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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For August 14, 2003

Commission File Number:

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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CALGARY, ALBERTA
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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HIGHLIGHTS
(Stated in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended June 30, 2003	2002	% Change	Six months ended 2003	2
Financial Results					
Revenue	$ 356,561	$ 324,328	9.9	$ 956,234	$ 86
Operating earnings (1)	10,168	2,577	294.6	126,157	11
Earnings from continuing operations	6,473	1,412	358.4	78,250	6
Net earnings	10,862	3,327	226.5	95,759	7
Diluted earnings per share:					
From continuing operations	0.12		0.03300.0		1.42
After discontinued operations	0.20		0.06233.3		1.74
Funds provided by continuing operations	20,750	9,494	118.6	151,460	12

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Financial Position		
Working capital	$ 172,516	$ 21
Long-term debt (2)	$ 411,144	$ 51
Long-term debt to long-term debt plus equity (2)	0.20	

(1) See explanation on page 8
(2) Excludes current portion of long-term debt

This discussion should be read in conjunction with the annual audited consolidated financial statements of Precision Drilling Corporation (Corporation) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, as well as the Management Discussion and Analysis which appears on pages 37 to 49 of the Corporation's 2002 annual report, and with the interim financial statements for the periods ending June 30, 2003.

OVERVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Earnings per share from continuing operations for the three months ended June 30, 2003 was $0.12 compared to $0.03 in the same quarter of 2002. Included in earnings from continuing operations is a $1.2 million ($0.02 per share) gain on disposal of equity investments and a $4.3 million ($0.05 per share) writedown of operating assets in the Technology Services segment. Also during the quarter the Corporation sold its interest in an Argentinian drilling rig joint venture realizing a gain on disposal of discontinued operations of $4.4 million or $0.08 per share, bringing total earnings per share to $0.20. For the six month period ended June 30, 2003, earnings per share from continuing operations was $1.42 compared to $1.22 for the same period in 2002.

Revenue of $356.6 million for the quarter increased by $32.2 million or 10% over the prior year. The majority of this increase came from the Corporation's Canadian operations. Uncertainty as to the timing and duration of spring breakup always presents challenges in predicting second quarter operating results and this year was no exception. Strong first quarter demand for services continued into the second quarter; however activity levels were curtailed by heavy snowfalls late in the season and extended periods of rain throughout most of the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin limiting access to drilling sites. During the quarter Precision had as many as 80 drilling rigs waiting on weather conditions to allow them to go to work. The Corporation's Canadian operations should continue to be the driver for improved earnings in 2003. Customer requests for services indicate that the activity shortfall experienced in the second quarter should be made up in the second half of the year.

The Technology Services segment continues with its new tool build program. The active fleet of HEL(TM) (Hostile Environment Logging) was at 99 strings at June 30. All regional operations have now carried out HEL(TM) jobs with critical mass now established in Mexico. Future investment is being directed to increasing tool sizes and expanding concurrent job capability.

The 4 3/4" Revolution(TM) rotary steerable tool was deployed on eight wells during the second quarter of 2003. The current fleet of 4 3/4" tools stands at 11 units with the construction of 20 more tools scheduled for the balance of 2003. The design work for the 6 3/4" rotary steerable is virtually complete and materials have been ordered to build the initial prototypes. Bench testing of the 6 3/4" prototypes is scheduled for November and December with field tests planned for January, 2004.

The TorkBuster(TM) tool is also being deployed in the field with a total of 60 runs being completed to date. There are currently 19 TorkBuster(TM) tools (12 - 61/2", 7 - 4 3/4") in the fleet.

Management continues to focus on prioritizing the deployment of these new tools and improving the efficiency of operations in the Technology Services segment. The segment's strategic business plan is also being reviewed to incorporate market developments. Future capital spending decisions and assessment of the carrying value of the Corporation's investment in the Technology Services segment will be based upon the results of this process.

