

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

# Third Quarter Report for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flow of PHX Energy Services Corp. ("PHX Energy" or the "Corporation") should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's 2024 unaudited interim third quarter report, including the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the accompanying notes contained therein as well as other sections contained within the Corporation's 2024 third quarter report, and the Corporation's 2023 annual report, including the MD&A, and audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes contained therein as well as other sections contained within the Corporation's 2023 annual report. Readers can also obtain additional information on the Corporation including its most recently filed Annual Information Circular and Annual Information Form ("AIF") on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. This MD&A has been prepared taking into consideration information available up to and including November 5, 2024.

PHX Energy's Interim Financial Report for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The MD&A and Interim Financial Report was reviewed by PHX Energy's Audit Committee and approved by PHX Energy's Board of Directors (the "Board") on November 5, 2024.

This MD&A contains Forward-Looking Information and Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures, including Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Ratios, Capital Management Measures and Supplementary Financial Measures. Please refer to the "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for applicable definitions and reconciliations. Please refer to the "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information and Statements" section of this MD&A.

Industry data cited throughout this MD&A is sourced from Baker Hughes North American rig counts (https://rigcount.bakerhughes.com/na-rig-count) and custom reports from Geologic Systems for Canadian industry operating days.

## **Third Quarter Highlights**

- Despite the continued softening in the US rig count in the third quarter of 2024, PHX Energy generated consolidated revenue of \$160.6 million, only 5 percent lower than the record third quarter consolidated revenue of \$169.4 million generated in 2023. Consolidated revenue in the 2024-quarter included \$10.2 million of motor rental revenue and \$2 million of revenue generated from the sale of motor equipment and parts (2023 \$13.2 million and \$6.2 million, respectively).
- For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, PHX Energy's US division generated revenue of \$117 million, 6 percent lower than the \$123.8 million in the 2023-quarter and marginally higher than the \$116 million in the second quarter of 2024. The decline in US quarterly revenue is largely attributable to lower motor rental revenue and motor equipment and parts sales while the US division's directional drilling revenue was flat quarter-over-quarter. In comparison, the US rig count was down 10 percent compared to the third quarter of 2023 and 3 percent compared to the second quarter of 2024. US division revenue in the 2024-quarter represented 73 percent of consolidated revenue (2023 73 percent of consolidated revenue).
- PHX Energy's Canadian division reported \$43.7 million of quarterly revenue, 4 percent lower compared to \$45.5 million in the 2023-quarter. In comparison, the Canadian rig count increased by 10 percent quarter-over-quarter.
   During the 2024 three-month period, PHX Energy's Canadian activity was negatively affected by the weak natural gas prices that persisted and the resulting reduction in its natural gas clients' activity.

- For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> was \$29 million, 18 percent of consolidated revenue<sup>(1)</sup>, as compared to \$43.5 million, 26 percent of consolidated revenue, in the same 2023-quarter. Earnings in the 2024 three-month period were \$10.2 million, \$0.22 per share, as compared to \$24.9 million, \$0.50 per share, in the same 2023-period. Included in the 2024-quarter's adjusted EBITDA and earnings is \$4.3 million (pre-tax) of net gain on disposition of drilling equipment, a decrease compared to \$8.4 million (pre-tax) in the 2023-quarter. Additionally, included in the 2024 three-month period adjusted EBITDA is cash-settled share-based compensation expense of \$2.5 million (2023 \$5 million). For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense<sup>(1)</sup> is \$31.5 million, 20 percent of consolidated revenue (2023 \$48.5 million, 29 percent of consolidated revenue). Apart from lower revenue and net gain on disposition of drilling equipment, the decline in profitability in the 2024-quarter was generally due to decreased activity in the Corporation's high margin revenue streams, including Rotary Steerable System ("RSS") activity, motor rentals, and motor equipment and parts sales.
- In the third quarter of 2024, the Corporation generated excess cash flow<sup>(2)</sup> of \$19.3 million, after deducting net capital expenditures<sup>(2)</sup> of \$4.2 million (\$11.1 million of capital expenditures offset by proceeds on disposition of drilling and other equipment of \$6.9 million).
- In the 2024 three-month period, PHX Energy paid \$9.4 million in dividends which is 24 percent higher than the dividend amount paid in the same 2023-period. On September 13, 2024, the Corporation declared a dividend of \$0.20 per share or \$9.2 million payable on October 15, 2024.
- During the third quarter of 2024, the TSX approved the renewal of PHX Energy's Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") to purchase for cancellation, from time-to-time, up to a maximum of 3,363,845 common shares, representing 10 percent of the Corporation's public float of Common Shares as at August 7, 2024. The NCIB commenced on August 16, 2024 and will terminate on August 15, 2025.
- There were 1,289,932 common shares purchased for \$12.6 million and subsequently cancelled under the previous and current NCIB in the three-month period ended September 30, 2024 (2023 2,442,700 shares, \$17.5 million).
   Subsequent to September 30, 2024, the Corporation purchased and cancelled 420,100 common shares for \$4.1 million including incremental transaction costs.
- Since the second quarter of 2017 to September 30, 2024, a total of 15.7 million common shares have been purchased and cancelled under PHX Energy's various NCIB's. This represents 27 percent of common shares outstanding as of

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June 30, 2017. It is the Corporation's intention to continue the current strategy of leveraging the NCIB to its fullest as a tool to further reward shareholders under ROCS.

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation had working capital<sup>(2)</sup> of \$75.7 million and net debt<sup>(2)</sup> of \$5 million.

# Financial Highlights

(Stated in thousands of dollars except per share amounts, percentages and shares outstanding)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,					nonth periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change	
Operating Results	(unaudited)	(unaudited)		(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
Revenue	160,634	169,368	(5)	480,987	491,008	(2)	
Earnings	10,160	24,921	(59)	40,527	65,447	(38)	
Earnings per share – diluted	0.22	0.50	(56)	0.86	1.28	(33)	
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	29,018	43,524	(33)	94,100	115,330	(18)	
Adjusted EBITDA per share – diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	0.60	0.88	(32)	1.93	2.17	(11)	
Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	18%	26%		20%	23%		
Cash Flow							
Cash flows from operating activities	28,740	33,628	(15)	79,225	59,969	32	
Funds from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	24,941	34,166	(27)	75,395	91,150	(17)	
Funds from operations per share – diluted <sup>(3)</sup>	0.52	0.69	(25)	1.55	1.71	(9)	
Dividends paid per share <sup>(3)</sup>	0.20	0.15	33	0.60	0.45	33	
Dividends paid	9,437	7,621	24	28,388	22,913	24	
Capital expenditures	11,143	18,804	(41)	67,563	49,458	37	
Excess cash flow <sup>(2)</sup>	19,334	25,724	(25)	30,311	70,465	(57)	
Financial Position				Sept 30 '24	Dec 31 '23		
Working capital <sup>(2)</sup>				75,677	93,915	(19)	
Net debt (Net cash) <sup>(2)</sup>				4,968	(8,869)	n.m.	
Shareholders' equity				210,213	209,969	-	
Common shares outstanding				45,909,773	47,260,472	(3)	

n.m. - not meaningful

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## Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures

Throughout this MD&A, PHX Energy uses certain measures to analyze financial performance, financial position, and cash flow. These Non-GAAP and Other Specified Financial Measures do not have standardized meanings prescribed under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and include Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Ratios, Capital Management Measures and Supplementary Financial Measures (collectively referred to as "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures"). These Non-GAAP and Other Specified Financial Measures include, but are not limited to, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA per share, adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense, adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue, gross profit as a percentage of revenue excluding depreciation and amortization, selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") costs excluding share-based compensation as a percentage of revenue, funds from operations, funds from operations per share, excess cash flow, net capital expenditures, net debt (net cash), working capital, and remaining distributable balance under ROCS. Management believes that these measures provide supplemental financial information that is useful in the evaluation of the Corporation's operations and are commonly used by other oil and natural gas service companies. Investors should be cautioned, however, that these measures should not be construed as alternatives to measures determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of PHX Energy's performance. The Corporation's method of calculating these measures may differ from that of other organizations, and accordingly, such measures may not be comparable. Please refer to the "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for applicable definitions, rationale for use, method of calculation and reconciliations where applicable.

## Outlook

- With the forecast that the US rig count has stabilized, and will likely remain near current levels, we believe our US operations will maintain the activity levels achieved in the third quarter. We will continue to focus on RSS applications, as the margins from this business line can have a meaningful impact on improved profitability. With current R&D efforts, we will further differentiate our RSS fleet with our proprietary Real Time RSS Communications, an ancillary technology we have developed, and market our unique advantages to US Operators who are hyper focused on drilling efficiencies. We believe through 2025 we could see RSS representing an even greater portion of our operations.
- Although our Atlas motor rental division was more directly impacted by the softening of the US rig count, we believe
  this high margin business line has the potential for growth. PHX is focused on adding resources to this division in an
  effort to attract new business.
- The 2024-year has been strong for our Canadian operations, although weak natural gas prices and client mix did
  impact the third quarter. We foresee the overall strength in the operations continuing through the remainder of the
  year and into 2025. The recent purchase of PowerDrive Orbit RSS technology for this market will generate improved
  margins in the upcoming year. RSS represents less than 5 percent of our Canadian activity, and we believe RSS
  growth will provide a notable upside in 2025.
- In 2025 we anticipate an initial capital expenditure budget of \$50 million, split evenly between growth and
  maintenance. Our large capital expenditures over the past two years have allowed us to build a fleet of MWD tools
  and high performance drilling motors that will support our forecasted growth in 2025, and enable us to focus growth
  expenditures primarily on the RSS fleet.
- With our forecasted lower 2025 capital expenditure budget, we anticipate maintaining our strong commitment to shareholder returns through ROCS. We foresee exhausting our current NCIB as we believe our stock remains under valued at the current levels.

Michael Buker, President November 5, 2024

## **Financial Results**

During the third quarter of 2024, the Corporation's US activity continued to be impacted by the softening US rig counts while PHX Energy's Canadian activity was impacted by weaker natural gas drilling activity. Despite these unfavorable market conditions, the Corporation generated consolidated revenue of \$160.6 million in the 2024-quarter, only 5 percent lower as compared to the record \$169.4 million generated in the same 2023-quarter.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation's US division's revenue decreased by 6 percent to \$117 million as compared to \$123.8 million in the same 2023-period. The US industry's rig count declined 10 percent as compared to the third quarter of 2023 while PHX Energy's US operating days only declined by 3 percent from 4,050 in the third quarter of 2023 to 3,916 in the 2024-quarter. Average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services increased by 3 percent quarter-over-quarter which offset the decline in activity and resulted in flat revenue for directional drilling services. The weaker industry rig count had a more direct impact on the Corporation's US motor rental division whose revenue decreased to \$9.8 million from \$12.9 million in the 2023-quarter. The US motor sales division revenue also declined from \$6.2 million to \$2 million in the 2024-quarter as revenue was primarily generated from parts sales to existing clients rather than new motor purchases as was the case in the third quarter of 2023. Revenue from PHX Energy's US segment represented 73 percent of consolidated revenue in the 2024 three-month period (2023 - 73 percent).

In the 2024 three-month period, the Corporation's Canadian division generated revenue of \$43.7 million, which is 4 percent less than the \$45.5 million generated in the same 2023-period. During the 2024-quarter, Canadian industry activity increased by 9 percent while PHX Energy's Canadian operating days decreased by 2 percent to 3,302 days from the 3,385 operating days in the comparable 2023-quarter. As a result of decreasing natural gas prices, a number of PHX Energy's Canadian natural gas clients had fewer rigs running in the period. Average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services decreased by 2 percent quarter-over-quarter and the Corporation's Canadian motor rental division generated \$0.4 million of revenue, in the third quarter of 2024 (2023 - \$0.3 million).

