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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), dated February 12, 2020, has been prepared by management of Mullen Group Ltd. ("Mullen Group" and/or the "Corporation") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, and should be read in conjunction with the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 (the "Annual Financial Statements"). Unless otherwise specified, information in this MD&A is provided as at such date and any reference to "Mullen Group", "we", "us", "our" or the "Corporation" means Mullen Group Ltd., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the province of Alberta and includes its predecessors where context so requires. The Annual Financial Statements and other additional information on Mullen Group, including the Annual Information Form dated February 12, 2020, are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and at www.mullen-group.com. Such documents are also available upon request, free of charge, from the Corporate Investor Services group at ir@mullen-group.com. This MD&A and the Annual Financial Statements were reviewed by Mullen Group's Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors (the "Board") on February 12, 2020.

# ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance to and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), which include the International Accounting Standards ("IAS") and the interpretations developed by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts contained in this MD&A are in Canadian funds, which is the functional currency of the Corporation.

#### ADVISORY:

Forward-looking statements - This MD&A reflects management's expectations regarding Mullen Group's future growth, financial condition, results of operations, performance, business prospects, strategies and opportunities and contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Wherever possible, words such as "anticipate", "may", "will", "believe", "expect", "potential", "continue", "view", "objective", "should", "plan", "intend", "ongoing", "estimate", "project" or similar expressions have been used to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's current beliefs and assumptions and are based on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements involve significant inherent risks and uncertainties, numerous assumptions and the risk that the predictions and forward-looking statements will not be achieved and that the actual results or events may differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. A number of factors could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the results discussed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are based upon what management believes to be reasonable beliefs and assumptions, Mullen Group cannot assure readers that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Some of the risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to certain strategic, financial and operational risks, most important of which are reduced oil and natural gas drilling, decreased oil sands and heavy oil activity, a slowdown in the general economy, currency exchange rates, change in the return on fair value of investments, prevailing interest rates, regulatory framework governing taxes and environmental matters in the jurisdictions in which the Corporation conducts and will conduct its business, customer relationships, labour disruption and driver retention, accidents, cost of liability insurance, fuel prices, ability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources and changes in legislation including but not limited to tax laws and environmental regulations. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers should not place undue reliance on the forwardlooking statements contained in this MD&A. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors and risks is not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors and risks that could affect the operations or financial results of Mullen Group may be found under the heading "Principal Risks and Uncertainties" starting on page 65 as well as in reports on file with applicable securities regulatory authorities and may be accessed through the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are made as of the date hereof and Mullen Group undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless so required by applicable securities law. Mullen Group relies on litigation protection for "forward-looking" statements. Additional information regarding the forwardlooking statements contained in this MD&A and the material assumptions made in preparing such statements may be found under the heading "Forward-Looking Information Statements" beginning on page 85 of this MD&A.

Non-GAAP Terms - Mullen Group reports on certain financial performance measures that are described and presented in order to provide shareholders and potential investors with additional measures to evaluate Mullen Group's ability to fund its operations and information regarding its liquidity. In addition, these measures are used by management in its evaluation of performance. These financial performance measures ("Non-GAAP Terms") are not recognized financial terms under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("Canadian GAAP"). For publicly accountable enterprises, such as Mullen Group, Canadian GAAP is governed by principles based on IFRS and interpretations of IFRIC. Management believes these Non-GAAP Terms are useful supplemental measures. These Non-GAAP Terms do not have standardized meanings and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities. Specifically, operating margin¹, net income – adjusted¹, earnings per share – adjusted¹, net capital expenditures¹, net debt¹ not cash flow per share¹ are not measures recognized by Canadian GAAP and do not have standardized meanings prescribed by Canadian GAAP. For the reader's reference, the definition, calculation and reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms are provided in the "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms" section of this MD&A. The Non-GAAP Terms should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. Investors are cautioned that these indicators should not replace the forgoing Canadian GAAP terms: net income, earnings per share, purchases of property, plant and equipment and debt.

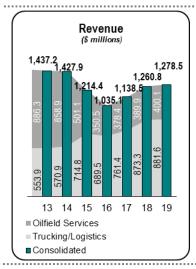


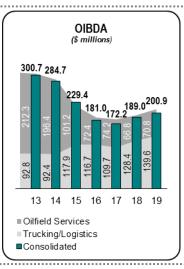
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - CONSOLIDATED

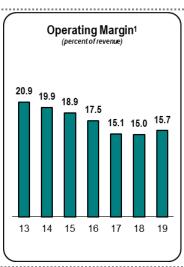
PERFORMANCE:	-	Ye	ears end	ed December 31	
(\$ millions, except share price and per share amounts)		2019		2018	2017
Financial Results					
Revenue	\$	1,278.5	\$	1,260.8	\$ 1,138.5
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>		200.9		189.0	172.2
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss		(14.1)		8.5	(21.7)
Decrease in fair value of investments		_		3.1	0.7
Impairment of goodwill		_		100.0	_
Net income (loss)		72.2		(43.8)	65.5
Net income – adjusted <sup>(2)</sup>		48.2		62.0	42.2
Net cash from operating activities		170.6		140.7	142.1
Cash dividends declared		62.9		62.6	37.3
Financial Position					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	79.0	\$	3.9	\$ 134.5
Long-term debt (includes the current portion thereof and the debt component of Debentures)		616.8		512.2	540.0
Total assets		1,749.3		1,645.9	1,750.7
Share Information					
Cash dividends declared per Common Share	\$	0.60	\$	0.60	\$ 0.36
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$	0.69	\$	(0.42)	\$ 0.63
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted	\$	0.69	\$	(0.42)	\$ 0.63
Earnings per share – adjusted <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	0.46	\$	0.59	\$ 0.41
Share price – December 31	\$	9.27	\$	12.21	\$ 15.74
Other Information					
Net capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	68.5	\$	87.5	\$ 19.8
Acquisitions	\$	15.7	\$	45.8	\$ 37.9

<sup>(1)</sup> Management relies on operating income before depreciation and amortization ("OIBDA") as a measurement since it provides an indication of our ability to generate cash from our principal business activities prior to depreciation and amortization, financing or taxation in various jurisdictions. OIBDA increased by approximately \$13.1 million (\$10.9 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment and \$2.2 million in the Oilfield Services segment) in the current year due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases effective January 1, 2019. As is permitted with this new standard, comparative information has not been restated. For more information, refer to Note 3 of the Annual Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".







