

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of financial condition and results of operations for Whitecap Resources Inc. (the "Company" or "Whitecap") is dated May 3, 2016 and should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and related notes for the period ended March 31, 2016, as well as the audited annual consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2015. These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), specifically International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, in Canadian dollars, except where indicated otherwise. Accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out in the notes to the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015. Additional information respecting Whitecap is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on our website at [www.wcap.ca](http://www.wcap.ca).

The interim consolidated financial statements of Whitecap have been prepared by management and approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Whitecap is engaged in the acquisition, development, optimization and production of crude oil and natural gas in western Canada. We are focused on providing sustainable monthly dividends and per share growth through a combination of accretive oil-based acquisitions and organic growth on existing and acquired assets.

### 2016 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL RESULTS

#### Production

Whitecap's average production volumes and commodity splits were as follows:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Crude oil (bbls/d)	29,561	25,623
NGLs (bbls/d)	3,205	2,689
Natural gas (Mcf/d)	61,547	60,237
Total (boe/d)	43,024	38,351
Production split (%)		
Crude oil and NGLs	76	74
Natural gas	24	26
Total	100	100

Average production volumes increased 12 percent to 43,024 boe/d in the first quarter of 2016 from 38,351 boe/d in the first quarter of 2015. The increase is primarily attributed to the acquisition of Beaumont Energy Inc. ("Beaumont") in the second quarter of 2015, strategic property acquisitions completed in 2015 and 2016 as well as the Company's successful execution of our development capital program partially offset by natural declines. Our crude oil and NGL weighting in the first quarter of 2016 has increased two percent to 76 percent compared to 74 percent in the first quarter of 2015.

#### Petroleum and Natural Gas Sales

A breakdown of petroleum and natural gas sales is as follows:

	Three months ended March 31,	
(\$000s)	2016	2015
Crude oil	98,306	112,406
NGLs	3,118	4,353
Natural gas	10,682	15,880
Petroleum and natural gas sales	112,106	132,639

Petroleum and natural gas sales in the first quarter of 2016 decreased 15 percent to \$112.1 million from \$132.6 million in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease of \$20.5 million consists of \$39.2 million attributed to lower realized prices partially offset by \$18.7 million due to higher production volumes.

### Benchmark and Realized Prices

Average benchmark and realized prices are as follows:

	Three months ended	
	2016	March 31, 2015
<b>Benchmark prices</b>		
WTI (US\$/bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>	33.45	48.63
USD/CAD foreign exchange rate	1.37	1.24
WTI (C\$/bbl)	45.99	60.36
Edmonton Par (C\$/bbl)	40.67	51.78
AECO natural gas (\$/Mcf) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.83	2.75
<b>Average realized prices</b> <sup>(3)</sup>		
Crude oil (\$/bbl)	36.54	48.74
NGLs (\$/bbl)	10.69	17.99
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	1.91	2.93
Combined (\$/boe)	28.63	38.43

Notes:

- (1) WTI represents posting prices of West Texas Intermediate oil.
- (2) Represents the AECO daily posting.
- (3) Prior to the impact of hedging activities.

Whitecap's weighted average realized price prior to the impact of hedging activities decreased 26 percent to \$28.63 per boe in the first quarter of 2016 compared to \$38.43 per boe in the first quarter of 2015.

US\$ WTI prices decreased 31 percent to \$33.45 per barrel in the first quarter of 2016 from \$48.63 per barrel in the first quarter of 2015. While oil prices deteriorated, global crude oil supply continued to grow at a steady pace adding to already high storage levels of crude oil and refined products in North America. US crude oil and refined product inventories at the end of the first quarter of 2016 reached record levels, nearly 12 percent above 2015 and 26 percent above the five year average.

The Edmonton light sweet crude price differential to WTI decreased 46 percent to US\$3.69 per barrel in the first quarter of 2016 from US\$6.80 per barrel in the first quarter of 2015. The continuing decline in WTI oil prices and robust refinery utilization rates held light oil differentials in a narrow range through the first quarter of 2016.

The AECO daily spot price decreased 33 percent to \$1.83 per Mcf in the first quarter of 2016 from \$2.75 per Mcf in the first quarter of 2015. As an unusually warm winter persisted across most of North America, daily natural gas storage withdrawals remained much lower than normal, maintaining downward pressure on market prices. Total US gas storage at the end of the first quarter of 2016 was nearly 70 percent higher than at the end of the first quarter of 2015, and 53 percent above the five year average.

In conjunction with natural gas production, natural gas liquids supply remained strong throughout the first quarter of 2016 adding to existing high inventory levels of propane. Demand for propane remained soft during the warm winter, and butane and condensate prices continued to decline in correlation with oil prices.

### Risk Management and Hedging Activities

Whitecap maintains an ongoing risk management program to reduce the volatility of revenues in order to fund capital expenditures and provide a measure of stability to Whitecap dividends. The Company has the approval of the Board of Directors to hedge a forward position of 3 years and up to 75 percent of its most recent quarter's average daily production, net of royalties.

The Company realized a gain of \$24.5 million on its commodity risk management contracts in the first quarter of 2016. The unrealized gain of \$20.1 million is a result of the non-cash change in the mark-to-market values period over period.

<b>Risk Management Contracts (\$000s)</b>	Three months ended	
	2016	March 31, 2015
Realized gain on commodity contracts	24,486	50,359
Unrealized gain (loss) on commodity contracts	20,101	(47,768)
Total gain on commodity contracts	44,587	2,591
Loss on interest rate contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	(596)	(10,251)
Total gain (loss) on risk management contracts	43,991	(7,660)

Note:

(1) The loss on interest rate risk management contracts are included in interest and financing expense.

