

BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY ANNOUNCES SOLID FIRST QUARTER 2018 RESULTS AND POSITIVE OIL PRODUCTION TEST RESULTS FROM GORDONDALE AND CONDENSATE PRODUCTION TEST RESULTS FROM POUCE COUPE

Calgary, Alberta (May 9, 2018) – Birchcliff Energy Ltd. (“Birchcliff”) (TSX: BIR) is pleased to announce its financial and operational results for the first quarter of 2018. The full text of Birchcliff’s First Quarter 2018 Report containing the unaudited interim condensed financial statements for the three month period ended March 31, 2018 and the related management’s discussion and analysis will be available on Birchcliff’s website at www.birchcliffenergy.com and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. In addition, Birchcliff is pleased to provide an operational update.

“Birchcliff had a strong first quarter in 2018, with production, operating costs and cash flow that were ahead of our internal budget. As a result, we are firmly on track to meet our 2018 guidance. We had strong quarterly average production of 76,323 boe/d, a 24% increase from the first quarter of 2017, notwithstanding the fact that no new wells were brought on production during the first quarter of 2018. Driven by strong production and lower operating costs, our adjusted funds flow for the quarter was \$83.7 million, a 24% increase from the first quarter of 2017,” commented Jeff Tonken, President and Chief Executive Officer of Birchcliff. “In addition, we have recently had positive production test results from our two oil well pads in Gordondale and our two liquids-rich natural gas well pads in Pouce Coupe, which results are described herein. These preliminary test results re-affirm our confidence in the strength of our resource base and our ability to add more oil and condensate to our commodity mix.”

HIGHLIGHTS

- Production averaged 76,323 boe/d in the first quarter of 2018, a 24% increase from 61,662 boe/d in the first quarter of 2017. Production consisted of approximately 83% natural gas, 5% light oil and 12% NGLs in the first quarter of 2018, as compared to 79% natural gas, 9% light oil and 12% NGLs in the first quarter of 2017.
- Adjusted funds flow of \$83.7 million, or \$0.31 per basic common share, in the first quarter of 2018, a 24% increase and a 19% increase, respectively, from \$67.6 million and \$0.26 per basic common share in the first quarter of 2017.
- Net income to common shareholders of \$14.1 million, or \$0.05 per basic common share, in the first quarter of 2018, a 51% decrease and a 55% decrease, respectively, from \$28.9 million and \$0.11 per basic common share in the first quarter of 2017.
- Operating expense of \$3.78/boe in the first quarter of 2018, a 28% decrease from \$5.22/boe in the first quarter of 2017.
- Net capital expenditures of \$133.1 million in the first quarter of 2018.
- At March 31, 2018, Birchcliff’s long-term bank debt was \$573.9 million and its total debt was \$657.7 million.
- Birchcliff drilled a total of 20 (20.0 net) wells in the first quarter of 2018, consisting of 8 (8.0 net) Montney horizontal oil wells in the Gordondale area and 12 (12.0 net) Montney/Doig horizontal natural gas wells in the Pouce Coupe area.
- Subsequent to the end of the first quarter, Birchcliff and AltaGas Ltd. (“AltaGas”) entered into a long-term natural gas processing arrangement (the “**Processing Arrangement**”) effective January 1, 2018 for natural gas processed at AltaGas’ deep-cut sour gas processing facility located in Gordondale, Alberta (the “**Gordondale Facility**”). As a result of the Processing Arrangement, Birchcliff’s fees at the Gordondale Facility were reduced and Birchcliff will no longer be required to incur significant capital to build its own deep-cut facility in Pouce Coupe.

This First Quarter Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. For further information, please see “Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements”. In addition, this First Quarter Report contains references to “adjusted funds flow”, “adjusted funds flow per common share”, “operating netback”, “estimated operating netback”, “adjusted funds flow netback”, “operating margin”, “total cash costs”, “adjusted working capital deficit” and “total debt”, which do not have standardized meanings prescribed by GAAP. For further information, please see “Non-GAAP Measures”.

FIRST QUARTER 2018 FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
OPERATING		
Average daily production		
Light oil – (bbls)	4,136	5,294
Natural gas – (Mcf)	377,473	291,770
NGLs – (bbls)	9,274	7,740
Total – boe	76,323	61,662
Average sales price (CDN\$) ⁽¹⁾		
Light oil – (per bbl)	71.92	62.59
Natural gas – (per Mcf)	2.72	3.06
NGLs – (per bbl)	48.09	32.09
Total – per boe	23.22	23.90
NETBACK AND COST (\$/boe)		
Petroleum and natural gas revenue ⁽¹⁾	23.22	23.91
Royalty expense	(1.43)	(1.98)
Operating expense	(3.78)	(5.22)
Transportation and other expense	(3.56)	(2.55)
Operating netback	14.45	14.16
General & administrative expense, net	(0.88)	(1.05)
Interest expense	(0.97)	(1.35)
Realized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(0.45)	0.43
Other income	0.03	-
Adjusted funds flow netback	12.18	12.19
Stock-based compensation expense, net	(0.12)	(0.14)
Depletion and depreciation expense	(7.41)	(7.59)
Accretion expense	(0.12)	(0.15)
Amortization of deferred financing fees	(0.06)	(0.06)
Gain on sale of assets	-	0.45
Unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(1.22)	2.98
Dividends on Series C preferred shares	(0.13)	(0.16)
Income tax expense	(0.92)	(2.13)
Net income	2.20	5.39
Dividends on Series A preferred shares	(0.15)	(0.18)
Net income to common shareholders	2.05	5.21
FINANCIAL		
Petroleum and natural gas revenue (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	159,531	132,708
Cash flow from operating activities (\$000s)	91,853	70,614
Adjusted funds flow (\$000s)	83,658	67,630
Per common share – basic (\$)	0.31	0.26
Per common share – diluted (\$)	0.31	0.25
Net income (\$000s)	15,125	29,928
Net income to common shareholders (\$000s)	14,078	28,928
Per common share – basic (\$)	0.05	0.11
Per common share – diluted (\$)	0.05	0.11
Common shares outstanding (000s)		
End of period – basic	265,805	264,442
End of period – diluted	285,692	284,160
Weighted average common shares for period – basic	265,797	264,099
Weighted average common shares for period – diluted	266,179	268,077
Dividends on common shares (\$000s)	6,645	6,604
Dividends on Series A preferred shares (\$000s)	1,047	1,000
Dividends on Series C preferred shares (\$000s)	875	875
Capital expenditures, net (\$000s)	133,144	124,538
Revolving term credit facilities (\$000s)	573,935	578,954
Adjusted working capital deficit (\$000s)	83,797	85,398
Total debt (\$000s)	657,732	664,352

(1) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

- Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders recently agreed to an extension of the maturity dates of Birchcliff's credit facilities from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021 and to the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million.
- Birchcliff continued with its natural gas market diversification efforts and entered into a series of financial and physical basis swaps commencing in 2019 for an aggregate of 100,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas in order to gain exposure to the NYMEX Henry Hub market price. During 2019, Birchcliff expects that approximately 63% of its natural gas production will be sold at prices that are not based on AECO.

FIRST QUARTER 2018 FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL RESULTS

Production

Birchcliff achieved strong quarterly average production of 76,323 boe/d in the first quarter of 2018, a 24% increase from 61,662 boe/d in the first quarter of 2017. The increase in production was primarily attributable to the success of Birchcliff's 2017 capital program. No new wells were brought on production in the first quarter of 2018.

Production consisted of approximately 83% natural gas, 5% light oil and 12% NGLs in the first quarter of 2018, as compared to 79% natural gas, 9% light oil and 12% NGLs in the first quarter of 2017. The changes in Birchcliff's commodity mix from the first quarter of 2017 were primarily due to the disposition of Birchcliff's oil-weighted assets in the Worsley area, as well as the start-up of Phase V of Birchcliff's 100% owned and operated natural gas processing plant located in the Pouce Coupe area (the "**Pouce Coupe Gas Plant**"), both of which occurred in the third quarter of 2017.

Adjusted Funds Flow and Net Income

Birchcliff had adjusted funds flow of \$83.7 million, or \$0.31 per basic common share, in the first quarter of 2018, a 24% increase and a 19% increase, respectively, from \$67.6 million and \$0.26 per basic common share in the first quarter of 2017. The increase in adjusted funds flow from the first quarter of 2017 was largely due to higher average realized oil and NGLs sales prices, higher corporate production and lower operating, royalty and interest expenses, partially offset by a lower average realized natural gas sales price, higher transportation and other expense, higher aggregate general and administrative expense and a realized loss on financial instruments of \$3.1 million.

Birchcliff had net income of \$15.1 million in the first quarter of 2018, a 49% decrease from net income of \$29.9 million in the first quarter of 2017. Birchcliff recorded net income to common shareholders of \$14.1 million, or \$0.05 per basic common share, a 51% decrease and a 55% decrease, respectively, from net income to common shareholders of \$28.9 million and \$0.11 per basic common share in the first quarter of 2017. The decreases were primarily due to higher depletion expense resulting from higher production in the first quarter of 2018 and an unrealized mark-to-market loss on financial instruments of \$8.4 million, partially offset by an increase in adjusted funds flow in the first quarter of 2018.

Operating Expense

Birchcliff's operating expense was \$3.78/boe in the first quarter of 2018, a 28% decrease from \$5.22/boe in the first quarter of 2017. The decrease was largely due to incremental production additions from Birchcliff's successful 2017 capital program, reduced processing fees at the Gordondale Facility (please see "*First Quarter 2018 Financial and Operational Results – Subsequent Events to Quarter End*") and the disposition of the higher-cost Worsley assets and the start-up of Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant which both occurred in the third quarter of 2017, as well as various cost reductions and infrastructure optimization initiatives implemented by Birchcliff. Birchcliff expects that its operating expense will decrease during 2018 and its annual average operating expense for 2018 is forecast to be between \$3.40/boe to \$3.60/boe. Please also see "*Outlook and Guidance*".

Transportation and Other Expense

Birchcliff's transportation and other expense was \$3.56/boe in the first quarter of 2018, a 40% increase from \$2.55/boe in the first quarter of 2017. The increase was primarily due to firm service transportation tolls for natural gas transported to Dawn during the first quarter of 2018. Birchcliff previously referred to transportation and other expense as "transportation and marketing expense".

General and Administrative Expense

Birchcliff's general and administrative expense was \$0.88/boe in the first quarter of 2018, a 16% decrease from \$1.05/boe in the first quarter of 2017. The decrease on a per boe basis was primarily due to higher production as compared to the first quarter of 2017.

Interest Expense

Birchcliff's interest expense was \$0.97/boe in the first quarter of 2018, a 28% decrease from \$1.35/boe in the first quarter of 2017. The decrease was primarily due to lower average effective interest rates.

Adjusted Funds Flow Netback and Total Cash Costs

During the first quarter of 2018, Birchcliff's adjusted funds flow netback was \$12.18/boe, essentially remaining flat as compared to \$12.19/boe in the first quarter of 2017.

During the first quarter of 2018, Birchcliff's total cash costs were \$10.62/boe, a 13% decrease from \$12.15/boe in the first quarter of 2017. The decrease was primarily due to lower royalty, operating, general and administrative and interest expenses on a per boe basis, partially offset by higher transportation and other expense.

Pouce Coupe Gas Plant Netbacks

During the first quarter of 2018, Birchcliff processed approximately 67% of its total corporate natural gas production and 58% of its total corporate production through the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant as compared to 59% and 48%, respectively, during the first quarter of 2017. These increases were primarily due to the incremental production from horizontal natural gas wells brought on production in Pouce Coupe in connection with the start-up of Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant in the third quarter of 2017. The average plant and field operating expense for production processed through the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant for the first quarter of 2018 was \$0.35/Mcfe (\$2.13/boe) and the estimated operating netback at the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant was \$2.18/Mcfe (\$13.11/boe), resulting in an operating margin of 69%. The following table sets forth Birchcliff's average daily production and estimated operating netback for wells producing to the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant for the periods indicated:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017		Three months ended March 31, 2016	
<i>Average daily production:</i>						
Natural gas (Mcf)	253,357		171,605		171,659	
Oil & NGLs (bbls)	2,050		1,052		991	
Total (boe/d)⁽¹⁾	44,276		29,653		29,602	
Liquids-to-gas ratio (bbls/MMcf)⁽²⁾	8.1		6.1		5.8	
<i>Netback and cost:</i>						
	\$/Mcfe	\$/boe	\$/Mcfe	\$/boe	\$/Mcfe	\$/boe
Petroleum and natural gas revenue ⁽³⁾	3.18	19.10	3.37	20.24	2.16	12.94
Royalty expense	(0.10)	(0.62)	(0.13)	(0.77)	(0.10)	(0.60)
Operating expense ⁽⁴⁾	(0.35)	(2.13)	(0.31)	(1.88)	(0.28)	(1.66)
Transportation and other expense ⁽⁵⁾	(0.55)	(3.24)	(0.34)	(2.05)	(0.30)	(1.80)
Estimated operating netback	\$2.18	\$13.11	\$2.59	\$15.54	\$1.48	\$8.88
Operating margin	69%	69%	77%	77%	69%	69%

(1) The increase in production to the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant from the comparative prior periods was primarily due to the incremental production from wells being brought on production in connection with the start-up of Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant in the third quarter of 2017.

(2) Liquids is comprised of light oil and NGLs (ethane, propane, butane, pentanes and condensate).

(3) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

(4) Represents plant and field operating expense.

(5) The increase in transportation and other expense from the comparative prior periods was primarily due to transportation tolls for natural gas sold at the Dawn price from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

Capital Activities and Expenditures

Birchcliff's \$255 million capital expenditure program for 2018 (the "**2018 Capital Program**") contemplates the drilling, completing, equipping and bringing on production of a total of 27 (27.0 net) wells during 2018, as well as the completion of the 80 MMcf/d Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant. Approximately \$149.9 million has been allocated for drilling and development and \$66.9 million for facilities and infrastructure. The 2018 Capital Program is highly focused on the first half of the year, allowing Birchcliff to bring the new wells on production relatively early in the year in order to optimize producing days for the capital spent in 2018.

During the first quarter of 2018, Birchcliff drilled a total of 20 (20.0 net) wells, consisting of 8 (8.0 net) Montney horizontal oil wells in the Gordondale area and 12 (12.0 net) Montney/Doig horizontal natural gas wells in the Pouce Coupe area. During the first quarter of 2018, Birchcliff's total and net capital expenditures were \$133.1 million. For further information regarding the 2018 Capital Program and Birchcliff's activities during the first quarter, please see "*Operations Overview and Update*".

Credit Facilities and Debt

At March 31, 2018, Birchcliff's long-term bank debt was \$573.9 million (March 31, 2017: \$579.0 million) from available credit facilities of \$950 million (March 31, 2017: \$950 million), leaving \$357.1 million of unutilized credit capacity after adjusting for outstanding letters of credit and unamortized interest and fees. Total debt at March 31, 2018 was \$657.7 million (March 31, 2017: \$664.4 million). As planned capital spending under the 2018 Capital Program is highest during the first half of the year, Birchcliff expects that its total debt at year-end 2018 will be lower compared to March 31, 2018. As new wells are brought on production throughout 2018, the cash flow from such wells will be used to repay debt and to fund capital expenditures, as well as for general corporate purposes. Birchcliff expects that the entirety of the 2018 Capital Program will be fully funded out of its forecast 2018 adjusted funds flow as such adjusted funds flow is expected to exceed its 2018 capital expenditures on an annual basis.

During the first quarter of 2018, Birchcliff's extendible revolving credit facilities (the "**Credit Facilities**") had an aggregate principal amount of \$950 million and were comprised of an extendible revolving syndicated term credit facility (the "**Syndicated Credit Facility**") of \$900 million and an extendible revolving working capital facility ("**Working Capital Facility**") of \$50 million, each with a maturity date of May 11, 2020.

Birchcliff does not currently require any additional credit capacity beyond its available credit limit of \$950 million. In order to keep costs down with respect to renewal fees and standby fees, Birchcliff did not request an increase to the borrowing base under the Credit Facilities during its most recent semi-annual review. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders agreed to, among other things, the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million. Please also see "*First Quarter 2018 Financial and Operational Results – Subsequent Events to Quarter End*".

Commodity Prices

The following table sets forth the average benchmark index prices and Birchcliff's average realized sales price for the periods indicated:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
<i>Average benchmark index prices:</i>		
Light oil – WTI Cushing (US\$/bbl)	62.87	51.91
Light oil – Edmonton Par (CDN\$/bbl)	71.86	63.54
Natural gas – NYMEX Henry Hub (US\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	2.84	3.32
Natural gas – AECO 5A (CDN\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	2.07	2.69
Natural gas – Union-Dawn Day Ahead (CDN\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	3.82	4.24
Natural gas – ATP 5A Day Ahead (CDN\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	2.55	3.09
Natural gas – Chicago Citygate (US\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	3.27	3.40
Exchange rate – (US\$/CDN\$)	1.26	1.32
<i>Birchcliff's average realized sales price:⁽²⁾</i>		
Light oil (\$/bbl)	71.92	62.59
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	2.72	3.06
NGLs (\$/bbl)	48.09	32.09
Birchcliff's average realized sales price (\$/boe)	23.22	23.90

(1) \$1.00/MMBtu = \$1.00/Mcf based on a standard heat value Mcf. Please see "Advisories – MMBtu Pricing Conversions".

(2) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's natural gas sales, average daily production and average realized sales price by natural gas market for the first quarter of 2018:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018				
	Natural gas sales ⁽¹⁾ (\$000s)	Percentage of natural gas sales (%)	Natural gas production (Mcf/d)	Percentage of natural gas production (%)	Average realized natural gas sales price (\$/Mcf)
AECO	43,630	47	219,539	58	2.21
Dawn ⁽²⁾	39,626	43	110,183	29	4.00
Alliance ⁽²⁾	9,317	10	47,751	13	2.17
Total	92,573	100	377,473	100	2.72

(1) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

(2) Please see "Risk Management and Market Diversification – Marketing and Transportation".

Subsequent Events to Quarter End

New Processing Arrangement for the Gordondale Facility

On April 3, 2018, Birchcliff and AltaGas announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement for the Processing Arrangement at the Gordondale Facility. The new Processing Arrangement is effective from January 1, 2018 and replaced the parties' previous Gordondale processing arrangement. Under the Processing Arrangement, Birchcliff's fees at the Gordondale Facility were reduced and Birchcliff is being provided with up to 120 MMcf/d of natural gas processing on a firm-service basis and its take-or-pay obligation is 100 MMcf/d. The term of the Processing Arrangement is for at least 15 years, subject to extension in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Extension of Maturity Dates of Credit Facilities and Borrowing Base Unchanged

Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders recently completed its semi-annual review of Birchcliff's borrowing base limit under its Credit Facilities. In connection with such review, Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders agreed to: (i) an extension of the maturity dates of each of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021; (ii) the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million; and (iii) increasing the Working Capital Facility to \$100 million (from \$50 million) with a corresponding reduction in the Syndicated Credit Facility to \$850 million (from \$900 million). These amendments to the Credit Facilities have provided Birchcliff with continued financial flexibility.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement governing the Credit Facilities, Birchcliff may each year, at its option, request an extension to the maturity date of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility, or either of them, for an additional period of up to three years from May 11 of the year in which the extension request is made. The Credit Facilities are subject to semi-annual reviews of the borrowing base limit by Birchcliff's

syndicate of lenders, which reviews are typically completed in May and November of each year. The Credit Facilities do not contain any financial maintenance covenants.

OPERATIONS OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Birchcliff's operations are concentrated within its one core area, the Peace River Arch of Alberta, which is centred northwest of Grande Prairie, Alberta. Within the Peace River Arch, Birchcliff is focused on its high-quality Montney/Doig Resource Play and the exploration and development of its low-cost natural gas, crude oil and liquids-rich assets on the play. Within the Montney/Doig Resource Play, Birchcliff's operations are primarily concentrated in the Pouce Coupe and Gordondale areas of Alberta where it owns large contiguous blocks of high working interest land.

Part of Birchcliff's long-term strategy is to continue to explore and delineate the Montney/Doig Resource Play, both geographically and stratigraphically. The Montney/Doig Resource Play exists in two geological formations (the Montney and the Doig) and Birchcliff has divided the geologic column in its areas of operations into six drilling intervals from the youngest (top) to the oldest (bottom): (i) the Basal Doig/Upper Montney; (ii) the Montney D4; (iii) the Montney D3; (iv) the Montney D2; (v) the Montney D1; and (vi) the Montney C. As at May 9, 2018, Birchcliff has successfully drilled and cased an aggregate of 367 (361.8 net) Montney/Doig horizontal wells (which includes 87 (81.8 net) wells that were acquired when Birchcliff initially purchased its assets in Gordondale in 2016), consisting of 73 (71.5 net) wells in the Basal Doig/Upper Montney interval, 12 (12.0 net) wells in the Montney D4 interval, 21 (21.0 net) wells in the Montney D2 interval, 259 (255.3 net) wells in the Montney D1 interval and 2 (2.0 net) wells in the Montney C interval. To date, Birchcliff has not drilled any wells in the Montney D3 interval.