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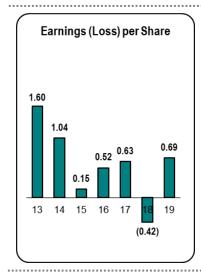


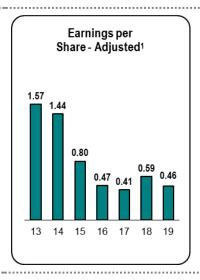
# **POSITION:**

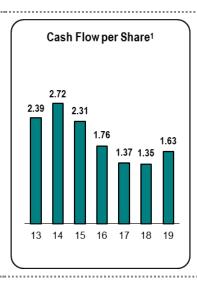
- Well-structured balance sheet with ample liquidity:
  - Working capital: \$243.3 million (includes \$79.0 million of cash and cash equivalents)
  - Net debt<sup>1</sup> of \$362.8 million, which represents a debt to OIBDA ratio of 1.81:1
  - Private Placement Debt of \$467.4 million (operating cash flow covenant at 2.30:1)
  - Unused Bank Credit Facility of \$150.0 million
- Net book value of property, plant and equipment of \$954.6 million, which includes \$571.4 million of carrying costs of owned real property

# **PROGRESS:**

- Revenue increased by \$17.7 million on a year over year basis;
  - Record Trucking/Logistics segment results revenue up 1.0 percent to \$881.6 million
  - Oilfield Services segment increased by 2.6 percent to \$400.1 million
- OIBDA increased by 6.3 percent from the prior year (including the effect of IFRS 16 Leases);
  - Record Trucking/Logistics segment results up 8.7 percent to \$139.6 million
  - Oilfield Services segment increased by 6.0 percent to \$70.8 million
- Issued an aggregate principal amount of \$125.0 million of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures at 5.75 percent per annum maturing November 2026
- Net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> were \$68.5 million as we continued to expand our real estate holdings (continued construction on our 24,000 square foot less-than-truckload cross dock facility in Regina, Saskatchewan) as well as fund growth opportunities within both operating segments
- Net cash from operating activities increased by \$29.9 million or 21.3 percent to \$170.6 million







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



# **SEVEN YEAR SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

# Consolidated

Years ended December 31 (\$ thousands) (unaudited)	2019 \$	2018 \$	2017 \$	2016 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue	1,278,502	1,260,798	1,138,489	1,035,059	1,214,372	1,427,851	1,437,166
Expenses							
Direct operating expenses	909,911	902,813	811,378	711,847	844,025	985,163	983,382
Selling and administrative expenses	167,679	168,970	154,953	142,179	140,928	157,947	153,101
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	200,912	189,015	172,158	181,033	229,419	284,741	300,683
Depreciation and amortization	111,491	87,489	86,570	85,300	94,247	85,161	86,242
Finance costs	23,625	20,027	27,499	32,460	35,815	47,370(2)	26,305
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(14,140)	8,537	(21,693)	(5,778)	39,701	15,570	16,144
Other (income) expense	(201)	(445)	(504)	(2,694)	19,289	4,897	(20,710)
Impairment of goodwill	_	100,000	_	_	_	_	_
Gain on contingent consideration	_	_	(2,000)	_	(3,000)	_	_
Income (loss) before income taxes	80,137	(26,593)	82,286	71,745	43,367	131,743	192,702
Income tax expense	7,896	17,194	16,777	19,707	30,001	37,110	49,407
Net income (loss)	72,241	(43,787)	65,509	52,038	13,366	94,633	143,295

# **Segmented Information**

Years ended December 31 (\$ thousands)	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
(unaudited)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trucking/Logistics Segment							
Revenue	881,624	873,337	761,379	689,516	714,844	570,892	553,940
Direct operating expenses	635,346	637,862	560,572	487,975	510,779	414,078	400,972
Selling and administrative expenses	106,720	107,038	91,145	84,864	86,126	64,410	60,128
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	139,558	128,437	109,662	116,677	117,939	92,404	92,840
Operating margin <sup>(3)</sup>	15.8%	14.7%	14.4%	16.9%	16.5%	16.2%	16.8%
Oilfield Services Segment							
Revenue	400,136	389,934	378,375	350,506	501,054	858,893	886,296
Direct operating expenses	282,701	274,085	257,792	231,863	337,843	578,236	590,964
Selling and administrative expenses	46,597	49,084	46,364	46,225	61,977	84,248	83,026
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	70,838	66,765	74,219	72,418	101,234	196,409	212,306
Operating margin <sup>(3)</sup>	17.7%	17.1%	19.6%	20.7%	20.2%	22.9%	24.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> OIBDA increased by approximately \$13.1 million (\$10.9 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment and \$2.2 million in the Oilfield Services segment) in the current year due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases effective January 1, 2019.

<sup>(3)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



<sup>(2)</sup> Includes a one-time \$20.0 million prepayment expense, which resulted from Mullen Group's decision to repay its Series A and Series B Notes prior to maturity.