At March 31, 2016, the following risk management contracts were outstanding with a mark-to-market asset value of \$50.1 million and a mark-to-market liability value of \$77.5 million:

#### **WTI Crude Oil Derivative Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>**

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Sold Call Price (US\$/bbl)	Sold Put Price (US\$/bbl)	Average Swap Price (\$/bbl)
Swap	2016 Apr – Jun	3,500			C\$97.89
Swap	2016 Apr – Dec	500			C\$97.06
Swap <sup>(2)</sup>	2016 Jul – Dec	3,500			C\$75.00
Swap	2016 Apr – Jun	2,000			US\$38.00
Swap	2016 Jul – Sep	1,000			US\$43.05
Swap <sup>(3)</sup>	2017	3,000			US\$48.03
Sold put <sup>(4)</sup>	2016 Apr – Dec	6,000		50.00	
Sold put/call <sup>(4)</sup>	2017	3,000	85.83	60.00	
Sold put/call <sup>(4)</sup>	2018	3,000	85.83	60.00	

Notes:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

(2) 3,500 bbls/d of Jul – Dec 2016 oil hedges with an average swap price of \$97.89/bbl were repriced at \$75.00/bbl. The proceeds of \$14.5 million will be received over the first half of 2016.

(3) 1,500 bbls/d at US\$48.00/bbl and 1,500 bbls/d at US\$48.05/bbl are extendable through 2018 at the option of the counterparties.

(4) Whitecap optimized its previous 6,000 bbls/d sold puts with an average strike price of US\$66.68/bbl in 2016 by lowering the strike price to US\$50.00/bbl and concurrently sold 2017 and 2018 put and call options with strike prices of US\$60.00/bbl and US\$85.83/bbl respectively. The optimization was completed on a costless basis.

#### **WTI Crude Oil Derivative Contracts With Locked In Premium**

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Average Swap Price (C\$/bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>
Swap	2016 Apr – Dec	3,500	98.61 <sup>(2)</sup>
Swap	2016 Apr – Dec	(3,500)	70.18 <sup>(2)</sup>

Notes:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

(2) The offsetting positions result in a locked in premium of \$28.43 on 3,500 bbls/d.

#### **WTI Crude Oil Differential Derivative Contracts**

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Basis	Average Swap Price (C\$/bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>
Swap	2016 Apr – Jun	4,100	MSW	5.08 <sup>(2)</sup>
Swap	2016 Apr – Dec	10,050	MSW	5.79 <sup>(2)</sup>
Swap	2016 Jul – Sep	1,000	MSW	4.50
Swap	2016 Jul – Dec	1,050	MSW	4.60

Notes:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

(2) MSW contracts executed in USD were converted to CAD through a foreign exchange contract.

### Natural Gas Derivative Contracts

Type	Term	Volume (GJ/d)	Average Swap Price (\$/GJ) <sup>(1)</sup>
Swap	2016 Apr – Jun	8,000	2.23
Swap	2016 Apr – Dec	25,000	2.78
Swap	2016 Jul – Dec	5,000	2.40
Swap	2017	5,000	2.52

Note:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

### Power Derivative Contracts

Type	Term	Volume (MWh's)	Fixed Rate (\$/MWh) <sup>(1)</sup>
Swap	2016 Apr – Dec	42,900	46.84
Swap	2017	43,800	44.61
Swap	2018	26,280	50.53

Note:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

### Interest Rate Contracts

Type	Term	Amount (\$000s)	Fixed Rate (%)	Index	
Swap	03-Oct-13	03-Oct-18	200,000	2.45	CDOR
Swap	01-May-14	01-May-19	200,000	1.97	CDOR
Swap	02-Mar-15	02-Mar-17	100,000	0.75	CDOR

### Foreign Exchange Contracts

Type	Term	Monthly Notional Amount (\$000s)	USD/CAD <sup>(1)</sup>
Monthly average rate forward	2016 Apr – Dec	US\$1.0 million	1.2820
Monthly average rate forward	2016 Jul – Dec	US\$5.0 million	1.2690
Monthly average rate forward	2017	US\$5.0 million	1.2580
Monthly average rate forward	2018 Jan – Jun	US\$6.0 million	1.2436
Monthly average rate forward	2018 Jul – Dec	US\$5.0 million	1.2459

Note:

(1) Bank of Canada monthly average noon day rate settlement.

Type	Term	Monthly Notional Amount (\$000s)	Floor	Ceiling	Conditional Ceiling <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
Average rate variable collar	2016 Jul – Dec	US\$8.0 million	1.2475	1.3111	1.2622
Average rate variable collar	2017	US\$11.0 million	1.2482	1.3188	1.2614
Average rate variable collar	2018 Jan – Jun	US\$8.0 million	1.2535	1.3914	1.2858
Average rate variable collar	2018 Jul – Dec	US\$12.0 million	1.2500	1.4353	1.3065

Notes:

(1) Bank of Canada monthly average noon day rate settlement.

(2) If the USD/CAD average monthly rate settles above the ceiling rate the settlement amount is based on the conditional ceiling.

### Contracts Entered into Subsequent to March 31, 2016

#### WTI Crude Oil Derivative Contracts

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Average Swap Price (US\$/bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>
Swap	2016 Jul – Sep	1,000	US\$45.04
Swap	2017	1,000	US\$48.19
Swap	2018	1,000	US\$50.01

Note:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

## WTI Crude Oil Differential Derivative Contracts

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Basis	Average Swap Price (C\$/bbl) <sup>(1)</sup>
Swap	2017	1,000	MSW	5.20

Note:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

## Royalties

(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Royalties	14,665	17,766
As a % of petroleum and natural gas sales	13	13
\$ per boe	3.75	5.15

Royalties as a percentage of sales in the first quarter of 2016 were consistent with the first quarter of 2015. Decreases in royalties as a percentage of sales due to lower realized prices and the Beaumont acquisition of Saskatchewan Viking properties which have lower royalty rates than the company average were offset by higher production at Elnora and new wells drilled at Boundary Lake which have a higher royalty rate than the company average. Whitecap pays royalties to the provincial governments and landowners in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Each province has separate royalty regimes which impact Whitecap's overall corporate royalty rate.

The Government of Alberta introduced the new Modernized Royalty Framework ("MRF") on January 29, 2016 with further details released on April 21, 2016. These details provide the necessary information for oil and gas producers and other stakeholders to evaluate investing in Alberta. Whitecap believes that the MRF will be neutral to slightly positive compared to the previous Alberta Royalty Framework ("ARF") across Whitecap's core plays, within expected price ranges. In particular, the MRF is expected to benefit low cost producers like Whitecap with higher productivity wells.