Operational Update

Birchcliff has been very active with the execution of its 2018 Capital Program which is focused on the drilling of crude oil wells in Gordondale and liquids-rich and low-cost natural gas wells in Pouce Coupe, as well as the completion of its 80 MMcf/d Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant. Year-to-date, Birchcliff has drilled a total of 23 (23.0 net) wells (20 wells during the first quarter and 3 wells subsequent to the end of the quarter), 100% of which were successful. The following tables summarize the wells that Birchcliff has drilled and brought on production year-to-date, as well as the remaining wells to be drilled and brought on production during 2018:

Wells Drilled – 2018

Area	Wells drilled to-date	Remaining wells to be drilled in 2018	Total wells to be drilled in 2018
Pouce Coupe			
Montney D1 HZ Gas Wells	10	2	12
Montney D2 HZ Gas Wells	1	0	1
Montney C HZ Gas Wells	1	0	1
Total – Pouce Coupe	12	2	14
Gordondale			
Montney D2 HZ Oil Wells	7	1	8
Montney D1 HZ Oil Wells	4	1	5
Total – Gordondale	11	2	13
TOTAL – COMBINED	23	4	27

Wells Brought on Production – 2018

Area	Wells brought on production to-date	Remaining wells to be brought on production in 2018	Total wells to be brought on production in 2018
Pouce Coupe			
Montney D1 HZ Gas Wells	4	8	12
Montney D2 HZ Gas Wells	0	1	1
Montney C HZ Gas Wells	0	1	1
Total – Pouce Coupe	4	10	14
Gordondale			
Montney D2 HZ Oil Wells	2	6	8
Montney D1 HZ Oil Wells	1	4	5
Total – Gordondale	3	10	13
TOTAL – COMBINED	7	20	27⁽¹⁾

(1) The 2018 Capital Program also includes the capital associated with 1 Montney/Doig well in Pouce Coupe that was drilled in December 2017 and subsequently completed in 2018. This well is expected to be brought on production during the third quarter of 2018. Accordingly, a total of 28 (28.0 net) wells are expected to be brought on production during 2018.

All of the wells drilled to-date in 2018 were drilled on multi-well pads, which allows Birchcliff to reduce its per well costs and its environmental footprint. In addition, Birchcliff actively employs the evolving technology utilized by the industry regarding horizontal well drilling and the related multi-stage fracture stimulation technology. Birchcliff continues to spend significant time evolving its best practices for drilling and refining its engineered completions. The results of Birchcliff's 2018 drilling program to-date have been positive, with multiple wells exceeding expectations.

Birchcliff currently has one drilling rig working in the Gordondale area which has 2 Montney horizontal oil wells left to drill. A second rig is expected to start drilling on a pad in the Pouce Coupe area after break-up to drill 2 remaining wells. In total, Birchcliff has 4 wells left to drill under its 2018 Capital Program and anticipates that all wells will be brought on production by the end of the third quarter of 2018.

Recent Well Test Results

Birchcliff has recently had positive production test results from its two oil well pads in Gordondale and its two liquids-rich natural gas well pads in Pouce Coupe, which results are set forth in the table below. These preliminary test results re-affirm Birchcliff's confidence in the strength of its resource base and its ability to add more oil and condensate to its commodity mix.

Test Results⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Area, interval and well location	Average production rate – raw (boe/d)	Light oil (bbls/d)	Raw natural gas (MMcf/d)	Condensate (bbls/d)	CGR (bbls/MMcf)	Test (# of days)	Tubing or casing pressure (MPa) ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾
Gordondale							
Montney D1 Oil – 100/09-02-078-11W6	1,258	700	3.3 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	8	8.1
Montney D1 Oil – 100/08-02-078-11W6	1,644	1,113	3.2 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	7	8.5
Montney D1 Oil – 102/05-11-078-11W6	991	724	1.6 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	8	3.2
Montney D2 Oil – 102/09-02-078-11W6	1,013	441	3.4 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	8	7.8
Montney D2 Oil – 103-09-02-078-11W6	1,520	784	4.4 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	8	9.3
Montney D2 Oil – 104/16-02-078-11W6	1,431	543	5.3 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	8	4.3
Montney D2 Oil – 100/05-11-078-11W6	1,153	693	2.7 ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	– ⁽⁴⁾	8	3.6
Pouce Coupe							
Montney D1 Gas – 102/13-05-079-12W6	1,380	-	7.0 ⁽⁵⁾	206 ⁽⁵⁾	29 ⁽⁵⁾	17	7.7
Montney D1 Gas – 103/13-05-079-12W6	1,654	-	8.0 ⁽⁵⁾	321 ⁽⁵⁾	40 ⁽⁵⁾	11	11.5
Montney D1 Gas – 100/05-28-078-12W6	1,439	-	7.6 ⁽⁵⁾	165 ⁽⁵⁾	22 ⁽⁵⁾	17	7.1
Montney D1 Gas – 100/06-28-078-12W6	1,349	-	6.8 ⁽⁵⁾	210 ⁽⁵⁾	31 ⁽⁵⁾	12	9.5
Montney D1 Gas – 100/09-23-078-13W6	1,341	-	7.3 ⁽⁵⁾	116 ⁽⁵⁾	16 ⁽⁵⁾	21	6.6
Montney D1 Gas – 100/10-23-078-13W6	1,115	-	6.2 ⁽⁵⁾	74 ⁽⁵⁾	12 ⁽⁵⁾	23	4.8
Montney D1 Gas – 102/16-23-078-13W6	1,114	-	6.1 ⁽⁵⁾	93 ⁽⁵⁾	15 ⁽⁵⁾	16	6.1
Montney D1 Gas – 100/01-26-078-13W6	697	-	3.9 ⁽⁵⁾	48 ⁽⁵⁾	12 ⁽⁵⁾	12	5.0

- (1) The type of test conducted for each of the wells was a production test. The geological formation tested was the Montney formation and the specific intervals tested were the Montney D1 (in the case of Gordondale and Pouce Coupe) and the Montney D2 (in the case of Gordondale). The recovered fluid types were light crude oil (in the case of Gordondale), natural gas (in the case of Gordondale and Pouce Coupe) and condensate (in the case of Pouce Coupe). The light oil tested from the wells in Gordondale was analyzed at approximately 45 °API and the condensate tested from the wells in Pouce Coupe was analyzed at approximately 54 °API.
- (2) “Load water” (i.e. water used in well completion stimulation) is still being produced and the test rates disclosed herein may include recovered load water fluids.
- (3) The test results set forth above for each well disclose the average rate of production over the last two days of the test. The average rates of flow during each entire test period have not been provided because such data is not representative of the flow capability of the wells as early flow rates are not stabilized and are adversely affected by the frac sand and fluid injected in the stimulation process.
- (4) The natural gas volumes recovered from the tests represent raw gas volumes as opposed to sales gas volumes. The raw gas volumes include condensate and other NGLs which were not measured separately. At Gordondale, condensate and other NGLs are extracted from the raw gas at the deep-cut Gordondale Facility. The raw gas volumes are prior to processing and accordingly do not take into account plant shrinkage or losses to the natural gas volumes during processing.
- (5) The natural gas volumes recovered from the tests represent raw gas volumes as opposed to sales gas volumes. The raw gas volumes include NGLs which were not measured separately except in the case of condensate. At Pouce Coupe, some NGLs are extracted from the raw gas at the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant. Any NGLs not recovered from the raw gas stream increases the heat content of the natural gas. The raw gas volumes are prior to processing and accordingly do not take into account plant shrinkage or losses to the natural gas volumes during processing.
- (6) The Gordondale pressures disclosed above represent the average flowing tubing pressures over the last two days of the test. There were no meaningful full flowing casing pressures due to packers being installed in the wellbores.
- (7) The Pouce Coupe pressures disclosed above represent the average flowing casing pressures over the last two days of the test.

Birchcliff typically installs chokes in its new wells to constrain flow rates and production from these wells on a choked basis is expected to be less than the tested flow rates. These wells are expected to see high decline rates over the first two years of production and then transition to a terminal decline rate after approximately 4 years. These test results should be considered preliminary at this stage because no pressure transient analysis or well-test interpretation was carried out on any of the wells. Test results are not necessarily indicative of the long-term performance or ultimate recovery of the wells. Please also see “*Advisories – Test Results and Initial Production Rates*”.

Gordondale

Key focus areas for Gordondale in 2018 include the drilling of crude oil wells and the delineation of the Montney D1 and D2 intervals. Since Birchcliff acquired its assets in Gordondale in 2016, it has drilled, completed and brought on production a total of 29 (29.0 net) wells in Gordondale, consisting of 16 (16.0 net) Montney D2 horizontal oil wells, 11 (11.0 net) Montney D1 horizontal oil wells and 2 (2.0 net) Montney D1 liquids-rich horizontal natural gas wells. When Birchcliff first acquired its assets in Gordondale, the average production for such assets was approximately 22,000 boe/d at the date of the acquisition. The 29 horizontal wells that Birchcliff subsequently drilled and brought on production have replaced the natural production declines and have significantly increased the production on its Gordondale assets (currently approximately 29,000 boe/d).

The 16 Montney D2 horizontal wells that Birchcliff has drilled, completed and brought on production to-date have significantly delineated, de-risked and proven the commerciality of the Montney D2 play. When Birchcliff initially acquired its assets in Gordondale, only one Montney D2 well had been previously drilled on the acquired assets and there was only one offsetting competitor Montney D2 well. In an effort to continuously improve its well performance and optimize its completions strategy, Birchcliff has utilized three different completion systems on its Montney D2 wells drilled to-date, including open hole packers, cemented sleeves fractured with coil tubing and plug and perf technology. Birchcliff continues to evaluate the production results and cost efficiencies of each system in order to optimize field development in Gordondale.

Pouce Coupe

During 2018, Birchcliff is focused on the drilling of liquids-rich natural gas wells and the pursuit of condensate and other NGLs in several different Montney/Doig intervals, including the Montney D1, D2 and C, to take advantage of the prices for liquids which have been relatively strong. Other key focus areas for Pouce Coupe during 2018 include the completion of the Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant, the addition of shallow-cut capability for Phases V and VI of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant and Birchcliff's multi-well science and technology pad.

Pouce Coupe Gas Plant

Birchcliff has been actively working towards the completion of the Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant, which will increase the processing capacity from 260 MMcf/d to 340 MMcf/d. Field construction commenced in January 2018 and it is currently expected that Phase VI will be brought on-stream in October 2018. In addition, Birchcliff is currently in the process of re-configuring Phases V and VI to provide for shallow-cut capability when Phase VI comes on-stream. This shallow-cut capability will allow Birchcliff to remove propane plus (C3+) liquids from the natural gas stream. As previously announced on April 3, 2018, Birchcliff currently has no plans to proceed with the Phase VII and VIII expansions in light of its new Processing Arrangement with AltaGas as discussed above under the heading "*First Quarter 2018 Financial and Operational Results – Subsequent Events to Quarter End*".

Science and Technology Multi-Well Pad Program

Birchcliff has developed and executed upon its science and technology multi-well pad program in Pouce Coupe. The purpose of the program is to collect high value data to increase Birchcliff's understanding of the drilling, completion and production of wells drilled on the multi-layer Montney/Doig Resource Play.

As described in further detail below, the first phase of the program involved the drilling of a vertical science and technology observation well with a full diameter Montney core which was drilled in the third quarter of 2017. The second phase involved the drilling of four straddling horizontal wells in three different Montney intervals (one Montney D2 well, one Montney C well and two Montney D1 wells), as well as the use of a fibre optic cable for fracture and flow back imaging. Prior to this program, Birchcliff had only drilled one Montney C well and no Montney D2 wells in the area. By executing on this program and increasing its understanding of this multi-layer resource play, Birchcliff expects that it will be able to further optimize field development in Pouce Coupe.

The vertical science and technology observation well was drilled in Pouce Coupe to the top of the Montney where Birchcliff cut a full diameter core through the entire Montney section (approximately 300 metres). The extracted rock core provided analytical data to increase Birchcliff's knowledge of rock properties, which it incorporated into its petrophysical models, and has helped it to more accurately represent the geology of the area. In addition to

conventional open hole logs, Birchcliff also ran advanced unconventional wireline logs. Birchcliff continues to compile all of the data from the vertical well. However, based on the initial results of such data, Birchcliff is confident that there are four different intervals on the Montney/Doig Resource Play that are prospective in the offsetting area where the vertical well was drilled (in the northern portion of Pouce Coupe), namely its two proven intervals (the Basal Doig/Upper Montney and the Montney D1) and its two relatively new intervals (the Montney D2 and the Montney C). Birchcliff is excited about the potential identified in the Montney D2 and the C intervals from the vertical well and has utilized the learnings from the vertical well to develop its engineered completion for the four horizontal wells.

In January 2018, Birchcliff commenced the drilling of the first of the four horizontal wells on the multi-well pad and completed the drilling of all four wells in March. Birchcliff recently finished the completions on all four of the wells on the pad and is at various stages of flow testing and equipping and tying in the wells. During completion of the 4 horizontal wells, Birchcliff used the vertical well as a micro-seismic and tilt meter monitoring well. In one of the two Montney D1 horizontal wells, Birchcliff installed a permanent fibre optic cable which was connected at the surface to Birchcliff's fracture data infrastructure. This cable was successful in capturing offsetting well fracture data, as well as fracture data along its own horizontal length. This data will be analyzed and interpreted over the next several months and will be tied back to the upcoming production data to further improve Birchcliff's understanding and help it to optimize the economics of its wells. Birchcliff expects that all four wells will be brought on production by the end of the second quarter of 2018.

Birchcliff is enthusiastic about the results from this science and technology multi-well pad program. As discussed above, the data collected during the program provides support for the prospectivity of the Montney D2 and C intervals in Birchcliff's Pouce Coupe area. The Montney D2 well was the first Montney D2 well drilled in Pouce Coupe and Birchcliff expects that it will be able to significantly expand its future opportunities on the play assuming this well is successful. In addition, this program has helped Birchcliff to significantly enhance its engineered completion designs in the development of its Montney D1 interval in the northern portion of Pouce Coupe.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND MARKET DIVERSIFICATION

Birchcliff actively looks for profitable opportunities to diversify its natural gas markets and reduce its exposure to prices at AECO. In addition, Birchcliff maintains an ongoing hedging program and engages in various risk management activities to reduce its exposure to volatility in commodity prices. In connection therewith, Birchcliff utilizes various financial derivative contracts, physical delivery sales contracts and marketing and transportation arrangements, as discussed in further detail below.

Risk Management Contracts and Hedging

With respect to 2018, Birchcliff has financial derivative contracts that are outstanding for an aggregate of 4,500 bbls/d of crude oil at an average WTI price of CDN\$71.87/bbl for the period from April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, which represents approximately 29% of its forecast annual average oil and NGLs production and approximately 6% of its total 2018 forecast annual average production. With respect to 2019 and beyond, Birchcliff has entered into various risk management contracts, including AECO basis swaps which fix the basis differential between the AECO price and the NYMEX Henry Hub price.

During 2019, Birchcliff expects that approximately 63% of its natural gas production will be sold at prices that are not based on AECO. After taking into account Birchcliff's expected oil and NGLs production, approximately 30% of Birchcliff's total production in 2019 is expected to be exposed to AECO pricing, with the remaining 70% not exposed to AECO pricing. These statements are based on the following assumptions: (i) a flat production profile for 2019 with a production rate of 77,000 boe/d (which is the mid-point of Birchcliff's annual average production guidance for 2018) and a commodity mix of 80% natural gas and 20% oil and NGLs; (ii) 155,000 GJ/d being transported on TCPL's Canadian Mainline from January 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019 and 175,000 GJ/d from November 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019; (iii) 5 MMcf/d being sold at Alliance's Trading Pool daily index price; and (iv) the hedging arrangements described herein being effective. Please also see "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements".

The following table sets forth the details regarding Birchcliff's current hedge positions at the date hereof:

Product	Type of contract	Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Contract price
Crude oil	Financial swap	1,500 bbls/d	Apr. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	WTI CDN\$71.85/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	3,000 bbls/d	Apr. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	WTI CDN\$71.88/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	WTI CDN\$77.00/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	WTI CDN\$77.00/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Jun. 30, 2019	WTI CDN\$78.00/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Jun. 30, 2019	WTI CDN\$80.25/bbl

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

The following table sets forth the details regarding Birchcliff's market diversification positions at the date hereof:

Product	Type of contract	Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Floating price
Natural gas	Physical AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.205/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.32/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.32/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.28/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	15,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.185/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.20/MMBtu
Natural gas	Financial AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.20/MMBtu
Total		100,000 MMBtu/d		

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

Marketing and Transportation

Birchcliff has agreements for the firm service transportation of an aggregate of 175,000 GJ/d of natural gas on TCPL's Canadian Mainline for a 10-year term, whereby natural gas is transported from the Empress receipt point in Alberta to the Dawn trading hub located in Southern Ontario. The first tranche of this service (120,000 GJ/d) became available to Birchcliff on November 1, 2017, with additional tranches becoming available on November 1, 2018 (35,000 GJ/d) and November 1, 2019 (20,000 GJ/d). In addition, Birchcliff has a sales agreement with a third party marketer to sell and deliver approximately 5 MMcf/d of natural gas under contracts which commenced April 1, 2017 and expire October 31, 2020, which is sold at Alliance's Trading Pool daily index price. Birchcliff previously had sales agreements with a third party marketer to sell and deliver into the Alliance pipeline system approximately 40 MMcf/d of natural gas for the period from November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

OUTLOOK AND GUIDANCE

Birchcliff had a strong first quarter in 2018, with production, operating costs and cash flow that were ahead of its internal budget. As a result, Birchcliff is firmly on track to meet its guidance for 2018 which is set forth in the table below.

Birchcliff's \$255 million 2018 Capital Program reflects its long-term plan to continue the exploration and development of its low-cost natural gas, crude oil and liquids-rich assets on the Montney/Doig Resource Play. The program directs capital investment to those projects with the most favourable rates of return, including a combination of liquids-rich natural gas, crude oil and natural gas development opportunities and strategic infrastructure for future growth. In particular, the 2018 Capital Program focuses on the drilling of crude oil wells in Gordondale and a combination of liquids-rich and low-cost natural gas wells in Pouce. Birchcliff is focused on protecting its balance sheet and expects that the entirety of the 2018 Capital Program will be fully funded out of its forecast 2018 adjusted funds flow.

Birchcliff recently had positive production test results from its two oil well pads in Gordondale and its two liquids-rich natural gas well pads in Pouce Coupe. These preliminary test results re-affirm Birchcliff's confidence in the strength of its resource base and its ability to add more oil and condensate to its commodity mix. For further information regarding these test results, please see "Operations Overview and Update – Operational Update – Recent Well Test Results".

Birchcliff has been continuing with its natural gas market diversification efforts in order to reduce its exposure to prices at AECO. In connection therewith, Birchcliff has entered into a series of financial and physical basis swaps commencing in 2019 for an aggregate of 100,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas in order to gain exposure to the NYMEX Henry Hub market price. During 2019, Birchcliff expects that approximately 63% of its natural gas production will be sold at prices that are not based on AECO based on the assumptions contained herein. For further information regarding Birchcliff's market diversification efforts, please see "Risk Management and Market Diversification".

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's guidance and commodity price assumptions for 2018:

	2018 guidance and assumptions ⁽¹⁾
Production	
Annual average production (boe/d)	76,000 – 78,000
% Natural gas	80%
% Oil and NGLs	20%
Average Expenses (\$/boe)	
Royalty	1.20 – 1.40
Operating	3.40 – 3.60 ⁽²⁾
Transportation and other	3.80 – 4.10 ⁽³⁾
Capital Expenditures (MM\$)	
Estimated total capital	255.0
Estimated drilling and development capital	149.9
Estimated facilities and infrastructure capital	66.9
Natural Gas Market Exposure⁽⁴⁾	
AECO production as a % of total natural gas production	66%
Dawn production as a % of total natural gas production	30%
Commodity Price Assumptions	
Average WTI oil price (US\$/bbl)	61.00
Average AECO price (\$/MMBtu) ⁽⁵⁾	1.58
Average Dawn price (\$/MMBtu) ⁽⁵⁾	3.48
Average wellhead natural gas price (\$/Mcf) ⁽⁶⁾	2.32

(1) For further information regarding Birchcliff's 2018 guidance, including the assumptions surrounding such guidance, please see "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements".

(2) Revised on April 3, 2018 from Birchcliff's initial guidance announced on February 14, 2018 of \$3.75/boe to \$4.00/boe.

(3) Includes transportation tolls for 120,000 GJ/d of natural gas sold at the Dawn price from January 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018 and 155,000 GJ/d from November 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

(4) Approximately 4% of total natural gas production is expected to be sold via the Alliance pipeline system in 2018.

(5) \$1.00 per MMBtu equals \$1.00 per Mcf based on a standard heat value of 37.4 MJ/m³ or a heat uplift of 1.055 when converting from \$/GJ.

(6) Birchcliff receives premium pricing for its natural gas production due to the high heat content from its properties. The conversion from standard heat value in MMBtu to realized wellhead price in Mcf is based on an expected corporate average realized natural gas heat content value of 40.80 MJ/m³ or a heat uplift of 1.091. The total conversion is \$1.00/GJ = \$1.15/Mcf at the wellhead.

The average wellhead natural gas price for 2018 of \$2.32/Mcf is based upon an annual average AECO price of \$1.58/MMBtu during 2018 (\$2.11/MMBtu during the months of January, February, March, November and December and \$1.20/MMBtu during the remaining months of 2018) and an annual average Dawn price of \$3.48/MMBtu during 2018 (\$4.22/MMBtu during the months of January and February and \$3.33/MMBtu during the remaining months of 2018).