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, earnings were \$10.2 million (2023 - \$24.9 million), adjusted EBITDA(1) was \$29 million (2023 - \$43.5 million), and adjusted EBITDA represented 18 percent of consolidated revenue(1) (2023 – 26 percent). Lower activity in the Corporation's high-margin business lines, particularly RSS activity, motor rentals, and motor equipment and parts sales, partly contributed to the decline in profitability. In addition, fewer occurrences of downhole equipment losses in the 2024-quarter resulted in lower net gain recognized on disposition of drilling equipment which was \$4.3 million (pre-tax) in the third quarter of 2024 compared to \$8.4 million (pre-tax) in the 2023-quarter, a \$4 million decrease.

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Included in the 2024 three-month period adjusted EBITDA is cash-settled share-based compensation expense of \$2.5 million (2023 - \$5 million). For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense<sup>(1)</sup> is \$31.5 million, 20 percent of consolidated revenue (2023 - \$48.5 million, 29 percent of consolidated revenue).

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation had working capital (2) of \$75.7 million and net debt(2) of \$5 million. The Corporation also has CAD \$75.5 million and USD \$20 million available to be drawn from its credit facilities.

## **Dividends and ROCS**

On September 13, 2024, the Corporation declared a dividend of \$0.20 per share payable to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 30, 2024. This is 33 percent higher than the dividend of \$0.15 per share declared in the 2023-quarter. An aggregate of \$9.2 million was paid on October 15, 2024.

The Corporation remains committed to enhancing shareholder returns through its Return of Capital Strategy ("ROCS") which will potentially allow up to 70 percent of 2024 excess cash flow to be used for shareholder returns and includes multiple options including the dividend program and the NCIB. In the third quarter of 2024, \$9.4 million (2023 - \$7.6 million) was paid in dividends to shareholders and \$12.6 million (2023 - \$17.5 million) was used to repurchase and cancel shares under the previous and current NCIB. In the 2024-quarter, 70 percent of PHX Energy's excess cash flow<sup>(2)</sup> was \$13.5 million (2023 - \$18 million). The remaining distributable balance under ROCS<sup>(2)</sup> was negative \$8.5 million in the 2024 three-month period (2023 - negative \$7.1 million) due to a decrease in excess cash flow, mainly resulting from lower cash flows generated from operations, higher capital expenditures and decrease in proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment. Despite the decrease in excess cash flow, the Corporation maintained its current level of dividends and continued NCIB purchases as it believed the stock price was opportunistic, leading to over 70 percent of excess cash flow being distributed for shareholder returns under ROCS. The Corporation foresees the level of excess cash flow to be used for shareholder returns to stay within the 70 percent threshold in 2025.

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#### (Stated in thousands of dollars)

,	Three-me	onth periods ended September 30,	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Excess cash flow	19,334	25,724	30,311	70,465	
70% of excess cash flow	13,534	18,007	21,218	49,326	
Deduct:					
Dividends paid to shareholders	(9,437)	(7,621)	(28,388)	(22,913)	
Repurchase of shares under the NCIB	(12,612)	(17,523)	(15,756)	(19,102)	
Remaining Distributable Balance under ROCS	(8,515)	(7,137)	(22,926)	7,311	

## **Normal Course Issuer Bid**

During the third quarter of 2024, the TSX approved the renewal of PHX Energy's NCIB to purchase for cancellation, from time-to-time, up to a maximum of 3,363,845 common shares, representing 10 percent of the Corporation's public float of Common Shares as at August 7, 2024. The NCIB commenced on August 16, 2024 and will terminate on August 15, 2025. Purchases of common shares are to be made on the open market through the facilities of the TSX and through alternative trading systems. The price which PHX Energy is to pay for any common shares purchased is to be at the prevailing market price on the TSX or alternate trading systems at the time of such purchase.

Pursuant to the previous and current NCIB, 1,648,232 common shares were purchased by the Corporation for \$15.8 million including incremental transaction costs, and cancelled in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024 (2023 – 2,710,500 shares, \$19.1 million). Of the 1,648,232 common shares purchased and cancelled, 1,069,121 common shares were purchased under the previous NCIB and 579,111 common shares were purchased under the current NCIB. Subsequent to September 30, 2024, the Corporation purchased and cancelled 420,100 common shares for \$4.1 million including incremental transaction costs.

It is the Corporation's intention to continue the current strategy of leveraging the NCIB to its fullest as a tool to further reward shareholders under ROCS especially during times of market industry weaknesses.

## **Capital Spending**

In the third quarter of 2024, the Corporation spent \$11.1 million in capital expenditures, of which \$11 million was spent on growing the Corporation's fleet of drilling equipment, \$0.1 million was spent to replace retired assets, and nothing was spent to replace equipment lost downhole during drilling operations (2023 - \$12.5 million, \$2.8 million, and \$3.5 million, respectively). With proceeds on disposition of drilling and other equipment of \$7 million (2023 - \$11.7 million), the Corporation's net capital expenditures<sup>(2)</sup> for the 2024-quarter were \$4.2 million (2023 - \$7.1 million). Capital expenditures in the 2024-quarter were primarily directed towards Atlas High Performance motors ("Atlas"), Velocity Real-Time systems ("Velocity"), and RSS. PHX

Energy funded capital spending primarily using proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment, cash flows from operating activities, and its credit facilities when required.

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-mon	th periods ended September 30,	Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Growth capital expenditures	11,061	12,471	59,798	27,356
Maintenance capital expenditures from asset retirements	82	2,825	6,252	11,543
Maintenance capital expenditures from downhole equipment losses	-	3,508	1,513	10,559
	11,143	18,804	67,563	49,458
Deduct:				
Proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment	(6,973)	(11,682)	(26,683)	(32,689)
Net capital expenditures (2)	4,170	7,122	40,880	16,769

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation had capital commitments to purchase drilling and other equipment for \$12 million, \$10.7 million of which is growth capital allocated as follows: \$1 million for performance drilling motors, \$3.8 million for Velocity systems, \$2.6 million for RSS, and \$3.3 million for other equipment. The majority of the equipment on order as at September 30, 2024 is expected to be delivered in the last quarter of 2024 and in early 2025.

The approved capital expenditure budget for the 2024-year has been increased to \$80 million from the previously announced \$75 million, excluding proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment. The additional \$5 million in capital expenditures is expected to be directed towards RSS systems for both the Canadian and US markets to further grow this high margin business line in both regions. Additionally, included in the \$80 million is \$5 million of carryover from the 2023 budget. Of the total expenditures, \$71 million is expected to be allocated to growth capital and the remaining \$9 million is expected to be allocated towards maintenance of the existing fleet of drilling and other equipment and replacement of equipment lost downhole during drilling operations.

The Board has approved a preliminary 2025 capital expenditure program of \$50 million, of which approximately half is anticipated to be spent on growth. The Corporation believes that with the higher levels of capital expenditures in the past two years, its current fleet of MWD systems and motors will support its forecasted 2025-activity and the 2025 growth capital expenditures are expected to be mainly focused on further expanding the RSS fleets including its related ancillary technologies, such as the Real Time RSS Communications. The remaining half is anticipated to be spent on maintenance of the fleet of drilling and other equipment and replacement of equipment lost downhole during drilling operations.

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The Corporation currently possesses approximately 835 Atlas motors, comprised of various configurations including its 5.25", 5.76", 6.63", 7.12", 7.25", 8.12", 9.00", and 9.62" Atlas motors, and 129 Velocity systems. The Corporation also possesses the largest independent RSS fleet in North America with 76 RSS tools and the only fleet currently comprised of both the PowerDrive Orbit and iCruise systems.

# About PHX Energy Services Corp.

PHX Energy is a growth-oriented, public oil and natural gas services company. The Corporation, through its directional drilling subsidiary entities provides horizontal and directional drilling services and technologies to oil and natural gas exploration and development companies principally in Canada and the US. In connection with the services it provides, PHX Energy engineers, develops and manufactures leading-edge technologies. In recent years, PHX Energy has developed various new technologies that have positioned the Corporation as a technology leader in the horizontal and directional drilling services sector.

PHX Energy's Canadian directional drilling operations are conducted through Phoenix Technology Services LP. The Corporation maintains its corporate head office, research and development, Canadian sales, service and operational centers in Calgary, Alberta. In addition, PHX Energy has a facility in Estevan, Saskatchewan. PHX Energy's US operations, conducted through the Corporation's wholly-owned subsidiary, Phoenix Technology Services USA Inc. is headquartered in Houston, Texas. Phoenix USA has sales and service facilities in Houston, Texas; Midland, Texas; Casper, Wyoming; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Internationally, PHX Energy has an administrative office in Nicosia, Cyprus and also supplies technology to the Middle East regions. In the 2024-quarter, the Corporation started the wind up of its operations in Albania and expects the wind up to be completed by the end of 2024.

The common shares of PHX Energy trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol PHX.

# **Results of Operations**

Three and Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2024

## Revenue

The Corporation generates revenue primarily through the provision of directional drilling services which includes providing equipment, personnel, and operational support for drilling a well. Additionally, the Corporation generates revenue through the rental and sale of drilling motors and associated parts, particularly Atlas.

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,			Nine-month periods ender September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Directional drilling services	148,460	149,986	(1)	446,602	444,214	1
Motor rental	10,212	13,174	(22)	28,470	36,676	(22)
Sale of motor equipment and parts	1,962	6,208	(68)	5,915	10,118	(42)
Total revenue	160,634	169,368	(5)	480,987	491,008	(2)

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation's consolidated revenue was \$160.6 million, 5 percent lower than the third quarter record of \$169.4 million achieved in 2023. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation generated consolidated revenue of \$481 million, a decrease of 2 percent as compared to the \$491 million generated in the equivalent 2023-period.

In the third quarter of 2024, the US industry rig count continued to soften with an average of 571 horizontal and directional rigs operating per day as compared to 632 horizontal and directional rigs in the third quarter of 2023, a 10 percent decline. In Canada, industry horizontal and directional drilling activity (as measured by drilling days) was 17,508 days in the 2024-quarter, a 9 percent increase from 16,057 days in the same 2023-quarter. For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, PHX Energy's consolidated activity levels decreased by 3 percent to 7,218 days compared to 7,435 days in the same 2023-period. While the US division's activity outperformed industry trends only contracting 3 percent, the Canadian division's activity was relatively flat quarter-over-quarter. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, consolidated operating days increased by 1 percent to 22,070 from 21,915 days in the corresponding 2023-period. Through both the 2023-year and 2024-year-to date, the Corporation's RSS activity represented 20 to 25 percent of its US activity and 2 to 4 percent of its Canadian activity.

In the 2024 three-month period, average consolidated revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services increased by 2 percent to \$20,572 from \$20,174 in the same 2023-period while over the first three quarters of the 2024-year, average consolidated revenue per day was flat at \$20,237 as compared to \$20,253 in same 2023-period.

As a result of the continued softening in US industry rig count, in both the three and nine-month periods of 2024, revenue generated by the Corporation's Atlas motor rental division declined by 22 percent to \$10.2 million in the 2024-quarter (2023 - \$13.2 million) and \$28.5 million in the 2024 nine-month period (2023 - \$36.7 million).