## Operating Expenses

(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Operating expenses	35,546	36,519
\$ per boe	9.08	10.58

Operating expenses in the first quarter of 2016 decreased 14 percent to \$9.08 per boe compared to \$10.58 per boe in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease in operating expenses per boe is primarily attributed to cost reductions achieved with the successful integration of properties acquired in 2014, cost reduction initiatives across all core operating areas and higher production volumes.

## Transportation Expenses

(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Transportation expenses	3,496	5,159
\$ per boe	0.89	1.49

Transportation expenses in the first quarter of 2016 decreased 40 percent to \$0.89 per boe compared to \$1.49 per boe in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease in transportation expenses on a per boe basis is primarily attributed to increased pipeline connectivity in west central Saskatchewan which resulted in lower trucking costs to get production to market, cost reduction initiatives in core areas and favorable prior period adjustments.

## Operating Netbacks

The components of operating netbacks are shown below:

Netbacks (\$/boe)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Petroleum and natural gas sales	28.63	38.43
Royalties	(3.75)	(5.15)
Operating expenses	(9.08)	(10.58)
Transportation expenses	(0.89)	(1.49)
Operating netbacks prior to hedging	14.91	21.21
Realized hedging gain	6.25	14.59
Operating netbacks <sup>(1)</sup>	21.16	35.80

Note:

<sup>(1)</sup> Operating netback is a non-GAAP measure, which is defined under the Non-GAAP Measures section of this MD&A.

Operating netbacks in the first quarter of 2016 decreased 41 percent to \$21.16 per boe compared to \$35.80 per boe in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease on a per boe basis was due to lower average realized pricing and realized hedging gains partially offset by lower royalties, operating expenses and transportation expenses.

## General and Administrative (“G&A”) Expenses

(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
G&A	6,354	6,194
Capitalized G&A	(1,071)	(1,051)
G&A expenses	5,283	5,143
\$ per boe	1.35	1.49

G&A expenses in the first quarter of 2016 decreased nine percent to \$1.35 per boe compared to \$1.49 per boe in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease on a per boe basis was mainly attributed to higher production volumes, which more than offset the absolute increase in G&A expenses.

## Share-based and Option-based Awards

(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Stock-based compensation	11,174	13,370
Capitalized stock-based compensation	(3,722)	(5,061)
Stock-based compensation expenses	7,452	8,309
\$ per boe	1.90	2.41

In the first quarter of 2016, the Company recorded stock-based compensation of \$11.2 million with the offsetting amounts recorded in contributed surplus, a decrease of 16 percent from \$13.4 million in the first quarter of 2015. Stock-based compensation will fluctuate with changes to the expected payout multipliers associated with the performance awards and additional grants under the Award Incentive Plan.

## Award Incentive Plan

The Company implemented an Award Incentive Plan effective April 30, 2013. The Award Incentive Plan has time-based awards and performance awards which may be granted to the directors, officers and employees of the Company. As at March 31, 2016, the maximum number of common shares issuable under the plan shall not at any time exceed 6.5 percent of the total common shares outstanding less the aggregate number of common shares reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding stock options. Subsequent to March 31, 2016, the maximum number of common shares issuable under the plan was reduced to 3.755 percent of the total common shares outstanding less the aggregate number of common shares reserved

for issuance pursuant to outstanding stock options. Vesting is determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Currently, time-based and performance share awards issued to employees of the Company vest three years from date of grant. Performance awards issued to directors and officers of the Company vest in two tranches with one half of performance awards vesting February 1 of the third year following grant date and one half vesting October 1 of the third year following the grant date.

Each time-based award may entitle the holder to be issued the number of common shares designated in the time-based award (plus dividend equivalents). Performance awards are also subject to a performance multiplier. This multiplier, ranging from zero to two, will be applied on settlement and is dependent on the performance of the Company relative to pre-defined corporate performance measures set by the Board of Directors for the associated period.

A forfeiture rate is estimated on the grant date and is adjusted to reflect the actual number of shares that vest. Awards are measured at fair value on the date of grant, and the resulting stock-based compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Upon the exercise of the awards, the associated amount in contributed surplus is recorded as an increase to share capital.

As at March 31, 2016, the Company had 3.9 million awards outstanding.

### **Stock Options**

As at March 31, 2016, the Company had 0.3 million stock options outstanding. The stock options have a weighted average exercise price of \$7.20 per option. Stock-based compensation expense is the amortization over the vesting period of the fair value of stock options granted to employees, consultants and directors of the Company. Stock options granted under the stock option plan have a term of four years to expiry.

Since the adoption of the new Award Incentive Plan in 2013 there have been no further stock options granted and the remaining outstanding options will be either exercised or forfeited in 2016.

### **Interest and Financing Expenses**

	Three months ended March 31,	
(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	2016	2015
Interest and financing expenses	8,920	17,661
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate contracts	685	(9,183)
	9,605	8,478
<b>\$ per boe</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>2.46</b>

Interest and finance expenses excluding the unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate contracts of \$2.45 per boe in the first quarter of 2016 were consistent with \$2.46 per boe in the first quarter of 2015. On a per boe basis higher average debt levels were offset by higher production volumes.

### **Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization ("DD&A")**

	Three months ended March 31,	
(\$000s, except per boe amounts)	2016	2015
DD&A	75,563	74,268
<b>\$ per boe</b>	<b>19.30</b>	<b>21.52</b>

DD&A in the first quarter of 2016 decreased 10 percent to \$19.30 per boe compared to \$21.52 per boe in the first quarter of 2015. The decrease on a per boe basis was mainly attributed to reductions in PP&E due to impairment expenses recorded in 2015. The DD&A rate will fluctuate from one period to the next depending on the amount and type of capital spending and the amount of reserves added. The depletion rate is calculated on proved and probable oil and natural gas reserves, taking into account the future development costs to produce the reserves.

### Exploration and Evaluation (“E&E”) Asset Expiries

In the first quarter of 2016, \$2.5 million of costs associated with expired mineral leases were recognized as an expense compared to \$3.3 million during the first quarter of 2015. The Company added \$1.2 million of undeveloped land in the three months ended March 31, 2016, as a result of property acquisitions completed in the periods.

### Net Gain on Asset Dispositions

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company recognized a net gain of \$4.6 million on the disposition of non-core assets. The net gain is equal to the difference between the consideration received and the net book value of the assets disposed of by Whitecap.