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Birchcliff's annual and special meeting of shareholders will be held tomorrow, May 10, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. (MDT) in the McMurray Room at the Calgary Petroleum Club, 319 – 5th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

GENERAL

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("**MD&A**") for Birchcliff Energy Ltd. ("**Birchcliff**" or the "**Corporation**") is dated May 9, 2018. This MD&A with respect to the three months ended March 31, 2018 (the "**Reporting Period**") as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2017 (the "**Comparable Prior Period**") has been prepared by management and approved by the Corporation's Audit Committee and Board of Directors. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the interim condensed financial statements of the Corporation and related notes for the Reporting Period, as well as the audited financial statements of the Corporation and the related notes for the year ended December 31, 2017. Birchcliff's interim condensed financial statements and related notes for the Reporting Period and the audited financial statements and the related notes for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. All dollar amounts are expressed in Canadian currency, unless otherwise stated.

This MD&A uses "adjusted funds flow", "adjusted funds flow per common share", "operating netback", "estimated operating netback", "operating margin", "total cash costs", "adjusted working capital deficit" and "total debt", which do not have standardized meanings prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. For further information, see "*Non-GAAP Measures*" in this MD&A.

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements and information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Such forward-looking statements and information are based upon certain expectations and assumptions and actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements and information. For further information regarding the forward-looking statements and information contained herein, including the assumptions underlying such forward-looking statements and information, see "*Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements*" in this MD&A.

All boe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 6 Mcf of natural gas to 1 bbl of oil and all Mcfe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 1 bbl of oil to 6 Mcf of natural gas. For further information, see "*Advisories*" in this MD&A.

ABOUT BIRCHCLIFF

Birchcliff is a Calgary, Alberta based intermediate oil and natural gas company with operations concentrated within its one core area, the Peace River Arch of Alberta. Birchcliff's common shares and cumulative redeemable preferred shares, Series A and Series C, are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**TSX**") under the symbols "BIR", "BIR.PR.A" and "BIR.PR.C", respectively. Additional information relating to the Corporation, including its Annual Information Form for the financial year ended December 31, 2017, is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com and on the Corporation's website at www.birchcliffenergy.com.

2018 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the first quarter of 2018 include the following:

- Production averaged 76,323 boe/d in the first quarter of 2018, a 24% increase from 61,662 boe/d in the first quarter of 2017. Production consisted of approximately 83% natural gas, 5% light oil and 12% NGLs in the first quarter of 2018, as compared to 79% natural gas, 9% light oil and 12% NGLs in the first quarter of 2017.
- Adjusted funds flow of \$83.7 million, or \$0.31 per basic common share, in the first quarter of 2018, a 24% increase and a 19% increase, respectively, from \$67.6 million and \$0.26 per basic common share in the first quarter of 2017.
- Net income to common shareholders of \$14.1 million, or \$0.05 per basic common share, in the first quarter of 2018, a 51% decrease and a 55% decrease, respectively, from \$28.9 million and \$0.11 per basic common share in the first quarter of 2017.
- Operating expense of \$3.78/boe in the first quarter of 2018, a 28% decrease from \$5.22/boe in the first quarter of 2017.
- Net capital expenditures of \$133.1 million in the first quarter of 2018.

- At March 31, 2018, Birchcliff's long-term bank debt was \$573.9 million and its total debt was \$657.7 million.
- Birchcliff drilled a total of 20 (20.0 net) wells in the first quarter of 2018, consisting of 8 (8.0 net) Montney horizontal oil wells in the Gordondale area and 12 (12.0 net) Montney/Doig horizontal natural gas wells in the Pouce Coupe area.
- Subsequent to the end of the first quarter, Birchcliff and AltaGas Ltd. ("**AltaGas**") entered into a long-term natural gas processing arrangement (the "**Processing Arrangement**") effective January 1, 2018 for natural gas processed at AltaGas' deep-cut sour gas processing facility located in Gordondale, Alberta (the "**Gordondale Facility**"). As a result of the Processing Arrangement, Birchcliff's fees at the Gordondale Facility were reduced and Birchcliff will no longer be required to incur significant capital to build its own deep-cut facility in Pouce Coupe.
- Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders recently agreed to an extension of the maturity dates of Birchcliff's credit facilities from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021 and to the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million.
- Birchcliff continued with its natural gas market diversification efforts and entered into a series of financial and physical basis swaps commencing in 2019 for an aggregate of 100,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas in order to gain exposure to the NYMEX Henry Hub market price.

See "*Cash Flow from Operating Activities and Adjusted Funds Flow*", "*Net Income to Common Shareholders*", "*Pouce Coupe Gas Plant Netbacks*", "*Discussion of Operations*", "*Capital Expenditures*" and "*Capital Resources and Liquidity*" in this MD&A for further information regarding the financial and operational results for the Reporting Period.

OUTLOOK

Birchcliff's \$255 million capital expenditure program for 2018 (the "**2018 Capital Program**") contemplates the drilling, completing, equipping and bringing on production of a total of 27 (27.0 net) wells during 2018, as well as the completion of the 80 MMcf/d Phase VI expansion of its 100% owned and operated natural gas processing plant located in the Pouce Coupe area ("**Pouce Coupe Gas Plant**"). Approximately \$149.9 million has been allocated for drilling and development and \$66.9 million for facilities and infrastructure. The 2018 Capital Program is highly focused on the first half of the year, allowing Birchcliff to bring the new wells on production relatively early in the year in order to optimize producing days for the capital spent in 2018. Based on the assumptions set forth in the table below, the Corporation expects that its 2018 capital expenditures will be less than its adjusted funds flow during 2018.

Birchcliff has been continuing with its natural gas market diversification efforts in order to reduce its exposure to prices at AECO. In connection therewith, Birchcliff has entered into a series of financial and physical basis swaps commencing in 2019 for an aggregate of 100,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas in order to gain exposure to the NYMEX Henry Hub market price. Birchcliff also has financial derivative contracts that are outstanding for an aggregate of 4,500 bbls/d of crude oil at an average WTI price of CDN\$71.87/bbl for the period from April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. See "*Discussion of Operations – Commodity Price Risk Management*" in this MD&A.

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(5) \$1.00 per MMBtu equals \$1.00 per Mcf based on a standard heat value of 37.4 MJ/m³ or a heat uplift of 1.055 when converting from \$/GJ.

(6) Birchcliff receives premium pricing for its natural gas production due to the high heat content from its properties. The conversion from standard heat value in MMBtu to realized wellhead price in Mcf is based on an expected corporate average realized natural gas heat content value of 40.80 MJ/m³ or a heat uplift of 1.091. The total conversion is \$1.00/GJ = \$1.15/Mcf at the wellhead.

The average wellhead natural gas price for 2018 of \$2.32/Mcf is based upon an annual average AECO price of \$1.58/MMBtu during 2018 (\$2.11/MMBtu during the months of January, February, March, November and December and \$1.20/MMBtu during the remaining months of 2018) and an annual average Dawn price of \$3.48/MMBtu during 2018 (\$4.22/MMBtu during the months of January and February and \$3.33/MMBtu during the remaining months of 2018).

See "Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements" in this MD&A.

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES AND ADJUSTED FUNDS FLOW

The following table sets forth the Corporation's cash flow from operating activities and adjusted funds flow for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

(\$000s)	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Cash flow from operating activities	91,853	70,614
Adjusted funds flow⁽¹⁾	83,658	67,630
Per common share – basic (\$)	0.31	0.26
Per common share – diluted (\$)	0.31	0.25

(1) Birchcliff previously referred to adjusted funds flow as "funds flow from operations". See "Non-GAAP Measures".

Cash flow from operating activities for the Reporting Period increased by 30% from the Comparable Prior Period primarily due to higher corporate production.

Adjusted funds flow in the Reporting Period increased by 24% from the Comparable Prior Period. The increase in adjusted funds flow from the Comparable Prior Period was largely due to higher average realized oil and NGLs sales prices, higher natural gas production and lower operating, royalty and interest expenses, partially offset by a

lower average realized natural gas sales price, higher transportation and other expense, higher general and administrative expense and a \$3.1 million realized loss on financial instruments in the Reporting Period.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of total cash costs on a per unit basis and the percentage change period-over-period for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

<i>(\$/boe)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017	% Change
Royalty expense	1.43	1.98	(28)%
Operating expense	3.78	5.22	(28)%
Transportation and other expense	3.56	2.55	40%
General & administrative expense, net	0.88	1.05	(16)%
Interest expense	0.97	1.35	(28)%
Total cash costs	10.62	12.15	(13)%

On a per unit basis, total cash costs for the Reporting Period decreased by 13% as compared to the Comparable Prior Period, primarily driven by lower royalty, operating, general and administrative and interest expenses. On a per unit basis, transportation and other expense for the Reporting Period increased by 40% as compared to the Comparable Prior Period primarily due to firm service pipeline transportation tolls for natural gas transported to Dawn.

See “Discussion of Operations” in this MD&A for further details regarding the period-over-period movement in commodity prices, production volumes and cash costs discussed above.

NET INCOME TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth the Corporation’s net income and net income to common shareholders for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

<i>(\$000s)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Net income	15,125	29,928
Net income to common shareholders⁽¹⁾	14,078	28,928
Per common share – basic (\$)	0.05	0.11
Per common share – diluted (\$)	0.05	0.11

(1) Net income to common shareholders is calculated by adjusting net income for the dividends paid on the Series A Preferred Shares during the period. Per common share amounts are calculated by dividing net income to common shareholders by the weighted average number of basic or diluted common shares outstanding for the period.

During the Reporting Period, Birchcliff reported net income to common shareholders of \$14.1 million as compared to \$28.9 million in the Comparable Prior Period. The decrease in net income to common shareholders from the Comparable Prior Period was primarily due to higher depletion expense resulting from higher production in the Reporting Period and an unrealized mark-to-market loss on financial instruments of \$8.4 million as compared to a \$16.6 million unrealized mark-to-market gain on financial instruments in the Comparable Prior Period. The decrease in net income to common shareholders from the Comparable Prior Period was partially offset by an increase in adjusted funds flow in the Reporting Period.

POUCE COUPE GAS PLANT NETBACKS

During the Reporting Period, Birchcliff processed approximately 67% of its total corporate natural gas production and 58% of its total corporate production through the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant as compared to 59% and 48%, respectively, during the Comparable Prior Period. These increases were primarily due to the incremental production from horizontal natural gas wells brought on production in Pouce Coupe in connection with the start-up of Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant in the third quarter of 2017. The average plant and field operating expense for production processed through the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant was \$0.35/Mcfe (\$2.13/boe) and the estimated operating netback at the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant was \$2.18/Mcfe (\$13.11/boe), resulting in an operating margin of 69% in the Reporting Period.

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's average daily production and estimated operating netback for wells producing to the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
<i>Average daily production:</i>				
Natural gas (Mcf)	253,357		171,605	
Oil & NGLs (bbls)	2,050		1,052	
Total (boe/d)⁽¹⁾	44,276		29,653	
Liquids-to-gas ratio (bbls/MMcf)⁽²⁾	8.1		6.1	
<i>Netback and cost:</i>				
	\$/Mcf	\$/boe	\$/Mcf	\$/boe
Petroleum and natural gas revenue ⁽³⁾	3.18	19.10	3.37	20.24
Royalty expense	(0.10)	(0.62)	(0.13)	(0.77)
Operating expense ⁽⁴⁾	(0.35)	(2.13)	(0.31)	(1.88)
Transportation and other expense ⁽⁵⁾	(0.55)	(3.24)	(0.34)	(2.05)
Estimated operating netback	\$2.18	\$13.11	\$2.59	\$15.54
Operating margin	69%	69%	77%	77%

- (1) The increase in production to the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant from the Comparable Prior Period was primarily due to the incremental production from wells being brought on production in connection with the start-up of Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant in the third quarter of 2017.
- (2) Liquids is comprised of light oil and NGLs (ethane, propane, butane, pentanes and condensate).
- (3) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.
- (4) Represents plant and field operating expense.
- (5) The increase in transportation and other expense from the Comparable Prior Period was primarily due to transportation tolls for natural gas sold at the Dawn price during the Reporting Period.

DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS

Petroleum and Natural Gas Revenues

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's petroleum and natural gas revenues by product category for the Corporation's Pouce Coupe operating assets in the Montney/Doig Resource Play (the "Pouce Coupe assets"), the Corporation's Gordondale operating assets in the Montney/Doig Resource Play (the "Gordondale assets") and on a corporate basis for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

(\$000s)	Three months ended March 31, 2018			Three months ended March 31, 2017		
	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate ⁽²⁾	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate ⁽³⁾
Light oil ⁽¹⁾	59	26,622	26,775	65	20,111	29,821
Natural gas ⁽¹⁾	69,193	23,046	92,573	56,442	21,870	80,451
NGLs ⁽¹⁾	16,523	23,596	40,141	8,311	13,731	22,353
Total P&NG sales	85,775	73,264	159,489	64,818	55,712	132,625
Royalty revenue	5	37	42	4	32	83
Total P&NG revenues	85,780	73,301	159,531	64,822	55,744	132,708
% of corporate revenues	54%	46%		49%	42%	

- (1) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.
- (2) Includes revenues from Birchcliff's other minor oil and natural gas properties which were not individually significant during the Reporting Period.
- (3) Included in the Comparable Prior Period are revenues from Birchcliff's Worsley assets that were disposed of in the third quarter of 2017 and other minor oil and natural gas properties which were not individually significant.

The 20% increase in the corporate petroleum and natural gas revenues from the Comparable Prior Period was largely due to higher production from the Pouce Coupe assets and the Gordondale assets and an increase in the corporate average realized oil and NGLs sales prices, partially offset by a decrease in the corporate average realized natural gas sales price in the Reporting Period.

Production

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's production by product category for the Pouce Coupe assets, the Gordondale assets and on a corporate basis for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018			Three months ended March 31, 2017		
	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate ⁽¹⁾	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate ⁽²⁾
Light oil (bbls/d)	10	4,110	4,136	12	3,493	5,294
Natural gas (Mcf/d)	281,775	94,294	377,473	202,501	81,682	291,770
NGLs (bbls/d)	2,404	6,866	9,274	1,438	6,229	7,740
Total production (boe/d)	49,376	26,692	76,323	35,201	23,336	61,662
Liquids-to-gas ratio (bbls/MMcf)⁽³⁾	8.6	116.4	35.5	7.2	119.0	44.7
% of corporate production	65%	35%		57%	38%	

(1) Includes production from Birchcliff's other minor oil and natural gas properties which were not individually significant during the Reporting Period.

(2) Included in the Comparable Prior Period is production from Birchcliff's Worsley assets that were disposed of in the third quarter of 2017 and other minor oil and natural gas properties which were not individually significant.

(3) Liquids is comprised of light oil and NGLs (ethane, propane, butane, pentanes and condensate).

Corporate production averaged 76,323 boe/d in the Reporting Period, a 24% increase from the Comparable Prior Period. On a corporate basis, natural gas and NGLs production increased by 29% and 20%, respectively, from the Comparable Prior Period and corporate oil production decreased by 22% from the Comparable Prior Period. The increase in corporate production from the Comparable Prior Period was primarily attributable to: (i) incremental production from new horizontal oil wells in Gordondale which were brought on production in the fourth quarter of 2017; and (ii) incremental production from new horizontal natural gas wells which were brought on production in Pouce Coupe in the third and fourth quarter of 2017 in connection with the start-up of Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant. Corporate production in the Reporting Period was negatively impacted by the sale of the oil-weighted Worsley assets which was completed in the third quarter of 2017. No new wells were brought on production in the Reporting Period.

During the Reporting Period, Birchcliff recovered a total of 13,410 bbls/d of oil and NGLs ("liquids") on a corporate basis which made up 18% of the total production and represented an average liquids-to-gas ratio of 35.5 bbls/MMcf. During the Reporting Period, Birchcliff's liquids-to-gas ratio was 8.6 bbls/MMcf for the Pouce Coupe assets which was comprised of 97% high value oil and pentanes plus ("condensate") and 116.4 bbls/MMcf for the Gordondale assets which was comprised of 50% high value oil and condensate. Birchcliff's corporate NGLs production mix consisted of approximately 26% ethane, 21% propane, 13% butane and 40% condensate in the Reporting Period as compared to 26% ethane, 26% propane, 15% butane and 33% condensate in the Comparable Prior Period.

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's production weighting by product category for the Pouce Coupe assets, the Gordondale assets and on a corporate basis for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018			Three months ended March 31, 2017		
	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate ⁽¹⁾	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate ⁽²⁾
% Light oil production	-	15%	5%	-	15%	9%
% Natural gas production	95%	59%	83%	96%	58%	79%
% NGLs production	5%	26%	12%	4%	27%	12%

(1) Includes production from Birchcliff's other minor oil and natural gas properties which were not individually significant during the Reporting Period.

(2) Included in the Comparable Prior Period is production from Birchcliff's Worsley assets that were disposed of in the third quarter of 2017 and other minor oil and natural gas properties which were not individually significant.

The changes in the corporate production mix from the Comparable Prior Period were primarily due to the disposition of Birchcliff's oil-weighted assets in the Worsley area, as well as the start-up of Phase V of Birchcliff's Pouce Coupe Gas Plant, both of which occurred in the third quarter of 2017.

During the Reporting Period, liquids production made up 41% of the total production from the Gordondale assets and 5% of the total production from the Pouce Coupe assets as compared to 42% and 4%, respectively, in the Comparable Prior Period.

Commodity Prices

The following table sets forth the average benchmark prices and exchange rate for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Light oil – WTI Cushing (US\$/bbl)	62.87	51.91
Light oil – Edmonton Par (CDN\$/bbl)	71.86	63.54
Natural gas – NYMEX Henry Hub (US\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	2.84	3.32
Natural gas – AECO 5A (CDN\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	2.07	2.69
Natural gas – Union-Dawn Day Ahead (CDN\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	3.82	4.24
Natural gas – ATP 5A Day Ahead (CDN\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	2.55	3.09
Natural gas – Chicago Citygate (US\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	3.27	3.40
Exchange rate – (US\$/CDN\$)	1.26	1.32

(1) \$1.00/MMBtu = \$1.00/Mcf based on a standard heat value Mcf. See “Advisories – MMBtu Pricing Conversions”.

Birchcliff sold the majority of its light crude oil on a spot basis and sold its natural gas production for prices primarily based on the AECO, Dawn and Alliance benchmark prices during the Reporting Period. During the Comparable Prior Period, Birchcliff sold all of its natural gas production at the AECO natural gas benchmark price. The average realized sales price the Corporation receives for its light crude oil and natural gas production depends on a number of factors, including the average benchmark prices for crude oil and natural gas, the US to Canadian dollar exchange rate and transportation and product quality differentials.

The average benchmark prices for crude oil are impacted by global and regional events that dictate the level of supply and demand for crude oil. The principal benchmark trading exchanges that Birchcliff compares its oil price to are the WTI oil spot price and the Canadian Edmonton par spot price. The differential between the WTI oil spot price and the Canadian Edmonton par spot price can widen due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to, downtime in North American refineries, rising domestic production, high inventory levels in North America and a lack of pipeline infrastructure connecting to key consuming oil markets.

Canadian natural gas prices are mainly influenced by North American supply and demand fundamentals which can be impacted by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, weather-related conditions, changing demographics, economic growth, underground storage levels, net import and export markets, pipeline takeaway capacity, cost of competing fuels, drilling and completion rates and efficiencies in extracting natural gas from North American natural gas basins. AECO natural gas spot prices during the Reporting Period continued to receive a significant discount to Henry Hub primarily due to the high natural gas supplies from Western Canada relative to limited economic transportation and egress solutions out of Canadian natural gas basins.

The following table sets forth Birchcliff’s average realized oil, natural gas and NGLs sales prices for the Pouce Coupe assets, the Gordondale assets and on a corporate basis in the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018			Three months ended March 31, 2017		
	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate	Pouce Coupe Assets	Gordondale Assets	Total Corporate
Light oil (\$/bbl)	68.33	71.96	71.92	58.34	63.97	62.59
Natural gas (\$/Mcf)	2.73	2.72	2.72	3.10	2.97	3.06
NGLs (\$/bbl)	76.36	38.18	48.09	64.21	24.49	32.09
Average realized sales price (\$/boe)	19.30	30.50	23.22	20.46	26.53	23.90

The average corporate realized sales price was \$23.22/boe for the Reporting Period, a 3% decrease from the Comparable Prior Period. On a corporate basis during the Reporting Period: (i) Birchcliff’s average realized natural gas sales price decreased 11% from the Comparable Prior Period; (ii) Birchcliff’s average realized oil sales price

increased 15% from the Comparable Prior Period; and (iii) Birchcliff's average realized NGLs sales price increased 50% from the Comparable Prior Period. The changes in the realized commodity sales prices from the Comparable Prior Period were primarily a result of the movement in the average benchmark sales price for each respective commodity.

The average realized sales price for the Pouce Coupe assets was \$19.30/boe in the Reporting Period, a 6% decrease from the Comparable Prior Period. The average realized sales price for the Gordondale assets was \$30.50/boe in the Reporting Period, a 15% increase from the Comparable Prior Period. The Corporation's assets in Gordondale receive a higher average realized sales price compared to the Corporation's assets in Pouce Coupe, largely as a result of higher volume weighting of liquids produced in the Gordondale area which receive a higher value on a per unit basis than Birchcliff's natural gas sales. The higher weighting of liquids in the total corporate production mix improves Birchcliff's overall average realized sales price.

For further production and average realized pricing details for Birchcliff's Pouce Coupe assets and Gordondale assets, see "Discussion of Operations – Operating Netbacks" in this MD&A.

