owned subsidiaries.

This MD&A is dated May 12, 2015. Disclosure contained in this document is current to that date unless otherwise stated.

Percentage calculations are based on numbers in the Financial Statements and may not correspond to rounded figures presented in this MD&A.

Additional information relating to the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form for the most recently completed fiscal year, can be found on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Securities laws encourage companies to disclose forward-looking information in order for investors to have a better understanding of a company's future prospects and make informed investment decisions.

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 and assumptions about: the markets in which the Company operates; the world economic climate as it relates to the mining industry; the Canadian economic environment; and the Company's ability to attract and retain customers and to manage its assets and operating costs.

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 discussed in this MD&A. For a more complete discussion of the risk factors that could cause the Company's actual results to materially differ from its current expectations, please refer to the Company's Annual Information Form dated September 26, 2014, accessible via www.sedar.com.

#### **FISCAL 2015 THIRD QUARTER SUMMARY**

- Revenue was \$18.7 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 ("Q3 FY2015"), compared to \$16.0 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2014 ("Q3 FY2014")
- Gross margin was 0.2% compared to (6.7%) in Q3 FY2014
- Adjusted gross margin (excluding depreciation expense) was 11.8%, up from 7.9% in Q3 FY2014
- EBITDA was \$0.2 million, up from \$(1.1) million in Q3 FY2014
- Net loss was \$2.0 million, compared to \$2.9 million in Q3 FY2014
- 215,776 metres drilled in Q3 FY2015, a 5.0% increase from 205,441 metres in Q3 FY2014

In the first nine months of fiscal 2015, Orbit Garant has achieved an 8.3% year-over-year increase in drilling volumes, but the Company's drilling volumes remain low when compared with the peak levels recorded in fiscal 2012, due to the prolonged difficult market conditions in the mineral drilling industry. Many senior and intermediate mining companies have scaled back their drilling programs over the past 30 months, and junior mining companies have significantly cut their exploration activities due to a lack of capital. This decreased demand for drilling services has led to pricing pressure from customers. Further, there has been decreased industry demand for higher margin specialized drilling services. Orbit Garant's financial results in the third quarter and the first nine months of fiscal 2015 reflect these market trends. Orbit Garant continues to carefully control costs, monitor its workforce and manage its capital expenditures in accordance with current market conditions.

## **CORPORATE OVERVIEW**

From its head office in Val-d'Or, Québec, Orbit Garant, with approximately 600 employees and a fleet of 214 drill rigs, provides surface and underground drilling services to the mining and exploration industry in Canada and internationally. The Company also provides geotechnical drilling services to mining or mineral exploration companies, engineering and environmental consulting firms and government agencies. The majority of Orbit Garant's business activity is currently conducted in Canada. The Company has worked on international projects in the United States, Mexico, Guyana, Chile and West Africa. Orbit Garant recently established new operating subsidiaries in Chile and Ghana to pursue international business opportunities.

Orbit Garant has a comprehensive infrastructure that is vertically integrated with its subsidiary, Soudure Royale, which manufactures drill rigs for the Company and third parties. Soudure Royale provides the Company with a competitive advantage in the provision of drilling services and equipment. Orbit Garant focuses on "specialized drilling" which refers to those drilling projects that are in remote locations or, in the opinion of Management, because of the scope, complexity or technical nature of the work, cannot be completed by smaller conventional drilling companies.

The Company has two operating segments: Canada (including domestic surface drilling, underground drilling and manufacturing), and International.

For the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015:

- Specialized drilling services, which typically generate a higher gross margin than conventional drilling services, accounted for approximately 37% of the Company's total revenue, compared to 41% for the ninemonth period ended March 31, 2014;
- Approximately 65% of the Company's revenue was generated by gold related operations, and approximately 35% was generated by base metal related and other operations;
- Surface and underground drilling services accounted for approximately 52% and 45%, respectively, of the Company's revenue. Orbit Garant's manufacturing subsidiary, Soudure Royale, accounted for the remaining 3% of revenue; and
- Approximately 79% of Orbit Garant's revenue was generated from major and intermediate mining company projects, compared to 72% for the same nine-month period in the previous fiscal year. Orbit Garant's drilling contracts with major and intermediate customers are typically from one to five years in length.