### Taxes

In the first quarter of 2016, the Company recognized a deferred income tax expense of \$3.8 million compared to a deferred income tax recovery of \$5.0 million for first quarter of 2015.

The following gross deductions are available for deferred income tax purposes:

(\$000s)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Undepreciated capital cost	445,405	460,897
Canadian development expense	512,835	523,905
Canadian oil and gas property expense	1,031,032	1,125,705
Non-capital loss carry forward	895,571	861,874
Share issue costs	40,468	40,498
Total	2,925,311	3,012,879

### Net Income (Loss)

In the first quarter of 2016, the Company recognized net income of \$1.6 million compared to a net loss of \$29.4 million for the first quarter of 2015. The increase of \$31.0 million is primarily attributed to \$42.0 million higher gains on risk management contracts, \$8.7 million lower interest and financing expenses, which included \$9.9 million lower unrealized losses on interest rate contracts and \$9.7 million in other net changes. The increase was partially offset by \$20.5 million lower petroleum and natural gas sales and an \$8.9 million change in deferred income taxes. The factors causing these changes are discussed in the preceding sections.

### Funds Flow and Payout Ratios

Funds flow, development capital, basic payout ratio and total payout ratio are non-GAAP measures. Funds flow represents cash flow from operating activities adjusted for changes in non-cash working capital, transaction costs and settlement of decommissioning liabilities. Development capital represents expenditures on PP&E excluding corporate and other assets. Basic payout ratio is calculated as cash dividends declared divided by funds flow. Total payout ratio is calculated as cash dividends declared plus development capital, divided by funds flow. The Company considers these to be key measures of performance and indicators of sustainability.



The following table reconciles cash flow from operating activities (a GAAP measure) to funds flow (a non-GAAP measure):

(\$000s)	Three months ended	
	2016	March 31, 2015
Cash flow from operating activities	83,379	127,030
Changes in non-cash working capital	(15,700)	(17,447)
Settlement of decommissioning liabilities	218	347
Transaction costs	100	3
Funds flow	67,997	109,933
Cash dividends declared	41,854	47,541
Expenditures on PP&E	45,325	76,110
Expenditures on corporate and other assets	(87)	(95)
Development capital	45,238	76,015
Basic payout ratio (%)	62	43
Total payout ratio (%)	128	112
Funds flow per share, basic <sup>(1)</sup>	0.22	0.43
Funds flow per share, diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	0.22	0.43
Cash dividends declared per share <sup>(1)</sup>	0.14	0.19

Note:

<sup>(1)</sup> Cash dividends declared per share and funds flow per share are non-GAAP measures, which are defined under the Non-GAAP Measures section of this MD&A.

Dividends are only declared once they are approved by the Company's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reviews Whitecap's ability to pay a dividend on a monthly basis. Subsequent to March 31, 2016, the Company reduced its monthly dividend to \$0.0233 per share (\$0.28 per share annually) commencing with the April dividend.

Cash flow from operating activities for the first quarter of 2016 was \$83.4 million compared to \$127.0 million for the first quarter of 2015. The decrease in cash flow from operating activities is primarily attributed to a decrease in funds flow and a decrease in cash inflows due to changes in non-cash working capital.

Funds flow for the first quarter of 2016 was \$68.0 million compared to \$109.9 million for the first quarter of 2015. The decrease in funds flow is primarily attributed to a lower operating netback, partially offset by the Company's growth in production volumes.

### Capital Expenditures

(\$000s)	Three months ended	
	2016	March 31, 2015
Land and geological	53	545
Drilling and completions	37,378	57,779
Investment in facilities	6,736	16,640
Capitalized administration	1,071	1,051
Development capital	45,238	76,015
Office and other	87	95
Property acquisitions	21,291	58,330
Property dispositions	(101,635)	(2,663)
Total capital expenditures	(35,019)	131,777

For the first quarter of 2016, development capital totaled \$45.2 million with 98 percent spent on drilling, completions and facilities.

Whitecap drilled 24 (23.6 net) wells in the first quarter of 2016 with a 100% success rate, including 15 (14.8 net) horizontal Viking oil wells in west central Saskatchewan, 4 (3.9 net) horizontal Cardium oil wells in Pembina, 1 (1.0 net) horizontal Cardium well in southwest Alberta, 2 (2.0 net) Dunvegan wells in northwest Alberta and 2 (1.9) Boundary Lake wells in British Columbia.

### ***Net Property Acquisitions***

In the first quarter of 2016, the Company disposed of certain production facilities to a third party for \$70.0 million. Pursuant to the agreement, Whitecap will operate the facilities and will pay the purchaser an annual tariff fee for the life of the agreement and will retain all third party processing revenues generated. Whitecap has the option to repurchase the facilities at any time. The Company also closed an asset swap transaction in which Whitecap received PP&E assets in its west central Saskatchewan core area in exchange for non-core Saskatchewan PP&E assets.

### ***Decommissioning Liability***

At March 31, 2016, the Company recorded decommissioning liabilities of \$451.6 million for future abandonment and reclamation of the Company's properties. Estimates are based on both operational knowledge of the properties and updated industry guidance provided by the Alberta Energy Regulator ("AER") and the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy. The estimates are reviewed quarterly and adjusted as new information regarding the liability is determined.

### ***Capital Resources and Liquidity***

#### ***Credit Facilities***

As at March 31, 2016, the Company had a \$1.2 billion credit facility with a syndicate of Canadian banks. The credit facility consists of a \$750 million revolving production facility, a \$50 million revolving operating facility and a \$400 million term loan facility. At the end of the revolving period, being May 13, 2016, the revolving credit facility converts into a 366-day term loan if not renewed. The revolving facilities may be extended for a further 364-day revolving period upon the request of Whitecap, subject to approval by the banks. The credit facility provides that advances may be made by way of direct advances, banker's acceptances or letters of credit/guarantees. The credit facility bears interest at the bank's prime lending or bankers' acceptance rates plus applicable margins. The applicable margin charged by the bank is dependent upon the Company's debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization "EBITDA" ratio for the most recent quarter. The bankers' acceptances bear interest at the applicable banker's acceptance rate plus an explicit stamping fee based upon the Company's Debt to EBITDA ratio. The credit facilities are secured by a fixed and floating charge debenture on the assets of the Company. The first \$200 million term loan facility matures on October 3, 2018 and has an effective interest rate of 5.3%. The second \$200 million term loan facility matures on May 1, 2019 and has an effective interest rate of 4.7%.