Natural Gas Sales, Production and Average Realized Prices

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's natural gas sales, production and average realized price by natural gas market for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018					Three months ended March 31, 2017				
	Natural gas sales ⁽¹⁾ (\$000s)		Natural gas production (Mcf/d)		Realized price (\$/Mcf)	Natural gas sales ⁽¹⁾ (\$000s)		Natural gas production (Mcf/d)		Realized price (\$/Mcf)
		(%)		(%)			(%)		(%)	
AECO	43,630	47	219,539	58	2.21	80,451	100	291,770	100	3.06
Dawn ⁽²⁾	39,626	43	110,183	29	4.00	-	-	-	-	-
Alliance ⁽³⁾	9,317	10	47,751	13	2.17	-	-	-	-	-
Total	92,573	100	377,473	100	2.72	80,451	100	291,770	100	3.06

(1) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

(2) The Corporation has in place firm service transportation for an aggregate of 175,000 GJ/d of natural gas on TCPL's Canadian Mainline for a 10-year term, whereby natural gas is transported to the Dawn trading hub. The first 120,000 GJ/d tranche of service became available to Birchcliff on November 1, 2017, with an additional 35,000 GJ/d becoming available on November 1, 2018 and an additional 20,000 GJ/d becoming available on November 1, 2019.

(3) Birchcliff entered into various natural gas delivery arrangements with third party marketers to deliver and sell natural gas into the Alliance pipeline system.

During the Reporting Period, approximately 58% of Birchcliff's natural gas production was sold at AECO pricing, 29% sold at Dawn pricing and 13% sold at various hub prices on the Alliance pipeline system. After taking into account Birchcliff's liquids production, approximately 48% of the Corporation's production in the Reporting Period was exposed to AECO pricing, with the remaining 52% of production not exposed to AECO pricing.

Commodity Price Risk Management

The Corporation maintains an ongoing commodity price risk management program in order to reduce volatility in its financial results. As a part of this program, the Corporation utilizes various financial derivative and physical delivery sales contracts. The Board of Directors of the Corporation has authorized the Corporation to hedge such portion of its forecast production as is permitted by the Corporation's credit facilities, which generally permit the Corporation to hedge up to 65% of its forecast production over the following four fiscal quarters. Birchcliff's current strategy is to hedge up to 50% of its estimated forecast annual average production using a combination of financial derivatives and physical sales contracts, depending on its outlook for commodity prices and the availability of hedges on terms acceptable to Birchcliff.

Financial Derivative Contracts

Birchcliff has not designated its financial derivative contracts as effective accounting hedges, even though the Corporation considers all commodity price contracts to be effective economic hedges. As a result, all such financial derivative contracts are recorded on the statement of financial position on a mark-to-market fair value basis at March 31, 2018, with the changes in fair value being recognized as a non-cash unrealized gain or loss in profit or loss. These contracts are not entered into for trading or speculative purposes.

As at March 31, 2018, Birchcliff had the following financial derivative contracts in place in order to manage commodity price risk:

Product	Type of Contract	Notional Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Contract Price/Floating Price
Crude oil	Financial swap	1,500 bbls/d	Apr. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	WTI CDN\$71.85/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	3,000 bbls/d	Apr. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	WTI CDN\$71.88/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	WTI CDN\$77.00/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	WTI CDN\$77.00/bbl
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

The following table provides a summary of the realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivative contracts for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

Three months ended, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Realized gain (loss) on derivatives	(3,119)	2,411
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	(8,398)	16,552

As of March 31, 2018, if the future strip prices for WTI crude oil had been CDN\$1.00/bbl higher, with all other variables held constant, the after tax net income in the Reporting Period would have decreased by \$1.0 million. As of March 31, 2018, if the future strip prices for AECO had been US\$0.10/MMBtu higher, with all other variables held constant, the after tax net income in the Reporting Period would have decreased by \$4.4 million.

The following financial derivative contracts were entered into subsequent to March 31, 2018:

Product	Type of Contract	Notional Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Contract / Floating Price
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Jun. 30, 2019	WTI CDN\$78.00/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Jun. 30, 2019	WTI CDN\$80.25/bbl
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.32/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.32/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.28/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	15,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.185/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.20/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.20/MMBtu

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

Physical Delivery Sales Contracts

Birchcliff also enters into physical delivery sales contracts to manage commodity price risk. The following physical sales contract was entered into subsequent to March 31, 2018:

Product	Type of Contract	Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Floating Price
Natural Gas	AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	NYMEX Henry Hub less US\$1.205/MMBtu

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

Royalties

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's royalty expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Oil & natural gas royalties (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	9,811	10,966
Oil & natural gas royalties (\$/boe)	1.43	1.98
Effective royalty rate (%) ⁽²⁾	6%	8%

(1) Royalties are paid primarily to the Government of Alberta.

(2) The effective royalty rate is calculated by dividing the aggregate royalties into petroleum and natural gas sales for the period.

Birchcliff's aggregate royalties decreased from the Comparable Prior Period primarily due to an 11% decrease in corporate realized natural gas prices and the effect these lower prices have on the sliding scale royalty calculation, partially offset by higher corporate production and liquids prices. See "Discussion of Operations – Operating Netbacks" in this MD&A for details on royalties for the Pouce Coupe assets and Gordondale assets.

Operating Expense

The following table sets forth a breakdown of Birchcliff's operating expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)
Field operating expense	26,496	3.86	29,397	5.30
Recoveries	(563)	(0.08)	(448)	(0.08)
Field operating expense, net	25,933	3.78	28,949	5.22
Expensed workovers and other	-	-	1	-
Operating expense	25,933	3.78	28,950	5.22

The per unit operating expense for the Reporting Period was \$3.78/boe, a 28% decrease from \$5.22/boe in the Comparable Prior Period. The decrease in operating expense per boe from the Comparable Prior Period was largely due to: (i) an incremental increase in natural gas production processed at the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant in connection with the start-up of Phase V in the third quarter of 2017; (ii) approximately \$2.7 million reduction in third-party processing fees at the Gordondale Facility as a result of the new Processing Arrangement which was effective January 1, 2018; (iii) the sale of the higher cost Worsley assets in the third quarter of 2017; and (iv) various cost reductions and infrastructure optimization initiatives implemented by Birchcliff. See "Discussion of Operations – Operating Netbacks" in this MD&A for details on operating expense for the Pouce Coupe assets and Gordondale assets.

Transportation and Other Expense

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's transportation and other expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)
Transportation	23,266	3.37	14,173	2.53
Processing	1,293	0.19	-	-
Marketing gain	(49)	(0.01)	-	-
Other	30	0.01	33	0.02
Transportation and other expense⁽¹⁾	24,540	3.56	14,206	2.55

(1) Previously referred to as "transportation and marketing expense".

The increase in the aggregate and per unit transportation and other expense from the Comparable Prior Period was largely due to firm service pipeline transportation tolls for natural gas transported to Dawn which commenced November 1, 2017. Processing costs are comprised of fractionation fees at third-party facilities which were re-classed from NGLs revenue as a result of Birchcliff's transition to IFRS 15: *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("IFRS 15") effective January 1, 2018. See "Changes in Accounting Policies" in this MD&A for further details.

Operating Netbacks

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's net production and operating netback for the Corporation's assets in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale on the Montney/Doig Resource Play and on a corporate basis for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Pouce Coupe Montney/Doig Resource Play:		
<i>Average daily production:</i>		
Natural gas (Mcf)	281,775	202,501
Oil & NGLs (bbls)	2,414	1,450
Total (boe/d)	49,376	35,201
% of corporate production ⁽¹⁾	65%	57%
Liquids-to-gas ratio (bbls/MMcf)	8.6	7.2
<i>Netback and cost (\$/boe):</i>		
Petroleum and natural gas revenue ⁽²⁾	19.30	20.46
Royalty expense	(0.54)	(0.74)
Operating expense	(2.62)	(3.06)
Transportation and other expense	(3.28)	(2.27)
Operating netback	12.86	14.39
Gordondale Montney/Doig Resource Play:		
<i>Average daily production:</i>		
Natural gas (Mcf)	94,294	81,682
Oil & NGLs (bbls)	10,976	9,722
Total (boe/d)	26,692	23,336
% of corporate production ⁽¹⁾	35%	38%
Liquids-to-gas ratio (bbls/MMcf)	116.4	119.0
<i>Netback and cost (\$/boe):</i>		
Petroleum and natural gas revenue ⁽²⁾	30.51	26.54
Royalty expense	(3.05)	(3.58)
Operating expense	(5.80)	(7.16)
Transportation and other expense	(4.11)	(2.58)
Operating netback	17.55	13.22
Total Corporate:		
<i>Average daily production:</i>		
Natural gas (Mcf)	377,473	291,770
Oil & NGLs (bbls)	13,410	13,034
Total (boe/d)	76,323	61,662
Liquids-to-gas ratio (bbls/MMcf)	35.5	44.7
<i>Netback and cost (\$/boe):</i>		
Petroleum and natural gas revenue ⁽²⁾	23.22	23.91
Royalty expense	(1.43)	(1.98)
Operating expense	(3.78)	(5.22)
Transportation and other expense	(3.56)	(2.55)
Operating netback	14.45	14.16

(1) Production from Birchcliff's other oil and natural gas properties was not individually significant during the Reporting Period and Comparable Prior Period.

(2) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

Pouce Coupe Montney/Doig Resource Play

Birchcliff's production from the Pouce Coupe assets was 49,376 boe/d in the Reporting Period, a 40% increase from the Comparable Prior Period. The increase in production was primarily attributable to the success of Birchcliff's 2017 capital drilling program which resulted in incremental production from new horizontal natural gas wells being brought on production to Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant during the third and fourth quarter of 2017. No new wells were brought on production in the Pouce Coupe area during the Reporting Period.

The Corporation's Pouce Coupe assets produced 2,414 bbls/d of liquids in the Reporting Period, an increase of 66% from the Comparable Prior Period. Birchcliff's liquids-to-gas ratio for the Pouce Coupe assets was 8.6 bbls/MMcf in the Reporting Period as compared to 7.2 bbls/MMcf in the Comparable Prior Period. Approximately 97% of the liquids produced in the Pouce Coupe area was comprised of high value oil and condensate which received an average price of \$77.44/bbl during the Reporting Period.

Birchcliff's operating netback from the Pouce Coupe assets was \$12.86/boe in the Reporting Period, an 11% decrease from the Comparable Prior Period. This decrease was largely due to lower average realized commodity sales prices received for Birchcliff's Pouce Coupe production and higher transportation and other expense due to firm service pipeline transportation tolls for natural gas transported to Dawn, offset by lower per boe royalties and operating expenses during the Reporting Period.

Operating expense per boe for the Pouce Coupe assets decreased from the Comparable Period largely due to an increase in natural gas production processed at the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant during the Reporting Period.

Gordondale Montney/Doig Resource Play

Birchcliff's production from the Gordondale assets was 26,692 boe/d in the Reporting Period, a 14% increase from the Comparable Prior Period. The increase in production was primarily attributable to the success of Birchcliff's 2017 capital drilling program which resulted in incremental production from new horizontal oil wells being brought on production in Gordondale during the second half of 2017. No new wells were brought on production in the Gordondale area during the Reporting Period.

The Corporation's Gordondale assets produced 10,976 bbls/d of liquids in the Reporting Period, an increase of 13% from the Comparable Prior Period. Birchcliff's liquids-to-gas ratio for the Gordondale assets was 116.4 bbls/MMcf in the Reporting Period as compared to 119.0 bbls/MMcf in the Comparable Prior Period. Approximately 50% of the liquids produced in Gordondale was comprised of high value oil and condensate which received an average price of \$77.06/bbl during the Reporting Period. Birchcliff's Gordondale NGLs production mix consisted of approximately 34% ethane, 29% propane, 17% butane and 20% condensate in the Reporting Period.

Birchcliff's operating netback from the Gordondale assets was \$17.55/boe in the Reporting Period, a 33% increase from the Comparable Prior Period. This increase was largely due to higher average realized commodity sales prices received for Birchcliff's Gordondale production and lower operating expense, partially offset by increased transportation and other expense due to firm service pipeline transportation tolls for natural gas transported to Dawn.

Operating expense for Gordondale was \$5.80/boe in the Reporting Period, a 19% decrease from \$7.16/boe in the Comparable Prior Period. The decrease in operating expense in the Reporting Period was primarily attributable to a reduction in third-party processing fees at the Gordondale Facility as a result of the new Processing Arrangement which was effective January 1, 2018. The Gordondale assets generally have a higher cost structure compared to the Pouce Coupe assets resulting from higher production weighting to liquids and additional fees incurred to process natural gas at the Gordondale Facility.

Administrative Expense

The components of Birchcliff's net administrative expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period are set forth in the table below:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(%)	(\$000s)	(%)
<i>Cash:</i>				
Salaries and benefits ⁽¹⁾	6,381	68	6,169	64
Other ⁽²⁾	3,013	32	3,438	36
	9,394	100	9,607	100
Operating overhead recoveries	(41)	-	(40)	-
Capitalized overhead ⁽³⁾	(3,313)	(35)	(3,714)	(39)
General & administrative expense, net	6,040	65	5,853	61
General & administrative expense, net per boe	\$0.88		\$1.05	
<i>Non-cash:</i>				
Stock-based compensation	1,914	100	1,808	100
Capitalized stock-based compensation ⁽³⁾	(1,096)	(57)	(1,054)	(58)
Stock-based compensation, net	818	43	754	42
Stock-based compensation, net per boe	\$0.12		\$0.14	
Administrative expense, net	6,858		6,607	
Administrative expense, net per boe	\$1.00		\$1.19	

(1) Includes salaries and benefits paid to the officers and employees of the Corporation and retainer fees, meeting fees and benefits paid to the directors of the Corporation.

(2) Includes costs such as rent, legal fees, property tax, insurance, corporate travel, minor computer hardware and software and other general business expenses incurred by the Corporation.

(3) Includes a portion of gross general and administrative costs and stock-based compensation directly attributable to the exploration and development activities of the Corporation which have been capitalized.

The following table sets forth the Corporation's outstanding stock options for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	Number	Exercise Price (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Number	Exercise Price (\$) ⁽¹⁾
Outstanding, beginning of period	14,158,107	6.88	12,899,775	6.45
Granted	4,330,900	3.10	4,292,900	7.85
Exercised	(8,666)	(3.35)	-	-
Forfeited	(67,002)	(7.01)	(399,799)	(5.88)
Expired	(1,466,267)	(7.29)	(14,400)	(7.47)
Outstanding, end of period	16,947,072	5.88	16,778,476	6.82

(1) Determined on a weighted average basis.

At March 31, 2018, there were also 2,939,732 performance warrants outstanding with an exercise price of \$3.00 which expire on January 31, 2020. Each stock option and performance warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at the applicable exercise price.

Depletion and Depreciation Expense

Depletion and depreciation ("D&D") expense is a function of the estimated proved plus probable reserve additions, the finding and development costs attributable to those reserves, the associated future development costs required to recover those reserves and the actual production in the relevant period. The Corporation determines its D&D expense on a field area basis.

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's D&D expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)
Depletion and depreciation expense	50,869	7.41	42,137	7.59

D&D expense for the Reporting Period were higher on an aggregate basis as compared to the Comparable Prior Period mainly due to a 24% increase in corporate production.

Asset Impairment Assessment

The Corporation reviews its petroleum and natural gas assets for impairment in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 36 under IFRS. Birchcliff's assets are grouped into cash generating units ("CGU") for the purpose of determining impairment. A CGU represents the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets. In determining the Corporation's CGUs, the Corporation takes into consideration all available information, including, but not limited to: geographical proximity; geological similarities (i.e. reservoir characteristics and production profiles); degree of shared infrastructure; independent versus interdependent cash flows; operating structure; the regulatory environment; management decision-making; and overall business strategy.

The Corporation's CGUs are reviewed at each reporting date for both internal and external indicators of potential impairment. Potential CGU impairment indicators include, but are not limited to: changes to Birchcliff's business plan; deterioration in commodity prices; negative changes in the technological, economic, legal, capital or operating environment; adverse changes to the physical condition of a CGU; current expectations that a material CGU (or a significant component thereof) is more likely than not to be sold or otherwise disposed of before the end of its previously estimated useful life; non-compliance with the agreements governing the Corporation's bank credit facilities; deterioration in the financial and operational performance of a CGU; net assets exceeding market capitalization; and significant downward revisions of estimated proved plus probable reserves of a CGU. If impairment indicators exist, an impairment test is performed by comparing a CGU's carrying value to its recoverable amount.

Birchcliff performed an impairment assessment of its petroleum and natural gas assets on a CGU basis and determined that there were no impairment indicators identified at the end of the Reporting Period. As a result, an impairment test was not required at March 31, 2018.

Finance Expense

The components of the Corporation's finance expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period are set forth in the table below:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)	(\$000s)	(\$/boe)
<i>Cash:</i>				
Interest on credit facilities	6,632	0.97	7,514	1.35
<i>Non-cash:</i>				
Accretion on decommissioning obligations	794	0.12	830	0.15
Amortization of deferred financing fees	401	0.06	331	0.06
Finance expense	7,827	1.15	8,675	1.56

The decrease in the aggregate interest expense from the Comparable Prior Period was primarily due to lower average effective interest rates in the Reporting Period. The effective interest rates applicable to the drawn loans are based on a pricing margin grid and will change as a result of the ratio of outstanding indebtedness to the trailing four quarter EBITDA as calculated in accordance with the agreement governing the Corporation's extendible revolving credit facilities (the "Credit Facilities"). EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest and non-cash items, including (if any) income taxes, stock-based compensation, gains and losses on sale of assets, unrealized gains and losses on financial instruments and depletion, depreciation and amortization.

The following table sets forth the Corporation's effective interest rates under its credit facilities for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
<i>Effective interest rates:</i>		
Revolving working capital facility	4.95%	5.2%
Revolving syndicated term credit facility	4.81%	5.4%

Birchcliff's average outstanding total credit facilities balance was approximately \$573 million in the Reporting Period as compared to \$569 million in the Comparable Prior Period, calculated as the simple average of the month-end amounts.

Income Taxes

The components of the Corporation's income tax expense for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period are set forth in the table below:

<i>(\$000s)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Deferred income tax expense	5,610	11,057
Dividend income tax expense on preferred shares	768	750
Income tax expense	6,378	11,807
Income tax expense per boe	\$0.92	\$2.13

Birchcliff recorded a deferred income tax expense of \$6.4 million for the Reporting Period as compared to a deferred income tax expense of \$11.8 million in the Comparable Prior Period. The decrease in deferred income tax expense from the Comparable Prior Period was a result of a lower net income before tax recorded in the Reporting Period.

The Corporation's estimated income tax pools were \$2.1 billion at March 31, 2018. Management expects that future taxable income will be available to utilize the accumulated tax pools. The components of the Corporation's estimated income tax pools are set forth in the table below:

<i>(\$000s)</i>	Tax pools as at March 31, 2018
Canadian oil and gas property expense	460,168
Canadian development expense	396,820
Canadian exploration expense	271,572
Undepreciated capital costs	376,034
Non-capital losses	610,920
Financing costs and other	17,650
Estimated income tax pools⁽¹⁾	2,133,164

(1) Excludes Veracel tax pools of \$39.3 million which were reassessed by the Canada Revenue Agency (the "CRA").

Veracel Tax Pools

Birchcliff's 2006 income tax filings were reassessed by the CRA in 2011 (the "Reassessment"). The Reassessment was based on the CRA's position that the tax pools available to Veracel Inc. ("Veracel"), prior to its amalgamation with Birchcliff, ceased to be available to Veracel after Birchcliff and Veracel amalgamated on May 31, 2005. The Veracel tax pools in dispute totalled \$39.3 million. Birchcliff appealed the Reassessment to the Tax Court of Canada (the "Trial Court") and the trial of that appeal occurred in November 2013. On October 1, 2015, the Trial Court issued its decision (the "Trial Decision") and dismissed Birchcliff's appeal on the basis of the general anti-avoidance rule contained in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The Trial Decision was rendered by a judge based on the written record and not by the judge who conducted the trial. As a result of the Trial Decision, Birchcliff recorded a non-cash deferred income tax expense in the amount of \$10.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Birchcliff appealed the Trial Decision to the Federal Court of Appeal (the "FCA"), which appeal was heard in January 2017. On April 28, 2017, the FCA issued its decision and allowed the appeal and set aside the Trial Decision, based on the lack of jurisdiction by the judge who rendered the Trial Decision. In setting aside the Trial Decision, the FCA

referred the matter back to the judge of the Trial Court who initially conducted the trial in 2013 to render a judgement. The judge of the Trial Court rendered a decision in November 2017 and dismissed the Corporation's appeal. The Corporation has appealed that decision to the FCA.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

New Processing Arrangement for the Gordondale Facility

On April 3, 2018, Birchcliff and AltaGas announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement for the Processing Arrangement at the Gordondale Facility. The new Processing Arrangement is effective from January 1, 2018 and replaced the parties' previous Gordondale processing arrangement. Under the Processing Arrangement, Birchcliff's fees at the Gordondale Facility were reduced and Birchcliff is being provided with up to 120 MMcf/d of natural gas processing on a firm-service basis and its take-or-pay obligation is 100 MMcf/d. The term of the Processing Arrangement is for at least 15 years, subject to extension in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Extension of Maturity Dates of Credit Facilities and Borrowing Base Unchanged

Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders recently completed its semi-annual review of Birchcliff's borrowing base limit under its Credit Facilities. In connection with such review, Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders agreed to: (i) an extension of the maturity dates of each of the extendible revolving syndicated term credit facility (the "**Syndicated Credit Facility**") and the extendible revolving working capital credit facility (the "**Working Capital Facility**") from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021; (ii) the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million; and (iii) increasing the Working Capital Facility to \$100 million (from \$50 million) with a corresponding reduction in the Syndicated Credit Facility to \$850 million (from \$900 million).