#### **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Orbit Garant's goal is to be the leading Canadian-based mineral drilling company. This will be achieved through the pursuit of both domestic and international market opportunities and through the provision of best-in-class underground and surface drilling services, equipment and personnel for all stages of the mining and mineral business, including exploration, development and production. The Company employs the following business strategies:

- Focus primarily on major and well-financed intermediate mining and exploration companies operating in stable jurisdictions;
- Provide conventional, specialized and geotechnical drilling services;
- Manufacture customized drills and equipment to fit the needs of customers;
- Maintain a commitment to Research and Development ("R&D") and advanced drilling technologies, such as the Company's current implementation of computerized monitoring and control technologies;
- Provide training for the Company's personnel to continuously improve labour efficiency and the availability of a skilled labour force;
- Maintain a high level of health and safety standards in the workplace and promote protection of the environment:
- Establish and maintain long-term relationships with customers;
- Cross-sell drilling services to existing customers;
- Expand the Company's base of operations in strategic regions; and
- Evaluate strategic acquisition opportunities to enhance value for the Company's stakeholders.

#### INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Orbit Garant provides drilling services to the mineral industry through all stages of mine development, from exploration through production. Client mining companies consist of major (or senior) and intermediate producers, and junior exploration companies. Mining companies' budgets for external drilling services, such as those offered by Orbit Garant, are typically determined by ferrous (iron) and non-ferrous (precious and base) metals prices and the availability of capital to finance exploration (particularly in the case of juniors) and development programs, and / or ongoing mining operations.

#### Gold

Gold prices are determined by the balance between supply (primarily mine production) and the many sources of demand including global investment demand, global demand for gold jewelry, and to a much lesser extent, demand from industrial applications. Following a prolonged rally in the price of gold that started in 2001 and resulted in a peak price for gold of more than US\$1,900 per ounce in September 2011, the price of gold entered a period of overall decline starting in January 2013, when it was at approximately US\$1,700 per ounce. The spot price of gold reached a trailing four-year price low of approximately US\$1,140 per ounce in November 2014. At the time of this report, the spot price of gold was approximately US\$1,190 per ounce.

#### **Base Metals**

Base metals' price performance generally reflects global economic conditions, as these metals are used primarily in infrastructure, industrial and manufacturing applications. Demand from emerging markets, particularly China and India, has a major influence on base metals pricing. As emerging markets advance their economic development, their infrastructure and industrial bases expand. Further, residents typically become more affluent, driving increased demand for manufactured goods.

Aluminum, copper, lead, nickel and zinc are the primary base metals. At the time of this report, the spot prices for copper, nickel, aluminum and lead were lower than 12 months ago, while the spot price for zinc was higher. The spot price for copper, the metal widely considered to be the most sensitive to macroeconomic activity, was just over US\$3.00 per pound a year ago, and at the time of this report it was approximately US\$2.90 per pound. With the exception of zinc and lead, spot prices for each of the primary base metals are currently at the lower end of their trailing five-year price ranges.

#### **Iron Ore**

Iron ore prices are determined by the global demand for steel, as more than 95% of mined iron ore is used to make steel. As the world's largest steel consumer, China is widely regarded as having the most influence on global iron ore market prices. Continuing urbanization of the world's population, particularly in China and India, the world's most populous countries, is fuelling global steel consumption, with demand expected to double by 2050. In the short-term, the spot price of iron ore is principally affected by seasonal effects, short-term mismatches between supply and demand and other factors. Since the beginning of 2014, the price of iron ore has dropped significantly. At the time of this report, the spot price for iron ore was approximately US\$62 per tonne, a decrease of more than 50% compared to the average price of US\$135 per tonne during 2013. The recent decline in iron ore prices resulted from industry oversupply and a slowdown in growth in China.