The credit facility has two financial covenants, whereby the Company's ratio of Debt to EBITDA shall not exceed 4.0:1.0 (1.6:1.0 as at March 31, 2016) and the ratio of EBITDA to interest expense shall not be less than 3.5:1.0 (13.2:1.0 as at March 31, 2016). The EBITDA used in the covenant calculation is adjusted for non-cash items, transaction costs and extraordinary and non-recurring items. The debt used in the covenant calculation includes bank indebtedness, letters of credit and dividends declared. As of March 31, 2016, the Company was compliant with all covenants provided for in the lending agreement. The current review is scheduled to be completed by May 13, 2016.

#### ***Equity***

On March 15, 2016, the Company closed a bought deal public financing by issuing approximately 13.8 million Whitecap common shares at a price of \$6.90 per common share for gross proceeds of approximately \$95.0 million.

On May 1, 2015, as part of the Beaumont acquisition, approximately 36.3 million Whitecap shares were issued to Beaumont's shareholders. The common shares issued were valued using the share price of Whitecap on May 1, 2015 of \$14.79 per share.

On April 9, 2015, the Company closed a bought deal public financing of approximately 8.1 million subscription receipts at a price of \$13.50 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of approximately \$109.5 million which was used to partially fund the acquisition of Beaumont. Each subscription receipt was converted to one common share on May 1, 2015.

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares. As at May 3, 2016 there were 314.6 million common shares, 0.2 million stock options and 3.9 million share awards outstanding.

## **Liquidity**

The Company generally relies on operating cash flows, equity issuances and its credit facility to fund its capital requirements, dividend payments and provide liquidity. From time to time, the Company accesses capital markets to meet its additional financing needs and to maintain flexibility in funding its capital programs. Future liquidity depends primarily on funds flow, existing credit facilities and the ability to access debt and equity markets. All repayments on the revolving production and operating facilities are due at the term maturity date. Repayment on the term loan facility is due on the term loan maturity date. As none of the facilities mature within the next year, the liabilities are considered to be non-current. The Company generates positive operating cash flow. At March 31, 2016, the Company had \$445.5 million of unutilized credit to cover any working capital deficiencies. The Company believes that it is well positioned to take advantage of its internally developed opportunities funded through available credit facilities combined with anticipated funds flow. Present sources of capital are currently anticipated to be sufficient to satisfy the Company's previously disclosed 2016 capital program of \$148.0 million and dividend payments for the remainder of the 2016 fiscal year.

## **Contractual Obligations**

Whitecap has contractual obligations in the normal course of business which may include purchase of assets and services, operating agreements, transportation commitments, sales commitments, royalty obligations, lease rental obligations, employee agreements and debt. These obligations are of a recurring, consistent nature and impact Whitecap's cash flows in an ongoing manner. The Company is committed to future payments under the following agreements:

(\$000s)	2016	2017	2018	2019+	Total
Operating leases	10,139	14,105	15,343	129,229	168,816
Transportation agreements	18,956	20,512	12,704	26,569	78,741
Bank debt <sup>(1)</sup>	9,620	368,905	214,187	202,319	795,031
Total	38,715	403,522	242,234	358,117	1,042,588

Note:

<sup>(1)</sup> These amounts include the notional principal and interest payments.

## **Related Party Transactions**

The Company has retained the law firm of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP ("BDP") to provide Whitecap with legal services. A director of Whitecap is a partner of this firm. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company incurred \$0.1 million for legal fees and disbursements (\$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015). These amounts have been recorded at the amounts that have been agreed upon by the two parties. The Company expects to retain the services of BDP from time to time. As of March 31, 2016 a payable balance of nil (\$0.1 million – March 31, 2015) was outstanding.

## **Subsequent Events**

### **Dividend Reduction**

Subsequent to March 31, 2016, Whitecap disclosed in a press release dated April 11, 2016 that the Company will reduce its monthly dividend by 38% to \$0.0233 per share (\$0.28 per share annually) from the current dividend level of \$0.0375 per share (\$0.45 per share annually) commencing with the April dividend.

### **Reduction of Legal Stated Capital**

Subsequent to March 31, 2016, at the Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders of Whitecap, holders of the Company's common shares approved by way of special resolution, a reduction of the legal stated capital account of Whitecap's common shares by \$1.8 billion effective as of April 28, 2016.

Under the corporate statute governing the Company, a corporation is prohibited from taking certain actions, including declaring or paying a dividend, if, among other things, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the realizable value of its assets would as a result of the declaration or payment of the dividend be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and legal stated capital of all classes of its shares.

The purpose of reducing the legal stated capital of Whitecap's common shares is to reduce the aggregate of the Company's liabilities and legal stated capital so as to increase the difference between such amount and the realizable value of the Company's assets, thereby providing Whitecap with additional flexibility to

pay dividends if, as and when declared by the Company's board. The reduction in legal stated capital will have no impact on Whitecap's day-to-day operations and will not alter Whitecap's financial condition.

The legal stated capital reduction will have no immediate income tax consequences to a holder of common shares. It may have an effect in the future, in certain circumstances, if Whitecap is wound up or makes a distribution to the Company's shareholders, or if Whitecap redeems, cancels or acquires the Company's common shares. As a general rule, upon such transactions, a holder of common shares will be deemed to have received a dividend to the extent that the amount paid or distributed exceeds the legal stated capital of the common shares.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption**

There were no changes that had a material effect on the reported loss or net assets of the Company.

#### ***Standards issued but not yet effective***

The Company has reviewed the new and revised accounting pronouncements listed below that have been issued, but are not yet effective. There are no other standards or interpretations issued, but not yet adopted, that are anticipated to have a material effect on the reported income or net assets of the Company.