# Other Information

Years ended December 31 (\$ thousands)							
(unaudited)	2019	2018*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Ratios – Operating							
Return on equity <sup>(1)</sup>	8.0%	3.5%	6.7%	5.9%	1.6%	10.5%	16.6%
Gross margin – percentage of revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	28.8%	28.4%	28.7%	31.2%	30.5%	31.0%	31.6%
Selling and administrative expenses – percentage of							
revenue	13.1%	13.4%	13.6%	13.7%	11.6%	11.1%	10.7%
Operating margin <sup>(3)</sup>	15.7%	15.0%	15.1%	17.5%	18.9%	19.9%	20.9%
Operating ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	93.2%	92.2%	92.4%	90.7%	90.4%	86.4%	83.7%
Financial Position							
Acid test ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.74:1	1.74:1	1.76:1	1.88:1	1.85:1	4.16:1	2.37:1
Property, plant and equipment	\$954,604	\$965,683	\$916,140	\$948,540	\$992,206	\$911,699	\$903,256
Total assets	\$1,749,292	\$1,645,852	\$1,750,657	\$1,873,027	\$1,817,035	\$1,862,137	\$1,587,609
Long-term debt (including current portion)	\$616,842	\$512,185	\$539,973	\$695,697	\$780,901	\$704,992	\$425,556
Equity	\$917,921	\$898,076	\$989,731	\$960,410	\$806,644	\$900,943	\$900,112
Debt-to-equity ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.67:1	0.57:1	0.55:1	0.72:1	0.97:1	0.78:1	0.47:1
Total net debt to operating cash flow <sup>(7)</sup>	2.30:1	2.46:1	2.40:1	2.37:1	3.33:1	2.42:1	1.36:1
Net cash from operating activities	\$170,653	\$140,710	\$142,085	\$174,314	\$211,572	\$248,585	\$214,401
Share Data							
Net cash from operating activities per share	\$1.63	\$1.35	\$1.37	\$1.76	\$2.31	\$2.72	\$2.39
Book value per share <sup>(8)</sup>	\$8.76	\$8.57	\$9.55	\$9.27	\$8.80	\$9.83	\$9.93
Earnings (loss) per share (basic) <sup>(9)</sup>	\$0.69	\$(0.42)	\$0.63	\$0.52	\$0.15	\$1.04	\$1.60
Price/earnings ratio(10)	13.4	37.0	25.0	38.1	93.4	20.5	17.7
Weighted number of shares outstanding (thousands)	104,825	104,274	103,654	99,165	91,653	91,377	89,764
Total shares outstanding (thousands)	104,825	104,825	103,654	103,654	91,661	91,611	90,662

<sup>2018</sup> operating ratios and share data are calculated before the effect of the impairment of goodwill.

- Return on equity was calculated by dividing net income (loss) by average shareholders' equity.
- Gross margin was calculated by dividing revenue less direct operating costs by revenue.
- Operating margin was calculated by dividing operating income before depreciation and amortization by revenue.
- Operating ratio was calculated by dividing the total cost before impairment of goodwill, taxes, interest, earnings from equity investments and net gains Operating ratio was calculated by dividing the total cost before impairment of goodwill, taxes, interest, earnings from equity investments and not and losses on foreign exchange, as a percentage of revenue.

  Acid test ratio was calculated by dividing cash (bank indebtedness) plus receivables by current liabilities.

  Debt-to-equity ratio was calculated by dividing total debt by shareholders' equity.

  Total net debt to operating cash flow was calculated as per the financial covenant terms within the Private Placement Debt agreement.

  Book value per share was calculated by dividing shareholders' equity by the number of shares outstanding.

  Earnings (loss) per share was calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding.

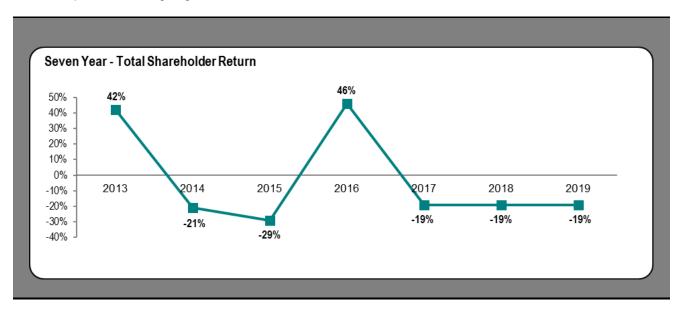
  Price/earnings ratio was calculated by dividing the year-end closing price by earnings (loss) per share adjusted for the impairment of goodwill.



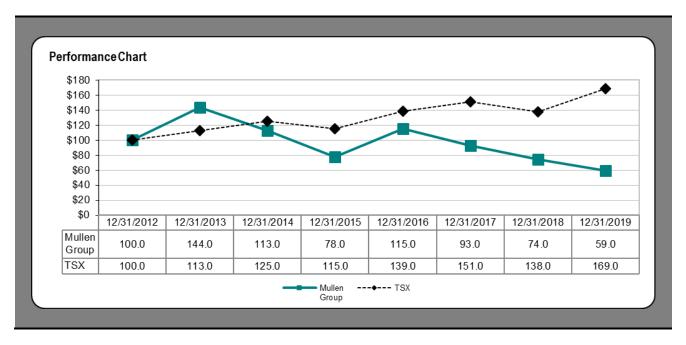
# SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Mullen Group's shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the trading symbol MTL.

Mullen Group's Total Shareholder Return consists of a combination of its annual dividend and the variance of its share price on an ongoing basis.



The following table and graph illustrate the cumulative return of our Common Shares at the end of each financial year, assuming an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2012, compared to the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, assuming the reinvestment of all declared dividends and distributions where applicable.





#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The last quarter of 2019 was very challenging, to say it politely, which is reflective of the overall pressures associated with the current macro environment. The economy is clearly stuck in neutral, at best, contributing to what is referred to as freight recession, arising from weak shipper demand, accompanied by changes to the supply chain, an inventory overhang as suppliers ramped up shipments earlier in the year and excessive truck capacity. These factors are the primary reason the Trucking/Logistics segment struggled to show any meaningful growth during the quarter, in spite of a relatively strong performance in our less-than-truckload ("LTL") business, which continues to benefit from solid consumer demand. And while growth in this segment slowed, we still managed to increase revenue and grow market share, primarily through some small tuck-in type acquisitions. Overall, we are quite pleased with the results generated, given the competitive market conditions.

Consolidated revenue was negatively impacted by declines in oilfield services. The issues surrounding western Canada's oil and natural gas industry remain front and centre and are the primary reason for the revenue and profitability declines in the fourth quarter. Adding to the lack of demand for nearly all oilfield services, is competitive pricing, the main reason we decided to demarket certain customers and contract hauls. We have always made the conscious decision to protect margin and not chase unprofitable business knowing this is the right long-term decision given the capital requirements of this business.