## **Market Participants**

The past two years have been challenging for intermediate and junior mining companies needing to raise capital, resulting in budget restraints and reduced exploration and development programs. Further, the rising costs of mineral production, caused by higher operating and construction costs, combined with lower metals prices, have also forced some senior and intermediate mining companies to delay or scale back their mineral drilling programs. These conditions have resulted in a short-term oversupply of mineral drilling services capacity in the market; a trend that has continued in 2015.

#### **OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

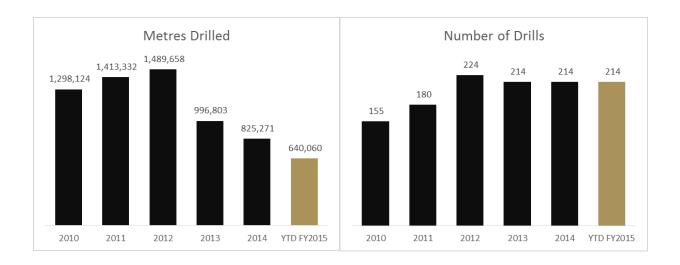
## Results of operations for the third quarter ended March 31, 2015

THIRD QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31 * (\$millions)	Fiscal 2015 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Fiscal 2014 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2015 vs. 2014 Variation
Revenue *	18.7	16.0	2.7
Gross profit (loss) *	0.0	(1.1)	1.1
Gross margin (%)	0.2	(6.7)	6.9
Adjusted gross margin (%) (1)	11.8	7.9	3.9
EBITDA * (2)	0.2	(1.1)	1.3
Metres drilled	215,776	205,441	10,335
Net (loss) earnings *	(2.0)	(2.9)	0.9
Net (loss) earnings per common share - Basic (\$)	(0.06)	(0.09)	0.03
- Diluted (\$)	(0.06)	(0.09)	0.03

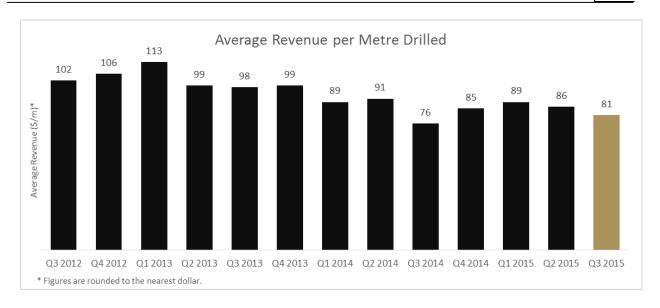
<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects gross margin, excluding depreciation expenses. See "Reconciliation of non-IFRS financial measures"

During Q3 FY2015, Orbit Garant drilled 215,776 metres, a 5.0% increase from 205,441 metres drilled during Q3 FY2014. The increase in metres drilled reflects an increase in domestic drilling activity, partially offset by a decline in international drilling activity. The Company's average revenue per metre drilled in Q3 FY2015 was \$80.72 compared to \$76.06 in Q3 FY2014. Average revenue per metre drilled remains at the lower end of the Company's trailing three-year range, primarily due to the current decreased demand for drilling services in the mineral industry, which has resulted in pricing pressure from customers, and a decline in the Company's specialized drilling activity, which is typically charged at a higher rate.

The size of the Company's drill fleet was stable at 214 drill rigs in Q3 FY2015. Orbit Garant currently has 22 drill rigs outfitted with its computerized monitoring and control technology.



<sup>(2)</sup> EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. See "Reconciliation of non-IFRS financial measures"



# ANALYSIS OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL 2015 COMPARED TO THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL 2014 Contract Revenue

Revenue for Q3 FY2015 totalled \$18.7 million, up 17.3% from \$16.0 million in Q3 FY2014.

Canada revenue was \$17.8 million in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$15.2 million in Q3 FY2014, representing an increase of \$2.6 million, or 17.2%, reflecting increased metres drilled and higher average revenue per metre drilled in the period compared to Q3 FY2014. Manufacturing revenue increased to \$1.3 million in Q3 FY2015, from \$0.3 million in Q3 FY2014, reflecting the sale of four new drill rigs to third parties in the quarter. Soudure Royale continued to build equipment and supplies for the Company to support its production capacity.