During the quarter the Corporation was pleased to announce a US $339 million extension of its multi-well integrated services contract for work in the Burgos basin in northern Mexico through its affiliate PD Mexicana S. de R.L. de C.V. (a jointly owned company). The drilling activity will be a seamless continuation of the initial contract and involves the mobilization of an additional three rigs by the Corporation bringing the total number of rigs working under this contract to 10. The Corporation will continue as lead contractor and will supply services from its other business units.

SEGMENT REVIEW

(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three months ended June 30,			Six months ended	
	2003	2002	% Change	2003	2
Operating earnings: (1)					
Contract Drilling	$ 19,552	$ 15,764	24.0	$ 124,315	$ 11

Technology Services	(15,449)	(15,965)	3.2	(6,485)	(
Rental and Production	14,275	10,480	36.2	22,610	1
Corporate and Other	(8,210)	(7,702)	(6.6)	(14,283)	(1
	$ 10,168	$ 2,577	294.6	$ 126,157	$ 11

(1) See explanation on page 8

CONTRACT DRILLING
(Stated in thousands of dollars, except per day/hour amounts)

Three months ended June 30,	2003	% of Revenue	2002
Revenue	$ 139,082		$ 122,
Expenses:			
Operating	100,400	72.1	87,
General and administrative	6,536	4.7	7,
Depreciation and amortization	12,660	9.1	11,
Foreign exchange	(66)	--	(
Operating earnings	$ 19,552	14.1	$ 15,

Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	239		
Drilling operating days	6,500		4,
Drilling revenue per operating day	$ 15,820		$ 16,
Number of service rigs (end of period)	240		
Service rig operating hours	77,018		74,
Service revenue per operating hour	$ 409		$

Six months ended June 30,	2003	% of Revenue	2002
Revenue	$ 474,394		$ 426,
Expenses:			
Operating	297,466	62.7	259,
General and administrative	15,185	3.2	16,
Depreciation and amortization	38,273	8.1	32,
Foreign exchange	(845)	(0.2)	
Operating earnings	$ 124,315	26.2	$ 117,

Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	239		
Drilling operating days	21,966		18,
Drilling revenue per operating day	$ 15,953		$ 16,
Number of service rigs (end of period)	240		
Service rig operating hours	215,936		204,
Service revenue per operating hour	$ 465		$

The Contract Drilling Group's revenue increased by 14% in the second quarter compared to the same quarter last year. For the six-month period, revenue has increased 11% from the prior year.

In Canada, the rig fleet achieved 5,605 operating days for a 27% utilization in the quarter compared to 4,146 operating days last year with a 20% utilization. The increase in rig operating days of 35% for the quarter and 23% for the six-month period follows the overall industry activity. Average revenue per day was down marginally in the second quarter of 2003 compared to the second quarter of 2002 due to the mix of equipment working. However, rig day rates remained consistent with the second quarter of 2002. Pricing in Canada is expected to improve in 2003 as anticipated activity reaches record levels.

During the quarter the Corporation experienced an increase in international drilling activity as the number of operating days increased over the same quarter in 2002 by 41% to 895 days. The increase in days is the result of increased activity in Mexico and a one rig project in India. The Corporation has entered into a second rig contract in India, is mobilizing another rig to the Middle East and is adding three rigs to its fleet in Mexico.

In 2002 the Corporation was carrying on drilling operations in the US and accumulated 186 and 405 rig operating days in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2002, respectively. No such operations were carried on in 2003.

The service rig fleet generated 77,018 operating hours in the second quarter, up 3% from the same quarter last year. Average hourly rates have remained consistent with the second quarter of 2002.