2019 ended just about on plan although the fourth quarter was more difficult than we had originally anticipated. Nevertheless, we generated another strong year in terms of cash from operations, paid shareholders a healthy \$0.60 dividend per Common Share, exited the year with \$79.0 million in cash and an unused bank line of \$150.0 million. We are well positioned to grow the business in the new decade as the macro environment stabilizes and the right acquisition opportunities become available.

Mullen Group operates a diversified business model combined with a highly adaptable and variable cost structure. The financial results for the three month period ended December 31, 2019, are as follows:

- generated consolidated revenue of \$314.6 million, a decrease of \$18.7 million, or 5.6 percent, as compared to \$333.3 million in 2018 due to:
  - record fourth quarter revenue in the Trucking/Logistics segment, a \$4.9 million increase to \$224.6 million
  - a decrease of \$22.7 million or 19.9 percent in the Oilfield Services segment
- earned consolidated OIBDA of \$49.9 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million as compared to \$51.7 million in 2018 due to:
  - record fourth quarter OIBDA of \$37.5 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment
  - a decrease of \$5.3 million or 25.5 percent in the Oilfield Services segment
  - a \$0.8 million increase in Corporate Office (as hereafter defined on page 13) costs mainly due to foreign exchange

#### Fourth Quarter Financial Results

# Revenue decreased by \$18.7 million, or 5.6 percent, to \$314.6 million and is summarized as follows:

- Trucking/Logistics segment grew by \$4.9 million, or 2.2 percent, to \$224.6 million a record compared to any previous fourth quarter period. Incremental revenue from acquisitions was \$5.9 million while fuel surcharge revenue decreased by \$2.7 million. Excluding acquisitions and the change in fuel surcharge revenue, growth resulted primarily from revenue increases at Gardewine Group Limited Partnership ("Gardewine") and Smook Contractors Ltd. ("Smook").
- Oilfield Services segment decreased by \$22.7 million, or 19.9 percent this decrease is attributable to the
  decline in drilling activity in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin ("WCSB"), and the Alberta
  Government's mandated crude oil curtailments that resulted in lower demand and very competitive pricing



for the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells and drilling related services. These decreases were partially offset by strong results generated by Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P. ("**Premay Pipeline**").

## OIBDA decreased by \$1.8 million, or 3.5 percent, to \$49.9 million and is summarized as follows:

- Trucking/Logistics segment grew by \$4.3 million, or 13.0 percent, to \$37.5 million record compared to any previous fourth quarter period. The majority of this rise in OIBDA, specifically \$3.2 million, was due to the adoption of IFRS 16 Leases. In addition, acquisitions accounted for \$0.9 million of incremental growth. When comparing our operating margin¹ without the impact of IFRS 16 Leases, it was 15.3 percent as compared to 15.1 percent in 2018.
- Oilfield Services segment down by \$5.3 million to \$15.5 million those Business Units (as hereafter defined on page 13) involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells declined by \$2.5 million due to the Alberta Government's mandated crude oil curtailments while those providing specialized services such as large diameter pipe stockpiling and stringing services as well as water management services declined by \$2.2 million. Operating margin¹ adjusted for the impact of IFRS 16 Leases decreased to 16.5 percent from 18.2 percent in 2018 due to higher direct operating expenses including operating supplies expense, repairs and maintenance expense, and Contractors (as hereafter defined on page 22) costs.

#### Net income increased by \$89.5 million to \$8.4 million, or \$0.08 per Common Share due to:

- The 2018 impairment of goodwill of \$100.0 million recorded by certain Business Units within the Oilfield Services segment due to the significant deterioration of industry conditions in the fourth quarter, a \$4.5 million positive variance in net foreign exchange and a \$2.0 million positive variance in the fair value of investments.
- The above was partially offset by a \$10.0 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, a \$1.8 million decrease in OIBDA, a \$1.8 million increase in finance costs and a \$1.4 million increase in income tax expense.

Net income – adjusted<sup>1</sup> decreased to \$5.6 million, or \$0.05 per Common Share.

#### Year End Financial Results

#### Revenue increased by \$17.7 million, or 1.4 percent, to \$1,278.5 million and is summarized as follows:

- Trucking/Logistics segment grew by \$8.3 million, or 1.0 percent, to \$881.6 million a record compared to any previous year. Our regional LTL business improved by \$16.6 million to \$447.4 million benefitting from acquisitions and modest market share gains. Our truckload services business decreased by \$8.0 million to \$446.1 million as a result of lower gross domestic product ("GDP") growth and a lack of capital investments. Fuel surcharge revenue, excluding the effect of acquisitions, declined by \$6.4 million to \$83.4 million.
- Oilfield Services segment increased by \$10.2 million, or 2.6 percent, to \$400.1 million this increase was mainly attributable to the \$39.4 million of incremental revenue generated by the 2018 mid-year acquisition of the business and assets of AECOM's Canadian Industrial Services Division ("AECOM ISD") and from the rise in demand for large diameter pipeline hauling and stringing services. These increases were partially offset by a \$27.6 million decrease in revenue generated by those Business Units most directly tied to oil and natural gas drilling activity as a result of lower drilling activity in the WCSB. Revenue also decreased due to a decline in demand for the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells due to the Alberta Government's mandated crude oil curtailments.

#### OIBDA increased by \$11.9 million, or 6.3 percent, to \$200.9 million and is summarized as follows:

Trucking/Logistics segment grew by \$11.2 million, or 8.7 percent, to \$139.6 million – a record compared to any previous year. The majority of this increase, specifically \$10.9 million, was due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases while acquisitions accounted for \$2.8 million of incremental OIBDA. These increases were somewhat offset by a reduction in OIBDA generated by certain of our truckload services Business

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



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Units. When comparing our operating margin<sup>1</sup> without the impact of IFRS 16 – Leases, it was 14.6 percent, as compared to 14.7 percent in 2018, which was primarily due to the lower margins generated by the recent acquisitions.