International revenue was \$0.9 million in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$0.8 million in Q3 FY2014, attributable to Chilean drilling operations.

#### **Gross Profit and Margins (see Reconciliation of non-IFRS measures)**

Gross profit for Q3 FY2015 was negligible, compared to a gross loss of \$1.1 million in Q3 FY2014. Gross margin for Q3 FY2015 was 0.2% compared with (6.7%) in the third quarter a year ago. In accordance with IFRS, depreciation expenses totalling \$2.2 million are included in cost of contract revenue for Q3 FY2015, compared to \$2.3 million in Q3 FY2014. Adjusted gross margin, excluding depreciation expenses, was 11.8% in Q3 FY2015, compared to 7.9% in Q3 FY2014.

Canada's gross profit increased to \$1.1 million in Q3 FY2015 from a gross loss of \$0.5 million in Q3 FY2014. The improvement in gross profit, gross margin and adjusted gross margin was primarily attributable to increased average revenue per metre drilled, increased metres drilled and the sale of four new drill rigs to third parties, partially offset by a reduction in higher margin specialized drilling activity.

International's gross loss was \$1.0 million, compared to a gross loss of \$0.6 million in Q3 FY2014. The gross loss resulted mainly from project start-up costs in Chile as well as operational delays during the final week of the quarter due to flooding in the surrounding area of the project site in Chile, which temporarily blocked off road access for labour and supplies.

## **General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative (G&A) expenses were \$2.8 million, or 14.7% of revenue, in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$2.9 million, or 18.1% of revenue, in Q3 FY2014. In accordance with IFRS, depreciation and amortization expenses of \$0.4 million are included in G&A expenses for Q3 FY2015, in line with Q3 FY2014. Adjusted G&A expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization expenses were \$2.4 million, or 12.5% of revenue, in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$2.5 million, or 15.6% of revenue, in Q3 FY2014.

The Company continues to maintain discipline in managing its expenses in accordance with current market conditions. Additional administrative costs have been incurred to support the Company's new offices and business development, activities, including sales and marketing, in Chile and Ghana.

## **EBITDA** (see Reconciliation of non-IFRS measures)

EBITDA totalled \$0.2 million in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$(1.1) million in the third quarter a year ago, an increase of \$1.3 million.

## **Financial Expenses**

Interest costs related to long-term debt and bank charges were \$0.1 million in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$0.2 million in Q3 FY2014. The decline reflected the year-over-year reduction in the Company's debt.

## **Income Tax Recovery**

Income tax recovery was \$0.5 million for Q3 FY2015, compared to \$1.1 million in Q3 FY2014. The income tax recovery resulted from the Company's net loss.

## **Net loss**

The Company's net loss for Q3 FY2015 was \$2.0 million, or \$0.06 per share, compared to \$2.9 million, or \$0.09 per share, in Q3 FY2014.

## NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015 COMPARED TO NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31 * (\$millions)	2015	2014	Variation
Revenue *	56.2	51.3	4.9
Gross profit *	1.6	2.0	(0.4)
Gross margin (%)	2.9	4.0	(1.1)
Adjusted gross margin (%) (1)	14.8	17.7	(2.9)
EBITDA * (2)	1.5	1.5	-
Metres drilled	640,060	590,984	49,076
Net earnings (loss) *	(5.4)	(5.5)	0.1
Net earnings (loss) per common share - Basic (\$)	(0.16)	(0.17)	0.01
- Diluted (\$)	(0.16)	(0.17)	0.01

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects gross margin, excluding depreciation expenses. See "Reconciliation of non-IFRS financial measures"

#### **Contract Revenue**

Revenue totalled \$56.2 million for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015 ("YTD FY2015"), an increase of \$4.9 million, or 9.5%, from \$51.3 million for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2014 ("YTD FY2014)". The increase was primarily attributable to increased metres drilled in the period and the sale of four new drill rigs in Q3 FY2015.

Canada revenue totalled \$54.5 million in YTD FY2015, an increase of \$6.3 million, or 13.0%, compared to \$48.2 million for YTD FY2014, for the reasons indicated above.