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement governing the Credit Facilities, Birchcliff may each year, at its option, request an extension to the maturity date of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility, or either of them, for an additional period of up to three years from May 11 of the year in which the extension request is made. The Credit Facilities are subject to semi-annual reviews of the borrowing base limit by Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders, which reviews are typically completed in May and November of each year. The Credit Facilities do not contain any financial maintenance covenants.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The following table sets forth a summary of the Corporation's capital expenditures for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

(\$000s)	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Land	697	419
Seismic	596	309
Workovers	3,330	2,291
Drilling and completions	79,405	79,476
Well equipment and facilities	48,574	47,004
Finding and development capital	132,602	129,499
Acquisitions	-	6
Dispositions	-	(5,348)
Finding, development and acquisition capital	132,602	124,157
Administrative assets	542	381
Capital expenditures, net	133,144	124,538

In the Reporting Period, Birchcliff had total net capital expenditures of \$133.1 million. During the Reporting Period, Birchcliff incurred finding and development capital of \$132.6 million which included approximately \$47.3 million (36%) on the drilling and completion of Montney/Doig horizontal wells in Pouce Coupe, \$32.1 million (24%) on the drilling and completion of Montney horizontal wells in Gordondale and \$12.4 million (9%) on the Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant (expected to be operational in October 2018). In the Reporting Period, Birchcliff drilled a total of 20 (20.0 net) wells, consisting of 12 (12.0 net Montney/Doig horizontal natural gas wells in the Pouce Coupe area and 8 (8.0 net) Montney horizontal wells in Gordondale.

The remaining capital during the Reporting Period was primarily attributed to land, seismic, infrastructure expansion projects in the Montney/Doig Resource Play and on other oil and gas exploration and development projects in the Peace River Arch.

CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Corporation generally relies on its adjusted funds flow and available credit under its existing credit facilities to fund its capital requirements, including its dividend payments. In addition, the Corporation may from time to time seek additional capital in the form of debt and/or equity or dispose of non-core properties to fund its on-going capital expenditure programs and protect its balance sheet.

The following table sets forth a summary of the Corporation's capital resources for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

<i>(\$000s)</i>	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
Adjusted Funds flow	83,658	67,630
Changes in non-cash working capital from operations	8,617	3,285
Decommissioning expenditures	(422)	(301)
Exercise of stock options	29	2,349
Dividends paid on common shares	(6,645)	(6,604)
Dividends paid on preferred shares	(1,922)	(1,875)
Net change in revolving term credit facilities	(13,515)	6,184
Changes in non-cash working capital from investing	63,344	53,870
Capital resources	133,144	124,538

Birchcliff's adjusted funds flow depends on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, commodity prices, production and sales volumes, royalties, operating expense and foreign exchange rates. The Corporation has been closely monitoring commodity prices and its capital spending and in response to continued low and volatile commodity prices, has taken proactive measures with a view to ensuring liquidity and financial flexibility in the current environment.

Birchcliff's market diversification initiatives have helped to reduce its exposure to volatility in commodity prices, including AECO prices which have been extremely volatile in recent months. Birchcliff has entered into agreements with TCPL for the firm service transportation of an aggregate of 175,000 GJ/d (approximately 152 MMcf/d) of natural gas on TCPL's Canadian Mainline for a 10-year term, whereby natural gas is transported from the Empress receipt point in Alberta to the Dawn trading hub located in Southern Ontario. During the Reporting Period, approximately 58% of Birchcliff's natural gas production was sold at AECO, 29% was sold at Dawn and 13% was sold on the Alliance pipeline system. Birchcliff continues to actively look for further profitable market diversification opportunities.

Birchcliff also has various financial and physical derivative contracts outstanding to help protect its adjusted funds flow and capital expenditure programs. See "Outlook", "Commodity Price Risk Management" and "Advisories" in this MD&A for further details.

Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders recently completed its semi-annual review of Birchcliff's borrowing base limit under its Credit Facilities. In connection with such review, Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders agreed to: (i) an extension of the maturity dates of each of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021; (ii) the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million; and (iii) increasing the Working Capital Facility to \$100 million (from \$50 million) with a corresponding reduction in the Syndicated Credit Facility to \$850 million (from \$900 million). See "Subsequent Events" in this MD&A for further details.

The 2018 Capital Program is set at \$255 million with approximately \$149.9 million allocated for drilling and development and \$66.9 million for facilities and infrastructure. Birchcliff expects that its 2018 capital expenditures will be less than its adjusted funds flow during 2018 based on the assumptions set forth in the table located in the "Outlook" section in this MD&A.

Management believes that its adjusted funds flow during 2018 will be sufficient to fund the Corporation's 2018 Capital Program. Should commodity prices deteriorate materially, Birchcliff may adjust its on-going capital program, draw down on its Credit Facilities, seek additional equity financing and/or consider the potential sale of additional non-core assets to fund planned growth. The 2018 Capital Program has been designed with financial and operational flexibility with the potential to accelerate or decelerate capital expenditures throughout the year, depending on commodity prices and industry conditions. See "Advisories".

Working Capital

The Corporation's adjusted working capital deficit increased to \$83.8 million at March 31, 2018 from a \$11.1 million deficit at December 31, 2017. The deficit at the end of the Reporting Period was largely comprised of costs incurred from the drilling and completion of new wells.

At March 31, 2018, the major component of Birchcliff's current assets was revenue to be received from its marketers in respect of March 31, 2018 production (91%), which was subsequently received in April 2018. In contrast, current liabilities largely consisted of trade payables (49%) and accrued capital and operating costs (35%). Birchcliff routinely assesses the financial strength of its marketers. At this time, Birchcliff expects that such counterparties will be able to meet their financial obligations.

Adjusted working capital includes items expected for normal operations, including trade receivables and payables, accruals, deposits and prepaid expenses, and excludes the fair value of financial instruments. The Corporation's adjusted working capital varies from quarter to quarter primarily due to the timing of such items, as well as due to the size and timing of the Corporation's capital expenditures, volatility in commodity prices and changes in revenue, among other things. Birchcliff manages any adjusted working capital deficit using adjusted funds flow and advances under its Credit Facilities. Any adjusted working capital deficit position will not reduce the amount available under the Credit Facilities.

Bank Debt

Management of debt levels continues to be a priority for Birchcliff given its long-term growth plans and the current volatility in the commodity price environment.

As of March 31, 2018, the Credit Facilities were comprised of: (i) the Syndicated Credit Facility of \$900 million; and (ii) the Working Capital Facility of \$50 million. The Corporation may each year, at its option, request an extension to the maturity date of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility, or either of them, for an additional period of up to three years from May 11 of the year in which the extension request is made. In connection with the recently completed semi-annual review of the borrowing base limit, the lenders consented to an extension of the maturity dates of each of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021 and to the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million. See "Subsequent Events" in this MD&A.

Total debt, including the adjusted working capital deficit, was \$657.7 million at March 31, 2018 as compared to \$598.2 million at December 31, 2017. The increase in total debt from December 31, 2017 was largely due to capital expenditures incurred on the drilling and completion of new wells in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale, partially offset by an increase in adjusted funds flow in the Reporting Period.

The following table sets forth the Corporation's unused Credit Facilities as at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

As at, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>Maximum borrowing base limit:</i>		
Revolving term credit facilities	950,000	950,000
<i>Principal amount utilized:</i>		
Drawn revolving term credit facilities ⁽¹⁾	(580,686)	(594,823)
Outstanding letters of credit ⁽²⁾	(12,185)	(12,184)
	(592,871)	(607,007)
Unused credit	357,129	342,993
% unused credit	38%	36%

(1) The drawn amounts are not reduced for unamortized costs and fees applicable to the Credit Facilities.

(2) Letters of credit are issued to various service providers. The letters of credit reduced the amount available under the Working Capital Facility from \$50 million to approximately \$37 million in the Reporting Period and Comparable Prior Period. There were no amounts drawn on the letters of credit during the Reporting Period and Comparable Prior Period.

Contractual Obligations & Commitments

The Corporation enters into various contractual obligations and commitments in the normal course of operations. The following table lists Birchcliff's estimated material contractual obligations and commitments at March 31, 2018:

(\$000s)	2018	2019	2020-2022	Thereafter
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	139,948	-	-	-
Drawn revolving term credit facilities	-	-	580,686	-
Operating leases ⁽¹⁾	2,831	4,491	13,790	25,051
Capital commitments ⁽²⁾	2,468	-	-	-
Firm transportation, processing and fractionation ⁽³⁾	101,281	127,816	468,066	437,416
Estimated contractual obligations⁽⁴⁾	246,528	132,307	1,062,542	462,467

(1) On December 2, 2015, the Corporation entered into an operating lease commitment relating to a new office premise beginning February 1, 2018 and expiring on January 31, 2028. The commitment amount under the new 10 year office lease is estimated to be \$46.2 million, which includes costs allocated to base rent, parking and building operating expenses. The office lease commitment amounts disclosed in the above table have not been reduced for any rents receivable by the Corporation.

(2) Includes drilling commitments relating to the Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant.

(3) Includes the impacts from firm service transportation agreements on TCPL's Canadian Mainline to the Dawn trading hub. The Corporation has negotiated firm service for a 10-year period which commenced in November 2017.

(4) Contractual obligations and commitments that are not material to Birchcliff are excluded from the above table. The Corporation's decommissioning obligations are excluded from the table as these obligations arose from a regulatory requirement rather than from a contractual arrangement. Birchcliff estimates the total undiscounted cash flow to settle its decommissioning obligations on its wells and facilities at March 31, 2018 to be approximately \$275.3 million and are estimated to be incurred as follows: 2018 - \$1.6 million, 2019 - \$1.0 million and \$273.0 million thereafter. The estimate for determining the undiscounted decommissioning obligations requires significant assumptions on both the abandonment cost and timing of the decommissioning and therefore the actual obligation may differ materially.

Birchcliff's Series C Preferred Shares, which are redeemable by their holders after September 30, 2020, have not been included in this table as they are not contractual obligations of the Corporation at the end of the Reporting Period. Upon receipt of a notice of redemption, the Corporation has an obligation to redeem the Series C Preferred Shares, at its option, for cash or common shares.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET TRANSACTIONS

The Corporation has certain lease arrangements, all of which are reflected in the contractual obligations and commitments table above, which were entered into in the normal course of operations. All leases have been treated as operating leases whereby the lease payments are included in operating expense or general and administrative expense depending on the nature of the lease. Other than the foregoing, Birchcliff was not involved in any off-balance sheet transactions during the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period.

OUTSTANDING SHARE INFORMATION

At May 9, 2018, Birchcliff had common shares, Series A Preferred Shares and Series C Preferred Shares that were outstanding. Birchcliff's common shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol "BIR" and are included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index. Birchcliff's Series A Preferred Shares and Series C Preferred Shares are individually listed on the TSX under the symbols "BIR.PR.A" and "BIR.PR.C", respectively.

The following table sets forth the common shares issued by the Corporation:

	Common Shares
Balance at December 31, 2017	265,796,698
Exercise of options	8,666
Balance at March 31, 2018	265,805,364
Exercise of options	13,333
Balance at May 9, 2018	265,818,697

At May 9, 2018, the Corporation had the following securities outstanding: 265,818,697 common shares; 2,000,000 Series A Preferred Shares; 2,000,000 Series C Preferred Shares; 16,935,906 stock options to purchase an equivalent number of common shares; and 2,939,732 performance warrants to purchase an equivalent number of common shares.

Dividends

The following table sets forth the dividend distributions by the Corporation for each class of shares for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018	Three months ended March 31, 2017
<i>Common shares:</i>		
Dividend distribution (\$000s)	6,645	6,604
Per common share (\$)	0.0250	0.0250
<i>Preferred shares - Series A:</i>		
Series A dividend distribution (\$000s)	1,047	1,000
Per Series A preferred share (\$)	0.5234	0.5000
<i>Preferred shares - Series C:</i>		
Series C dividend distribution (\$000s)	875	875
Per Series C preferred share (\$)	0.4375	0.4375

All dividends have been designated as “eligible dividends” for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table sets forth a summary of the Corporation's quarterly results for the eight most recently completed quarters:

Quarter ending,	Mar. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017	Sep. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2017	Mar. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016	Sep. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2016
Average daily production (boe)	76,323	80,103	65,276	64,636	61,662	60,750	54,538	39,513
Realized natural gas sales price (\$/Mcf) ⁽¹⁾	2.72	2.64	2.11	3.13	3.06	3.31	2.53	1.48
Realized oil sales price (\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	71.92	68.58	55.62	60.38	62.59	60.75	52.12	51.20
Total revenues (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	159,531	166,149	111,488	146,597	132,708	135,457	97,365	47,261
Operating costs (\$/boe)	3.78	3.86	4.27	4.67	5.22	4.54	4.65	3.45
Capital expenditures, net (\$000s)	133,144	18,669	12,136	120,782	124,538	62,482	599,715	4,722
Cash flow from operating activities (\$000s)	91,853	88,995	70,584	57,467	70,614	90,574	22,144	7,049
Adjusted funds flow (\$000s)	83,658	97,008	64,430	88,612	67,630	71,806	41,675	13,267
Per common share – basic (\$)	0.31	0.36	0.24	0.33	0.26	0.27	0.18	0.09
Per common share – diluted (\$)	0.31	0.36	0.24	0.33	0.25	0.27	0.18	0.09
Net income (loss) (\$000s)	15,125	25,820	(120,743)	18,015	29,928	12,085	(1,064)	(23,321)
Net income (loss) to common shareholders (\$000s) ⁽²⁾	14,078	24,773	(121,743)	17,015	28,928	11,085	(2,064)	(24,321)
Per common share – basic (\$)	0.05	0.09	(0.46)	0.06	0.11	0.04	(0.01)	(0.16)
Per common share – diluted (\$)	0.05	0.09	(0.46)	0.06	0.11	0.04	(0.01)	(0.16)
Total assets (\$ million)	2,697	2,627	2,615	2,871	2,797	2,710	2,704	2,059
Long-term bank debt (\$000s)	573,935	587,126	585,323	628,401	578,954	572,517	634,534	709,510
Total debt (\$000s)	657,732	598,193	666,808	700,484	664,352	600,012	612,080	715,651
Dividends on common shares (\$000s) ⁽³⁾	6,645	6,644	6,635	6,635	6,604	-	-	-
Dividends on pref. shares – Series A (\$000s)	1,047	1,047	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dividends on pref. shares – Series C (\$000s)	875	875	875	875	875	875	875	875
Pref. shares outstanding – Series A (000s)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Pref. shares outstanding – Series C (000s)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Common shares outstanding (000s)								
Basic	265,805	265,797	265,789	265,417	264,442	264,042	263,065	152,308
Diluted	285,692	282,895	283,106	284,461	284,160	279,881	279,826	169,089
Wtd. avg. common shares outstanding (000s)								
Basic	265,797	265,792	265,490	265,326	264,099	263,396	229,287	152,308
Diluted	266,179	267,619	267,988	268,203	268,077	268,974	234,295	154,279

(1) Excludes the effects of financial hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of fixed price physical delivery contracts, if any.

(2) Reduced for the Series A Preferred Share dividends paid in the period.

(3) Birchcliff paid its first common share dividend in the first quarter of 2017.

Average daily production volumes over the previous seven quarters have increased largely due to production volumes from both the assets acquired in Gordondale in the third quarter of 2016 and new horizontal wells brought on-stream in Pouce Coupe and Gordondale, partially offset by natural production declines from those wells. Average daily production for the first quarter of 2018 decreased compared to the fourth quarter of 2017 mainly due to scheduled turnarounds at the Gordondale Facility, no new wells being brought on production in the Reporting Period and natural production declines.

Quarterly variances in revenues, adjusted funds flow and net income are primarily due to fluctuations in commodity prices and production volumes. Oil and gas revenues and adjusted funds flow in the last seven quarters were largely impacted by production from the assets acquired in Gordondale in the third quarter of 2016, incremental production additions to Phase V of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant in the second half of 2017 and, except for the third quarter of 2017, higher trending average realized sales prices. Birchcliff had net income in the Reporting Period primarily in response to an increase in adjusted funds flow. Birchcliff recorded a net loss in the third quarter of 2017 primarily as a result of the after-tax book loss of \$132.3 million from the disposition of its Worsley assets. Net income or loss in the last eight quarters was also impacted by certain non-cash adjustments including depletion expense, unrealized gains and losses on financial instruments and gains and losses on the sale of assets recognized in the period.

In general, capital expenditures have fluctuated over the past eight quarters primarily as a result of the timing of the Corporation's development capital expenditures. Capital expenditures are also impacted by commodity prices and market conditions, as well as the timing of acquisitions and dispositions. In the third quarter of 2016, Birchcliff

acquired the Gordondale assets which significantly increased net capital expenditures in that quarter in comparison to the other quarters.

Birchcliff commenced the payment of a quarterly common share dividend on March 31, 2017.

In connection with the acquisition of the Gordondale assets, Birchcliff issued a total of 110,520,000 common shares in the third quarter of 2016 which increased both the number of common shares and the weighted average common shares outstanding at the end of the period compared to the previous quarters.

Quarterly variances in long-term debt and total debt are primarily due to fluctuations in adjusted funds flow, the amount and timing of capital expenditures (including acquisitions and dispositions) and the timing of proceeds received from equity financings in a period.

POTENTIAL TRANSACTIONS

Within its focus area, the Corporation is continually reviewing potential asset acquisitions and dispositions and corporate mergers and acquisitions for the purpose of determining whether any such potential transaction is of interest to the Corporation, as well as the terms on which such a potential transaction would be available. As a result, the Corporation may from time to time be involved in discussions or negotiations with other parties or their agents in respect of potential asset acquisitions and dispositions and corporate merger and acquisition opportunities.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There were no changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR") that occurred during the period beginning on January 1, 2018 and ended on March 31, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's ICFR.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of IFRS accounting policies, reported amounts of assets and liabilities and income and expenses. Accordingly, actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. The Corporation's use of estimates, judgments and assumptions in preparing the interim condensed financial statements for the Reporting Period is discussed in Note 3 of the annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

On January 1, 2018, Birchcliff adopted IFRS 15 using the cumulative effect method. Under this method, the comparative periods were not restated and the cumulative effect on net earnings of the application of IFRS 15 to revenue contracts in progress at January 1, 2018 was nil. The Corporation reviewed its revenue streams and major contracts with customers using the IFRS 15 five step model and there were no changes to net earnings or timing of petroleum and natural gas sales recognized. It should be noted, however, that certain Income Statement line item reclassifications were made. Refer to Note 9 in the interim condensed financial statements of the Corporation and related notes for the Reporting Period for more information, including additional disclosure requirements.

On January 1, 2018, Birchcliff adopted IFRS 9: *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9") to replace IAS 39: *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* ("IAS 39"). IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income and fair value through profit or loss. The previous IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, loans and receivables and available for sale are eliminated. IFRS 9 bases the classification of financial assets on the contractual cash flow characteristics and the company's business model for managing the financial asset. Additionally, embedded derivatives are not separated if the host contract is a financial asset within the scope of IFRS 9. Instead, the entire hybrid contract is assessed for classification and measurement. IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification of financial liabilities. The adoption of IFRS 9 has resulted in changes to the Corporation's investment

in securities which, upon adoption of IFRS 9, are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Under the previous IAS 39 standard, Birchcliff's investment in securities were categorized as available for sale which required the securities to be fair valued at the end of each reporting period with any gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income. There were no changes to the treatment of distributions declared on the investment in securities which are recorded to profit or loss. The adoption of IFRS 9 had no impact on the amounts recorded in the financial statements as at January 1, 2018 or on the comparative periods.

Future Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16: *Leases* ("IFRS 16"). The standard will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted, provided IFRS 15 has been applied, or is applied at the same date as IFRS 16. Birchcliff is currently evaluating the impact of adopting IFRS 16 on the financial statements.

RISK FACTORS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Corporation's financial and operational performance is potentially affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, financial risks, risks relating to economic conditions, business and operational risks, environmental and regulatory risks and other risks. The impact of any risk or a combination of risks may adversely affect the Corporation's business, financial condition, results of operations, prospects, cash flow and reputation, which may reduce or restrict the Corporation's ability to pay common share and preferred share dividends and may materially affect the market price of the Corporation's securities. The Corporation's approach to risk management includes an ongoing review of principal and emerging risks, an analysis of the severity and likelihood of each risk and an evaluation of the effectiveness of current mitigation procedures. A more detailed discussion of the risk factors affecting the Corporation is presented under the headings "*Risk Factors and Risk Management*" in the MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2017 and "*Risk Factors*" in the Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2017.

ABBREVIATIONS

AECO	benchmark price for natural gas determined at the AECO 'C' hub in southeast Alberta
bbl	barrel
bbls	barrels
bbls/d	barrels per day
boe	barrel of oil equivalent
boe/d	barrel of oil equivalent per day
F&D	finding and development
GAAP	generally accepted accounting principles for Canadian public companies which are currently IFRS
GJ	gigajoule
GJ/d	gigajoules per day
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board
m ³	cubic metres
Mcf	thousand cubic feet
Mcfe	thousand cubic feet of gas equivalent
MJ	megajoule
MM\$	millions of dollars
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MMBtu/d	million British thermal units per day
MMcf	million cubic feet
MMcf/d	million cubic feet per day
NGLs	natural gas liquids
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
P&NG	petroleum and natural gas
TCPL	TransCanada Pipelines
WTI	West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma, for crude oil of standard grade
000s	thousands
\$000s	thousands of dollars

NON-GAAP MEASURES

This MD&A uses “adjusted funds flow”, “adjusted funds flow per common share”, “operating netback”, “estimated operating netback”, “operating margin”, “total cash costs”, “adjusted working capital deficit” and “total debt”. These measures do not have standardized meanings prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. Management believes that these non-GAAP measures assist management and investors in assessing Birchcliff’s profitability, efficiency, liquidity and overall performance. Each of these measures is discussed in further detail below.