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, revenue of \$2 million and \$5.9 million, respectively, were generated from the sale of Atlas motors and parts (2023 – \$6.2 million and \$10.1 million, respectively). In the 2023-periods, there were large customer orders as they were building their fleets whereas in the 2024-periods, revenue was mainly generated through the sale of parts to maintain these fleets. Due to the sporadic and cyclical nature of the customers' ordering frequency, it is expected that revenue from this line of business will fluctuate between periods.

# **Operating Costs and Expenses**

(Stated in thousands of dollars except percentages)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,			Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Direct costs	131,666	125,138	5	387,166	376,996	3
Depreciation & amortization drilling and other equipment (included in direct costs)	11,516	9,867	17	32,977	28,805	14
Depreciation & amortization right-of-use asset (included in direct costs)	1,214	822	48	2,920	2,057	42
Gross profit as a percentage of revenue excluding depreciation & amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	26%	32%		27%	30%	

Direct costs are comprised of field and shop expenses, costs of motors and parts sold, and include depreciation and amortization of the Corporation's equipment and right-of-use assets. In the 2024 three and nine-month periods, direct costs increased by 5 percent and 3 percent, respectively, to \$131.7 million in the 2024-quarter (2023 - \$125.1 million) and \$387.2 million in the 2024 nine-month period (2023 - \$377 million).

As a result of the Corporation's growth-oriented capital expenditure programs over the past three years, depreciation and amortization expenses on drilling and other equipment for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, increased by 17 percent and 14 percent, respectively. Apart from higher depreciation and amortization expenses on drilling

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and other equipment, greater direct costs in both 2024-periods were largely due to rising equipment repair and equipment rental costs, which partly resulted from the diversification and enhancement of RSS fleet and its related ancillary technologies.

In the three and nine-month periods of 2024, gross profit as a percentage of revenue excluding depreciation and amortization<sup>(1)</sup> declined to 26 percent and 27 percent, respectively, from 32 percent and 30 percent in the corresponding 2023-periods. Apart from rising equipment repair and equipment rental costs, lower profitability in both 2024-periods was also attributable to decreased activity in the Corporation's high-margin revenue streams particularly RSS activity, motor rentals, and motor equipment and parts sales.

(	Three-month periods ended September 30,				Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") costs	15,885	19,833	(20)	50,726	50,911	-
Cash-settled share-based compensation (included in SG&A costs)	2,471	4,969	(50)	9,584	8,899	8
Equity-settled share-based compensation (included in SG&A costs)	140	144	(3)	422	431	(2)
SG&A costs excluding share-based compensation as a percentage of revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	8%	9%		8%	8%	

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, SG&A costs were \$15.9 million, a decrease of 20 percent as compared to \$19.8 million in the corresponding 2023-period. Lower SG&A costs in the 2024 three-month period are mainly attributable to the 50 percent decrease in cash-settled share-based compensation expense when compared to the 2023-quarter. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, SG&A costs were \$50.7 million, on par with the \$50.9 million in the corresponding 2023-period.

Cash-settled share-based compensation relates to the Corporation's retention awards and is measured at fair value. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, the related compensation expense recognized by the Corporation was \$2.5 million (2023 - \$5 million) and \$9.6 million (2023 - \$8.9 million), respectively. Changes in cash-settled share-based compensation expense in the 2024-periods were mainly driven by fluctuations in the Corporation's share price and the number of awards granted in the period. There were 1,587,459 retention awards outstanding as at September 30, 2024 (2023 – 2,135,283). Excluding share-based compensation, SG&A costs as a percentage of revenue<sup>(1)</sup> in both the 2024 three and ninemonth periods was 8 percent, as compared to 9 percent and 8 percent in the corresponding 2023-periods.

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(	Three-month periods ended September 30,			Nine-month periods ender September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Research and development expense	1,392	1,246	12	4,004	3,817	5

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, PHX Energy's research and development ("R&D") expenditures were \$1.4 million (2023 - \$1.2 million) and \$4 million (2023 - \$3.8 million), respectively. Increased R&D expenditures in the 2024 three and nine-month periods were largely due to greater personnel-related resources that are essential in supporting the increasing number of R&D projects focused on improving the design of existing technologies to further enhance reliability, reduce costs to operate, and displace certain equipment rentals.

#### (Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,					periods ended September 30,
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Finance expense	620	598	4	1,421	1,974	(28)
Finance expense lease liabilities	628	554	13	1,700	1,695	-

Finance expenses mainly relate to interest charges on the Corporation's credit facilities. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, finance expenses were \$0.6 million (2023 - \$0.6 million) and \$1.4 million (2023 - \$2 million), respectively. In the 2024 three-month period, the slight increase in finance expenses was mainly due to the drawings made from the credit facilities during the 2024-quarter. In the 2024 nine-month period, the 28 percent decline in finance expenses was largely due to the lower amounts of loans and borrowings outstanding in the 2024 nine-month period.

Finance expense lease liabilities relate to interest expense incurred on lease liabilities. For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, finance expense lease liabilities increased by 13 percent primarily due to new vehicle leases. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, finance expense lease liabilities were flat due to leases that expired in the first nine months of the 2024-year, offset by new vehicle leases in the third quarter of 2024.

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-r	nonth periods ended September 30,	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Net gain on disposition of drilling equipment	4,340	8,354	18,627	23,903	
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	164	(347)	(124)	574	
Recovery of (provision for) bad debts	-	1,106	•	(117)	
Other income	4,504	9,113	18,503	24,360	

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation recognized other income of \$3.7 million and \$17.7 million, respectively (2023 - \$9.1 million and \$24.4 million, respectively). In both periods, other income was mainly comprised of net gain on disposition of drilling equipment. The recognized gain is net of losses, which typically result from asset retirements that were made before the end of the equipment's useful life. In both 2024-periods, there were significantly fewer instances of high dollar valued downhole equipment losses occurred as compared to the corresponding 2023-periods which resulted in lower levels of net gains on disposition of drilling and other equipment recognized.

Foreign exchange gains of \$0.2 million and losses of \$0.1 million in the three and nine-month periods of 2024, respectively (2023 – losses of \$0.3 million and gains of \$0.6 million, respectively), were primarily due to the revaluation of USD-denominated trade and other payables.

(Stated in thousands of dollars except percentages)

	Three	e-month periods ended September 30,	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Provision for income taxes	4,787	6,191	13,946	14,528	
Effective tax rates <sup>(3)</sup>	32%	20%	26%	18%	

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation reported income tax provision of \$4.8 million (2023 - \$6.2 million), of which, \$2.7 million was current and \$2.1 million was deferred. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, PHX Energy recognized provision for income taxes of \$13.9 million (2023 - \$14.5 million), of which, \$12.7 million was current and \$1.2 million was deferred. In the 2024 three and nine-month periods, PHX Energy's effective tax rate<sup>(3)</sup> was 32 and 26 percent, respectively, which is higher than the combined US federal and state corporate income tax rate of 24.5 percent and combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rate of 23 percent. In the 2024-periods, due to legislative changes that were enacted in the Corporation's Canadian jurisdiction, certain foreign expenses had to be included as income for Canadian tax purposes causing the increase in effective tax rate. In the 2023 three and nine-month periods, PHX Energy's effective tax rate of 20 percent and 18 percent, respectively, are lower than the combined US federal and state corporate income tax rate 24.5 percent

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and combined Canadian federal and provincial income tax rate of 23 percent, due to the recognition of previously unrecognized deferred tax assets that were applied to income for tax purposes in Canada.

# Segmented Information

The Corporation reports two operating segments on a geographical basis throughout the Gulf Coast, Northeast and Rocky Mountain regions of the US and throughout the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin (refer to the "Changes in Material Accounting Policies" section of this MD&A for the change in operating segments). Revenue generated through the Corporation's technology partnership and sales and lease agreement for the Middle East and North Africa ("MENA") regions are included in the US division's results.

## **United States**

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,			Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Directional drilling services	105,232	104,725	-	313,864	329,035	(5)
Motor rental	9,789	12,891	(24)	27,344	35,292	(23)
Sale of motor equipment and parts	1,962	6,208	(68)	5,915	10,118	(42)
Total revenue	116,983	123,824	(6)	347,123	374,445	(7)
Direct costs	94,906	90,717	5	276,723	286,780	(4)
Gross profit	22,077	33,107	(33)	70,400	87,665	(20)
Expenses:						
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,126	6,525	9	22,463	20,716	8
Research and development expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance expense lease liability	312	227	37	743	706	5
Other income	(2,666)	(7,948)	(66)	(13,738)	(21,700)	(37)
Reportable segment profit (loss) before income taxes	17,305	34,303	(50)	60,932	87,943	(31)

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, the US segment's revenue was \$117 million and \$347.1 million, respectively, a decline of 6 and 7 percent as compared to \$123.8 million and \$374.4 million in the corresponding 2023-periods.

Throughout the first three quarters of 2024, the US industry rig count was soft and trended lower than its five-year average. While the US division's motor rental activities were more directly impacted, its directional drilling activity was more resilient; only down 3 percent at 3,916 operating days, when compared to 4,050 days in the same 2023-quarter. The US division RSS activity represented 24 percent of its operating days, which is slightly less than the 25 percent represented in the 2023-quarter. In comparison, the US industry average number of active horizontal and directional rigs per day in the 2024 three-month period decreased by 10 percent at 571 rigs per day compared to 632 rigs per day in the corresponding 2023-period. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, PHX Energy's US drilling activity decreased 8 percent to 12,229 operating days as compared to 13,234 days in the same 2023-period whereas US industry horizontal and directional rig count decreased by 15 percent. The US division's RSS activity level remained flat during the nine-month periods, representing 21 percent of activity in both the 2023 and 2024-periods. Despite the challenging industry conditions, the US division held its strong position, leveraging the solid demand and reputation of its premium technologies and the strength of its operational performance. In the first three quarters of 2024, the US division was active in the Permian, Scoop/Stack, Marcellus, Utica, Eagleford, and Bakken basins.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, the US division's average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services increased by 4 percent to \$26,876 compared to \$25,858 in the corresponding 2023-period and in the 2024 nine-month period, average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services increased 3 percent to \$25,667 from \$24,836 in the same 2023-period. The strong US dollar in both 2024-periods favorably affected the average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup>. Omitting the impact of foreign exchange, the average revenue per day <sup>(3)</sup>for directional drilling services increased by 3 percent in both the 2024 three and nine-month periods.

As a result of weaker US industry rig count, the Corporation' motor rental revenue declined to \$9.8 million and \$27.3 million, respectively in the three and nine-month periods of 2024. This represents a negative change of 24 percent and 23 percent, respectively, from the \$12.9 million and \$35.3 million generated in the corresponding 2023-periods.

In the 2024 three and nine-month periods, PHX Energy generated revenue of \$2 million and \$5.9 million from the sale of Atlas motors and parts, down from \$6.2 million and \$10.1 million in the respective 2023-periods. In the 2024-quarter, the US motor sales division revenue was primarily generated from parts sales to existing clients rather than new motor purchases as was the case in the third quarter of 2023. In addition, revenue from this line of business fluctuates between periods due to the sporadic and cyclical nature of the customers' ordering frequency.

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, the US segment's reportable segment income before tax were \$17.3 million and \$60.9 million, a decrease of 50 percent and 31 percent as compared to \$34.3 million and \$87.9 million

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in the corresponding 2023-periods. Apart from lower activity, the decline in profitability mainly resulted from increasing equipment repairs and rentals, greater depreciation expenses, and fewer instances of high dollar valued downhole equipment losses which resulted in lower levels of net gains on disposition of drilling and other equipment recognized in the US segment. In the third quarter of 2024, the increase in equipment repairs and rentals partly resulted from the diversification and enhancement of RSS fleet and its related ancillary technologies.