International revenue was \$1.7 million compared to \$3.1 million in the comparable period last fiscal year, a decrease of \$1.4 million. The decline resulted from lower demand for international drilling services during the first half of fiscal 2015.

## **Gross Profit and Margins (see Reconciliation of non-IFRS measures)**

Gross profit for the first nine months of fiscal 2015 was \$1.6 million, a decrease of \$0.4 million from \$2.0 million in YTD FY2014. Gross margin was 2.9% compared to 4.0% for the comparable period in fiscal 2014. In accordance with IFRS, depreciation expenses totalling \$6.7 million are included in cost of contract revenue for YTD FY2015 compared to \$7.0 million for YTD FY2014. Adjusted gross margin, excluding depreciation expenses, decreased to 14.8% for YTD FY2015, from 17.7% for the comparable period last fiscal year.

Canada's gross profit was \$3.8 million, an increase of \$1.1 million from \$2.7 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2014. The increase in gross profit, gross margin and adjusted gross margin was primarily attributable to increased metres drilled and the sale of four new drill rigs to third parties.

International's gross loss was \$2.2 million, compared to \$0.7 million for the comparable period last fiscal year, primarily attributable to higher employee-related fixed costs on a lower international revenue base and start-up costs for a new project in Chile.

<sup>(2)</sup> EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. See "Reconciliation of non-IFRS financial measures"

## **General and Administrative Expenses**

G&A expenses were \$8.4 million, or 14.9% of revenue, for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$9.1 million, or 17.7% of revenue, for the comparable period last year. Adjusted G&A expenses, excluding amortization and depreciation expenses of \$1.2 million, and the \$0.2 million gain from the reversal of a portion of a contingent earn-out consideration in Q2 FY2015, were \$7.3 million, or 13.0% of revenue, for YTD FY2015. Adjusted G&A expenses, excluding amortization and depreciation expenses of \$1.3 million, were \$7.8 million, or 15.1% of revenue, in the same period a year ago.

The \$0.5 million decrease in adjusted G&A expenses resulted from the proactive measures taken by the Company to reduce expenses in response to current market conditions, partially offset by additional administrative costs incurred to support the Company's new offices and business development activities in Chile and Ghana.

## EBITDA (see Reconciliation of non-IFRS measures)

EBITDA was \$1.5 million for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015, in line with the comparable period last fiscal year. EBITDA in the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015 represented 2.6% of sales, compared to 2.9% of sales in the comparable period last fiscal year.

## **Financial Expenses**

Interest costs related to long term debt and bank charges were \$0.4 million in the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$0.6 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2014. The decline reflected the year-over-year reduction in the Company's debt.

## **Income Tax Recovery**

Income tax recovery was \$1.4 million in the nine-month period ended March 31, 2015, compared to \$1.9 million for the comparable period in fiscal 2014. The income tax recovery resulted from the Company's net loss.

#### **Net Loss**

Net loss for YTD FY2015 was \$5.4 million, or \$0.16 per share, compared to a loss of \$5.5 million, or \$0.17 per share, for the comparable period last fiscal year. Lower gross margins, as discussed above, contributed to the Company's net loss for the first nine months of fiscal 2015.

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

* (\$millions)		Fiscal 2015		Fiscal 2014			Fiscal 2013		
		Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	June 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	June 30
Contract reve	nue *	18.7	16.8	20.7	20.2	16.0	16.8	18.5	21.4
Gross profit (I	oss) *	0.0	(0.4)	2.0	1.8	(1.1)	1.1	2.0	2.3
Gross margin	%	0.2	(2.4)	9.5	8.4	(6.7)	6.8	10.7	10.6
Adjusted gros	ss margin% (1)	11.8	10.9	20.6	20.5	7.9	20.5	23.5	21.9
Net earnings	(loss) *	(2.0)	(2.8)	(0.6)	(0.8)	(2.9)	(1.5)	(1.1)	(27.6)
Net earnings (loss) per	- Basic	(0.06)	(80.0)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.83)
common share (\$)	- Diluted	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.83)

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects gross margin, excluding depreciation expenses. See "Reconciliation of non-IFRS financial measures"

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### **Operating Activities**

Cash flow from operations, before non-cash operating working capital items, was \$0.2 million in Q3 FY2015, compared to \$(0.9) million in Q3 FY2014.