• Oilfield Services segment up by \$4.0 million to \$70.8 million – those Business Units providing specialized services including that of Premay Pipeline increased by \$7.0 million while those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells improved due to the 2018 mid-year acquisition of AECOM ISD. These increases were partially offset by a \$6.9 million decrease from those Business Units tied to drilling and drilling related activity due to the decline in drilling activity in the WCSB. Operating margin¹ adjusted for the impact of IFRS 16 – Leases improved by only 0.1 percent. The net margin gain was due to the integration of the AECOM ISD assets and the change in revenue mix associated with certain large diameter pipeline projects that had a beneficial effect on margin being mostly offset by the significant decline in margin generated by those Business Units mostly tied to drilling related activity.

#### Net income increased by \$116.0 million to \$72.2 million, or \$0.69 per Common Share due to:

- The 2018 impairment of goodwill of \$100.0 million recorded by certain Business Units within the Oilfield Services segment due to the significant deterioration of industry conditions in the fourth quarter, a \$22.6 million positive variance in net foreign exchange, an \$11.9 million increase in OIBDA, a \$9.3 million decrease in income tax expense and a \$3.1 million positive variance in the fair value of investments.
- The above was partially offset by a \$20.1 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, a \$3.9 million increase in amortization of intangible assets, a \$3.6 million increase in finance costs, a \$2.4 million increase in the loss on sale of property, plant and equipment and a \$0.9 million decrease in earnings from equity investments.

Net income – adjusted<sup>1</sup> decreased by 22.3 percent to \$48.2 million, or \$0.46 per Common Share.

#### Financial Position

The following summarizes our financial position as at December 31, 2019, along with some of the key changes that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2019:

- Exited the fourth quarter with working capital of \$243.3 million, which included \$79.0 million of cash and cash equivalents.
- Total net debt¹ (\$470.6 million) to operating cash flow (\$204.7 million) (as hereafter defined on page 43) of 2.30:1 as defined per our Private Placement Debt (as hereafter defined on page 25) agreement (financial covenant threshold of 3.50:1).
- Net book value of property, plant and equipment of \$954.6 million, which includes \$495.1 million of real property (carrying costs of \$571.4 million).

#### **Our Plans for 2020**

2020 will be a growth year for our company primarily because we will use a strong balance sheet to acquire some really good companies. And to the very loyal shareholders who stuck with our company during some difficult times in the last decade, as the oil and natural industry came under significant realignment, we are now positioned to resume a growth trajectory. Today Mullen Group is predominately a "Logistics Company", with an extensive and diversified business highlighted by one of the largest LTL networks in Canada. We have strong brands in the warehousing and transload business. We invest in technology to ensure we remain at the forefront of the changing supply chain and we remain an employer of choice. Not only are we focused on growing the business in areas of the economy that offer opportunity, we are implementing a series of initiatives to support shareholders. We are rebranding our company. We will maintain the dividend at \$0.60 per Common Share in 2020 and we will implement a share buyback program. Our business model generates significant cash flow and given the current share price and dividend, buying back our own stock makes imminent sense.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



The oil and natural gas industry is an important and large part of the Canadian economy however we have concluded that it is not a growth industry any longer, as such we will be reporting operating results to shareholders in a manner that reflects the business we are focused on today. LTL is the fastest growing part of our business as we build out a network across Canada that will serve literally hundreds of communities. Logistics & Warehousing is where we will use our expertise in technology and transload capabilities to expand service offerings. And Specialized & Industrial Services will capture a wide range of niche businesses, including the oil and natural gas industry, where we see opportunity to generate excellent returns on capital. This is the today's Mullen Group.

#### **Financial Goals and Capital Budget:**

- 1. Generate consolidated revenue in excess of \$1.4 billion.
- 2. Achieve operating earnings in the range of \$210.0 \$220.0 million, with volatility in operating margins<sup>1</sup> based upon the timing of acquisitions.
- 3. Invest \$50.0 million in capital expenditures, exclusive of acquisitions and new land or buildings.

# To support these goals, we will focus on the following initiatives:

- 1. Pursue acquisitions.
- 2. Invest in new technologies that can improve operating efficiencies and position ourselves for the digital world, including Moveitonline® and Haulistic<sup>TM</sup>, technologies that can change the way we do business.
- 3. Continue to streamline business processes and reduce redundancies where appropriate.

#### **Dividends and Share Buyback:**

- 1. We will continue to pay annual dividends of \$0.60 per Common Share on a monthly basis, being the largest portion of our annual free cash.
- 2. The Board approved management to pursue a normal course issuer bid.

#### 2020 Operating Segments:

Effective January 1, 2020, we will report our results in three new operating segments: Less-Than-Truckload; Logistics & Warehousing; and Specialized & Industrial Services. The change in the segment reporting structure more accurately reflects the business of Mullen Group today and aligns with how information is regularly reviewed internally for the purposes of decision making, capital allocation and assessing performance.

## OUTLOOK

Until recently we were quite optimistic that 2020 was shaping up to be a positive year based upon our expectation that consumer spending would remain strong, which is the principal driving force of our LTL/Final Mile business, and Canada's GDP growing by approximately 2.0 percent. In addition, we view the recent announcements regarding pipeline approvals and LNG expansion as a positive for the energy industry and the Alberta economy in particular. However, in light of the health concerns related to the Coronavirus there is now a possibility that the supply chain and economic activity could be temporarily impacted, including the North American economies. There is no factual evidence as of this date to indicate that economic growth will be negatively impacted but this is a fluid and fast moving issue of major concern, and not just to China. Within this context it is prudent to alert shareholders that any change to economic activity will impact our operations, revenue and overall profitability. We are well-positioned to withstand any short-term market shifts due to our diversified business model, multiple service offerings and geographic coverage.

We enter 2020 with a well-structured balance sheet, strong working capital position and cash of \$79.0 million, liquidity that we will use to pursue acquisition opportunities that fit our strategic objectives and meet our financial expectations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



#### CORPORATE OVERVIEW

Mullen Group is a publicly-traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "MTL". We are one of the leading suppliers of trucking and logistics services in Canada providing a wide range of service offerings including LTL, truckload, warehousing, logistics, transload, oversized and specialized hauling transportation. In addition, we provide a diverse set of specialized services related to the oil and natural gas industry in western Canada, water management, fluid hauling and environmental reclamation.