#### Canada

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,			Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Directional drilling services	43,228	45,261	(4)	132,738	115,179	15
Motor rental	423	283	49	1,126	1,384	(19)
Total revenue	43,651	45,544	(4)	133,864	116,563	15
Direct costs	36,760	34,421	7	110,443	90,216	22
Gross profit	6,891	11,123	(38)	23,421	26,347	(11)
Expenses:						
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,823	3,598	6	11,299	8,768	29
Research and development expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance expense lease liability	297	309	(4)	899	935	(4)
Other income	(1,838)	(1,165)	58	(4,765)	(2,660)	79
Reportable segment profit (loss) before income taxes	4,609	8,381	(45)	15,988	19,304	(17)

In the 2024-quarter, the Corporation's Canadian operations generated revenue of \$43.7 million, a 4 percent decrease compared to \$45.5 million generated in the 2023-quarter. In the 2024 nine-month period, Canadian division revenue was \$133.9 million, a 15 percent increase as compared to \$116.6 million in the 2023-period.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Canadian segment's operating days decreased by 2 percent to 3,302 days, as compared to 3,385 days in the corresponding 2023-period and its RSS operating days accounted for 3 percent of its activity in the 2023 and 2024-quarters. In comparison, industry horizontal and directional drilling activity (as measured by drilling days) increased by 9 percent to 17,508 days in the 2024 three-month period. During the 2024-quarter, the weak natural gas prices persisted, which led to the Corporation's natural gas clients reducing the number of rigs they had operating.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Canadian segment's activity growth outperformed that of the industry with operating days increasing by 13 percent to 9,842 days, as compared to 8,681 days in the corresponding 2023-

period. Additionally, the Canadian division increased its RSS presence during 2024 and RSS operating days increased to 4 percent from 2 percent of the segment's activity in the 2023 nine-month period. In comparison, industry horizontal and directional drilling activity (as measured by drilling days) increased by 6 percent to 46,360 days in the 2024 nine-month period. Growth in RSS activity and client base expansion mainly drove the increase in the Canadian segment's directional drilling activity. In the first three quarters of 2024, the Corporation was active in the Duvernay, Montney, Glauconite, Frobisher, Cardium, Viking, Bakken, Torquay, Colony, Ellerslie, Charlie Lake, Cummings, Sparky, and Scallion basins.

In both the three and nine-month periods of 2024, the Canadian division's average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services was relatively flat. In the 2024-quarter, the Canadian division's average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services decreased by 2 percent to \$13,091 from \$13,373 in the corresponding 2023-period while in the 2024 nine-month period, the Canadian division's average revenue per day<sup>(3)</sup> for directional drilling services increased by 2 percent to \$13,488 from \$13,268 in the corresponding 2023-period.

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation's Canadian division recognized reportable segment profit before tax of \$4.6 million (2023 – \$8.4 million) and \$16 million (2023 – \$19.3 million), respectively. The decline in profitability in both 2024-periods was mainly due to higher depreciation expenses and greater equipment repair and equipment rental costs. With the Canadian division receiving three of its own PowerDrive Orbit RSS systems in the latter part of the 2024-quarter, the Corporation expects to displace and reduce RSS related equipment rentals in the future to improve profitability in this line of business.

# Liquidity

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,		Nine-	month periods ended September 30,
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities	28,740	33,628	79,225	59,969
Funds from operations <sup>(2)</sup>	24,941	34,166	75,395	91,150
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	Sept. 30, '24	Dec. 31, '23
Working capital <sup>(2)</sup>	75,677	93,915
Net debt (Net cash) <sup>(2)</sup>	4,968	(8,869)
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In the 2024 three and nine-month periods, cash flow from operating activities decreased to \$28.7 million and increased to \$79.2 million as compared to \$33.6 million and \$60 million in the comparable 2023-periods. The decrease in the 2024 three-month period was primarily due to the lower levels of earnings realized in the 2024-quarter. The increase in the 2024 nine-month period is mainly attributable to the lower levels of trade and other receivables at the end of the 2024-period. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024, funds from operations<sup>(2)</sup> were \$24.9 million and \$75.4 million as compared to \$34.2 million and \$91.2 million in the comparable 2023-periods. The decrease in funds from operations in both 2024-periods mainly resulted from lower levels of profitability.

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation had working capital<sup>(2)</sup> of \$75.7 million, a decrease of \$18.2 million from the \$93.9 million reported at December 31, 2023. The decrease in working capital at September 30, 2024 was primarily due to lower levels of trade and other receivables and higher levels of current tax liability. Net debt<sup>(2)</sup> as at September 30, 2024 was \$5 million as compared to net cash of \$8.9 million reported at December 31, 2023. The change from net cash to net debt was partly due to acquisitions of drilling and other equipment, NCIB repurchases, and dividends paid in the first three quarters of 2024.

## Cash Flow, Dividends, and ROCS

In December 2020, PHX Energy reinstated its quarterly dividend program. In November 2022, PHX Energy's Board approved a refinement of its shareholder return strategy in the form of ROCS which will potentially allow up to 70 percent of 2024 excess cash flow<sup>(2)</sup> to be used for shareholder returns, including the base dividend program, share buy backs and potential special dividends. The Board will continually review the dividend program and its ROCS and take into consideration, without limitation, the Corporation's financial performance, forecasted activity levels and the industry outlook. The actual amount of future quarterly dividends, if any, remains subject to the approval of and declaration by the Board. The Board reviews the Corporation's dividend policy in conjunction with their review of quarterly financial and operating results. The Corporation's ability to maintain the current level of dividends to its shareholders is dependent upon the realization of cash flow from operating activities, among other considerations, and if the Corporation does not meet its budgeted cash flow from operating activities, dividends to shareholders may be reduced or suspended entirely.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, dividend payments of \$9.4 million (2023 - \$7.6 million) were financed from the Corporation's cash flows from operating activities. On September 13, 2024, the Corporation declared a dividend of \$0.20 per common share, which is 33 percent higher than the dividend declared on September 15, 2023. An aggregate of \$9.2 million was paid on October 15, 2024 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 30, 2024.

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During the third quarter of 2024, the TSX approved the renewal of PHX Energy's Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") to purchase for cancellation, from time-to-time, up to a maximum of 3,363,845 common shares, representing 10 percent of the Corporation's public float of Common Shares as at August 7, 2024. The NCIB commenced on August 16, 2024 and will terminate on August 15, 2025. Purchases of common shares are to be made on the open market through the facilities of the TSX and through alternative trading systems. The price which PHX Energy is to pay for any common shares purchased is to be at the prevailing market price on the TSX or alternate trading systems at the time of such purchase.

Pursuant to the previous and current NCIB, 1,289,932 common shares were purchased and cancelled by the Corporation for \$12.6 million including incremental transaction costs in the third quarter of 2024 (2023 – 2,442,700 common shares, \$17.5 million). Subsequent to September 30, 2024, the Corporation purchased 420,100 common shares for \$4.1 million including incremental transaction costs

# **Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities for the three-month period ended September 30, 2024 was \$14.9 million as compared to \$3.9 million in the 2023-period. During the third quarter of 2024, the Corporation spent \$11.1 million (2023 - \$12.5 million) to grow the Corporation's fleet of drilling equipment, \$0.1 million (2023 - \$2.8 million) was used to maintain capacity in the Corporation's fleet of drilling and other equipment, and nothing was spent to replace equipment lost downhole during drilling operations (2023 - \$3.5 million). With proceeds on disposition of drilling and other equipment of \$7 million (2023 - \$11.7 million), the Corporation's net capital expenditures<sup>(2)</sup> for the 2024-quarter were \$4.2 million (2023 - \$7.1 million).

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

·	Three-month periods ended September 30,		Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Growth capital expenditures	11,061	12,471	59,798	27,356
Maintenance capital expenditures from asset retirements	82	2,825	6,252	11,543
Maintenance capital expenditures from downhole equipment losses	-	3,508	1,513	10,559
	11,143	18,804	67,563	49,458
Deduct:				
Proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment	(6,973)	(11,682)	(26,683)	(32,689)
Net capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	4,170	7,122	40,880	16,769

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The 2024 three-month period capital expenditures comprised of:

- \$3.7 million in downhole performance drilling motors;
- \$4.5 million in RSS;
- \$2.1 million in MWD systems and spare components; and
- \$0.8 million in machinery and equipment and other assets.

The change in non-cash working capital balances of \$9.4 million (use of cash) for the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, relates to the net change in the Corporation's trade payables that are associated with the acquisition of capital assets. This compares to \$3.2 million (source of cash) for the three-month period ended September 30, 2023.

# **Financing Activities**

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2024, net cash used in financing activities was \$13.3 million as compared to \$35.3 million in the 2023-period. In the 2024-period:

- dividends of \$9.4 million were paid to shareholders;
- 1,289,932 shares were repurchased and cancelled under the NCIB for \$12.6 million;
- payments of \$0.8 million were made towards lease liabilities;
- \$9.5 million net drawings were made from the Corporation's syndicated credit facility; and
- 20,000 common shares were issued from treasury for proceeds of \$0.1 million upon the exercise of share
  options.

# Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2024, the Corporation had CAD \$19.2 million drawn on its Canadian credit facilities, nothing drawn on its US operating facility, and a cash balance of \$14.2 million. As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation had CAD \$75.5 million and USD \$20 million available from its credit facilities. The credit facilities are secured by substantially all of the Corporation's assets and mature in December 2026.

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation was in compliance with all its financial covenants. Under the syndicated credit agreement, in any given period, the Corporation's distributions (as defined therein) cannot exceed its maximum aggregate amount of distributions limit as defined in the Corporation's syndicated credit agreement. Distributions include, without

limitation, dividends declared and paid, cash used for common shares purchased by the independent trustee in the open market and held in trust for potential settlement of outstanding retention awards, as well as cash used for common shares repurchased and cancelled under the NCIB.

## **Cash Requirements for Capital Expenditures**

Historically, the Corporation has financed its capital expenditures and acquisitions through cash flows from operating activities, proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment, debt and equity. With \$5 million carried over from the 2023 capital expenditure budget and the \$5 million increase in preliminary 2024 capital expenditure program announced, PHX Energy anticipates spending \$80 million of capital expenditures in 2024. Of the total expenditures, \$71 million is targeted to be spent on growth and \$9 million is expected to be allocated to maintain capacity in the existing fleet of drilling and other equipment and replace equipment lost downhole during drilling operations. The amount expected to be allocated towards replacing equipment lost downhole could increase should more downhole equipment losses occur throughout the year.

The Board has approved a preliminary 2025 capital expenditure program of \$50 million, of which approximately half is anticipated to be spent on growth. The growth capital expenditures are expected to be mainly focused on continually building our RSS fleets including its related ancillary technologies. The remaining half is anticipated to be spent on maintenance of the fleet of drilling and other equipment and replacement of equipment lost downhole during drilling operations.

These planned expenditures are expected to be financed from cash flow from operating activities, proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment, cash and cash equivalents, and the Corporation's credit facilities, if necessary. However, if a sustained period of market uncertainty and financial market volatility persists in 2024 and 2025, the Corporation's activity levels, cash flows and access to credit may be negatively impacted, and the expenditure level would be reduced accordingly where possible. Conversely, if future growth opportunities present themselves, the Corporation would look at expanding these planned capital expenditure amount.