The change in non-cash operating working capital items was an inflow of \$0.7 million in Q3 FY2015, compared to an inflow of \$1.2 million in Q3 FY2014.

#### **Investing Activities**

Cash used in investing activities, primarily for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, totalled \$0.9 million in Q3 FY2015, in line with Q3 FY2014.

## **Financing Activities**

During Q3 FY2015, the Company withdrew a net amount of \$0.5 million on its \$25.0 million revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"). In Q3 FY2014, the amount withdrawn was \$0.2 million. As at March 31, 2015, the Company's long-term debt, including the current portion, was \$5.3 million net of financing fees of \$0.2 million, compared to \$8.5 million as at June 30, 2014. The Company's debt was incurred to support the acquisition of capital assets, including property, plant and equipment.

As at March 31, 2015, the Company's working capital was \$42.3 million, compared to \$37.1 million as at June 30, 2014. Orbit Garant's working capital is used primarily to fund inventory acquisition and support accounts receivable.

Orbit Garant believes that it will be able to generate sufficient cash flow to meet its current and future working capital expenditures and debt obligations. The Company's principal capital expenditures are related to the acquisition of drill rigs and property, plant and equipment.

## **Source of Financing**

Orbit Garant's primary sources of liquidity are from operations and borrowings under a credit agreement between the Company and National Bank of Canada Inc. (the "Credit Agreement"). On December 19, 2014, Orbit Garant obtained a new \$25.0 million secured, three-year revolving credit facility with National Bank, replacing the Company's prior \$40.0 million four-year revolving credit facility held with the same institution.

The new Credit Facility will be used to fund working capital requirements and provide further flexibility to the Company's long-term acquisition program. The Credit Facility matures no later than December 19, 2017.

Availability under the Credit Agreement is subject to a borrowing base that is determined by the value of the Company's inventory, accounts receivable and real estate. All of Orbit Garant's assets are pledged as security for the Company's obligations under the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains covenants that limit the Company's ability to undertake certain actions, without prior approval of the lender, including: i) mergers, liquidations, dissolutions and changes of ownership; ii) the incurrence of additional indebtedness; iii) encumbering the Company's assets; iv) guarantees, loans, investments and acquisitions that may be made by the Company; v) investing in or entering into derivative instruments, paying dividends and/or making other capital distributions to related parties; vi) capital expenditures exceeding mutually agreed upon limits; and vii) certain asset sales. The Credit Agreement also contains a number of financial covenants that the Company must comply with in if more than \$12.5 million is drawn under the facility.

As at the end of March 2015, the Company complied with all covenants in the Credit Agreement.

#### **OUTSTANDING SECURITIES AS AT MAY 12, 2015**

Number of common shares	33,276,519
Number of options	2,226,500
Fully diluted number of common shares	35,503,019

Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the Company has cancelled 254,500 options and on December 5, 2014, the Company granted 75,000 stock options with an exercise price of \$1.35 per share.

Furthermore, on May 12, 2015, the Company cancelled an aggregate of 1,357,500 previously outstanding options in exchange for nominal consideration. All of the cancelled options were significantly "out-of-the-money" based on current trading prices of the Company's common shares and were therefore no longer functioning as an effective tool for retaining and incentivizing employees while taking up a significant portion of the pool of options available for grant under the Company's stock option plan. Pursuant to the terms of the option plan, the cancelled options have been added back into the unallocated option pool and may be reissued as new options in the future.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, («IAS 34»). The IFRS accounting policies that are set out in Note 5 to the Company's annual audited consolidated statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 were consistently applied to all periods presented, except for accounting policies affected by standards and interpretations adopted on July 1, 2014, as described below. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have not been subject to a review engagement by the Company's external auditors.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IAS 34 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant are disclosed in Note 6 in the Company's annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014. They remained unchanged for the three and nine-month periods ended March 31, 2015.