# **Objective – Maximize Shareholder Value**

We strive to maximize the overall returns to shareholders by focusing on the following strategies:

- Focused Growth
- Return Free Cash to Shareholders
- Maintain a Well-Structured Balance Sheet
- Strive for Operational Excellence
- Operate a Decentralized Business Model

#### Focused Growth

Our approach to achieving maximum overall returns to shareholders is based upon the following strategic components:

- Deploy capital to expand business over the long-term.
- Invest in sectors of the economy where we believe future growth opportunities exist.
- Invest in accretive acquisitions acquire competing, complementary or new business lines that can accelerate growth over the long-term.
- Diversify continue to grow and invest where opportunities exist in the two segments of the economy where
  we have strong market penetration and customer relationships, namely, the transportation and distribution of
  freight within North America and the oil and natural gas services industry.

Since going public in 1993, Mullen Group, and its predecessors the Mullen Group Income Fund and Mullen Transportation Inc., have grown annual revenues from \$72.6 million in 1993 to approximately \$1.3 billion in 2019. During this period over 69 acquisitions have been completed.

#### Return Free Cash to Shareholders

One of our objectives is to build a business that generates cash in excess of our operating and financing requirements, funds that can be returned to shareholders through dividends or reinvested to grow the business.

During 2019 we paid annual dividends of \$0.60 (\$0.05 paid per month) per Common Share. In 2018 we paid annual dividends of \$0.60 per Common Share. On February 12, 2020, we announced our intention to pay annual dividends of \$0.60 per Common Share (\$0.05 per Common Share on a monthly basis) for 2020, subject to the Board approval. Since going public in 1993, we have distributed over \$1.3 billion in cash dividends and distributions to our shareholders.



#### Maintain a Well-Structured Balance Sheet

We strive to maintain a balance sheet structured in such a manner to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained to allow us to meet our liabilities and corporate objectives under both normal and stressed conditions. In terms of liabilities, we maintain sufficient liquidity to not only meet our obligations when due, but to avoid incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to our reputation. Furthermore, we have balanced our equity with a reasonable proportionate use of structured long-term debt. Most notably, we use Private Placement Debt (as hereafter defined on page 25), which matures in 2024 and 2026 and has a 3.5 times total net debt<sup>1</sup> to operating cash flow (as hereafter defined on page 43) covenant.

We generated \$170.6 million in net cash from operating activities (2018 – \$140.7 million). At December 31, 2019, we had \$243.3 million of working capital (2018 – \$131.7 million), including \$79.0 million of cash and cash equivalents and an undrawn \$150.0 million Bank Credit Facility (as hereafter defined on page 18), a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.67:1 (2018 – 0.57:1) and a total net debt¹ to operating cash flow of 2.30:1 (2018 – 2.46:1). Our total net debt¹ to operating cash flow financial covenant under our Private Placement Debt enables the Corporation to include the trailing twelve months operating cash flows from our most recent acquisitions. We have not included the trailing twelve months of operating cash flows from our most recent acquisitions in our calculations.

#### Strive for Operational Excellence

Our business is managed upon the basic principles of generating superior profitability, striving for excellence in safety and committing to the process of continuous improvement. Operating in a team environment, we challenge ourselves to make decisions on all aspects relating to the operations of the business, improve customer service, enhance business processes, maintain cost controls, obtain excellence in safety and generate superior profitability. We evaluate operational excellence by benchmarking the financial performance, safety statistics and return on invested capital of each Business Unit.

#### Operate a Decentralized Business Model

We operate a decentralized business model that is non-hierarchical in nature. Each Business Unit is held accountable for its own performance and results. The management and employees of the Business Units (as hereafter defined on page 13) are remunerated based upon the performance of their respective business. Corporate Office (as hereafter defined on page 13) provides overall support to the Business Units by coordinating business strategies, monitoring financial and business performance and providing shared services on an as-needed basis. In addition, the Corporate Office has invested significantly in real estate holdings and operating facilities, mainly for use by the Business Units. The carrying costs of such holdings at December 31, 2019, was \$571.4 million (2018 – \$552.7 million).

We believe this model generally results in superior customer service, lower costs and provides greater operational flexibility as compared to a fully-integrated business model. Giving responsibility and the necessary authority to the Business Unit encourages greater entrepreneurship and innovation as the teams are empowered and rewarded for their actions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



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#### **Business**

The business is operated through a network of wholly-owned companies and limited partnerships (the "Business Units"). In 2019 the business was divided into two distinct operating segments for reporting purposes — Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services. The segments are differentiated by the type of service provided, equipment requirements and customer needs. Mullen Group provides the capital and financial expertise, technology and systems support, shared services and strategic planning (the "Corporate Office") for the Business Units. The Corporate Office also invests in certain public and private corporations. In addition, the Corporate Office, through its subsidiary MT Investments Inc. ("MT"), owns a network of real estate holdings and facilities that are leased primarily to the Business Units. Such properties are leased to the Business Units by MT on commercially reasonable terms. The day to day management of the Business Units is conducted at the subsidiary level.

At December 31, 2019, the Trucking/Logistics segment consisted of 14 Business Units, offering a diversified range of truckload and LTL general freight services to customers in Canada and the United States. These services include transporting a wide range of goods including ambient temperature controlled transportation, general freight, specialized commodities such as cable, pipe and steel, over-dimensional loads such as heavy equipment, compressors and over-sized goods and dry bulk commodities such as cement and frac sand. In addition, the Trucking/Logistics segment provides logistics, warehousing and distribution, transload and intermodal services primarily in western Canada, as well as the production, excavation and transportation of various aggregate products.