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation has commitments to purchase drilling and other equipment for \$12 million. The majority of deliveries are expected to occur in the last quarter of 2024 and in early 2025.

# Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Corporation had no material off-balance sheet arrangements as at September 30, 2024 and 2023.

# **Proposed Transactions**

The Corporation regularly reviews and evaluates possible strategic material business or asset acquisitions or capital asset divestitures in the normal course of its operations.

# Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The Corporation's significant accounting policies are described in its annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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.

In preparing the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Corporation's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty have not changed significantly since December 31, 2023.

# Changes in Material Accounting Policies

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared utilizing the same material accounting policies and methods as the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2023.

In the first quarter of 2024, management determined that the previously disclosed international segment no longer met the definition of a reportable segment. The international segment was formerly comprised of PHX Energy's Russia and Albania divisions. The Russian division was disposed of on June 30, 2022. As a result of the internal realignment, the results of the Albania division are no longer regularly reviewed by the Corporation's chief operating decision makers. The results of the Albania division also do not exceed the quantitative thresholds in IFRS 8, Operating Segments. Accordingly, the results of the

international segment are no longer presented separately and are included within the Canada segment. The comparative segment disclosures have been restated to align with the reportable segment presentation adopted in the current periods.

## **Business Risk Factors**

The business risk factors applicable to the Corporation have not materially changed since December 31, 2023. Refer to the "Business Risk Factors" section of the MD&A in PHX Energy's 2023 Annual Report as well as in the Corporation's most recent Annual Information Form under the heading "*Risk Factors*", which is available under the Corporation's profile at www.sedarplus.ca.

## Corporate Governance

This MD&A has been prepared by the management of PHX Energy and it has been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee and the Board of the Corporation. Additional information relating to the Corporation's Corporate Governance can be found in the Corporation's AIF and in its Information Circular in respect of its annual meeting of Shareholders, each of which are annually filed on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

## Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (the "Certifying Officers") have designed, or caused to be designed under their supervision, disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P"), as defined in National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the securities legislation and include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be so disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's management, including the Certifying Officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

# Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

The Corporation's Certifying Officers have designed, or caused to be designed under their supervision, internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR"), as defined in NI 52-109, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the Corporation. ICFR includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Corporation; (ii) are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and that receipts and expenditures of the Corporation are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Corporation; and (iii) are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Corporation's assets that could have a material effect on the annual financial statements or interim financial reports.

The control framework used to design and evaluate the Corporation's ICFR is "Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)" published by The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

There were no changes in the Corporation's ICFR that occurred during the period from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's ICFR.

While the Certifying Officers believe that the Corporation's ICFR provide a reasonable level of assurance and are effective, they do not expect that the ICFR will prevent all errors and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

## **Outstanding Corporation Share Data**

(In thousands of shares)	As at November 5, 2024
Total common shares outstanding	45,588,172
Dilutive securities:	
Options	931,667
Corporation shares – diluted	46,519,839

# Summary of Quarterly Results

(Stated in thousands of dollars except per share amounts)

	Sep-24	Jun-24	Mar-24	Dec-23	Sep-23	Jun-23	Mar-23	Dec-22
Revenue	160,634	154,230	166,123	165,332	169,368	155,618	166,022	157,758
Earnings	10,160	12,913	17,454	33,134	24,921	18,108	22,417	20,333
Earnings per share – basic	0.22	0.27	0.37	0.69	0.50	0.35	0.44	0.40
Earnings per share – diluted	0.22	0.26	0.37	0.68	0.50	0.35	0.42	0.39
Dividends paid	9,437	9,498	9,453	7,277	7,621	7,656	7,636	5,078
Cash and cash equivalents	14,203	13,798	13,380	16,433	14,845	20,080	15,502	18,247
Loans and borrowings	19,171	9,649	7,547	7,564	18,302	27,685	29,847	22,731

Trends in revenue, earnings, and cash flows are directly affected by industry directional drilling activity levels that change as a result of world demand for natural gas and oil commodities and fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices. Throughout the first three quarters of 2024, the US industry rig count was soft and trended lower than its five-year average while Canadian industry horizontal and directional drilling activity (as measured by drilling days) increased by 6 percent compared to the 2023 ninemonth period.

In general, activity levels in western Canada vary considerably due to seasonal weather patterns. The ability to move heavy equipment in the Canadian oil and natural gas fields is dependent on weather conditions. As warm weather returns in the spring, winter's frost comes out of the ground rendering many secondary roads incapable of supporting the weight of heavy equipment until they have thoroughly dried out. The duration of this "spring break-up" has a direct impact on the Corporation's Canadian activity levels. As a result, late March through May is typically the slowest time for activity in Canada, as such, the operating results of the Corporation vary on a quarterly basis. The Corporation's activity levels in the US are not impacted at the same level during this Canadian spring break-up period. US revenue represented 72 percent of consolidated revenue in the 2024 nine-month period (2023 – 76 percent).

## Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Ratios

#### a) Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA, defined as earnings before finance expense, finance expense lease liability, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, impairment losses on drilling and other equipment and goodwill and other write-offs, equity-settled share-based payments, severance payouts relating to the Corporation's restructuring cost, and unrealized foreign exchange gains or losses, does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure that is recognized under GAAP. However, Management believes that adjusted EBITDA provides supplemental information to earnings that is useful in evaluating the results of the Corporation's principal business activities before considering certain charges, how it was financed and how it was taxed in various countries. Investors should be cautioned, however, that adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative measure to earnings determined in accordance with GAAP. PHX Energy's method of calculating adjusted EBITDA may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, its adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of earnings to adjusted EBITDA:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-m	onth periods ended September 30,	Nine-mor	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Earnings:	10,160	24,921	40,527	65,447		
Add:						
Depreciation and amortization drilling and other equipment	11,516	9,867	32,977	28,805		
Depreciation and amortization right-of-use asset	1,214	822	2,920	2,057		
Provision for income taxes	4,787	6,191	13,946	14,529		
Finance expense	620	598	1,421	1,974		
Finance expense lease liability	628	554	1,700	1,695		
Equity-settled share-based payments	140	144	422	431		
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	(47)	427	187	392		
Adjusted EBITDA	29,018	43,524	94,100	115,330		

#### b) Adjusted EBITDA Per Share - Diluted

Adjusted EBITDA per share - diluted is calculated using the treasury stock method whereby deemed proceeds on the exercise of the share options are used to reacquire common shares at an average share price. The calculation of adjusted EBITDA per share - dilutive is based on the adjusted EBITDA as reported in the table above divided by the diluted number of shares outstanding at the period end.

#### c) Adjusted EBITDA as a Percentage of Revenue

Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue is calculated by dividing the adjusted EBITDA as reported in the table above by revenue as stated on the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Comprehensive Earnings.

#### d) Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Cash-settled Share-based Compensation Expense

Adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense is calculated by adding cash-settled share-based compensation expense to adjusted EBITDA as described above. Management believes that this measure provides supplemental information to earnings that is useful in evaluating the results of the Corporation's principal business activities before considering certain charges, how it was financed, how it was taxed in various countries, and without the impact of cash-settled share-based compensation expense that is affected by fluctuations in the Corporation's share price.

The following is a reconciliation of earnings to adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-m	nonth periods ended September 30,	Nine-mor	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Earnings:	10,160	24,921	40,527	65,447		
Add:						
Depreciation and amortization drilling and other equipment	11,516	9,867	32,977	28,805		
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Provision for income taxes	4,787	6,191	13,946	14,529		
Finance expense	620	598	1,421	1,974		
Finance expense lease liability	628	554	1,700	1,695		
Equity-settled share-based payments	140	144	422	431		
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	(47)	427	187	392		
Cash-settled share-based compensation expense	2,471	4,969	9,584	8,899		
Adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense	31,489	48,493	103,684	124,229		

#### e) Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Cash-settled Share-based Compensation Expense as a Percentage of Revenue

Adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense as a percentage of revenue is calculated by dividing adjusted EBITDA excluding cash-settled share-based compensation expense as reported above by revenue as stated on the Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Comprehensive Earnings.

#### f) Gross Profit as a Percentage of Revenue Excluding Depreciation & Amortization

Gross profit as a percentage of revenue excluding depreciation & amortization is defined as the Corporation's gross profit excluding depreciation and amortization divided by revenue and is used to assess operational profitability. This Non-GAAP ratio does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. PHX Energy's method of calculating gross profit as a percentage of revenue may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of revenue, direct costs, depreciation and amortization, and gross profit to gross profit as a percentage of revenue excluding depreciation and amortization:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-m	onth periods ended September 30,	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Revenue	160,634	169,368	480,987	491,008	
Direct costs	131,666	125,138	387,166	376,996	
Gross profit	28,968	44,230	93,821	114,012	
Depreciation & amortization drilling and other equipment (included in direct costs)	11,516	9,867	32,977	28,805	
Depreciation & amortization right-of-use asset (included in direct costs)	1,214	822	2,920	2,057	
	41,698	54,919	129,718	144,874	
Gross profit as a percentage of revenue excluding depreciation & amortization	26%	32%	27%	30%	

#### g) SG&A Costs Excluding Share-Based Compensation as a Percentage of Revenue

SG&A costs excluding share-based compensation as a percentage of revenue is defined as the Corporation's SG&A costs excluding share-based compensation divided by revenue and is used to assess the impact of administrative costs excluding the effect of share price volatility. This Non-GAAP ratio does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. PHX Energy's method of calculating SG&A costs excluding share-based compensation as a percentage of revenue may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of SG&A costs, share-based compensation, and revenue to SG&A costs excluding share-based compensation as a percentage of revenue:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-m	onth periods ended September 30,	Nine-mor	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
SG&A Costs	15,885	19,833	50,726	50,911		
Deduct:						
Share-based compensation (included in SG&A)	2,611	5,113	10,006	9,330		
	13,274	14,720	40,720	41,581		
Revenue	160,634	169,368	480,987	491,008		
SG&A costs excluding share-based compensation as a percentage of revenue	8%	9%	8%	8%		

## **Capital Management Measures**

#### a) Funds from Operations

Funds from operations is defined as cash flows generated from operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital, interest paid, and income taxes paid. This financial measure does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. Management uses funds from operations as an indication of the Corporation's ability to generate funds from its operations before considering changes in working capital balances and interest and taxes paid. Investors should be cautioned, however, that this financial measure should not be construed as an alternative measure to cash flows from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP. PHX Energy's method of calculating funds from operations may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to funds from operations:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,		Nine-mo	Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Cash flows from operating activities	28,740	33,628	79,225	59,969	
Add (deduct):					
Changes in non-cash working capital	(6,040)	(7,011)	(7,288)	21,141	
Interest paid	398	473	886	1,506	
Income taxes paid	1,843	7,076	2,572	8,534	
Funds from operations	24,941	34,166	75,395	91,150	