Operating earnings for the quarter as a percentage of revenue for Contract Drilling increased from 13% to 14%. The increase is due to increased activity in Canada partially offset by activity disruptions in Venezuela and the impact of a one time benefit received from the early cancellation of an international contract received in 2002.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
(Stated in thousands of dollars)

Three months ended June 30,		2003	% of Revenue		2002
Revenue	$	153,647		$	146,
Expenses:					
Operating		122,728	79.9		115,
General and administrative		16,948	11.1		21,
Depreciation and amortization		21,085	13.7		13,
Research and engineering		8,364	5.4		8,
Foreign exchange		(29)	--		3,
Operating loss	$	(15,449)	(10.1)	$	(15,

Wireline jobs performed	7,735	6,
Directional wells drilled	553	
Well testing/CPD (1) man-days (Canada only)	7,466	8,

Six months ended June 30,		2003	% of Revenue		2002
Revenue	$	368,387		$	333,
Expenses:					
Operating		277,038	75.2		248,
General and administrative		39,673	10.8		43,
Depreciation and amortization		41,593	11.3		29,
Research and engineering		17,645	4.8		16,
Foreign exchange		(1,077)	(0.3)		3,
Operating loss	$	(6,485)	(1.8)	$	(7,

Wireline jobs performed	17,753	15,
Directional wells drilled	1,362	
Well testing/CPD (1) man-days (Canada only)	25,983	26,

(1) Controlled Pressure Drilling (CPD)

In the current quarter, revenue for the Technology Services segment was 5% higher than the comparable quarter of 2002. Increases were experienced in all geographical regions except Europe/Africa and the Mexico integrated services project. The most significant increase was realized in the Middle East region where revenue increased $6.7 million (a 113% increase over 2002) due to the start up of wireline operations in Yemen and additional Controlled Pressure Drilling contracts in the last 12 months. The US region has experienced revenue growth in line with the increased rig count. Revenue for the quarter was contributed from Canada at 31% (2002 - 32%), US 26% (2002- 24%) and International 43% (2002 - 44%).

Operating earnings as a percentage of revenue improved moderately from a loss of 11% in the second quarter of 2002 to a loss of 10% this year. Excluding the $4.3 million writedown of operating assets, operating earnings as a percentage of revenue would have been a loss of 7%. Depreciation expense increased as a result of asset writedowns, increased capital assets and a gain on disposal of capital assets in 2002 of $2.7 million compared to a loss on disposal in 2003 of $0.4 million. Total capital expenditures in the Technology Services segment in the last twelve months have been $233.3 million.

The steps initiated in the first quarter to reduce costs and improve profitability are continuing. In certain international locations these steps have proven to be a significant challenge and will require more time and attention to achieve desired results.

RENTAL AND PRODUCTION
(Stated in thousands of dollars)

Three months ended June 30,		2003	% of Revenue		2002
Revenue	$	63,832		$	55,
Expenses:					
Operating		44,467	69.7		38,
General and administrative		1,855	2.9		2,
Depreciation and amortization		2,973	4.6		3,

Foreign exchange		262	0.4	
Operating earnings	$	14,275	22.4	$ 10,

Equipment rental days (000's)	173
Plant maintenance man-days (000's)	81

Six months ended June 30,		2003	% of Revenue	2002
Revenue	$	113,453		$ 103,
Expenses:				
Operating		79,631	70.2	71,
General and administrative		4,445	3.9	4,
Depreciation and amortization		6,292	5.6	6,
Foreign exchange		475	0.4	
Operating earnings	$	22,610	19.9	$ 19,

Equipment rental days (000's)	395
Plant maintenance man-days (000's)	141

The Rental and Production Group experienced an increase in revenue of 16% over the prior year to $63.8 million. The segment's rental division realized higher revenues due to increased rental days and a modest increase in revenue per rental day driven by the activity levels in Canada. Industrial plant maintenance revenue was up on the prior year by 11% due to an increase in activity in Canada. The second quarter of a year is typically the busiest quarter for industrial plant maintenance.

CORPORATE AND OTHER EXPENSES

Corporate and other expenses of $8.2 million for the second quarter have remained relatively consistent with the prior year. General and administrative costs included in corporate and other expenses are comprised primarily of head office functions.