Trucking/Logistics Segment:		N	umber of Uni	ts
Business Unit	Primary Service Provided	Power Units	Trailers	Other*
Caneda Transport Ltd.	LTL & Irregular Route Truckload - Canada/U.S.	56	87	5
Cascade Carriers L.P.	Dry Bulk Freight - Western Canada	96	423	14
Courtesy Freight Systems Ltd.	Regional Scheduled LTL - Northern Ontario	39	45	37
DWS Logistics Inc.(1)	Value-Added Warehousing and Distribution Services	_	_	64
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership	Regional Scheduled LTL - Manitoba and Ontario & Specialized Transportation	865	1,653	343
Grimshaw Trucking L.P.	Regional Scheduled LTL - Northern Alberta	145	345	48
Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies (2) (3) (4)	Regional Scheduled LTL - Southern Alberta	300	641	45
Jay's Transportation Group Ltd.	Regional Scheduled LTL - Saskatchewan	226	386	164
Kleysen Group Ltd.	Irregular Route Truckload & Multi-Modal	280	872	834
Mullen Trucking Corp.	Irregular Route Truckload & Specialized Transportation	126	351	33
Payne Transportation Ltd.	Irregular Route Truckload & Specialized Transportation	151	322	10
RDK Transportation Co. Inc.	Irregular Route Truckload & Specialized Transportation	64	114	4
Smook Contractors Ltd.	Civil Construction - Northern Manitoba	42	72	112
Tenold Transportation Ltd. (5) (6)	Irregular Route Truckload & Regional Scheduled LTL - Vancouver Region	169	134	75

<sup>\*</sup> Other includes miscellaneous equipment such as: pick-ups, earthmoving equipment, yard equipment, rail cars and containers.



<sup>(1)</sup> Acquired on February 9, 2018.

<sup>(2)</sup> On January 1, 2019, the operations of Bernard Transport Ltd. were combined into the Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Dacota Freight Services Ltd., which was acquired on April 6, 2018.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Jen Express Inc., which was acquired on May 1, 2019.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes the business and assets contributed to Number 8 Freight Ltd., which were acquired on August 1, 2018.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes Argus Carriers Ltd. and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd., which were acquired on July 1, 2019.

At December 31, 2019, the Oilfield Services segment consisted of 17 Business Units that utilize their highly trained personnel and equipment to provide well-servicing, specialized transportation, dewatering, and drilling services to the oil and natural gas industry. These services include transporting of oversize and overweight shipments, the transportation, handling, storage and computerized inventory management of oilfield fluids, tubulars and drilling mud, stockpiling and stringing of large diameter pipe, a broad range of services related to the processing and production of heavy oil including well servicing and handling, transportation of fluids, the processing and disposal of oilfield waste, as well as frac support, dredging, water management, dewatering, pond reclamation services, hydrovac excavation, drilling rig relocation, core drilling, casing setting and conductor pipe setting services.

		1	Number of Unit	s
Business Unit	Primary Service Provided	Power Units	Trailers	Other*
Production Services		-	-	
Cascade Energy Services L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>	Fluid Transportation - British Columbia & Alberta	342	454	100
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.(1)	Fluid Transportation - Heavy Oil Regions of Alberta	151	139	50
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>	Fluid Transportation - Heavy Oil Regions of Alberta	135	260	25
R. E. Line Trucking (Coleville) Ltd.	Fluid Transportation - Saskatchewan	29	75	8
Spearing Service L.P.	Fluid Transportation - Saskatchewan	248	625	56
Specialized Services				
Canadian Dewatering L.P.	Water Management Services	2	43	1,582
Canadian Hydrovac Ltd.(2)	Hydrovac Excavation Services	30	3	10
Premay Equipment L.P.	Specialized Heavy Haul	45	319	45
Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P.	Large Diameter Pipe Transportation	79	225	84
Recon Utility Search L.P.	Hydrovac Excavation Services	17	5	11
Drilling Services				
OK Drilling Services L.P.	Conductor Pipe Setting	10	17	25
TREO Drilling Services L.P.	Core Drilling	30	81	54
Drilling Related Services				
Envolve Energy Services Corp.	Processing and Disposal of Oilfield Fluids	_	_	_
Formula Powell L.P.	Mud / Fluid Transportation & Warehousing	85	476	108
Mullen Oilfield Services L.P.	Rig Relocation Services	157	297	33
Pe Ben Oilfield Services L.P.	Drill Pipe Transportation & Warehousing	15	71	37
Withers L.P.	Drill Pipe Transportation & Warehousing	38	63	22

<sup>\*</sup> Other includes miscellaneous equipment such as: pick-ups, mounted dri-prime diesel pumps, submersible pumps, earthmoving equipment, yard equipment and containers.

A more detailed description of the Business Units is set forth in the Annual Information Form, which is dated February 12, 2020, and is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com, our website at www.mullen-group.com or upon request, free of charge, from the Corporate Investor Services group at ir@mullen-group.com.

# **Human Resources**

As at December 31, 2019, approximately 6,100 people were employed or engaged by the Business Units and at Corporate Office. These people include owner operators and dedicated subcontractors engaged by the Business Units. This compares to approximately 6,400 people in 2018. The decrease is mainly due to a reduction in employee headcount within the Oilfield Services segment resulting from decreased activity levels, which was somewhat offset by a slight increase in the number of employees within the Trucking/Logistics segment by virtue of the acquisitions completed in 2019.



<sup>(1)</sup> Includes a portion of AECOM's Canadian Industrial Services Division, which was acquired on June 25, 2018.

<sup>(2)</sup> Acquired on July 1, 2018.

# **Issuance of Debentures and Capital Allocations**

#### Convertible Debentures

In June 2019, we issued \$125.0 million of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2019 Debentures"), by way of a bought deal, at a price of \$1,000 per 2019 Debenture. The 2019 Debentures are publicly traded and are listed on the TSX under the symbol "MTL.DB". The 2019 Debentures will mature on November 30, 2026 and bear interest at an annual rate of 5.75 percent payable semi-annually in arrears on May 31 and November 30 in each year beginning November 30, 2019.

Each \$1,000 2019 Debenture is convertible into 71.4286 Common Shares of Mullen Group (such is based on a conversion price of \$14.00) at any time at the option of the holders of the 2019 Debentures. Thus, an aggregate of approximately 8.9 million Common Shares of Mullen Group may be issued if all the holders convert their principal amount. The proceeds of the offering will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include future acquisitions within the Trucking/Logistics segment. As subordinated debt, the accounting value assigned to the 2019 Debentures including any related interest expense is excluded from our financial covenant calculations under our Private Placement Debt (as hereafter defined on page 25).