#### b) Excess Cash Flow

Excess cash flow is defined as funds from operations (as defined above) less cash payment on leases, growth capital expenditures, and maintenance capital expenditures from downhole equipment losses and asset retirements, and increased by proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment. This financial measure does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. Management uses excess cash flow as an indication of the Corporation's ability to generate funds from its operations to support operations and grow and maintain the Corporation's drilling and other equipment. This performance measure is useful to investors for assessing the Corporation's operating and financial performance, leverage and liquidity. Investors should be cautioned, however, that this financial measure should not be construed as an alternative measure to cash flows from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP. PHX Energy's method of calculating excess cash flow may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to excess cash flow:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,		Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities	28,740	33,628	79,225	59,969
Add (deduct):				
Changes in non-cash working capital	(6,040)	(7,011)	(7,288)	21,141
Interest paid	398	473	886	1,506
Income taxes paid	1,843	7,076	2,572	8,534
Cash payment on leases	(1,437)	(1,320)	(4,204)	(3,916)
	23,504	32,846	71,191	87,234
Proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment	6,973	11,682	26,683	32,689
Maintenance capital expenditures to replace downhole equipment losses and asset retirements	(82)	(6,333)	(7,765)	(22,102)
Net proceeds	6,891	5,349	18,918	10,587
Growth capital expenditures	(11,061)	(12,471)	(59,798)	(27,356)
Excess cash flow	19,334	25,724	30,311	70,465

#### c) Working Capital

Working capital is defined as the Corporation's current assets less its current liabilities and is used to assess the Corporation's short-term liquidity. This financial measure does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. Management uses working capital to provide insight as to the Corporation's ability to meet obligations as at the

reporting date. PHX Energy's method of calculating working capital may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of current assets and current liabilities to working capital:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Current assets	188,562	207,040
Deduct:		
Current liabilities	(112,885)	(113,125)
Working capital	75,677	93,915

#### d) <u>Net Debt (Net Cash)</u>

Net debt is defined as the Corporation's loans and borrowings less cash and cash equivalents. This financial measure does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. Management uses net debt to provide insight as to the Corporation's ability to meet obligations as at the reporting date. PHX Energy's method of calculating net debt may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of loans and borrowings and cash and cash equivalents to net debt:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Loans and borrowings	19,171	7,564
Deduct:		
Cash and cash equivalents	(14,203)	(16,433)
Net debt (Net cash)	4,968	(8,869)

#### e) Net Capital Expenditures

Net capital expenditures is comprised of total additions to drilling and other long-term assets, as determined in accordance with IFRS, less total proceeds from disposition of drilling equipment, as determined in accordance with IFRS. This financial measure does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. Management uses net capital expenditures to provide insight as to the Corporation's ability to meet obligations as at the reporting date. PHX Energy's method of calculating net debt may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of additions to drilling and other equipment and proceeds from disposition of drilling equipment to net capital expenditures:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,		Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Growth capital expenditures	11,061	12,471	59,798	27,356
Maintenance capital expenditures from asset retirements	82	2,825	6,252	11,543
Maintenance capital expenditures from downhole equipment losses	•	3,508	1,513	10,559
	11,143	18,804	67,563	49,458
Deduct:				
Proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment	(6,973)	(11,682)	(26,683)	(32,689)
Net capital expenditures	4,170	7,122	40,880	16,769

#### f) Remaining Distributable Balance under ROCS

Remaining distributable balance under ROCS is comprised of 70% of excess cash flow as defined above less repurchases of shares under the Normal Course Issuer Bids in effect during the period and less the dividends paid to shareholders during the period. This financial measure does not have a standardized meaning and is not a financial measure recognized under GAAP. Management uses the remaining distributable balance under ROCS to provide insight as to the Corporation's ROCS strategy as at the reporting date. PHX Energy's method of calculating remaining distributable balance under ROCS may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, it may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following is a reconciliation of excess cash flow as defined above to remaining distributable balance under ROCS:

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,		Nine-mor	Nine-month periods ended September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Excess cash flow	19,334	25,724	30,311	70,465	
70% of excess cash flow	13,534	18,007	21,218	49,326	
Deduct:					
Dividends paid to shareholders	(9,437)	(7,621)	(28,388)	(22,913)	
Repurchase of shares under the NCIB	(12,612)	(17,523)	(15,756)	(19,102)	
Remaining Distributable Balance under ROCS	(8,515)	(7,137)	(22,926)	7,311	

## **Supplementary Financial Measures**

- "Average consolidated revenue per day" is comprised of consolidated revenue, as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Corporation's consolidated number of operating days. Operating days is defined under the "Definitions" section below.
- "Average revenue per operating day" is comprised of revenue, as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the number of operating days.
- "Dividends paid per share" is comprised of dividends paid, as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the number of shares outstanding at the dividend record date.
- "Dividends declared per share" is comprised of dividends declared, as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the number of shares outstanding at the dividend record date.
- "Effective tax rate" is comprised of provision for or recovery of income tax, as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by earnings before income taxes, as determined in accordance with IFRS.
- "Funds from operations per share diluted" is calculated using the treasury stock method whereby deemed proceeds on the exercise of the share options are used to reacquire common shares at an average share price. The calculation of funds from operations per share diluted is based on the funds from operations as reported in the table above divided by the diluted number of shares outstanding at period end.

## **Definitions**

- "Operating days" throughout this document, it is referring to the billable days on which PHX Energy is providing services to the client at the rig site.
- "Capital expenditures" equate to the Corporation's total acquisition of drilling and other equipment as stated on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and Note 6(a) in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
- "Growth capital expenditures" are capital expenditures that were used to expand capacity in the Corporation's fleet of drilling equipment.
- "Maintenance capital expenditures" are capital expenditures that were used to maintain capacity in the Corporation's fleet of drilling equipment and replace equipment that were lost downhole during drilling operations.

## Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information and Statements

This MD&A contains certain forward-looking information and statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The use of "expect", "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "objective", "ongoing", "may", "will", "project", "could", "should", "can", "believe", "plans", "intends", "strategy" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking information or statements.

The forward-looking information and statements included in this MD&A are not guarantees of future performance and should not be unduly relied upon. These statements and information 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 and information. The Corporation believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements and information are reasonable, but no assurance

can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct. Such forward-looking statements and information included in this MD&A should not be unduly relied upon. These forward-looking statements and information speak only as of the date of this MD&A.

In particular, forward-looking information and statements contained in this MD&A include, without limitation:

- The Corporation's intent to preserve balance sheet strength and continue to reward shareholders, including through
  its dividend program, the ROCS program and NCIB, including intentions with respect to purchases thereunder and
  the effects of repurchases under the NCIB.
- The Corporation's expectation that the level of excess cash flow to be used for shareholder returns to stay within the
   70 percent threshold in 2025.
- The majority of equipment on order as at September 30, 2024 is expected to be delivered in the last quarter of 2024 and in early 2025.
- The approved capital expenditure budget for the 2024-year has been increased to \$80 million from the previously announced \$75 million, excluding proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment. The additional \$5 million in capital expenditures is expected to be directed towards RSS systems for both the Canadian and US markets to further grow this high margin business line in both regions. Additionally, included in the \$80million is \$5 million of carryover from the 2023 budget. Of the total expenditures, \$71 million is expected to be allocated to growth capital and the remaining \$9 million is expected to be allocated towards maintenance of the existing fleet of drilling and other equipment and replacement of equipment lost downhole during drilling operations.
- The preliminary 2025 capital expenditure program being \$50 million, of which approximately half is anticipated to be spent on growth. The Corporation believes that with the higher levels of capital expenditures in the past two years, its current fleet of MWD systems and motors will support its forecasted 2025-activity and the 2025 growth capital expenditures are expected to be mainly focused on further expanding the RSS fleets including its related ancillary technologies. The remaining half is anticipated to be spent on maintenance of the fleet of drilling and other equipment and replacement of equipment lost downhole during drilling operations.
- The planned expenditures are expected to be financed from cash flow from operating activities, proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment, cash and cash equivalents, and the Corporation's credit facilities, if necessary.
- The expectation that the wind up of Albanian operations will be completed by the end of 2024.
- With the Canadian division receiving three of its own PowerDrive Orbit RSS systems in the latter part of the 2024quarter, the Corporation expects to displace and reduce RSS related equipment rentals in the future to improve profitability in this line of business.
- The anticipated industry activity and demand for the Corporation's services and technologies in North America.

The above are stated under the headings: "Financial Results", "Dividends and ROCS", "Capital Spending", "Segmented Information", "Liquidity", and "Cash Requirements for Capital Expenditures". In addition, all information contained under the headings "Outlook", "Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements", and "Business Risk Factors" sections of this MD&A may contain forward-looking statements.

In addition to other material factors, expectations and assumptions which may be identified in this MD&A and other continuous disclosure documents of the Corporation referenced herein, assumptions have been made in respect of such forward-looking statements and information regarding, without limitation, that: the Corporation will continue to conduct its operations in a manner consistent with past operations; the general continuance of current industry conditions and the accuracy of the Corporation's market outlook expectations for 2024 and in the future; that future business, regulatory and industry conditions will be within the parameters expected by the Corporation, anticipated financial performance, business prospects, impact of competition, strategies, the general stability of the economic and political environment in which the Corporation operates; the potential impact of pandemics, the Russian-Ukrainian war, Middle-East conflict and other world events on the global economy, specifically trade, manufacturing, supply chain, inflation and energy consumption, among other things and the resulting impact on the Corporation's operations and future results which remain uncertain; exchange and interest rates, and inflationary pressures including the potential for further interest rate hikes by global central banks and the impact on financing charges and foreign exchange and the anticipated global economic response to concerted interest rate hikes; the continuance of existing (and in certain circumstances, the implementation of proposed) tax, royalty and regulatory regimes; the sufficiency of budgeted capital expenditures in carrying out planned activities; the availability and cost of labour and services and the adequacy of cash flow; debt and ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms to fund its planned expenditures, which are subject to change based on commodity prices; market conditions and future oil and natural gas prices; and potential timing delays. Although management considers these material factors, expectations, and assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to it, no assurance can be given that they will prove to be correct.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists of factors are not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors that could affect the Corporation's operations and financial results are included in reports on file with the Canadian Securities Regulatory Authorities and may be accessed through the SEDAR+ website (www.sedarplus.ca) or at the Corporation's website. The forward-looking statements and information contained in this MD&A are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. The Corporation does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws.