“Adjusted funds flow” denotes cash flow from operating activities before the effects of decommissioning expenditures and changes in non-cash working capital and “adjusted funds flow per common share” denotes adjusted funds flow divided by the basic or diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. The Corporation eliminates changes in non-cash working capital and settlements of decommissioning expenditures from cash flow from operating activities as the amounts can be discretionary and may vary from period-to-period depending on its capital programs and the maturity of its operating areas. The settlement of decommissioning expenditures are managed with Birchcliff’s capital budgeting process which considers available adjusted funds flow. Management believes that adjusted funds flow and adjusted funds flow per common share assist management and investors in assessing Birchcliff’s profitability, as well as its ability to generate the cash necessary to fund future growth through capital investments, decommission its assets, pay dividends and repay debt. Investors are cautioned that adjusted funds flow should not be construed as an alternative to or more meaningful than cash flow from operating activities or net income or loss as determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of Birchcliff’s performance. Birchcliff previously referred to adjusted funds flow as “funds flow from operations”. The following table provides a reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities, as determined in accordance with GAAP, to adjusted funds flow:

(\$000s)	Three months ended	
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Cash flow from operating activities	91,853	70,614
Add back:		
Change in non-cash working capital	(8,617)	(3,285)
Funds flow	83,236	67,329
Adjustments:		
Decommissioning expenditures	422	301
Adjusted funds flow	83,658	67,630

“Operating netback” denotes petroleum and natural gas revenue less royalties, less operating expense and less transportation and other expense. “Estimated operating netback” of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant (and the components thereof) is based upon certain cost allocations and accruals directly attributable to the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant and related wells and infrastructure. All netbacks are calculated on a per unit basis, unless otherwise indicated. Management believes that operating netback and estimated operating netback assist management and investors in assessing Birchcliff’s profitability and its operating results on a per unit basis to better analyze its performance against prior periods on a comparable basis. The following table provides a breakdown of operating netback:

	Three months ended		Three months ended	
	March 31, 2018		March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(\$/boe) ⁽¹⁾	(\$000s)	(\$/boe) ⁽¹⁾
Petroleum and natural gas revenue	159,531	23.22	132,708	23.91
Royalty expense	(9,811)	(1.43)	(10,966)	(1.98)
Operating expense	(25,933)	(3.78)	(28,950)	(5.22)
Transportation and other expense	(24,540)	(3.56)	(14,206)	(2.55)
Operating netback	99,247	14.45	78,586	14.16

(1) All per boe figures are calculated by dividing each aggregate financial amount by the production (boe) in the respective period.

“Operating margin” for the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant is calculated by dividing the estimated operating netback for the period by the petroleum and natural gas revenue for the period. Management believes that operating margin

assists management and investors in assessing the profitability and efficiency of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant and Birchcliff's ability to generate operating cash flows (equal to petroleum and natural gas revenue less royalties, less operating expense and less transportation and other expense).

"Total cash costs" are comprised of royalty, operating, transportation and other, general and administrative and interest expenses. Total cash costs are calculated on a per unit basis. Management believes that total cash costs assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's efficiency and overall cash cost structure.

"Adjusted working capital deficit" is calculated as current assets minus current liabilities excluding the effects of any financial instruments. Management believes that adjusted working capital deficit assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's liquidity. The following table reconciles working capital deficit (current assets minus current liabilities), as determined in accordance with GAAP, to adjusted working capital deficit:

<i>As at, (\$000s)</i>	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 31, 2017
Working capital deficit	95,005	15,113	78,279
Financial instrument – asset	418	-	-
Financial instrument – liability	(11,626)	(4,046)	7,119
Adjusted working capital deficit	83,797	11,067	85,398

"Total debt" is calculated as the revolving term credit facilities plus adjusted working capital deficit. Management believes that total debt assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff's liquidity. The following table provides a reconciliation of the revolving term credit facilities, as determined in accordance with GAAP, to total debt:

<i>As at, (\$000s)</i>	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 31, 2017
Revolving term credit facilities	573,935	587,126	578,954
Adjusted working capital deficit	83,797	11,067	85,398
Total debt	657,732	598,193	664,352

ADVISORIES

Unaudited Numbers

All financial amounts referred to in this MD&A for the Reporting Period and the Comparable Prior Period are management's best estimates and are unaudited.

Boe and Mcfe Conversions

Boe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 6 Mcf of natural gas to 1 bbl of oil and Mcfe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 1 bbl of oil to 6 Mcf of natural gas. Boe and Mcfe amounts may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf: 1 bbl and an Mcfe conversion ratio 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 based on the current price of crude oil as compared to natural gas is significantly different from the energy equivalency of 6:1, utilizing a conversion on a 6:1 basis may be misleading as an indication of value.

MMBtu Pricing Conversions

\$1.00 per MMBtu equals \$1.00 per Mcf based on a standard heat value Mcf.

Oil and Gas Metrics

This MD&A contains metrics commonly used in the oil and natural gas industry, including operating netback. These oil and gas metrics do not have any standardized meanings or standard methods of calculation and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. As such, they should not be used to make comparisons. Management uses these oil and gas metrics for its own performance measurements and to provide shareholders with measures to compare Birchcliff's performance over time; however, such measures are not reliable indicators of Birchcliff's future performance and future

performance may not compare to Birchcliff's performance in previous periods and therefore should not be unduly relied upon. For further information regarding netbacks, please see *"Non-GAAP Measures"*.

Capital Expenditures

Unless otherwise stated, references in this MD&A to: (i) "net capital expenditures" and "capital expenditures, net" denote F&D costs (which includes land, seismic, workovers, drilling and completions and well equipment and facilities) plus administrative assets, plus acquisition costs, less any dispositions; and (ii) "total capital expenditures" denotes F&D costs plus administrative assets. Birchcliff's guidance regarding its 2018 capital expenditures has been presented on a total basis. Birchcliff makes acquisitions and dispositions in the ordinary course of business. Any acquisitions and dispositions completed during 2018 could have an impact on Birchcliff's capital expenditures, production and adjusted funds flow for 2018, which impact could be material. Please also see *"Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements"*.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this MD&A constitute forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively referred to as "**forward-looking statements**") within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Such forward-looking statements relate to future events or Birchcliff's future plans, operations or performance and are based on Birchcliff's current expectations, estimates, projections, beliefs and assumptions. Birchcliff has made such forward-looking statements in light of information available to it at the time the statements were made and reflect its experience and perception of historical trends. All statements and information other than historical fact may be forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "seek", "plan", "expect", "project", "intend", "believe", "anticipate", "estimate", "forecast", "potential", "proposed", "predict", "budget", "continue", "targeting", "may", "will", "could", "might", "should" and other similar words and expressions.

By their nature, forward-looking 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 statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Although Birchcliff believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct and Birchcliff makes no representation that actual results achieved will be the same in whole or in part as those set out in the forward-looking statements.

In particular, this MD&A contains forward-looking statements relating to the following: Birchcliff's plans and other aspects of its anticipated future financial performance, operations, focus, objectives, strategies, opportunities, priorities and goals; Birchcliff's guidance regarding its 2018 Capital Program and its proposed exploration and development activities and the timing thereof (including its estimates of capital expenditures in 2018, planned capital expenditures and capital allocation, the focus of, the objectives of and the anticipated results from the 2018 Capital Program, the number of wells to be drilled and brought on production, Birchcliff's expectation that its 2018 capital expenditures will be less than its adjusted funds flow during 2018 and statements that the 2018 Capital Program has been designed with financial and operational flexibility with the potential to accelerate or decelerate capital expenditures throughout the year); Birchcliff's other guidance for 2018 (including its estimates of its annual average production and commodity mix in 2018, its estimates of royalty, operating and transportation and other expenses, its estimates of its natural gas production that is expected to be sold at or via AECO, Dawn and Alliance during 2018 and forecasts of commodity prices); statements regarding the proposed Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant (including the anticipated processing capacity of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant after such expansion and the anticipated timing of such expansion); statements regarding Birchcliff's plans for future facilities (including statements that it will no longer be required to incur significant capital to build its own deep-cut facility in Pouce Coupe as a result of the Processing Arrangement); Birchcliff's market diversification and hedging activities, strategies and use of risk management techniques (including that Birchcliff's current strategy is to hedge up to 50% of its estimated forecast annual average production using a combination of financial derivatives and physical sales contracts); the Corporation's estimated income tax pools and management's expectation that future taxable income will be available to utilize the accumulated tax pools; statements regarding

Birchcliff's Credit Facilities (including the timing of semi-annual reviews); Birchcliff's marketing and transportation arrangements (including that additional tranches of service on TCPL's Canadian Mainline will become available later in 2018 and 2019); the Corporation's liquidity (including the Corporation's financial flexibility, the sources of funding for the Corporation's activities and capital requirements, that the Corporation generally relies on its adjusted funds flow and available credit under its existing credit facilities to fund its capital requirements, statements that the Corporation may from time to time seek additional capital in the form of debt and/or equity or dispose of non-core properties to fund its on-going capital expenditure programs and protect its balance sheet, management's belief that its adjusted funds flow during 2018 will be sufficient to fund the Corporation's 2018 Capital Program, statements that Birchcliff may adjust its on-going capital program, draw down on its Credit Facilities, seek additional equity financing and/or consider the potential sale of additional non-core assets to fund planned growth should commodity prices deteriorate materially and the Corporation's expectation that counterparties will be able to meet their financial obligations); statements that management of debt levels continues to be a priority for Birchcliff; estimates of Birchcliff's material contractual obligations and commitments; and statements regarding Birchcliff's decommissioning obligations.

With respect to forward-looking information contained in this MD&A, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: prevailing and future commodity prices and differentials, currency exchange rates, interest rates, inflation rates, royalty rates and tax rates; the state of the economy, financial markets and the exploration, development and production business; the political environment in which Birchcliff operates; the regulatory framework regarding royalties, taxes and environmental laws; future cash flow, debt and dividend levels; future operating, transportation, marketing, general and administrative and other expenses; Birchcliff's ability to access capital and obtain financing on acceptable terms; the timing and amount of capital expenditures and the sources of funding for capital expenditures and other activities; the sufficiency of budgeted capital expenditures to carry out planned operations; the successful and timely implementation of capital projects; results of future operations; Birchcliff's ability to continue to develop its assets and obtain the anticipated benefits therefrom; the performance of existing and future wells, well production rates and well decline rates; success rates for future drilling; reserves and resource volumes and Birchcliff's ability to replace and expand reserves through acquisition, development or exploration; the impact of competition on Birchcliff; the availability of, demand for and cost of labour, services and materials; the ability to obtain any necessary regulatory or other approvals in a timely manner; the satisfaction by third parties of their obligations to Birchcliff; the ability of Birchcliff to secure adequate transportation for its products; Birchcliff's ability to market oil and gas; and the availability of hedges on terms acceptable to Birchcliff. In addition to the foregoing assumptions, Birchcliff has made the following assumptions with respect to certain forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A:

- With respect to statements regarding the 2018 Capital Program (including estimates of 2018 capital expenditures, statements that its 2018 capital expenditures will be less than its adjusted funds flow during 2018 and statements that its adjusted funds flow during 2018 will be sufficient to fund the 2018 Capital Program), such statements are based on the assumptions set forth in the table under the heading "Outlook".
 - With respect to estimates of capital expenditures, such estimates assume that the 2018 Capital Program will be carried out as currently contemplated. Please see "Advisories – Capital Expenditures".
 - With respect to statements that its adjusted funds flow during 2018 will be sufficient to fund the 2018 Capital Program and that its 2018 capital expenditures will be less than its adjusted funds flow during 2018, such statements assume that: the 2018 Capital Program will be carried out as currently contemplated; and the production targets, commodity mix and commodity price assumptions set forth herein are achieved.
 - The amount and allocation of capital expenditures for exploration and development activities by area and the number and types of wells to be drilled is dependent upon results achieved and is subject to review and modification by management on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Actual spending may vary due to a variety of factors, including commodity prices, economic conditions, results of operations and costs of labour, services and materials. Birchcliff will monitor economic conditions and commodity prices and, where deemed prudent, will adjust the 2018 Capital Program to respond to changes in commodity prices and other material changes in the assumptions underlying the 2018 Capital Program. In addition, any

acquisitions and dispositions completed during 2018 could have an impact on Birchcliff's capital expenditures, production, adjusted funds flow and costs for 2018, which impact could be material.

- With respect to Birchcliff's production guidance, the key assumptions are that: Birchcliff's capital expenditure program will be carried out as currently contemplated; no unexpected outages occur in the infrastructure that Birchcliff relies on to produce its wells and that any transportation service curtailments or unplanned outages that occur will be short in duration or otherwise insignificant; the construction of new infrastructure meets timing and operational expectations; existing wells continue to meet production expectations; and future wells scheduled to come on production meet timing, production and capital expenditure expectations. In addition, Birchcliff's production guidance may be affected by acquisition and disposition activity and acquisitions and dispositions could occur that may impact expected production.
- With respect to statements of future wells to be drilled and brought on production, the key assumptions are: the continuing validity of the geological and other technical interpretations performed by Birchcliff's technical staff, which indicate that commercially economic volumes can be recovered from Birchcliff's lands as a result of drilling future wells; and that commodity prices and general economic conditions will warrant proceeding with the drilling of such wells.
- With respect to statements regarding the proposed Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant, including the anticipated processing capacity of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant after such expansion and the anticipated timing of such expansion, the key assumptions are that: future drilling is successful; there is sufficient labour, services and equipment available; Birchcliff will have access to sufficient capital to fund such project; the key components of the plant will operate as designed; and commodity prices and general economic conditions will warrant proceeding with the construction of the plant and the drilling of associated wells.

Birchcliff's actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of both known and unknown risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions which will, among other things, impact the demand for and market prices of Birchcliff's products and Birchcliff's access to capital; volatility of crude oil and natural gas prices; fluctuations in currency and interest rates; stock market volatility; loss of market demand; an inability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources; fluctuations in the costs of borrowing; operational risks and liabilities inherent in oil and natural gas operations; the occurrence of unexpected events such as fires, equipment failures and other similar events affecting Birchcliff or other parties whose operations or assets directly or indirectly affect Birchcliff; uncertainty that development activities in connection with its assets will be economical; uncertainties associated with estimating oil and natural gas reserves and resources; the accuracy of oil and natural gas reserves estimates and estimated production levels; geological, technical, drilling, construction and processing problems; uncertainty of geological and technical data; horizontal drilling and completions techniques and the failure of drilling results to meet expectations for reserves or production; uncertainties related to Birchcliff's future potential drilling locations; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures, including delays in the completion of Birchcliff's gas plants and other facilities; the accuracy of cost estimates and variances in Birchcliff's actual costs and economic returns from those anticipated; incorrect assessments of the value of acquisitions and exploration and development programs; changes in tax laws, Crown royalty rates, environmental laws, carbon tax regimes, incentive programs and other regulations that affect the oil and natural gas industry and other actions by government authorities; the cost of compliance with current and future environmental laws; political uncertainty and uncertainty associated with government policy changes; uncertainties and risks associated with pipeline restrictions and outages to third-party infrastructure that could cause disruptions to production; the inability to secure adequate production transportation for Birchcliff's products; the inability to satisfy obligations under Birchcliff's firm marketing and transportation arrangements or other agreements; shortages in equipment and skilled personnel; the absence or loss of key employees; competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of reserves, undeveloped lands, equipment and skilled personnel; management of Birchcliff's growth; environmental risks, claims and liabilities; uncertainties associated with the outcome of litigation or other proceedings involving Birchcliff; uncertainties associated with credit facilities and counterparty credit risk; non-performance or default by counterparties; risks

associated with Birchcliff's hedging program and the risk that hedges on terms acceptable to Birchcliff may not be available; risks associated with the declaration and payment of dividends, including the discretion of Birchcliff's board of directors to declare dividends; the failure to obtain any required approvals in a timely manner or at all; the failure to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions and dispositions and unforeseen difficulties in integrating acquired assets into Birchcliff's operations; negative public perception of the oil and natural gas industry, including transportation, hydraulic fracturing and fossil fuels; and the availability of insurance and the risk that certain losses may not be insured.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of factors are not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other risk factors that could affect results of operations, financial performance or financial results are included in Birchcliff's most recent Annual Information Form and in other reports filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

Any future-orientated financial information and financial outlook information (collectively, "FOFI") contained in this MD&A, as such terms are defined by applicable securities laws, is provided for the purpose of providing information about management's current expectations and plans relating to the future and is subject to the same assumptions, risk factors, limitations and qualifications as set forth in the above paragraphs. FOFI contained in this MD&A was made as of the date of this MD&A and Birchcliff disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any FOFI contained in this MD&A, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law. Readers are cautioned that any FOFI contained herein should not be used for purposes other than those for which it has been disclosed herein.

Management has included the above summary of assumptions and risks related to forward-looking statements provided in this MD&A in order to provide readers with a more complete perspective on Birchcliff's future operations. Readers are cautioned that this information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are expressly qualified by the foregoing cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are made as of the date of this MD&A. Unless required by applicable laws, Birchcliff does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY LTD.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Unaudited (Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

As at,	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	48	48
Accounts receivable	53,784	69,302
Prepaid expenses and deposits	2,319	2,622
Financial instruments (Note 12)	418	-
	56,569	71,972
Non-current assets:		
Petroleum and natural gas properties and equipment (Note 4)	2,630,687	2,545,131
Investment in securities (Note 5)	10,005	10,005
	2,640,692	2,555,136
Total assets	2,697,261	2,627,108
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	139,948	83,039
Financial instruments (Note 12)	11,626	4,046
	151,574	87,085
Non-current liabilities:		
Revolving term credit facilities (Note 6)	573,935	587,126
Financial instruments (Note 12)	1,236	-
Decommissioning obligations (Note 7)	127,382	124,825
Deferred income taxes	88,304	82,694
Capital securities	49,303	49,225
	840,160	843,870
Total liabilities	991,734	930,955
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital (Note 8)		
Common shares	1,477,788	1,477,750
Preferred shares (perpetual)	41,434	41,434
Contributed surplus	71,862	69,959
Retained earnings	114,443	107,010
	1,705,527	1,696,153
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	2,697,261	2,627,108

Subsequent events (Note 13)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim condensed financial statements.

Approved by the Board

(signed) "Dennis A. Dawson"
Dennis A. Dawson
Lead Independent Director

(signed) "A. Jeffery Tonken"
A. Jeffery Tonken
Director

BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY LTD.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

Three months ended,	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
REVENUE		
Petroleum and natural gas sales (Note 9)	159,531	132,708
Royalties	(9,811)	(10,966)
Net revenue from oil and natural gas sales	149,720	121,742
Other income (Note 5)	202	-
Realized gain (loss) on financial instruments (Note 12)	(3,119)	2,411
Unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments (Note 12)	(8,398)	16,552
	138,405	140,705
EXPENSES		
Operating	25,933	28,950
Transportation and other	24,540	14,206
Administrative, net	6,858	6,607
Depletion and depreciation (Note 4)	50,869	42,137
Finance	7,827	8,675
Dividends on capital securities (Note 8)	875	875
Gain on sale of assets	-	(2,480)
	116,902	98,970
Net income before taxes	21,503	41,735
Income tax expense	(6,378)	(11,807)
NET INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	15,125	29,928
Net income per common share (Note 8)		
Basic	\$0.05	\$0.11
Diluted	\$0.05	\$0.11

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim condensed financial statements.

BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY LTD. CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Unaudited (Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Share Capital		Contributed Surplus	Retained Earnings	Total
	Common Shares	Preferred Shares			
As at December 31, 2016	1,464,567	41,434	63,847	184,559	1,754,407
Dividends on common shares	-	-	-	(6,604)	(6,604)
Dividends on perpetual preferred shares	-	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Exercise of stock options	3,322	-	(973)	-	2,349
Stock-based compensation	-	-	1,808	-	1,808
Net income and comprehensive income	-	-	-	29,928	29,928
As at March 31, 2017	1,467,889	41,434	64,682	206,883	1,780,888
As at December 31, 2017	1,477,750	41,434	69,959	107,010	1,696,153
Dividends on common shares (Note 8)	-	-	-	(6,645)	(6,645)
Dividends on perpetual preferred shares (Note 8)	-	-	-	(1,047)	(1,047)
Exercise of stock options (Note 10)	38	-	(9)	-	29
Stock-based compensation (Note 10)	-	-	1,912	-	1,912
Net income and comprehensive income	-	-	-	15,125	15,125
As at March 31, 2018	1,477,788	41,434	71,862	114,443	1,705,527

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim condensed financial statements.

BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY LTD.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Unaudited (Expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

Three months ended,	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Cash provided by (used in):		
OPERATING		
Net income and comprehensive income	15,125	29,928
Adjustments for items not affecting operating cash:		
Unrealized (gain) loss on financial instruments	8,398	(16,552)
Depletion and depreciation	50,869	42,137
Stock-based compensation	818	754
Finance	7,827	8,675
Gain on sale of assets	-	(2,480)
Income tax expense	6,378	11,807
Interest paid	(6,632)	(7,514)
Dividends on capital securities	875	875
Decommissioning expenditures	(422)	(301)
Changes in non-cash working capital	8,617	3,285
	91,853	70,614
FINANCING		
Exercise of stock options	29	2,349
Dividends on common shares	(6,645)	(6,604)
Dividends on perpetual preferred shares	(1,047)	(1,000)
Dividends on capital securities	(875)	(875)
Net change in revolving term credit facilities	(13,515)	6,184
	(22,053)	54
INVESTING		
Petroleum and natural gas properties	(133,144)	(129,880)
Acquisition of petroleum and natural gas properties and equipment	-	(6)
Sale of petroleum and natural gas properties and equipment	-	5,348
Changes in non-cash working capital	63,344	53,870
	(69,800)	(70,668)
Net change in cash	-	-
Cash, beginning of period	48	47
CASH, END OF PERIOD	48	47

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim condensed financial statements.

BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY LTD.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

Unaudited (Expressed In thousands Of Canadian Dollars, Unless Otherwise Stated)

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Birchcliff Energy Ltd. ("**Birchcliff**" or the "**Corporation**") is domiciled and incorporated in Alberta, Canada. Birchcliff is engaged in the exploration for and the development, production and acquisition of petroleum and natural gas reserves in Western Canada. The Corporation's financial year end is December 31. The address of the Corporation's registered office is Suite 1000, 600 – 3rd Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 0G5. Birchcliff's common shares, Series A Preferred Shares and Series C Preferred Shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols "**BIR**", "**BIR.PR.A**" and "**BIR.PR.C**", respectively.

These financial statements were approved and authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors on May 9, 2018.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These unaudited interim condensed financial statements present Birchcliff's financial results of operations and financial position under International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2018, including the 2017 comparative periods. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("**IAS**") 34 Interim Financial Reporting, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IASB**").

These financial statements have been prepared following the same IFRS accounting policies and methods of computation as disclosed in the annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, except as described in Note 3. Certain information and disclosures normally required to be included in the notes to the annual audited financial statements have been condensed, omitted or have been disclosed on an annual basis only. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual audited financial statements and the notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Birchcliff's financial statements are prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial and non-financial assets and liabilities which have been measured at fair value. The Corporation's financial statements include the accounts of Birchcliff only and are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated. Birchcliff does not have any subsidiaries.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

On January 1, 2018, Birchcliff adopted IFRS 15: *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (“**IFRS 15**”) using the cumulative effect method. Under this method, the comparative periods have not been restated and the cumulative effect on net earnings and the change in opening retained earnings as a result of the application of IFRS 15 to revenue contracts in progress at January 1, 2018 is nil. The Corporation reviewed its revenue streams and major contracts with customers using the IFRS 15 five step model and there were no changes to net earnings or timing of petroleum and natural gas sales recognized. It should be noted, however, that certain Income Statement line item reclassifications were made. Refer to Note 9 for more information, including additional disclosure requirements.

On January 1, 2018, Birchcliff adopted IFRS 9: *Financial Instruments* (“**IFRS 9**”) to replace IAS 39: *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* (“**IAS 39**”). IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income and fair value through profit or loss. The previous IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, loans and receivables and available for sale are eliminated. IFRS 9 bases the classification of financial assets on the contractual cash flow characteristics and the company’s business model for managing the financial asset. Additionally, embedded derivatives are not separated if the host contract is a financial asset within the scope of IFRS 9. Instead, the entire hybrid contract is assessed for classification and measurement. IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification of financial liabilities. The adoption of IFRS 9 has resulted in changes to the Corporation’s investment in securities which, upon adoption of IFRS 9, are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Under the previous IAS 39 standard, Birchcliff’s investment in securities were categorized as available for sale which required the securities to be fair valued at the end of each reporting period with any gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income. There were no changes to the treatment of distributions declared on the investment in securities which are recorded to profit or loss. The adoption of IFRS 9 had no impact on the amounts recorded in the financial statements as at January 1, 2018 or on the comparative periods.

Future Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16: *Leases* (“**IFRS 16**”). The standard will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted, provided IFRS 15 has been applied, or is applied at the same date as IFRS 16. Birchcliff is currently evaluating the impact of adopting IFRS 16 on the financial statements.

4. PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT

The continuity for petroleum and natural gas properties and equipment are as follows:

<i>(\$000s)</i>	Exploration & Evaluation Assets	Developed & Producing Assets	Corporate Assets	Total
<i>Cost:</i>				
As at December 31, 2016	53	3,376,236	13,950	3,390,239
Additions	28	455,894	1,774	457,696
Acquisitions	-	999	-	999
Dispositions	-	(542,027)	-	(542,027)
As at December 31, 2017	81	3,291,102	15,724	3,306,907
Additions	-	135,884	541	136,425
As at March 31, 2018 ⁽¹⁾	81	3,426,986	16,265	3,443,332
<i>Accumulated depletion and depreciation:</i>				
As at December 31, 2016	-	(735,221)	(9,181)	(744,402)
Depletion and depreciation expense	-	(183,831)	(1,835)	(185,666)
Dispositions	-	168,292	-	168,292
As at December 31, 2017	-	(750,760)	(11,016)	(761,776)
Depletion and depreciation expense	-	(50,386)	(483)	(50,869)
As at March 31, 2018	-	(801,146)	(11,499)	(812,645)
<i>Net book value:</i>				
As at December 31, 2017	81	2,540,342	4,708	2,545,131
As at March 31, 2018⁽²⁾	81	2,625,840	4,766	2,630,687

(1) The Corporation's P&NG properties and equipment were pledged as security for its credit facilities. Although the Corporation believes that it has title to its P&NG properties, it cannot control or completely protect itself against the risk of title disputes and challenges. There were no borrowing costs capitalized to P&NG properties and equipment.

(2) Birchcliff performed an impairment assessment of its P&NG assets on a CGU basis and determined there were no impairment indicators identified at the end of the reporting period and the comparative prior period. As a result, no impairment test was required as at March 31, 2018 or March 31, 2017.

5. INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES

The Corporation received on August 31, 2017 (the "**Issuance Date**") securities consisting of 4,500,000 common A units (the "**Common A LP Units**") in a limited partnership (the "**Limited Partnership**") affiliated with the purchaser and 10,000,000 preferred units (the "**Preferred Trust Units**") in a trust (the "**Trust**") affiliated with the purchaser (collectively, the "**Securities**") at a combined value of \$10 million. The Securities acquired are not publicly listed and do not constitute significant investments of the Corporation.

The Securities have limited voting rights and, in the case of the Common A LP Units, no redemption rights and limited participation rights in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or wind-up of the Limited Partnership. Holders of the Securities are entitled to, if and when declared, non-cumulative, quarterly dividend distributions for each three month period ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. The Preferred Trust Units are redeemable on demand by Birchcliff. For each Preferred Trust Unit redeemed by Birchcliff within the first five years of the Issuance Date, the redemption price will be equal to the lesser of (i) 90% of the fair market value of each redeemed Preferred Trust Unit at the date the redemption and (ii) \$0.90 per redeemed Preferred Trust Unit. For each Preferred Trust Unit redeemed on a date that is later than five years from the Issuance Date, being after August 31, 2022 (the "**Fifth Anniversary Date**"), the redemption price will be equal to the lesser of (i) the fair market value of each redeemed Preferred Trust Unit at the date the redemption and (ii) \$1.00 per redeemed Preferred Trust Unit.

Payment of the redemption price by the Trust is limited to a maximum cash amount of \$10,000 per month (or a greater amount, if the trustees of the Trust so decide) and any portion of the redemption price in excess of such cash amount (the "**Balance**") will be repaid through the Trust's issuance of a redemption note or an *in specie* distribution of the Trust's property. If the Preferred Trust Units are redeemed by Birchcliff before the Fifth Anniversary Date, the Balance is paid by the Trust through the issuance of redemption notes due and payable prior to the sixth anniversary of the Issuance Date, being August 31, 2023. If the Preferred Trust Units are redeemed by

Birchcliff after the Fifth Anniversary Date, the Balance is paid by the Trust through the issuance of redemption notes due and payable within less than a year of the date the redemption notes are issued.

The Securities had a fair value of \$10 million as of March 31, 2018. During the first three months of 2018, Birchcliff recorded \$0.2 million in dividend distributions in respect of the Securities that are included in other income.

6. REVOLVING TERM CREDIT FACILITIES

The components of the Corporation's revolving credit facilities include:

As at, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Syndicated credit facility	564,000	578,000
Working capital facility	16,686	16,823
Drawn revolving term credit facilities	580,686	594,823
Unamortized prepaid interest on bankers' acceptances	(4,269)	(4,891)
Unamortized deferred financing fees	(2,482)	(2,806)
Revolving term credit facilities	573,935	587,126

At March 31, 2018, the Corporation's credit facilities consisted of extendible revolving credit facilities in the aggregate principal amount of \$950 million with maturity dates of May 11, 2020 (the "Credit Facilities"). At March 31, 2018, the Credit Facilities were comprised of: (i) an extendible revolving syndicated term credit facility (the "Syndicated Credit Facility") of \$900 million; and (ii) an extendible revolving working capital facility (the "Working Capital Facility") of \$50 million.

The Credit Facilities are subject to a semi-annual review of the borrowing base limit by Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders, which limit is directly impacted by the value of Birchcliff's oil and natural gas reserves. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the credit agreement governing the Credit Facilities, the borrowing base of the Credit Facilities may be adjusted in certain other circumstances. Upon any change in or redetermination of the borrowing base limit which results in a borrowing base shortfall, Birchcliff must eliminate the borrowing base shortfall amount. Birchcliff may each year, at its option, request an extension to the maturity date of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility, or either of them, for an additional period of up to three years from May 11 of the year in which the extension request is made. In connection with the most recently completed semi-annual review of the Corporation's borrowing base limit under its credit facilities, the Corporation and the lenders agreed to the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million.

7. DECOMMISSIONING OBLIGATIONS

A reconciliation of the decommissioning obligations is set forth below:

As at, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Balance, beginning	124,825	133,470
Obligations incurred	2,185	8,468
Obligations acquired	-	626
Obligations divested	-	(45,902)
Changes in estimated future cash flows	-	25,902
Accretion expense	794	3,055
Actual expenditures	(422)	(794)
Balance, ending⁽¹⁾	127,382	124,825

(1) Birchcliff applied a risk-free rate of 2.36% and an inflation rate of 2.0% to calculate the discounted fair value of its decommissioning liabilities as at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

8. CAPITAL STOCK

Share Capital

(a) Authorized:

Unlimited number of voting common shares, with no par value.

Unlimited number of preferred shares, with no par value.

The preferred shares may be issued in one or more series and the directors are authorized to fix the number of shares in each series and to determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to the shares of each series.

(b) Number of common shares and perpetual preferred shares issued:

The following table sets forth the number of common shares and perpetual preferred shares issued:

As at, (000s)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Common Shares:		
Outstanding at beginning of period	265,797	264,042
Exercise of stock options	8	1,755
Outstanding at end of period ⁽¹⁾	265,805	265,797
Series A Preferred Shares (perpetual):		
Outstanding at beginning of period	2,000	2,000
Outstanding at end of period	2,000	2,000

(1) On November 15, 2017, Birchcliff announced that the TSX had accepted the Corporation's notice of intention to make a normal course issuer bid (the "NCIB"). Pursuant to the NCIB, Birchcliff may purchase up to 20,121,747 of its outstanding common shares. The total number of Common Shares that Birchcliff is permitted to purchase is subject to a daily purchase limit of 280,426 common shares; provided, however, that the Corporation may make one block purchase per calendar week which exceeds the daily purchase restriction. The NCIB commenced on November 20, 2017 and will terminate on November 19, 2018, or such earlier time as the NCIB is completed or is terminated at the option of Birchcliff. Purchases under the NCIB will be effected through the facilities of the TSX and/or Canadian alternative trading systems at the prevailing market price at the time of such transaction. All common shares purchased under the NCIB will be cancelled. Birchcliff did not purchase any common shares pursuant to the NCIB in 2017 or in the first quarter of 2018.

Capital Securities

The Corporation has outstanding 2,000,000 Series C Preferred Shares at March 31, 2018 (December 31, 2017 – 2,000,000).

Dividends

On February 28, 2018, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$6.6 million or \$0.025 per common share for the quarter ending March 31, 2018 (March 31, 2017 - \$6.6 million or \$0.025 per common share). This dividend was payable to shareholders of record on March 15, 2018.

On February 28, 2018, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$1.0 million or \$0.523375 per Series A Preferred Share (March 31, 2017 - \$1.0 million or \$0.50 per Series A Preferred Share) and \$0.875 million or \$0.4375 per Series C Preferred Share (March 31, 2017 - \$0.875 million or \$0.4375 per Series C Preferred Share) for the calendar quarter ending March 31, 2018. These dividends were payable to shareholders of record on March 15, 2018.

All dividends have been designated as "eligible dividends" for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Per Common Share

The following table sets forth the computation of net income per common share:

Three months ended,	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Net income (\$000s)	15,125	29,928
Dividends on Series A preferred shares (\$000s)	(1,047)	(1,000)
Net income to common shareholders (\$000s)	14,078	28,928
Weighted average common shares (000s):		
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding	265,797	264,099
Effects of dilutive securities	382	3,978
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding ⁽¹⁾	266,179	268,077
Net income per common share		
Basic	\$0.05	\$0.11
Diluted	\$0.05	\$0.11

(1) The weighted average diluted common shares outstanding as of March 31, 2018 excludes 16,911,072 common shares issuable pursuant to outstanding stock options that are anti-dilutive in the three month reporting period (March 31, 2017 – 8,023,239).

9. PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REVENUE

The following table sets forth Birchcliff's petroleum and natural gas ("P&NG") revenues:

Three months ended, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Light oil sales	26,775	29,821
Natural gas sales	92,573	80,451
NGLs sales	40,141	22,353
Total P&NG sales ⁽¹⁾	159,489	132,625
Royalty revenue	42	83
Total P&NG revenues	159,531	132,708

(1) Excludes the effects of hedges using financial instruments but includes the effects of any fixed price physical delivery contracts outstanding during the period, if any.

Revenue from the sale of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids ("NGLs") is measured based on the consideration specified in contracts with marketers and other third parties. Birchcliff recognizes revenue when it transfers control of the product to the contract counterparty. In making this evaluation, management considers if Birchcliff has the ability to direct the use of, and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from the delivery of the product.

Birchcliff evaluates its arrangements with marketers and other third parties to determine if the Corporation acts as the principal or as an agent. In making this evaluation, the Corporation considers if it obtains control of the product delivered or services provided, which is indicated by the Corporation having the primary responsibility for the delivery of the product or rendering of the service, having the ability to establish prices or having inventory risk. If the Corporation acts in the capacity of an agent rather than as a principal in a transaction, then the revenue is recognized on a net-basis, only reflecting the fee, if any, realized by the Corporation from the transaction.

10. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

Stock Options

At March 31, 2018, the Corporation's Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan (the "Option Plan") permitted the grant of options in respect of a maximum of 26,580,536 (March 31, 2017 – 26,444,170) common shares. At March 31, 2018, there remained available for issuance options in respect of 9,633,464 (March 31, 2017 – 9,665,694) common shares. During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the weighted average common share trading price on the Toronto Stock Exchange was \$3.50 (March 31, 2017 – \$7.69) per common share.

A summary of the outstanding stock options is set forth below:

	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	14,158,107	6.88
Granted ⁽¹⁾	4,330,900	3.10
Exercised	(8,666)	(3.35)
Forfeited	(67,002)	(7.01)
Expired	(1,466,267)	(7.29)
Outstanding, March 31, 2018⁽¹⁾	16,947,072	5.88

(1) Each stock option granted entitles the holder to purchase one common share at the exercise price.

The weighted average fair value per option granted during the three months ended March 31, 2018 was \$0.99 (March 31, 2017 – \$3.06). In determining the stock-based compensation expense for options issued during the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Corporation applied a weighted average estimated forfeiture rate of 11% (March 31, 2017 – 11%).

The weighted average assumptions used in calculating the Black-Scholes fair values are set forth below:

Three months ended,	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Risk-free interest rate	2.0%	1.0%
Expected life (years)	4.0	4.0
Expected volatility	49.6%	49.3%
Dividend yield	3.06%	-

A summary of the stock options outstanding and exercisable under the Option Plan at March 31, 2018 is set forth below:

Exercise Price (\$)		Awards Outstanding			Awards Exercisable		
Low	High	Quantity	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)	Quantity	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)
3.07	6.00	6,984,902	4.1	3.27	1,645,511	2.8	3.43
6.01	9.00	9,784,170	2.4	7.66	6,647,370	1.8	7.62
9.01	11.86	178,000	1.7	10.00	155,333	1.4	10.13
		16,947,072	3.1	5.88	8,448,214	2.0	6.85

Performance Warrants

On January 14, 2005, Birchcliff issued 4,049,665 performance warrants as part of the Corporation's initial restructuring to become a public entity. There are 2,939,732 performance warrants outstanding and exercisable at March 31, 2018 (March 31, 2017 – 2,939,732). Each performance warrant is exercisable at a price of \$3.00 to purchase one common share of Birchcliff and expires on January 31, 2020.

11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Corporation's general policy is to maintain a sufficient capital base in order to manage its business in the most effective manner with the goal of increasing the value of its assets and thus its underlying share value. The Corporation's objectives when managing capital are to maintain financial flexibility in order to preserve its ability to meet financial obligations (including potential obligations arising from additional acquisitions), to maintain a capital structure that allows Birchcliff to finance its growth strategy using primarily internally-generated cash flow and its available debt capacity and to optimize the use of its capital to provide an appropriate investment return to its shareholders. There were no changes in the Corporation's approach to capital management during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

The following table sets forth the Corporation's total available credit:

As at, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>Maximum borrowing base limit⁽¹⁾:</i>		
Revolving term credit facilities	950,000	950,000
<i>Principal amount utilized:</i>		
Drawn revolving term credit facilities	(580,686)	(594,823)
Outstanding letters of credit ⁽²⁾	(12,185)	(12,184)
	(592,871)	(607,007)
Unused credit	357,129	342,993

(1) The Credit Facilities are subject to a semi-annual review of the borrowing base limit, which is directly impacted by the value of Birchcliff's petroleum and natural gas reserves.

(2) Letters of credit are issued to various service providers. The letters of credit reduced the amount available under the Working Capital Facility from \$50 million to approximately \$38 million. There were no amounts drawn on the letters of credit during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

The capital structure of the Corporation is as follows:

As at, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	% Change
Shareholders' equity ⁽¹⁾	1,705,527	1,696,153	
Capital securities	49,303	49,225	
Shareholders' equity & capital securities	1,754,830	1,745,378	1%
Shareholders' equity & capital securities as a % of total capital ⁽²⁾	73%	74%	
Working capital deficit ⁽³⁾	83,797	11,067	
Drawn revolving term credit facilities	580,686	594,823	
Drawn debt	664,483	605,890	10%
Drawn debt as a % of total capital	27%	26%	
Capital	2,419,313	2,351,268	3%

(1) Shareholders' equity is defined as share capital plus contributed surplus plus retained earnings, less any deficit.

(2) Of the 73%, approximately 68% relates to common capital stock and 5% relates to preferred capital stock.

(3) Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities (excluding fair value of financial instruments).

12. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Birchcliff is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk as part of its normal course of business. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Corporation's financial risk management framework and periodically reviews the results of all risk management activities and all outstanding positions. Birchcliff's exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk are consistent with those disclosed in the annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Financial Derivative Contracts

As of March 31, 2018, Birchcliff had certain financial derivative contracts outstanding in order to manage commodity price risk. These instruments are not used for trading or speculative purposes. Birchcliff has not designated its financial derivative contracts as effective accounting hedges, even though the Corporation considers all commodity contracts to be effective economic hedges. As a result, all such financial derivative contracts are recorded on the statement of financial position at fair value, with the changes in fair value being recognized as an unrealized gain or loss in profit or loss.

As at March 31, 2018, Birchcliff had the following financial derivative contracts in place in order to manage commodity price risk:

Product	Type of Contract	Notional Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Floating Price ⁽²⁾	Fair Value (\$000s)
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu	293
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu	125
Fair value asset – short term					418

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

(2) Natural gas prices referenced to NYMEX Henry Hub.

Product	Type of Contract	Notional Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Contract Price	Fair Value (\$000s)
Crude oil	Financial swap	1,500 bbls/d	Apr. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	WTI CDN\$71.85/bbl	(3,847)
Crude oil	Financial swap	3,000 bbls/d	Apr. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018	WTI CDN\$71.88/bbl	(7,744)
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	WTI CDN\$77.00/bbl	(17)
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2019	WTI CDN\$77.00/bbl	(18)
Fair value liability – short term					(11,626)

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

Product	Type of Contract	Notional Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Floating Price ⁽²⁾	Fair Value (\$000s)
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Apr. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu	(933)
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Apr. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	Henry Hub less US\$1.34/MMBtu	(303)
Fair value liability – long term					(1,236)

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

(2) Natural gas prices referenced to NYMEX Henry Hub.

The following table provides a summary of the realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial derivative contracts:

Three months ended, (\$000s)	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Realized gain (loss) on derivatives	(3,119)	2,411
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	(8,398)	16,552

As of March 31, 2018, if the future strip prices for WTI crude oil had been CDN\$1.00/bbl higher, with all other variables held constant, after tax net income in the quarter ended March 31, 2018 would have decreased by \$1.0 million. As of March 31, 2018, if the future strip prices for AECO was US\$0.10/MMBtu higher, with all other variables held constant, after tax net income in the quarter ended March 31, 2018 would have decreased by \$4.4 million.