#### ***IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9") (2013 & 2014)***

IFRS 9 (2013) significantly revises the existing hedge accounting guidance in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* and is intended to align hedging with an entity's risk management strategies. IFRS 9 (2014) incorporates a further amendment to classification categories for financial assets, and includes a new impairment model. IFRS 9 (2013 & 2014) are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Whitecap is currently evaluating the impact of the standards on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### ***IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15")***

IFRS 15 was issued in May 2014 and replaces IAS 18 *Revenue*, IAS 11 *Construction Contracts* and related interpretations. The standard is required to be adopted either retrospectively or using a modified transaction approach for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with earlier adoption permitted. Whitecap is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### ***IFRS 16 Leases ("IFRS 16")***

IFRS 16 was issued in January 2016 and replaces IAS 17 *Leases* and related interpretations. The standard is required to be adopted either retrospectively or by recognising the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 16 as an adjustment to opening equity at the date of initial application. IFRS 16 is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2019 with earlier adoption permitted if IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* has also been adopted. Whitecap is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company does not have any special purpose entities nor is it party to any arrangements that would be excluded from the balance sheet other than commitments disclosed in Note 16 to the Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Whitecap's financial and operating results may incorporate certain estimates including:

- estimated revenues, royalties and operating expenses on production as at a specific reporting date but for which actual revenues and expenses have not yet been received;
- estimated capital expenditures on projects that are in progress;
- estimated depletion, depreciation and accretion that are based on estimates of oil and gas reserves that the Company expects to recover in the future, commodity prices, estimated future salvage values and estimated future capital costs;
- estimated fair values of derivative contracts that are subject to fluctuation depending upon the underlying commodity prices and foreign exchange rates;
- estimated value of decommissioning liabilities that are dependent upon estimates of future costs, timing of expenditures and the risk-free rate;

- estimated income and other tax liabilities requiring interpretation of complex laws and regulations. All tax filings are subject to audit and potential reassessment after the lapse of considerable time;
- estimated stock-based compensation expense using the Black-Scholes option pricing model;
- estimated fair value of business combinations and goodwill requires management to make assumptions and estimates about future events. The assumptions and estimates with respect to determining the fair value of PP&E and E&E assets acquired generally require the most judgment and include estimates of reserves acquired, forecast benchmark commodity prices and discount rates; and
- estimated recoverable amounts are based on estimated proved plus probable reserves, production rates, oil and gas prices, future costs, discount rates and other relevant assumptions.

The Company has hired individuals and consultants who have the skills required to make such estimates and ensures that individuals or departments with the most knowledge of the activity are responsible for the estimates. Further, past estimates are reviewed and compared to actual results, and actual results are compared to budgets in order to make more informed decisions on future estimates.

### **Business Risks**

Whitecap's exploration and production activities are concentrated in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, where activity is highly competitive and includes a variety of different-sized companies. Whitecap is subject to a number of risks that are also common to other organizations involved in the oil and gas industry. Such risks include finding and developing oil and gas reserves at economic costs, estimating amounts of recoverable reserves, production of oil and gas in commercial quantities, marketability of oil and gas produced, fluctuations in commodity prices, stock market volatility, debt service which may limit timing or amount of dividends as well as market price of shares, financial and liquidity risks and environmental and safety risks.

In order to reduce exploration risk, Whitecap employs or contracts highly qualified and motivated professionals who have demonstrated the ability to generate quality proprietary geological and geophysical prospects.

Whitecap has retained an independent engineering consulting firm that assists the Company in evaluating recoverable amounts of oil and gas reserves. Values of recoverable reserves are based on a number of variable factors and assumptions such as commodity prices, projected production, future production costs and government regulations. Such estimates may vary from actual results.

The Company mitigates its risk related to producing hydrocarbons through the utilization of current technology and information systems. In addition, Whitecap strives to operate the majority of its prospects, thereby maintaining operational control. When the Company does not operate, it relies on its partners in jointly-owned properties to maintain operational control.

Whitecap is exposed to market risk to the extent that the demand for oil and gas produced by the Company exists within Canada and the United States. External factors beyond the Company's control may affect the marketability of oil and gas produced. These factors include commodity prices and variations in the Canada–United States currency exchange rate, which in turn responds to economic and political circumstances throughout the world. Oil prices are affected by worldwide supply and demand fundamentals while natural gas prices are affected by North American supply and demand fundamentals. Whitecap uses futures and options contracts to hedge its exposure to the potential adverse impact of commodity price volatility. The primary objective of the risk management program is to provide a measure of stability to Whitecap dividends and its capital development program.

Exploration and production for oil and gas is capital intensive. In addition to funds flow, the Company accesses the equity markets as a source of new capital. In addition, Whitecap utilizes bank financing to support ongoing capital investments, which exposes the Company to fluctuations in interest rates on its bank debt. Funds flow also fluctuates with changing commodity prices. Equity and debt capital are subject to market conditions and availability may increase or decrease from time to time.

## Environmental Risks

Oil and gas exploration and production can involve environmental risks such as litigation, physical and regulatory risks. Physical risks include the pollution of the environment and destruction of natural habitat, as well as safety risks such as personal injury. The Company works hard to understand the sensitivities of the environments in which it operates and its responsibilities from the beginning to the end. It also strives to identify the potential environmental impacts of its new projects in the planning stage and during operations. The Company conducts its operations with high standards in order to protect the environment, its employees and consultants, and the general public. Whitecap maintains current insurance coverage for comprehensive and general liability as well as limited pollution liability. The amount and terms of this insurance are reviewed on an ongoing basis and adjusted as necessary to reflect current corporate requirements, as well as industry standards and government regulations. Without such insurance, and if the Company becomes subject to environmental liabilities, the payment of such liabilities could reduce or eliminate its available funds or could exceed the funds the Company has available and result in financial distress.