## **Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Financial Position**

(Stated in thousands of dollars, unaudited)

otated in thousands of dollars, diredulted)	Septer	mber 30, 2024	December 31, 2023		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash	\$	14,203	\$	16,433	
Trade and other receivables		107,655		121,334	
Inventories		64,095		63,173	
Prepaid expenses		2,609		2,409	
Current tax assets		-		3,691	
Total current assets		188,562		207,040	
Non-current assets:					
Drilling and other long-term assets (Note 6)		158,201		128,263	
Right-of-use assets		25,226		27,056	
Intangible assets		14,088		14,200	
Investments (Note 10)		2,171		3,001	
Other long-term assets		2,222		1,284	
Deferred tax assets		4,944		4,650	
Total non-current assets		206,852		178,454	
Total assets	\$	395,414	\$	385,494	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Trade and other payables	\$	93,900	\$	100,438	
Dividends payable (Note 8d)		9,183		9,453	
Current lease liability		3,510		3,234	
Current tax liability		6,292		-	
Total current liabilities		112,885		113,125	
Non-current liabilities:					
Lease liability		31,948		33,972	
Loans and borrowings (Note 7)		19,171		7,564	
Deferred tax liability		18,677		16,822	
Other (Note 8c)		2,520		4,042	
Total non-current liabilities		72,316		62,400	
Equity:					
Share capital (Note 8a)		208,093		222,653	
Contributed surplus		7,268		7,168	
Deficit		(33,286)		(45,695)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI)		28,138		25,843	
Total equity		210,213		209,969	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	395,414	\$	385,494	

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, commitments (Note 6b)

# **Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Comprehensive Earnings**

(Stated in thousands of dollars except earnings per share, unaudited)

	Three-month periods ended September 30,				Nine-month periods ended September 30,			
		2024	2023		2024		2023	
Revenue (Note 4)	\$	160,634	\$ 169,368	\$	480,987	\$	491,008	
Direct costs		131,666	125,138		387,166		376,996	
Gross profit		28,968	44,230		93,821		114,012	
Expenses:								
Selling, general and administrative expenses		15,885	19,833		50,726		50,911	
Research and development expenses		1,392	1,246		4,004		3,817	
Finance expense		620	598		1,421		1,974	
Finance expense lease liability		628	554		1,700		1,695	
Other income (Note 9)		(4,504)	(9,113)		(18,503)		(24,360)	
		14,021	13,118		39,348		34,037	
Earnings before income taxes		14,947	31,112		54,473		79,975	
Provision for income taxes								
Current		2,672	5,616		12,724		13,592	
Deferred		2,115	575		1,222		936	
		4,787	6,191		13,946		14,528	
Net earnings		10,160	24,921		40,527		65,447	
Other comprehensive income Foreign currency translation, net of								
tax		(2,217)	3,613		3,125		(1,016)	
Equity investment revaluation through AOCI (Note 10)		-	-		(830)		-	
Total comprehensive earnings	\$	7,943	\$ 28,534	\$	42,822	\$	64,431	
Earnings per share – basic	\$	0.22	\$ 0.50	\$	0.86	\$	1.29	
Earnings per share – diluted	\$	0.22	\$ 0.50	\$	0.86	\$	1.28	

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# **Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Changes in Equity**

(Stated in thousands of dollars except share capital numbers, unaudited)

Nine-month period ended	Sha	Share Capital			Contributed	Accumulated Other					
September 30, 2024	Number		Amount (\$)		Surplus	С	omprehensive Income		Deficit		Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2023	47,260,472	\$	222,653	\$	7,168	\$	25,843	\$	(45,695)	\$	209,969
Issuance of share capital on exercise of options	297,533		874				-				874
Common shares repurchased and cancelled	(1,648,232)		(15,756)		-		-		-		(15,756)
Share-based payments	-		-		422				-		422
Fair value of options exercised			322		(322)		-		-		-
Net earnings	-		-		-		-		40,527		40,527
Foreign currency translation, net of tax	-		-		-		3,125		-		3,125
Equity investment loss through AOCI (Note 10)							(830)				(830)
Dividends	-		-		-		-		(28,118)		(28,118)
Balance, September 30, 2024	45,909,773	\$	208,093	\$	7,268	\$	28,138	\$	(33,286)	\$	210,213
Nine-month period ended		ıre Ca					Accumulated Other		5.6%		T. 15 "
September 30, 2023	Number		Amount (\$)	Cor	ntributed Surplus		Comprehensive Income		Deficit		Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2022	50,896,175	\$	251,345	\$	7,044	\$	30,610	\$	(112,120)	\$	176,879
Issuance of share capital on exercise of options	315,000		764		-		-		-		764
Issuance of share capital from trust on settlement of retention awards	121,763		955		-		-		-		955
Common shares repurchased and cancelled	(2,710,500)		(19,102)		-		-		-		(19,102)
Common shares purchased and held in trust	(114,000)		(612)		-		-		-		(612)
Share-based payments	-		-		431		-		-		431
Fair value of options exercised	-		297		(297)		-		-		-
Net earnings	-		-		-		-		65,447		65,447
Foreign currency translation, net of tax	-		-		-		(1,016)		-		(1,016)
Dividends	-		-		-		-		(22,703)		(22,703)
Balance, September 30, 2023	48,508,438	\$	233,647	\$	7,178	\$	29,594	\$	(69,376)	\$	201,043

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flows (Stated in thousands of dollars, unaudited)

Stated in thousands of dollars, unaudited)	Three r	nonth periods ended	Nine n	nonth periods ended
	111166-1	September 30,	INITE-II	September 30,
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Earnings Adjustments for:	\$ 10,160	\$ 24,921	\$ 40,527	\$ 65,447
Depreciation and amortization	11,516	9,867	32,977	28,805
Depreciation and amortization right-of-use asset	1,214	822	2,920	2,057
Provision for income taxes	4,787	6,191	13,946	14,529
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss	(47)	427	187	392
Net gain on disposition of drilling equipment (Note 9)	(4,340)	(8,354)	(18,627)	(23,903)
Equity-settled share-based payments	140	144	422	431
Finance expense	620	598	1,421	1,974
Finance expense lease liability	628	554	1,700	1,695
Provision for (recovery of) bad debts		(1,106)		117
Provision for inventory obsolescence	891	654	1,622	1,302
Interest paid on lease liability	(628)	(554)	(1,700)	(1,695)
Interest paid	(398)	(473)	(886)	(1,506)
Income taxes paid	(1,843)	(7,076)	(2,572)	(8,534)
Change in non-cash working capital	6,040	7,013	7,288	(21,141)
Net cash from operating activities	28,740	33,628	79,225	59,970
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Proceeds on disposition of drilling equipment	6,973	11,682	26,683	32,689
Acquisition of drilling and other equipment	(11,143)	(18,804)	(67,563)	(49,458)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(1,365)	-	(1,365)	-
Change in non-cash working capital	(9,361)	3,204	(5,178)	2,151
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,896)	(3,918)	(47,423)	(14,618)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repurchase of shares under the NCIB	(12,612)	(17,523)	(15,756)	(19,102)
Dividends paid to shareholders	(9,437)	(7,621)	(28,388)	(22,913)
Payments of lease liability	(809)	(766)	(2,504)	(2,221)
Net proceeds from (net repayment of) loans and borrowings	9,500	(9,400)	11,500	(4,231)
Proceeds from exercise of options	53	415	874	764
Purchase of shares held in trust				(612)
Change in non-cash working capital		(415)		(415)
Net cash used in financing activities	(13,305)	(35,310)	(34,274)	(48,730)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	539	(5,600)	(2,472)	(3,378)
Cash, beginning of period	13,798	20,080	16,433	18,247
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held	(134)	365	242	(24)
Cash, end of period	\$ 14,203	\$ 14,845	\$ 14,203	\$ 14,845

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

#### **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

For the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

## 1. Reporting Entity

PHX Energy Services Corp. ("PHX Energy" or the "Corporation") is a publicly-traded Corporation listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "PHX". The Corporation's registered office is at Suite 1600, 215 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The Corporation, through its subsidiaries, provides horizontal and directional drilling services, rents performance drilling motors, and sells motor equipment and parts to oil and natural gas exploration and development companies in Canada, United States, and the Middle East regions. The Corporation also develops and manufactures technologies that are made available for internal operational use.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements include the accounts of the Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

## 2. Basis of Preparation

#### a) Statement of Compliance

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorized by the Board of Directors on November 5, 2024.

#### b) Basis of Measurement

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using the historical cost basis except for liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment arrangements and investments, which are measured at fair value.

## c) Functional and Presentation Currency

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in thousands of Canadian dollars ("CAD"), which is the Corporation's functional currency, unless otherwise stated.

#### d) Use of Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements in conformity with accounting standards as issued by IFRS requires management to make estimates and judgements that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the estimates and judgments made by management in applying the Corporation's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty have not changed significantly since December 31, 2023.

## 3. Material Accounting Policies

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared utilizing the same material accounting policies and methods as the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Management has determined that the previously disclosed international segment no longer meets the definition of a reportable segment. The international segment was formerly comprised of PHX Energy's Russia and Albania divisions. The Russian division was disposed of on June 30, 2022. As a result of the internal realignment, the results of the Albania division are no longer regularly reviewed by the Corporation's chief operating decision makers. The results of the Albania division also do not exceed the quantitative thresholds in IFRS 8, Operating Segments, and active operations are winding down in the current period. Accordingly, the results of the international segment are no longer presented separately and are included within the Canada segment. The comparative segment disclosures have been restated to align with the reportable segment presentation adopted in the current period.

During the third quarter of 2024, the International Accounting Standards Board issued a decision regarding the disclosure requirements under IFRS 8 segment reporting. Management has made updates in the current and comparative periods to the disclosures under Note 5 – Operating Segments to align with the decision, providing further detail relating to the segmentation of income statement items. Significant changes include the allocation of finance expense lease liability and other income to the reportable segments.

## 4. Revenue

The Corporation generates revenue primarily from the provision of directional drilling services to clients. Other sources of revenue include rental of performance drilling motors and sale of motor equipment and parts.

(Stated in thousands of dollars)	Canada United States			Total		
Three-month periods ended September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Directional drilling services	43,228	45,261	105,232	104,725	148,460	149,986
Motor rental	423	283	9,789	12,891	10,212	13,174
Sale of motor equipment and parts	-	-	1,962	6,208	1,962	6,208
Total revenue	43,651	45,544	116,983	123,824	160,634	169,368

(Stated in thousands of dollars)	Cana	ıda	United States			Total		
Nine-month periods ended September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Directional drilling services	132,738	115,179	313,864	329,035	446,602	444,214		
Motor rental	1,126	1,384	27,344	35,292	28,470	36,676		
Sale of motor equipment and parts	-	-	5,915	10,118	5,915	10,118		
Total revenue	133,864	116,563	347,123	374,445	480,987	491,008		

# 5. Operating Segments

The Corporation provides directional and horizontal oil and natural gas well drilling services. PHX Energy's reportable segments have been aligned as follows:

#### Information about reportable segments

(Stated in thousands of dollars)	Can	ada	United	States	Corpo	orate	To	tal	
Three-month periods ended September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Total revenue	43,651	45,544	116,983	123,824	-	-	160,634	169,368	
Direct costs	36,760	34,421	94,906	90,717	-	-	131,666	125,138	
Gross profit	6,891	11,123	22,077	33,107		-	28,968	44,230	
Expenses:									
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,823	3,598	7,126	6,525	4,936	9,710	15,885	19,833	
Research and development expenses	-	-	-	-	1,392	1,246	1,392	1,246	
Finance expense	-	-	-	-	620	598	620	598	
Finance expense lease liability	297	309	312	227	19	18	628	554	
Other income	(1,838)	(1,165)	(2,666)	(7,948)	-		(4,504)	(9,113)	
Reportable segment profit (loss) before income taxes	4,609	8,381	17,305	34,303	(6,967)	(11,572)	14,947	31,112	

(Stated in thousands of dollars)	Can	ada	United	States	Corpo	orate	To	tal
Nine-month periods ended September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Total revenue	133,864	116,563	347,123	374,445	-	-	480,987	491,008
Direct costs	110,443	90,216	276,723	286,780	-	-	387,166	376,996
Gross profit	23,421	26,347	70,400	87,665		-	93,821	114,012
Expenses: Selling, general and administrative expenses Research and development expenses Finance expense	11,299	8,768	22,463	20,716	16,964 4,004 1,421	21,427 3,817 1,974	50,726 4,004 1,421	50,911 3,817 1,974
Finance expense lease liability Other income	899 (4,765)	935 (2,660)	743 (13,738)	706 (21,700)	58	54 -	1,700	1,695 (24,360)
Reportable segment profit (loss) before income taxes	15,988	19,304	60,932	87,943	(22,447)	(27,272)	54,473	79,975

(Stated in thousands of dollars)	Canada		United States		Corpo	orate	Total	
As at September 30,	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Segment non-current assets	72,346	60,737	131,840	110,805	2,666	3,001	206,852	174,543
Total Assets	141,294	133,833	251,151	247,110	2,969	3,593	395,414	384,536

# 6. Drilling and Other Long-Term Assets

#### a) Acquisitions and Disposals

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the Corporation acquired assets with a cost of \$67.6 million (2023 - \$49.5 million).