OTHER ITEMS

Interest expense for the three months ended June 30, 2003 was $9.0 million, an increase of $0.4 million or 5% from the same period last year. The increase is the result of an increase in average net debt outstanding as the balance increased from $557.5 million for the second quarter in 2002 to $588.3 million in 2003. Net debt is defined as long-term debt, including current portion, plus bank indebtedness less cash. The increase in average net debt is principally due to capital spending in excess of funds provided from operations over the last 6 months of 2002. For the first six months of 2003 capital spending, net of proceeds of disposal, is in line with funds provided by continuing operations.

The effective tax rate on earnings before income taxes, non-controlling interest and discontinued operations was a recovery of 185% in comparison to a recovery of 131% in the prior year. The tax benefit derived from how the Corporation has structured its foreign operations is amplified in the second quarter and amounts to approximately $0.09 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2003.

During July the Corporation issued 14,600 shares on the exercise of stock options.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Funds generated from continuing operations for the current quarter were $20.8 million up 119% from the prior year of $9.5 million. For the six month period ended June 30, 2003 funds generated from continuing operations was $151.5 million, up 22% from the prior year. Working capital decreased from $210.3 million at December 31, 2002 to $172.5 million at June 30, 2003 and the working capital ratio declined marginally from 1.54 to 1.46.

The Corporation spent $84.7 million and $157.2 million on capital additions, net of proceeds of disposal, in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2003, respectively. The principal capital additions related to the Corporation's expansion in the Technology Services segment as the Corporation continues its new technology roll out and global expansion. During the first quarter the Corporation received $60.4 million on the sale of Energy Industries Inc. During the second quarter the Corporation received $7.6 million on the disposal of investments, $6.9 million on the sale of an Argentina joint venture and $3.9 million on the exercise of stock options while repaying a net $119.7 million on the debt facilities.

The Corporation's total borrowing at June 30, 2003 amounted to $548.3 million of which 67% was fixed and 33% was floating. The Corporation's long-term debt to long-term debt plus equity ratio improved from 0.25 as at December 31, 2002 to 0.20 as at June 30, 2003. The Corporation has unused lines of credit amounting to $269.4 million at the end of the second quarter.

NON-GAAP MEASURE

(1) Operating earnings is not a recognized measure under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management believes that in addition to net earnings, operating earnings is a useful supplemental measure as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Corporation's principal business activities prior to consideration of how those activities are financed or how the results are taxed in various jurisdictions. Investors should be cautioned, however, that operating earnings should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of Precision's performance. Precision's method of calculating operating earnings may differ from other companies and, accordingly, operating earnings may not be comparable to measures used by other companies.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this interim report, including statements which may contain words such as "could", "plans", "should", "anticipates", "expect", "believe", "will" and similar expressions and statements relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, statements as to: future capital expenditures, including the amount and nature thereof; oil and gas prices and demand; expansion and other development trends of the oil and gas industry; business strategy; expansion and growth of the Corporation's business and operations, including the Corporation's market share and position in the domestic and international drilling markets; and other such matters.

These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Corporation in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results, performance or achievements will conform with the Corporation's expectations and predictions is subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the Corporation's expectations, including: fluctuations in the price and demand of oil and gas; fluctuations in the level of oil and gas exploration and development activities; fluctuations in the demand for well servicing, contract drilling and ancillary oilfield services; the existence of competitors, technological changes and developments in the oil and gas industry; the ability of oil an gas companies to raise capital; the effects of severe weather conditions on operations and facilities; the existence of operating risks inherent in the well servicing, contract drilling and ancillary oilfield services; political circumstances impeding the progress of work in any of the countries in which the Corporation does business; identifying and acquiring suitable acquisition targets on reasonable terms; general economic, market or business conditions, including stock market volatility; changes in laws or regulations, including taxation, environmental and currency regulations; the lack of availability of qualified personnel or management; and other unforeseen conditions which could impact on the use of services supplied by the Corporation.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by the Corporation will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to or effects on the Corporation or its business or operations. The Corporation assumes no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	June 30, 2003 (unaudited)
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash	$ 10,957
Accounts receivable	414,956
Income taxes recoverable	7,568
Inventory	114,081
	547,562
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	1,573,462
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	69,150
Goodwill	537,692
Other assets	11,217
	$ 2,739,083
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	
Current liabilities:	
Bank indebtedness (Note 5)	$ 114,503