## Summary of Quarterly Results

	2016		2015			2014		
(\$000s, except as noted)	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
<b>Financial</b>								
Petroleum and natural gas sales	112,106	148,225	155,238	186,178	132,639	194,994	226,728	215,850
Funds flow <sup>(1)</sup>	67,997	111,970	116,080	144,703	109,933	139,089	129,350	117,429
Basic (\$/share)	0.22	0.37	0.39	0.51	0.43	0.55	0.53	0.51
Diluted (\$/share)	0.22	0.37	0.38	0.50	0.43	0.54	0.52	0.51
Net income (loss)	1,605	(87,087)	(375,640)	(8,583)	(29,403)	166,116	87,440	195,045
Basic (\$/share)	0.01	(0.29)	(1.26)	(0.03)	(0.12)	0.66	0.36	0.85
Diluted (\$/share)	0.01	(0.29)	(1.26)	(0.03)	(0.12)	0.65	0.35	0.84
Development capital expenditures	45,238	62,322	50,573	45,868	76,015	48,144	93,347	51,764
Property acquisitions	21,291	94,397	86,474	13,077	58,330	135,787	14,673	791,087
Property dispositions	(101,635)	(268)	(12,856)	(10,805)	(2,663)	(104,256)	(51,059)	(113,031)
Corporate acquisitions	-	-	-	579,906	-	205,209	-	-
Total assets	4,091,011	4,183,085	4,146,874	4,580,146	3,894,916	3,869,293	3,565,076	3,434,995
Net debt <sup>(1)</sup>	800,302	939,787	842,234	774,825	867,148	798,290	676,000	752,882
Common shares outstanding (000s)	314,403	300,613	298,866	298,599	253,595	253,476	245,751	245,316
Dividends declared or paid per share (basic)	0.14	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18
<b>Operational</b>								
Average daily production								
Crude oil (bbls/d)	29,561	29,092	28,653	28,416	25,623	24,752	22,160	19,516
NGLs (bbls/d)	3,205	3,130	3,204	2,865	2,689	2,979	2,863	2,328
Natural gas (Mcf/d)	61,547	59,069	59,781	61,441	60,237	59,580	59,498	52,384
Total (boe/d)	43,024	42,067	41,821	41,521	38,351	37,661	34,940	30,574

Note:

(1) Funds flow and net debt do not have a standardized meaning under GAAP. Refer to non-GAAP measures in this MD&A.

In the past eight consecutive quarters, Whitecap has been able to consistently increase its production volumes through the efficient execution of its capital program as well as completing strategic acquisitions in its core areas. Over the past eight quarters, while production volumes have consistently increased, fluctuations in realized commodity prices have impacted the Company's petroleum and natural gas sales and funds flow. Net income has fluctuated due to changes in funds flow, impairment and unrealized derivative gains and losses which fluctuate with the changes in forward commodity prices. Capital expenditures have fluctuated over time as a result of the timing of acquisitions and the impact of market conditions on our development capital expenditures.

The following outlines the significant events over the past eight quarters:

In the first quarter of 2016, the Company closed a bought deal public financing by issuing approximately 13.8 million Whitecap common shares at a price of \$6.90 per common share for gross proceeds of approximately \$95.0 million. Additionally, the Company disposed of certain production facilities to a third party for cash consideration of \$70.0 million.

In the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company increased its working interest in strategic light oil assets located in its Boundary Lake core area for total consideration of \$93.4 million. Additionally, as a result of lower forecast benchmark commodity prices at December 31, 2015 compared to December 31, 2014, the Company recognized an impairment of \$23.9 million attributed to PP&E.

In the third quarter of 2015, the Company acquired strategic light oil assets located in its Boundary Lake and Wapiti area for total consideration of \$81.3 million and disposed of non-core assets in Willesden Green for total consideration of \$8.0 million. Additionally, as a result of lower forecast benchmark commodity prices at September 30, 2015 compared to December 31, 2014, the Company recognized impairments of \$482.3 million, of which \$355.9 million and \$126.4 million were attributed to PP&E and goodwill respectively.

In the second quarter of 2015, the Company closed the acquisition of Beaumont by acquiring all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Beaumont for \$7.3 million in cash, the issuance of 36.3 million Whitecap common shares and the assumption of Beaumont's debt. Through the acquisition, Whitecap acquired high netback, light oil-weighted Viking properties located in the Kerrobert area of west central Saskatchewan. The purchase price was partially funded through the issuance of approximately 8.1 million subscription receipts at a price of \$13.50 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of approximately \$109.5 million in the second quarter of 2015. Each subscription receipt was converted to one common share on closing of the acquisition.

In the first quarter of 2015, the Company acquired strategic light oil assets located in its Deep Basin core area for total consideration of \$57.5 million. In addition, the Company's credit facility was increased to \$1.2 billion from the previous \$1.0 billion.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company acquired a controlling interest in a conventional Nisku light sweet oil pool at Elnora, Alberta for total consideration of \$277.2 million. The purchase price was partially funded through the issuance of approximately 7.6 million subscription receipts at a price of \$16.55 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of approximately \$125.0 million in the third quarter of 2014. Each subscription receipt was converted to one common share on closing of the acquisition.

In the second quarter of 2014, the Company acquired strategic light oil assets in northwest Alberta and British Columbia for cash consideration of \$683.0 million. Concurrent with the closing of the acquisition, the Company's credit facility was increased to \$1.0 billion from the previous \$600.0 million.

## **INTERNAL CONTROLS UPDATE**

Whitecap is required to comply with National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure on Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"). NI 52-109 requires that Whitecap disclose in its interim MD&A any material weaknesses in Whitecap's internal control over financial reporting and/or any changes in Whitecap's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect Whitecap's internal controls over financial reporting. Whitecap confirms that no material weaknesses or such changes were identified in Whitecap's internal controls over financial reporting during the first quarter of 2016.

## **NON-GAAP MEASURES**

This MD&A includes non-GAAP measures as further described herein. These non-GAAP measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS or, alternatively, "GAAP") and therefore may not be comparable with the calculation of similar measures by other companies.

**"Development capital"** represents expenditures on PP&E excluding corporate and other assets.

“**Funds flow**” represents cash flow from operating activities adjusted for changes in non-cash working capital, transaction costs and settlement of decommissioning liabilities.

“**Funds flow per share**” represents funds flow divided by the basic or diluted weighted average shares outstanding in the period. Management considers funds flow and funds flow per share to be key measures as they demonstrate Whitecap’s ability to generate the cash necessary to pay dividends, repay debt, fund decommissioning liabilities and make capital investments. Management believes that by excluding the temporary impact of changes in non-cash operating working capital, funds flow provides a useful measure of Whitecap’s ability to generate cash that is not subject to short-term movements in non-cash operating working capital. Refer to the “Funds Flow and Payout Ratios” section of this report for the reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities to funds flow.