Assets with a carrying amount of \$8.1 million (2023 - \$8.8 million) were disposed of as a result of tools lost down hole and scrapped assets, resulting in a net gain on disposition of \$18.6 million (2023 - \$23.9 million), which is included in other income (see Note 9) in the condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income.

#### b) Capital Commitments

As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation has entered into commitments to purchase drilling and other equipment for \$12 million; the majority of deliveries are expected to occur within the 2024-year.

## 7. Loans and Borrowings

#### a) Terms and Covenants

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Currency	Amount of Facility	Date of Maturity	Currency	Carrying Amount at September 30, 2024	Currency	Carrying Amount at December 31, 2023
Operating Facility	CAD	15,000	December 12, 2026	CAD		CAD	-
Syndicated Facility	CAD	80,000	December 12, 2026	CAD	19,171	CAD	7,564
Total CAD Facility	CAD	95,000		CAD	19,171	CAD	7,564
US Operating Facility	USD	20,000	December 12, 2026	USD	-	USD	-
Total USD Facility	USD	20,000		USD	-	USD	-

The carrying amount of loans and borrowings is presented net of borrowing costs amounting to \$0.3 million at September 30, 2024. Under the syndicated loan agreement, the Corporation is required to maintain certain financial covenants. As at September 30, 2024 the Corporation was in compliance with all of its financial covenants as follows:

Ratio	Covenant	September 30, 2024
Debt to covenant EBITDA <sup>(i)</sup>	< 3.0x	0.16
Interest coverage ratio(i)	> 3.0x	66.33

<sup>(</sup>i)Definitions for these terms are included in the credit agreement filed on SEDAR

Under the syndicated credit agreement, in any given period, the Corporation's distributions (as defined therein) cannot exceed its maximum aggregate amount of distributions limit as defined in the Corporation's syndicated credit agreement. Distributions include, without limitation, dividends declared and paid, cash used for common shares purchased by the independent trustee in the open market and held in trust for potential settlement of outstanding retention awards, as well as cash used for common shares repurchased and cancelled.

The facilities bear interest based primarily on the Corporation's debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio, as defined in the credit agreement. Interest on the operating facility is at the bank's prime rate plus one percent. Interest on the syndicated facility is at the Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average ("CORRA") plus two percent.

As at September 30, 2024 the Corporation has CAD \$75.5 million and USD \$20 million available to be drawn from its credit facilities with a borrowing base limited to \$180.6 million. The credit facilities are secured by substantially all of the Corporation's assets.

## 8. Share Capital

#### a) Authorized and Issued Shares

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares.

(Stated in thousands of dollars except common shares outstanding)	Number	Amount
Balance as at January 1, 2023	50,896,175	\$ 251,345
Common shares repurchased and cancelled	(4,032,600)	(30,366)
Common shares repurchased and held in trust	(114,000)	(612)
Issued shares pursuant to retention awards plan	121,763	955
Issued shares pursuant to share option plan	389,134	1,331
Balance as at December 31, 2023	47,260,472	\$ 222,653
Common shares repurchased and cancelled	(1,648,232)	(15,756)
Issued shares pursuant to share option plan	297,533	1,196
Balance as at September 30, 2024	45,909,773	\$ 208,093

## b) Share Option Program (Equity-Settled)

PHX Energy has a share option program that entitles key management personnel and other employees to purchase common shares in the Corporation. Grants under the plan vest as to one-third 6 months from the grant date, one-third 18 months from grant date and one-third 30 months from grant date. In accordance with these programs, options are exercisable using the five-day weighted-average trading price of the common shares ending immediately prior

to the date of grant, or in the case of a US option holder, the trading price of the common shares ending immediately prior to the date of grant. The options have a term of five years.

#### Summary of option grants in 2024

Number	Exe	rcise Price	Expiration Date		Fair Value
150,000	\$	9.17	March 7, 2029	\$	1.78
125,000		9.23	March 7, 2029		1.64
275,000				•	

The Corporation values all of its share options using the Black-Scholes model. The Corporation's determination of fair value of options on the date of grant is affected by the Corporation's share price as well as assumptions regarding a number of variables. For the options granted during 2024 these variables include, but are not limited to, the Corporation's expected share price volatility over the term of the options of 41 percent, forfeiture rate of nil, dividend yield of 8.66 percent and a risk-free interest rate of 4.13 percent. The amounts computed according to the Black-Scholes model method may not be indicative of the actual values realized upon the exercise of these options by the holders.

Total compensation expense related to stock options recognized for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024 were \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million, respectively (2023 - \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million, respectively).

A summary of the status of the plan as at September 30, 2024 is presented below:

	September 30, 2024			December 31, 2023		
	Outland	Weighted-Average		Oations	Weighted-Average	
	Options	Exercise Price Opt		Options	Exercise Price	
Outstanding, beginning of period	994,200	\$	4.80	1,133,334	\$	3.31
Granted	275,000		9.20	250,000		7.91
Exercised	(297,533)		2.94	(389,134)		2.48
Outstanding, end of period	971,667		6.61	994,200		4.80
Options exercisable, end of period	704,995		5.79	744,195		3.95

The weighted-average share price at the date of exercise for share options exercised for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024 was \$8.91 (2023 - \$7.61).

The range of exercise prices for options outstanding at September 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Options Outstanding	g Options Exercisable			ole
Number	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price		V	Veighted-Average Exercise Price
50,000	0.43 yrs	2.19	50,000		2.19
100,000	1.43 yrs	2.74	100,000		2.74
80,000	1.43 yrs	2.64	80,000		2.64
150,000	2.43 yrs	6.08	150,000		6.08
66,667	2.43 yrs	6.16	66,667		6.16
150,000	3.44 yrs	7.96	99,999		7.96
100,000	3.44 yrs	7.83	66,666		7.83
150,000	4.44 yrs	9.17	49,998		9.17
125,000	4.44 yrs	9.23	41,665		9.23
971,667	2.97 yrs	\$ 6.61	704,995	\$	5.79

#### c) Retention Award Plan (Cash-Settled)

The retention award plan has two types of awards: Restricted Awards ("RAs") and Performance Awards ("PAs") and results in eligible participants, as approved by the Board, receiving cash or common shares in relation to the value of a specified number of underlying notional retention awards. Under the previous RAP, if common shares are used to settle awards, an additional multiplier to the award value of 1.25 times is applied. Effective February 28, 2023, the Board approved an amendment to the RAP whereby if the Corporation elects to settle awards in common shares, the additional multiplier will no longer be applied. This amended plan applies to grants after February 28, 2023. Common shares acquired by an independent trustee in the open market are held in trust for the potential settlement of RA and PA award values and are netted out of share capital, including the cumulative purchase cost, until they are distributed for future settlements. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, the independent trustee did not purchase common shares (2023 – 114,000 common shares, \$0.6 million) and released no common shares (2023 – 121,763 common shares) to settle retention award obligations (2023 - \$1 million). As at September 30, 2024, the Corporation held 3,301 common shares in trust (2023 – 3,301). The Corporation continues to account for its retention award plan as cash-settled share-based compensation.

RAs vest evenly over a period of three years. Upon vesting and subsequent exercise, the holder is entitled to receive a cash payment or common shares based on the fair value of the underlying shares determined using the five-day weighted-average trading price of the shares ending immediately prior to the exercise date plus accrued re-invested dividends.

PAs vesting and subsequent exercise is similar to RAs, except a payout multiplier is applied to the final payout. The payout multiplier is linked solely to total shareholder return on the Corporation's common shares relative to returns

on securities of members of the Corporation's peer comparison group over the applicable vesting period and can range from a payout of zero percent to 200 percent. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024, 236,112 PAs were granted (2023 – 268,825), 1,051,655 PAs settled at a weighted-average payout multiplier of 155 percent (2023 – 1,159,523), no PAs were forfeited (2023 - nil). As at September 30, 2024, 602,502 PAs were outstanding (2023 – 846,756).

The Corporation recorded a total of \$9.6 million compensation expense relating to these plans for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024 (2023 – \$8.9 million). The expense is included in selling, general and administrative expense and has a corresponding liability of \$7 million in trade and other payables for the current portion and \$2.5 million included in other liabilities for the long-term portion which had vesting dates after September 30, 2025 (2023 - \$8.9 million and \$2.8 million). There were 1,587,459 RAs and PAs outstanding as at September 30, 2024 (2023 – 2,135,283). The closing share price on September 30, 2024 of PHX stock was \$9.08.

A summary of the status of the plan as at September 30, 2024 is presented below:

	September 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
RAs and PAs outstanding, beginning of period	2,160,151	2,845,191
Granted	583,543	744,643
Settled	(1,156,235)	(1,429,683)
RAs and PAs outstanding, end of period	1,587,459	2,160,151

#### d) Dividends

On September 13, 2024, the Corporation declared a dividend of \$0.20 per share or \$9.2 million payable on October 15, 2024.

#### e) Normal Course Issuer Bid

During the third quarter of 2024, the TSX approved the renewal of PHX Energy's Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") to purchase for cancellation, from time-to-time, up to a maximum of 3,363,845 common shares, representing 10 percent of the Corporation's public float of Common Shares as at August 7, 2024. The NCIB commenced on August 16, 2024 and will terminate on August 15, 2025. Purchases of common shares are to be made on the open market through the facilities of the TSX and through alternative trading systems. The price which PHX Energy is to pay for any common shares purchased is to be at the prevailing market price on the TSX or alternate trading systems at the time of such purchase.

Pursuant to the previous and current NCIB, 1,648,232 common shares were purchased by the Corporation for \$15.8 million including incremental transaction costs, and cancelled in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2024

(2023 – 2,710,500 shares, \$19.1 million). Of the 1,648,232 common shares purchased and cancelled, 1,069,121 common shares were purchased under the previous NCIB and 579,111 common shares were purchased under the current NCIB. Subsequent to September 30, 2024, the Corporation purchased 420,100 common shares for \$4.1 million including incremental transaction costs.

#### 9. Other Income

(Stated in thousands of dollars)	Three-m	onth periods ended September 30,	Nine-month periods ended September 30,		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Net gain on disposition of drilling equipment	4,340	8,354	18,627	23,903	
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	164	(347)	(124)	574	
Recovery of (provision for) bad debts	-	1,106	-	(117)	
Other income	4,504	9,113	18,503	24,360	

#### 10. Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The Corporation has designated its trade and other payables, dividends payable, and loans and borrowings as non-derivative financial liabilities carried at amortized cost. Cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables are designated as non-derivative financial assets measured at amortized cost. The Corporation's carrying values of these items, excluding loans and borrowings, approximates their fair value due to the relatively short periods to maturity of the instruments. Loans and borrowings bears interest at a floating market rate indicative of current spreads and accordingly the fair value approximate the carrying value.

Equity investments in a company are designated as non-derivative financial assets measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income ("FVOCI") as the investment is not held-for-trading and fair value changes are not reflective of the Corporation's operations. The investment asset is carried at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position. Fair value is considered level three under the fair value hierarchy and requires management to assess information available, which may include private placements, available financial statement information and other available market data.

On July 16, 2024, 3.5 million warrants held by PHX Energy in DEEP Earth Energy Production Corp. ("DEEP") expired. As a result of the expiration, the loss on revaluation of investments of \$0.8 million, which represents the fair value assigned to the expired warrants was recognized through other comprehensive income.

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