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	237,890
Current portion of long-term debt	22,653
	375,046
Long-term debt	411,144
Future income taxes	311,400
Non-controlling interest	2,585
Shareholders' equity:	
Share capital	923,065
Retained earnings	715,843
	1,638,908
	$ 2,739,083
Common shares outstanding (000's)	54,399
Common share purchase options outstanding (000's)	3,741

Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Retained Earnings (unaudited)
(Stated in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended June 30, 2003	2002	Six month June 2003
Revenue	$ 356,561	$ 324,328	$ 956,234
Expenses:			
Operating	267,595	241,571	654,510
General and administrative	31,952	37,835	68,660
Depreciation and amortization	37,914	29,904	88,527
Research and engineering	8,364	8,227	17,645
Foreign exchange	568	4,214	735
	346,393	321,751	830,077
Operating earnings	10,168	2,577	126,157
Interest	8,965	8,543	18,400
Dividend Income	--	(39)	--
Gain on disposal of investments	(1,164)	--	(1,164)
Earnings before income taxes, non-controlling interest and discontinued operations	2,367	(5,927)	108,921
Income taxes:			
Current	10,882	11,953	32,917
Future	(15,268)	(19,726)	(2,812)
	(4,386)	(7,773)	30,105
Earnings before non-controlling interest and discontinued operations	6,753	1,846	78,816
Non-controlling interest	280	434	566
Earnings from continuing operations	6,473	1,412	78,250
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	4,389	--	17,460
Discontinued operations, net of tax (Note 4)	--	1,915	49
Net earnings	10,862	3,327	95,759
Retained earnings, beginning of period	704,981	595,648	620,084

Retained earnings, end of period	$ 715,843	$ 598,975	$ 715,843
Earnings per share from continuing operations:			
Basic	$ 0.12	$ 0.03	$ 1.44
Diluted	$ 0.12	$ 0.03	$ 1.42
Earnings per share:			
Basic	$ 0.20	$ 0.06	$ 1.77
Diluted	$ 0.20	$ 0.06	$ 1.74
Common shares outstanding (000's)	54,399	53,877	54,399
Weighted average shares outstanding (000's)	54,325	53,612	54,243
Diluted shares outstanding (000's)	55,203	55,047	55,174

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow (unaudited)
(Stated in thousands of dollars)

	Three months ended June 30, 2003	2002	Six month June 2003
Cash provided by (used in):			
Continuing operations:			
Net earnings	$ 6,473	$ 1,412	$ 78,250
Items not affecting cash:			
Depreciation and amortization	37,914	29,904	88,527
Gain on disposal of investments	(1,164)	--	(1,164)
Future income taxes	(15,268)	(19,726)	(2,812)
Non-controlling interest	280	434	566
Amortization of deferred financing costs	322	324	644
Unrealized foreign exchange gain on long-term debt	(7,807)	(2,854)	(12,551)
Funds provided by continuing operations	20,750	9,494	151,460
Changes in non-cash working capital balances	149,607	124,842	(1,097)
	170,357	134,336	150,363
Discontinued operations:			
Net earnings	4,389	1,915	17,509
Items not affecting cash:			
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	(4,389)	--	(17,460)
Depreciation and amortization	--	593	133
Future income taxes	--	(45)	--
Funds provided by discontinued operations	--	2,463	182
Investments:			
Business acquisitions (Note 3)	--	--	(6,800)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(91,657)	(59,612)	(168,383)
Purchase of intangibles	--	(1,971)	(6)
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	6,909	11,144	11,146
Proceeds on disposal of investments	7,620	--	7,620
Proceeds on disposal of discontinued operations (Note 4)	6,914	--	67,274
Investments	(115)	--	(874)
	(70,329)	(50,439)	(90,023)
Financing:			
Increase in long-term debt	--	--	44,960