The following financial derivative contracts were entered into subsequent to March 31, 2018:

Product	Type of Contract	Notional Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Contract / Floating Price ⁽²⁾
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Jun. 30, 2019	WTI CDN\$78.00/bbl
Crude oil	Financial swap	500 bbls/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Jun. 30, 2019	WTI CDN\$80.25/bbl
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	Henry Hub less US\$1.32/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	10,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	Henry Hub less US\$1.32/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	20,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	Henry Hub less US\$1.28/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	15,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	Henry Hub less US\$1.185/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	Henry Hub less US\$1.20/MMBtu
Natural gas	AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2024	Henry Hub less US\$1.20/MMBtu

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

(2) Natural gas prices referenced to NYMEX Henry Hub.

Physical Delivery Sales Contracts

Birchcliff also enters into physical delivery sales contracts to manage commodity price risk. The following physical sales contract was entered into subsequent to March 31, 2018:

Product	Type of Contract	Quantity	Term ⁽¹⁾	Floating Price ⁽²⁾
Natural Gas	AECO basis swap	5,000 MMBtu/d	Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2023	Henry Hub less US\$1.205/MMBtu

(1) Transactions with common terms and the same counterparty have been aggregated and presented at the weighted average price.

(2) Natural gas prices referenced to NYMEX Henry Hub.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

New Processing Arrangement for the Gordondale Facility

On April 3, 2018, Birchcliff and AltaGas Ltd. (“AltaGas”) announced that they had entered into a long-term natural gas processing arrangement (the “Processing Arrangement”) at AltaGas’ deep-cut sour gas processing facility located in Gordondale, Alberta (the “Gordondale Facility”). The new Processing Arrangement is effective from January 1, 2018 and replaced the parties’ previous Gordondale processing arrangement. Under the Processing

Arrangement, Birchcliff's fees at the Gordondale Facility were reduced and Birchcliff is being provided with up to 120 MMcf/d of natural gas processing on a firm-service basis and its take-or-pay obligation is 100 MMcf/d. The term of the Processing Arrangement is for at least 15 years, subject to extension in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Extension of Maturity Dates of Credit Facilities and Borrowing Base Unchanged

Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders recently completed its semi-annual review of Birchcliff's borrowing base limit under its Credit Facilities. In connection with such review, Birchcliff and its syndicate of lenders agreed to: (i) an extension of the maturity dates of each the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility from May 11, 2020 to May 11, 2021; (ii) the borrowing base remaining unchanged at \$950 million; and (iii) increasing the Working Capital Facility to \$100 million (from \$50 million) with a corresponding reduction in the Syndicated Credit Facility to \$850 million (from \$900 million).

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement governing the Credit Facilities, Birchcliff may each year, at its option, request an extension to the maturity date of the Syndicated Credit Facility and the Working Capital Facility, or either of them, for an additional period of up to three years from May 11 of the year in which the extension request is made. The Credit Facilities are subject to semi-annual reviews of the borrowing base limit by Birchcliff's syndicate of lenders, which reviews are typically completed in May and November of each year. The Credit Facilities do not contain any financial maintenance covenants.

ABBREVIATIONS

AECO	benchmark price for natural gas determined at the AECO 'C' hub in southeast Alberta
°API	the measure of the density or gravity of liquid petroleum products derived from a specific gravity
bbl	barrel
bbls	barrels
bbls/d	barrels per day
boe	barrel of oil equivalent
boe/d	barrel of oil equivalent per day
CGR	condensate gas ratio
F&D	finding and development
GAAP	generally accepted accounting principles for Canadian public companies which are currently International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board
GJ	gigajoule
GJ/d	gigajoules per day
HZ	horizontal
m ³	cubic metres
Mcf	thousand cubic feet
Mcfe	thousand cubic feet of gas equivalent
MJ	megajoule
MM\$	millions of dollars
MMBtu	million British thermal units
MMBtu/d	million British thermal units per day
MMcf	million cubic feet
MMcf/d	million cubic feet per day
MPa	megapascal
NGLs	natural gas liquids
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
TCPL	TransCanada PipeLines
WTI	West Texas Intermediate, the reference price paid in U.S. dollars at Cushing, Oklahoma, for crude oil of standard grade
000s	thousands
\$000s	thousands of dollars

NON-GAAP MEASURES

This First Quarter Report uses “adjusted funds flow”, “adjusted funds flow per common share”, “operating netback”, “estimated operating netback”, “operating margin”, “total cash costs”, “adjusted working capital deficit” and “total debt”. These measures do not have standardized meanings prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. For further details on these non-GAAP measures, please see “*Non-GAAP Measures*” in the management’s discussion and analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

In addition, this First Quarter Report uses “adjusted funds flow netback” which does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. “Adjusted funds flow netback” denotes petroleum and natural gas revenue less royalties, less operating expense, less transportation and other expense, less net general and administrative expense, less interest expense and less any realized losses (plus realized gains) on financial instruments and plus any other cash income sources. Birchcliff previously referred to adjusted funds flow netback as “funds flow netback”. Adjusted funds flow netback is calculated on a per unit basis, unless otherwise indicated. Management believes that adjusted funds flow netback assists management and investors in assessing Birchcliff’s profitability and its operating results on a per unit basis to better analyze its performance against prior periods on a comparable basis.

The following table provides a breakdown of adjusted funds flow netback for the periods indicated:

	Three months ended March 31, 2018		Three months ended March 31, 2017	
	(\$000s)	(\$/boe) ⁽¹⁾	(\$000s)	(\$/boe) ⁽¹⁾
Petroleum and natural gas revenue	159,531	23.22	132,708	23.91
Royalty expense	(9,811)	(1.43)	(10,966)	(1.98)
Operating expense	(25,933)	(3.78)	(28,950)	(5.22)
Transportation and other expense	(24,540)	(3.56)	(14,206)	(2.55)
General & administrative expense, net	(6,040)	(0.88)	(5,853)	(1.05)
Interest expense	(6,632)	(0.97)	(7,514)	(1.35)
Realized gain (loss) on financial instruments	(3,119)	(0.45)	2,411	0.43
Other income	202	0.03	-	-
Adjusted funds flow netback	83,658	12.18	67,630	12.19

(1) All per boe figures are calculated by dividing each aggregate financial amount by the production (boe) in the respective period.

ADVISORIES

Unaudited Information

All financial and operating information contained in this First Quarter Report for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is unaudited.

Currency

All amounts in this First Quarter Report are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified.

Boe and Mcfe Conversions

Boe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 6 Mcf of natural gas to 1 bbl of oil and Mcfe amounts have been calculated by using the conversion ratio of 1 bbl of oil to 6 Mcf of natural gas. Boe and Mcfe amounts may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 Mcf: 1 bbl and an Mcfe conversion ratio 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 based on the current price of crude oil as compared to natural gas is significantly different from the energy equivalency of 6:1, utilizing a conversion on a 6:1 basis may be misleading as an indication of value.

MMBtu Pricing Conversions

\$1.00 per MMBtu equals \$1.00 per Mcf based on a standard heat value Mcf.

Oil and Gas Metrics

This First Quarter Report contains metrics commonly used in the oil and natural gas industry, including netbacks. These oil and gas metrics do not have any standardized meanings or standard methods of calculation and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies where similar terminology is used. As such, they should not be used to make comparisons. Management uses these oil and gas metrics for its own performance measurements and to provide shareholders with measures to compare Birchcliff's performance over time; however, such measures are not reliable indicators of Birchcliff's future performance and future performance may not compare to Birchcliff's performance in previous periods and therefore should not be unduly relied upon. For further information regarding netbacks, please see "Non-GAAP Measures" in the management's discussion and analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and in this First Quarter Report.

Test Results and Initial Production Rates

Any references in this First Quarter Report to production test, initial production and other short-term production rates are useful in confirming the presence of hydrocarbons; however, such rates are not determinative of the rates at which such wells will continue to produce and decline thereafter and are not indicative of the long-term performance or the ultimate recovery of such wells. In addition, such rates may also include recovered "load oil" or "load water" fluids used in well completion stimulation. While encouraging, readers are cautioned not to place

undue reliance on such rates in calculating the aggregate production for Birchcliff. Such rates are based on field estimates and may be based on limited data available at this time. A pressure transient analysis or well-test interpretation has not been carried out in respect of any of the wells. Accordingly, Birchcliff cautions that the test results should be considered to be preliminary.

Capital Expenditures

Unless otherwise stated, references in this First Quarter Report to: (i) “net capital expenditures” and “capital expenditures, net” denote F&D costs (which includes land, seismic, workovers, drilling and completions and well equipment and facilities) plus administrative assets, plus acquisition costs, less any dispositions; and (ii) “total capital expenditures” denotes F&D costs plus administrative assets. Birchcliff’s guidance regarding its 2018 capital expenditures has been presented on a total basis. Birchcliff makes acquisitions and dispositions in the ordinary course of business. Any acquisitions and dispositions completed during 2018 could have an impact on Birchcliff’s capital expenditures, production and adjusted funds flow for 2018, which impact could be material. Please also see “*Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements*”.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this First Quarter Report constitute forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively referred to as “**forward-looking statements**”) within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Such forward-looking statements relate to future events or Birchcliff’s future plans, operations or performance and are based on Birchcliff’s current expectations, estimates, projections, beliefs and assumptions. Birchcliff has made such forward-looking statements in light of information available to it at the time the statements were made and reflect its experience and perception of historical trends. All statements and information other than historical fact may be forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as “seek”, “plan”, “expect”, “project”, “intend”, “believe”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “forecast”, “potential”, “proposed”, “predict”, “budget”, “continue”, “targeting”, “may”, “will”, “could”, “might”, “should” and other similar words and expressions.

By their nature, forward-looking 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 statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Although Birchcliff believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct and Birchcliff makes no representation that actual results achieved will be the same in whole or in part as those set out in the forward-looking statements.

In particular, this First Quarter Report contains forward-looking statements relating to the following: Birchcliff’s plans and other aspects of its anticipated future financial performance, operations, focus, objectives, strategies, opportunities, priorities and goals (including that Birchcliff is focused on its high-quality Montney/Doig Resource Play and the exploration and development of its low-cost natural gas, crude oil and liquids-rich assets on the play, that part of Birchcliff’s long-term strategy is to continue to explore and delineate the Montney/Doig Resource Play and that Birchcliff is focused on protecting its balance sheet); Birchcliff’s guidance regarding its 2018 Capital Program and its proposed exploration and development activities and the timing thereof (including its estimates of capital expenditures in 2018, planned capital expenditures and capital allocation, the focus of, the objectives of and the anticipated results from the 2018 Capital Program, the number and types of wells to be drilled and brought on production, Birchcliff’s science and technology multi-well pad program and Birchcliff’s expectation that the entirety of the 2018 Capital Program will be fully funded out of its forecast 2018 adjusted funds flow as such adjusted funds flow is expected to exceed its 2018 capital expenditures on an annual basis); Birchcliff’s production and other guidance (including its estimates of its annual average production and commodity mix in 2018, its estimates of royalty, operating and transportation and other expenses in 2018, statements that Birchcliff expects that its operating expense will decrease during 2018, its estimates of its natural gas production that is expected to be sold at or via AECO, Dawn and Alliance during 2018, forecasts of 2018 commodity prices, statements that Birchcliff is firmly on track to meet its 2018 guidance and Birchcliff’s expectation that its total debt at year-end 2018 will be lower compared to March 31, 2018); statements that as new wells are brought on production throughout 2018, the cash flow from such wells will be used to repay debt and to fund capital expenditures, as

well as for general corporate purposes; statements regarding the proposed Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant (including the anticipated processing capacity of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant after such expansion and the anticipated timing of such expansion); statements regarding the re-configuring of Phases V and VI of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant to provide for shallow-cut capability; statements regarding Birchcliff's plans for future facilities (including statements that Birchcliff currently has no plans to proceed with the Phase VII or Phase VIII expansions of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant and that it will no longer be required to incur significant capital to build its own deep-cut facility in Pouce Coupe as a result of the Processing Arrangement); the production test results for Birchcliff's Gordondale and Pouce Coupe wells and the performance and other characteristics of Birchcliff's oil and natural gas properties and expected results from its assets (including statements regarding the characteristics of Birchcliff's Montney/Doig Resource Play, statements regarding the strength of Birchcliff's resource base and its ability to add more oil and condensate to its commodity mix, statements regarding well performance and decline rates, statements regarding the future potential and prospectivity of Birchcliff's properties or intervals and statements that Birchcliff expects that it will be able to significantly expand its future opportunities on the Montney/Doig Resource Play assuming the success of its Montney D2 well in Pouce Coupe); statements regarding Birchcliff's Credit Facilities (including the timing of semi-annual reviews and that the amendments to the Credit Facilities have provided Birchcliff with continued financial flexibility); Birchcliff's marketing and transportation arrangements (including that additional tranches of service on TCPL's Canadian Mainline will become available later in 2018 and 2019); and Birchcliff's market diversification and hedging activities, strategies and use of risk management techniques (including statements that Birchcliff actively looks for profitable opportunities to diversify its natural gas markets and reduce its exposure to prices at AECO, statements that it maintains an ongoing hedging program and engages in various risk management activities to reduce its exposure to volatility in commodity prices, the percentages of its forecast 2018 production that is hedged and Birchcliff's expectation that during 2019 approximately 63% of its natural gas production will be sold at prices that are not based on AECO and that after taking into account Birchcliff's oil and NGLs production, approximately 30% of Birchcliff's total production in 2019 is expected to be exposed to AECO pricing, with the remaining 70% not exposed to AECO pricing). In addition, forward-looking statements in this First Quarter Report include the forward-looking statements identified in the management's discussion and analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2018 under the heading "*Advisories – Forward-Looking Statements*".

With respect to forward-looking information contained in this First Quarter Report, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things: prevailing and future commodity prices and differentials, currency exchange rates, interest rates, inflation rates, royalty rates and tax rates; the state of the economy, financial markets and the exploration, development and production business; the political environment in which Birchcliff operates; the regulatory framework regarding royalties, taxes and environmental laws; future cash flow, debt and dividend levels; future operating, transportation, marketing, general and administrative and other expenses; Birchcliff's ability to access capital and obtain financing on acceptable terms; the timing and amount of capital expenditures and the sources of funding for capital expenditures and other activities; the sufficiency of budgeted capital expenditures to carry out planned operations; the successful and timely implementation of capital projects; results of future operations; Birchcliff's ability to continue to develop its assets and obtain the anticipated benefits therefrom; the performance of existing and future wells, well production rates and well decline rates; success rates for future drilling; reserves and resource volumes and Birchcliff's ability to replace and expand reserves through acquisition, development or exploration; the impact of competition on Birchcliff; the availability of, demand for and cost of labour, services and materials; the ability to obtain any necessary regulatory or other approvals in a timely manner; the satisfaction by third parties of their obligations to Birchcliff; the ability of Birchcliff to secure adequate transportation for its products; Birchcliff's ability to market oil and gas; and the availability of hedges on terms acceptable to Birchcliff. In addition to the foregoing assumptions, Birchcliff has made the following assumptions with respect to certain forward-looking statements contained in this First Quarter Report:

- With respect to statements regarding the 2018 Capital Program (including estimates of 2018 capital expenditures and statements that the entirety of the 2018 Capital Program will be fully funded from 2018 adjusted funds flow), such statements are based on the assumptions set forth in the table under the heading "*Outlook and Guidance*".

- With respect to estimates of capital expenditures, such estimates assume that the 2018 Capital Program will be carried out as currently contemplated. Please also see *“Advisories – Capital Expenditures”*.
- With respect to statements that the entirety of the 2018 Capital Program is expected to be fully funded out of Birchcliff’s forecast 2018 adjusted funds flow and that such adjusted funds flow is expected to exceed its 2018 capital expenditures on an annual basis, such statements assume that: the 2018 Capital Program will be carried out as currently contemplated; and the production targets, commodity mix and commodity price assumptions set forth herein are achieved.
- The amount and allocation of capital expenditures for exploration and development activities by area and the number and types of wells to be drilled is dependent upon results achieved and is subject to review and modification by management on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Actual spending may vary due to a variety of factors, including commodity prices, economic conditions, results of operations and costs of labour, services and materials. Birchcliff will monitor economic conditions and commodity prices and, where deemed prudent, will adjust the 2018 Capital Program to respond to changes in commodity prices and other material changes in the assumptions underlying the 2018 Capital Program. In addition, any acquisitions and dispositions completed during 2018 could have an impact on Birchcliff’s capital expenditures, production, adjusted funds flow and costs for 2018, which impact could be material.
- With respect to Birchcliff’s production guidance, the key assumptions are that: Birchcliff’s capital expenditure program will be carried out as currently contemplated; no unexpected outages occur in the infrastructure that Birchcliff relies on to produce its wells and that any transportation service curtailments or unplanned outages that occur will be short in duration or otherwise insignificant; the construction of new infrastructure meets timing and operational expectations; existing wells continue to meet production expectations; and future wells scheduled to come on production meet timing, production and capital expenditure expectations. In addition, Birchcliff’s production guidance may be affected by acquisition and disposition activity and acquisitions and dispositions could occur that may impact expected production.
- With respect to statements of future wells to be drilled and brought on production, the key assumptions are: the continuing validity of the geological and other technical interpretations performed by Birchcliff’s technical staff, which indicate that commercially economic volumes can be recovered from Birchcliff’s lands as a result of drilling future wells; and that commodity prices and general economic conditions will warrant proceeding with the drilling of such wells.
- With respect to statements regarding the proposed Phase VI expansion of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant, including the anticipated processing capacity of the Pouce Coupe Gas Plant after such expansion and the anticipated timing of such expansion, the key assumptions are that: future drilling is successful; there is sufficient labour, services and equipment available; Birchcliff will have access to sufficient capital to fund such project; the key components of the plant will operate as designed; and commodity prices and general economic conditions will warrant proceeding with the construction of the plant and the drilling of associated wells.

Birchcliff’s actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of both known and unknown risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions which will, among other things, impact the demand for and market prices of Birchcliff’s products and Birchcliff’s access to capital; volatility of crude oil and natural gas prices; fluctuations in currency and interest rates; stock market volatility; loss of market demand; an inability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources; fluctuations in the costs of borrowing; operational risks and liabilities inherent in oil and natural gas operations; the occurrence of unexpected events such as fires, equipment failures and other similar events affecting Birchcliff or other parties whose operations or assets directly or indirectly affect Birchcliff; uncertainty that development activities in connection with its assets will be economical; uncertainties associated with estimating oil and natural gas reserves and resources; the accuracy of oil and natural gas reserves estimates and estimated production levels; geological, technical, drilling, construction and processing problems; uncertainty of geological and technical data; horizontal drilling and completions techniques and the failure of drilling results to meet expectations for reserves or production; uncertainties related to

Birchcliff's future potential drilling locations; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures, including delays in the completion of Birchcliff's gas plants and other facilities; the accuracy of cost estimates and variances in Birchcliff's actual costs and economic returns from those anticipated; incorrect assessments of the value of acquisitions and exploration and development programs; changes in tax laws, Crown royalty rates, environmental laws, carbon tax regimes, incentive programs and other regulations that affect the oil and natural gas industry and other actions by government authorities; the cost of compliance with current and future environmental laws; political uncertainty and uncertainty associated with government policy changes; uncertainties and risks associated with pipeline restrictions and outages to third-party infrastructure that could cause disruptions to production; the inability to secure adequate production transportation for Birchcliff's products; the inability to satisfy obligations under Birchcliff's firm marketing and transportation arrangements or other agreements; shortages in equipment and skilled personnel; the absence or loss of key employees; competition for, among other things, capital, acquisitions of reserves, undeveloped lands, equipment and skilled personnel; management of Birchcliff's growth; environmental risks, claims and liabilities; uncertainties associated with the outcome of litigation or other proceedings involving Birchcliff; uncertainties associated with credit facilities and counterparty credit risk; non-performance or default by counterparties; risks associated with Birchcliff's hedging program and the risk that hedges on terms acceptable to Birchcliff may not be available; risks associated with the declaration and payment of dividends, including the discretion of Birchcliff's board of directors to declare dividends; the failure to obtain any required approvals in a timely manner or at all; the failure to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions and dispositions and unforeseen difficulties in integrating acquired assets into Birchcliff's operations; negative public perception of the oil and natural gas industry, including transportation, hydraulic fracturing and fossil fuels; and the availability of insurance and the risk that certain losses may not be insured.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of factors are not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other risk factors that could affect results of operations, financial performance or financial results are included in Birchcliff's most recent Annual Information Form and in other reports filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

Any future-orientated financial information and financial outlook information (collectively, "FOFI") contained in this First Quarter Report, as such terms are defined by applicable securities laws, is provided for the purpose of providing information about management's current expectations and plans relating to the future and is subject to the same assumptions, risk factors, limitations and qualifications as set forth in the above paragraphs. FOFI contained in this First Quarter Report was made as of the date of this First Quarter Report and Birchcliff disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any FOFI contained in this First Quarter Report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by applicable law. Readers are cautioned that any FOFI contained herein should not be used for purposes other than those for which it has been disclosed herein.

Management has included the above summary of assumptions and risks related to forward-looking statements provided in this First Quarter Report in order to provide readers with a more complete perspective on Birchcliff's future operations. Readers are cautioned that this information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

The forward-looking statements contained in this First Quarter Report are expressly qualified by the foregoing cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this First Quarter Report are made as of the date of this First Quarter Report. Unless required by applicable laws, Birchcliff does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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