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the contingent liabilities and investments, which have been measured at fair value and are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company and its subsidiaries operate («functional currency»). All values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, except where otherwise indicated.

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information required for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2014 annual audited consolidated financial statements.

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved for issue by the Board of Directors of Orbit Garant Drilling Inc. on May 12, 2015.

## **Principles of Consolidation**

The Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company. A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Company. An investor controls an investee when it 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, independently of its percentage of participation. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when the Company controls another entity.

Income and expenses of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the unaudited interim condensed consolidated statement of earnings from the effective date of acquisition to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate. Intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation.

#### **RECONCILIATION OF NON - IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES**

Financial data has been prepared in conformity with IFRS. However, certain measures used in this discussion and analysis do not have any standardized meaning under IFRS and could be calculated differently by other companies. The Company believes that certain non-IFRS financial measures, when presented in conjunction with comparable IFRS financial measures, are useful to investors and other readers because the information is an appropriate measure to evaluate the Company's operating performance. Internally, the Company uses this non-IFRS financial information as an indicator of business performance. These measures are provided for information purposes, in addition to, and not as a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with IFRS.

<u>EBITDA:</u> Earnings (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

Adjusted gross margin: Contract revenue less operating costs. Operating expenses comprise material

and service expenses, personnel expenses, other operating expenses, excluding

depreciation.

## **EBITDA**

#### Reconciliation of EBITDA

(unaudited) (in millions of dollars)	3 months ended March 31, 2015	3 months ended March 31, 2014	9 months ended March 31, 2015	9 months ended March 31, 2014
Net loss for the period	(2.0)	(2.9)	(5.4)	(5.5)
Finance costs	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6
Income tax expense (recovery)	(0.5)	(1.1)	(1.4)	(1.9)
Depreciation and amortization	2.6	2.7	7.9	8.3
EBITDA	0.2	(1.1)	1.5	1.5

## **Adjusted Gross Margin**

Although adjusted gross margin is not a recognized financial measure defined by IFRS, it is a widely recognized measure used in the mineral drilling industry. As a result, Management believes it provides a useful and comparable benchmark for evaluating the Company's performance.

(unaudited) (in millions of dollars)	3 months ended March 31, 2015	3 months ended March 31, 2014	9 months ended March 31, 2015	9 months ended March 31, 2014
Contract revenue	18.7	16.0	56.2	51.3
Cost of contract revenue (including depreciation)	18.7	17.0	54.6	49.2
Less depreciation	(2.2)	(2.3)	(6.7)	(7.0)
Direct costs	16.5	14.7	47.9	42.2
Adjusted gross profit	2.2	1.3	8.3	9.1
Adjusted gross margin (%) (1)	11.8	7.9	14.8	17.7

#### **RISK FACTORS**

The following are certain factors relating to the Company's business and the industry within which it operates. The following information is a summary only of certain risk factors and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this report and in the Company's Annual Information Form dated September 26, 2014. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones relevant to the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Company, or that the Company currently deems immaterial, may also impair the operations of the Company. If any such risks actually occur, the business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations of the Company, could be affected materially and adversely.

#### **Risk Related to Structure and Common Shares**

## **Equity Market Risks**

There is a risk associated with any investment in shares. The market price of securities such as the Common Shares of the Company are affected by numerous factors including, but not limited to, general market conditions, actual or anticipated fluctuations in the Company's results of operations, changes in estimates of future results of operations by the Company or securities analysts, risks identified in this section and other factors. In addition, the financial markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that have sometimes been unrelated to the operating performance of the issuers or the industries in which they operate. Consequently, the trading price of the Common Shares may fluctuate.

## Influence of Existing Shareholders

As of May 12, 2015, Pierre Alexandre, Vice-Chairman and Vice-President of Business Development of the Company, holds or controls, directly or indirectly, approximately 28% of Orbit Garant's outstanding Common Shares. As a result, this shareholder has the ability to influence Orbit Garant's strategic direction and policies, including any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of its assets, and the election and composition of Orbit Garant's Board of Directors. The foregoing ability to affect the control and direction of Orbit Garant could reduce its attractiveness as a target for potential takeover bids and business combinations, and correspondingly affect its share price.