Repayment of long-term debt	(135,731)	(80,100)	(141,171)
Issuance of common shares on exercise of options	3,940	14,603	10,149
Change in bank indebtedness	16,023	(483)	19,182
	(115,768)	(65,980)	(66,880)
Increase (decrease) in cash	(15,740)	20,380	(6,358)
Cash, beginning of period	26,697	6,838	17,315
Cash, end of period	$ 10,957	$ 27,218	$ 10,957

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)
(Tabular amounts stated in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These interim financial statements were prepared using accounting policies and methods of their application consistent with those used in the preparation of the Corporation's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002. These interim financial statements conform in all respects to the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in Canada for annual financial statements with the exception of certain note disclosures regarding balance sheet items and transactions occurring prior to the current reporting period. As a result, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002 contained in the Corporation's 2002 annual report.

2. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The majority of the Corporation's operations are carried on in Canada. 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, the 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 breakup" has a direct impact on the Corporation's activity levels. In addition, many exploration and production areas in northern Canada are accessible only in winter months when the ground is frozen hard enough to support equipment. The timing of freeze up and spring breakup affects the ability to move equipment in and out of these areas. As a result, late March through May is traditionally our slowest time.

3. ACQUISITION

In February, the Corporation acquired the operating assets of MacKenzie Caterers (1984) Ltd., a provider of oilfield camp and catering services, for $6.8 million. The net assets acquired were property, plant and equipment. No value was assigned to intangibles or goodwill.

4. DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES

Effective January 1, 2003 the Corporation sold its 100% owned subsidiary, Energy Industries Inc., for cash proceeds of $ 60.4 million, net of transaction costs and bank indebtedness assumed by the purchaser. Energy Industries Inc. was disposed of as it was not a core business to the Corporations' energy services globalization strategy. Results of Energy Industries Inc.'s operations have been disclosed as discontinued operations in comparative periods. Energy Industries Inc. was a component of the Rental and Production segment.

In May 2003 the Corporation sold its 50% interest in Energy Equipment

Rentals General Partnership ("EER") and Oil Drilling & Exploration (Argentina) SA ("OD&E") for cash proceeds of $ 6.9 million, net of transaction costs. Results of EER and OD&E `s operations have been disclosed as discontinued operations in the current and comparative periods. Both entities were components of the Contract Drilling segment.

5. BANK INDEBTEDNESS

In May 2003, the Corporation secured a new $30.0 million revolving demand facility with a Canadian chartered bank. This facility expires on October 31, 2003 and is to be used as bridge financing for the construction of certain drilling rigs and associated assets. At that time it is anticipated that this financing will have been converted to term debt. Advances are available under this facility either at the bank's prime lending rate, U.S. base rate, U.S. Libor plus .65%, or Bankers' Acceptance plus .65% or in combination. The Corporation has drawn $10.8 million on this facility as at June 30, 2003.

6. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

The Corporation uses the intrinsic value based method to account for share options and accordingly, no compensation costs have been recognized in the financial statements. In accordance with the Corporation's stock option plans, these options have an exercise price equal to the market price at date of grant. The per share weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the six and three month periods ended June 30, 2003 were $19.74 and $17.53 respectively, based on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: average risk-free interest rate of 3.76%, average expected life of 3.37 years and expected volatility of 49% for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 3.91%, 2.99 years and 49% respectively for the three months ended June 30, 2003.

Had the Corporation determined compensation costs based on the fair value at the date of grant for stock options granted since January 1, 2002; net earnings and earnings per share (EPS) would have decreased to the pro forma amounts indicated below. These pro forma amounts reflect compensation cost amortized over the options vesting period.