“**Operating netbacks**” are determined by deducting royalties, production expenses and transportation and selling expenses from oil and gas revenue. Operating netbacks are per boe measures used in operational and capital allocation decisions.

“**Cash netbacks**” are determined by deducting cash general and administrative and interest expenses from operating netbacks.

“**Cash dividends per share**” represents cash dividends declared per share by Whitecap.

“**Basic payout ratio**” is calculated as cash dividends declared divided by funds flow.

“**Total payout ratio**” is calculated as cash dividends declared plus development capital, divided by funds flow.

“**Net debt**” is calculated as bank debt plus working capital surplus or deficit adjusted for risk management contracts.

The following table reconciles bank debt (a GAAP measure) to net debt (a non-GAAP measure):

(\$000s)	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Bank debt	754,511	876,166
Current liabilities	132,504	165,922
Current assets	(123,447)	(149,338)
Risk management contracts	36,734	47,037
Net debt	800,302	939,787

## BOE PRESENTATION

Boe means barrel of oil equivalent. All boe conversions in this MD&A are derived by converting gas to oil at the ratio of six thousand cubic feet (“Mcf”) of natural gas to one barrel (“Bbl”) of oil. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A Boe conversion rate of 1 Bbl : 6 Mcf is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. Given that the value ratio of oil compared to natural gas based on currently prevailing prices is significantly different than the energy equivalency ratio of 1 Bbl : 6 Mcf, utilizing a conversion ratio of 1 Bbl : 6 Mcf may be misleading as an indication of value.

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this MD&A constitute forward-looking statements and are based on Whitecap’s beliefs and assumptions based on information available at the time the assumption was made. By its nature, such forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. The Company believes the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements should not be unduly relied upon.



This MD&A contains certain forward-looking information and statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The use of any of the words "expect", "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "objective", "ongoing", "may", "will", "project", "believe", "measure", "stability", "depends", "could", "sustainability" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking information or statements. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, this MD&A contains forward-looking information and statements pertaining to the following: Whitecap's future plans and focus, including its plans to provide sustainable monthly dividends and per share growth; future oil and natural gas prices and differentials; Whitecap's commodity risk management program and the benefits to be obtained therefrom; the amount of future decommissioning liabilities; future liquidity and financial capacity; sources of funding the Company's capital program and dividends; future dividends and dividend policy; future costs, expenses and royalty rates; and Whitecap's ability to fund its current capital program and dividend payments for the remainder of the year, future taxes payable by Whitecap, and Whitecap's deductions available for deferred income tax purposes.

The forward-looking information and statements contained in this MD&A reflect several material factors and expectations and assumptions of Whitecap including, without limitation: that Whitecap will continue to conduct its operations in a manner consistent with past operations; the general continuance or improvement in current industry conditions; the continuance of existing (and in certain circumstances, the implementation of proposed) tax, royalty and regulatory regimes; the accuracy of the estimates of Whitecap's reserve and resource volumes; the impact of increasing competition; the general stability of the economic and political environment in which Whitecap operates; the ability of Whitecap to obtain qualified staff, equipment and services in a timely and cost efficient manner; drilling results; the ability of the operator of the projects which the Company has an interest in to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner; field production and decline rates; the ability to reduce operating costs; the ability to replace and expand oil and natural gas reserves through acquisition, development or exploration; the timing and costs of pipeline, storage and facility construction and expansion; the ability of the Company to secure adequate product transportation; future petroleum and natural gas prices; currency, exchange and interest rates; the continued availability of adequate debt and equity financing and cash flow to fund Whitecap's planned expenditures; and the ability to maintain dividends. Whitecap believes the material factors, expectations and assumptions reflected in the forward-looking information and statements are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these factors, expectations and assumptions will prove to be correct.

The forward-looking information and statements included in this MD&A are not guarantees of future performance and should not be unduly relied upon. Such information and statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking information or statements including, without limitation: changes in commodity prices; changes in the demand for or supply of Whitecap's products; unanticipated operating results or production declines; changes in tax or environmental laws, royalty rates or other regulatory matters; changes in Whitecap's development plans or by third party operators of Whitecap's properties; competition from other producers; inability to retain drilling rigs and other services; incorrect assessment of the value of acquisitions; failure to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions; delays resulting from or inability to obtain require regulatory approvals; increased debt levels or debt service requirements; inaccurate estimation of Whitecap's oil and gas reserve and resource volumes; limited, unfavorable or a lack of access to capital markets; increased costs; a lack of adequate insurance coverage; the impact of competitors; and certain other risks detailed from time to time in Whitecap's public disclosure documents (including, without limitation, those risks identified in this MD&A) and may be accessed through the SEDAR website ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)).

The forward-looking information and statements contained in this MD&A speak only as of the date of this MD&A, and Whitecap does not assume any obligation to publicly update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances, except as may be required pursuant to applicable laws.

#### **PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED GUIDANCE**

On February 23, 2016, the Company announced that favorable results from the Company's Boundary Lake assets resulted in an increase to its production guidance by 5% to 38,800 boe/d from 37,000 boe/d and projected funds flow of \$253 million on a capital program of \$70 million.

The key assumptions underlying this guidance are as follows:

	Assumption
Commodity revenue (\$/boe) <sup>(1)</sup>	32.50
Hedging (\$/boe)	4.23
Royalties (\$/boe)	(4.04)
Operating costs (\$/boe)	(9.50)
Transportation (\$/boe)	(1.20)
Operating netbacks (\$/boe)	21.99
General and administrative (\$/boe)	(1.35)
Interest (\$/boe)	(2.84)
Cash netbacks (\$/boe)	17.80
Average production (boe/d)	38,800

Note:

<sup>(1)</sup> WTI US\$37.65/bbl, AECO C\$2.00/GJ, CAD/USD \$0.72, Edmonton Par differential (C\$4.00/bbl), commodity mix 75% oil

Following the end of the quarter, the Company's board of directors approved a reduction to the Company's monthly dividend and an increase in the Company's capital program which resulted in a further update to the 2016 guidance disclosed in a press release dated April 11, 2016. Copies of these press releases are available on Whitecap's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The Company's performance during the quarter is in line with its 2016 guidance.