## Future Sales of Common Shares by the Company's Existing Shareholders

Certain shareholders, including Pierre Alexandre, hold or control significant blocks of shares of the Company. The decision of any of these shareholders to sell a substantial number of Common Shares in the public market could result in a material imbalance in demand for the Company's shares and therefore a decline in the market price of the Common Shares. In addition, the perception among the public that such sales may occur could also result in a reduction in the market price of the Common Shares.

#### **Dilution**

Orbit Garant may raise additional funds in the future by issuing equity securities. Holders of Common Shares will have no pre-emptive rights in connection with such further issuances. Additional Common Shares may be issued by Orbit Garant in connection with the exercise of options granted. Such additional equity issuances could, depending on the price at which such securities are issued, substantially dilute the interests of the holders of Common Shares.

## **OUTLOOK**

The international mining industry continues to exhibit cost restraint with mineral exploration and development programs. Senior and intermediate mining companies began scaling back their drilling programs in 2013 and this trend has continued into 2015. At the same time, junior mining companies have significantly cut their exploration

activities due to a lack of capital. These adverse market conditions have created a short-term oversupply of drilling services capacity in the market, which in turn has created downward pricing pressure. Management expects that these market conditions will continue to impact the contract drilling industry and Orbit Garant's utilization rates and gross margins in the near term.

Despite these current market challenges, Management believes the longer-term outlook for the mining industry is positive. Global demand for ferrous and non-ferrous metals, combined with depleting reserves and resources, will eventually lead to increased exploration and development activities by mining companies. Increased demand for minerals from developing countries, such as Brazil, Russia, India and China, will provide the greatest impetus for growth. China, the world's second largest economy, has a significant impact on global demand and pricing for ferrous and non-ferrous metals. One positive factor for mining companies operating in Canada is the recent decline in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar, as their expenses are in Canadian dollars and their revenues are typically in U.S. dollars. At the time of this report, the value of the Canadian dollar was approximately 0.83 U.S. dollars.

Management remains focused on maximizing stakeholder value principally by controlling costs, optimizing drill rig utilization, increasing productivity rates, continuing to focus on technology innovation, retaining key personnel and maintaining Orbit Garant's strong health and safety standards. Management believes the Company's proprietary computerized monitoring and control drilling technology will increasingly be an important contributor in achieving these goals by reducing both labour and consumable drilling costs, enhancing driller productivity rates and improving safety. Orbit Garant currently has 22 drill rigs featuring its computerized monitoring and control technology, all of which are currently deployed on customer projects. To date, these next generation rigs have achieved a significant increase in productivity compared to that achieved using conventional drill rigs. Orbit Garant's customers have responded positively to the improved performance and potential of the new drill rigs, which has led to renewals of underground drilling contracts for longer terms.

Orbit Garant recently expanded its international market presence with new offices in Chile and Ghana, and is now better positioned to seize international market opportunities and further strengthen customer relationships. The Company commenced work on its first drilling contract in Chile during the second quarter of fiscal 2015. Orbit Garant will continue to monitor market conditions closely and manage its staff and inventory levels, capital expenditures and balance sheet accordingly. With its sound balance sheet, the Company remains committed to pursuing value-enhancing growth opportunities in Canada and internationally.

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

The Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") are responsible for designing internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") or ensuring they are designed in accordance with ICFR through supervision. The Company's ICFR are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Company's financial reporting and its preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

As discussed above, the inherent limitations in all control systems are such that they can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud or error, if any, within the Company, have been detected. Therefore, no matter how well designed, ICFR have inherent limitations and can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and may not prevent and detect all misstatements.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2015, there have been no significant changes to the ICFR and no change in the assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's ICFR. Accordingly, the CEO and CFO have concluded that the design and operation were effective at a reasonable assurance level as at the end of the period covered by this report.