		Three months ended June 30, 2003	Three months ended June 30, 2002	Six month June 2003
Net earnings	- As reported	$ 10,862	$ 3,327	$ 95,759
	- Pro forma	$ 8,527	$ 2,135	$ 91,058
Diluted EPS	- As reported	$ 0.20	$ 0.06	$ 1.74
	- Pro forma	$ 0.15	$ 0.04	$ 1.65

7. GUARANTEES

The Corporation has entered into agreements indemnifying certain parties primarily with respect to environmental, tax and specific third party claims associated with businesses sold by Precision. Due to the nature of the indemnifications, the maximum exposure under these agreements cannot be estimated. No amounts have been recorded for such indemnities as the Corporation's obligations under them are not probable and estimable.

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Three months ended June 30	Contract Drilling	Technology Services	Rental and Production	Corporate and Other
2003				
Revenue	$ 139,082	$ 153,647	$ 63,832	$ --
Operating earnings (loss)	19,552	(15,449)	14,275	(8,210)
Research and engineering	--	8,364	--	--
Depreciation and amortization	12,660	21,085	2,973	1,196
Total assets	1,274,722	1,225,377	178,104	60,880
Goodwill	257,531	251,589	28,572	--
Capital expenditures	21,698	61,180	3,345	5,434
2002				
Revenue	$ 122,120	$ 146,991	$ 55,217	$ --
Operating earnings (loss)	15,764	(15,965)	10,480	(7,702)
Research and engineering	--	8,227	--	--
Depreciation and amortization	11,479	13,986	3,370	1,069
Total assets	1,259,952	1,027,329	237,227	80,103
Goodwill	257,531	250,045	37,801	--
Capital expenditures	9,163	48,859	3,099	462

Six months ended June 30	Contract Drilling	Technology Services	Rental and Production	Corporate and Other
2003				
Revenue	$ 474,394	$ 368,387	$ 113,453	$ --
Operating earnings (loss)	124,315	(6,485)	22,610	(14,283)
Research and engineering	--	17,645	--	--
Depreciation and amortization	38,273	41,593	6,292	2,369
Total assets	1,274,722	1,225,377	178,104	60,880
Goodwill	257,531	251,589	28,572	--
Capital expenditures*	29,996	121,208	7,194	9,991
2002				
Revenue	$426,680	$ 333,187	$ 103,064	$ --
Operating earnings (loss)	117,861	(7,942)	19,473	(15,216)
Research and engineering	--	16,288	--	--
Depreciation and amortization	32,030	29,676	6,664	2,126
Total assets	1,259,952	1,027,329	237,227	80,103
Goodwill	257,531	250,045	37,801	--
Capital expenditures	19,004	77,022	11,710	742

(1) Certain expenses have been reclassified between segments to more appropriately reflect operating earnings.

* Excludes business acquisitions.

Shareholder Information

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(3) Corporate Governance Committee member

OFFICERS

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President
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and Chief Financial Officer

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Senior Vice President
Technology Services Group

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STOCK EXCHANGE LISTINGS

Common shares of Precision Drilling Corporation are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol PD and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol PDS.

Toronto (TSX)
January 1, 2003
to June 30, 2003
- High: $56.68
- Low: $45.30
- Volume traded: 36.3 million

New York (NYSE)
January 1, 2003
to June 30, 2003
- High: US $40.52
- Low: US $31.10
- Volume traded: 28.3 million

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Shareholders of record who receive more than one copy of this report can contact our Transfer Agent and arrange to have their accounts consolidated. Shareholders who own Precision shares through a brokerage firm can contact their broker to request consolidation of their accounts.

ONLINE INFORMATION

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ESTIMATED RELEASE DATES FOR FINANCIAL RESULTS

2003 Third Quarter
October 30, 2003

2003 Year End Results
February 12, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION

Per: /s/ Jan M. Campbell

Jan M. Campbell
Corporate Secretary

Date: August 14, 2003

Pursuant to Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and rules promulgated thereunder, certain certifications are required in respect of annual and periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although quarterly reports furnished to the SEC on Form 6-K are "current" and not "periodic" reports, and do not require certification, the following certifications are given here voluntarily.

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