The 2019 Debentures shall not be redeemable by the Corporation prior to November 30, 2023. On or after November 30, 2023 and prior to November 30, 2025, the 2019 Debentures may be redeemed by the Corporation, in whole or in part from time to time, on not more than 60 days and not less than 40 days prior notice at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, up to but excluding the date set for redemption, provided that the arithmetic average of the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 20 consecutive trading days ending five trading days prior to the date on which notice of redemption is provided is at least 125.0 percent of the conversion price. On or after November 30, 2025 and prior to the maturity date, the 2019 Debentures may be redeemed in whole or in part at the option of the Corporation on not more than 60 days and not less than 40 days prior notice at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, up to but excluding the date set for redemption.

The 2019 Debentures are comprised of both a debt and equity component, which are presented separately on our consolidated statement of financial position. The debt component represents the total discounted present value of both the semi-annual interest obligations and the principal payment due at maturity, using the rate of interest that would have been applicable to a non-convertible debt instrument of comparable term and risk at the date of issue. The result is an accounting value assigned to the debt component of the 2019 Debentures, which is less than the principal amount due at maturity. The debt component presented on the consolidated statement of financial position will increase over the term of the 2019 Debentures to the full face value of the outstanding 2019 Debentures at maturity. This increase will be recognized in the financial statements through a notional increase to interest expense on the 2019 Debentures and a resulting decrease to net income. In the event the 2019 Debentures are converted prior to maturity, the difference between the carrying amount of such 2019 Debentures and their face value would be charged to interest expense. The equity component of the 2019 Debentures is presented under "Equity" in the consolidated statement of financial position. The equity component represents the difference between the face value of the 2019 Debentures (namely, \$125.0 million) and the accounting value assigned to the debt component of the 2019 Debentures at the date of issue (namely, \$112.6 million). Subject to the impact of the 2019 Debentures being converted, this equity component amount will remain constant over the term of the 2019 Debentures. Upon conversion of the 2019 Debentures into Common Shares, a proportionate amount of both the debt and equity components are transferred to shareholders' capital. Accretion and interest expense on the 2019 Debentures are reflected as finance costs in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

The transaction costs associated with the 2019 Debentures were \$5.2 million and are being amortized over the term of the 2019 Debentures. If the holders of the 2019 Debentures convert the principal portion to Common Shares prior to maturity, the unamortized transaction costs would be expensed and would thereby decrease earnings.

The details of the debt component of the 2019 Debentures are as follows:

(\$ millions)		Decem	ber 31, 2	019	December 31, 2018			
Year of Maturity	Interest Rate	Face Value		Carrying Amount	Face Value		Carrying Amount	
2026	5.75%	\$ 125.0	\$	108.7	\$ _	\$	_	



#### **Dividends**

In 2019 we declared monthly dividends of \$0.05 per Common Share totalling \$0.60 per Common Share (2018 – \$0.60 per Common Share). At December 31, 2019, we had 104,824,973 Common Shares outstanding and a dividend payable of \$5.2 million (December 31, 2018 – \$5.2 million), which was paid on January 15, 2020. On January 22, 2020, the Board declared a monthly dividend of \$0.05 per Common Share to be paid on February 17, 2020 to the holders of record at the close of business on January 31, 2020. On February 12, 2020, we announced our intention to pay annual dividends of \$0.60 per Common Share (\$0.05 per Common Share on a monthly basis) for 2020. The Board will continue to consider the amount of and the record date for the monthly dividend.

#### Capital Expenditures

In 2019 gross capital expenditures on a pre-consolidated basis were \$80.0 million as compared to \$101.6 million in These capital expenditures were comprised of \$44.4 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment (2018 - \$52.0 million), \$18.5 million in the Oilfield Services segment (2018 - \$29.0 million) and \$17.1 million in the Corporate Office (2018 – \$20.6 million). The \$21.6 million decrease in gross capital expenditures was mainly due to a lower amount of capital being invested in both segments as well as a reduction in the amount invested in real estate holdings within the Corporate Office. In 2019 the majority of the capital invested in the Trucking/Logistics segment was to purchase trucks and trailers and various pieces of operating equipment to both replace and support opportunities within this segment. The majority of the capital invested in the Oilfield Services segment was to expand our disposal capacity and service offering to our customers at Envolve Energy Services Corp. ("Envolve") with the addition of a new disposal well, which was completed in the second quarter of 2019. Capital was also allocated to meet strong customer demand by purchasing pumps at Canadian Dewatering L.P. ("Canadian Dewatering") and to acquire specialized equipment at Premay Pipeline. We also acquired some trucks to support the AECOM ISD business acquired in 2018. Gross dispositions on a pre-consolidated basis were \$11.5 million in 2019 as compared to \$14.1 million in 2018. These gross dispositions were comprised of \$2.3 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment (2018 – \$3.5 million), \$9.2 million in the Oilfield Services (2018 – \$10.6 million) and nil in the Corporate Office (2018 – nil). In 2019 we continued with the sale of older equipment predominantly within the Oilfield Services segment. In addition, we transferred approximately \$4.7 million of trucks and trailers to the Trucking/Logistics segment from the Oilfield Services segment to improve asset utilization. In the Corporate Office, capital was invested to continue the development of our real estate holdings, mainly through expanding our LTL network. In Regina, Saskatchewan we continued with the construction of our 24,000 square foot 40-door cross-dock facility situated on approximately nine acres to both expand and improve the operating efficiencies of Jay's Transportation Group Ltd., which is expected to be operational sometime in the third quarter of 2020. We also purchased a small LTL facility out of Grande Prairie, Alberta, which will reduce our lease obligation on a go forward basis. The total cost of real property owned by Mullen Group is \$571.4 million.

#### Acquisitions and Intangible Assets

The acquisitions set forth below have been accounted for by the acquisition method and the financial results of operations have been included in the accompanying Annual Financial Statements from the date of acquisition.

#### 2019

Argus Carriers Ltd. and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd. – On July 1, 2019, we acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Argus Carriers Ltd. ("Argus") and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd. ("Inter-Urban") for total cash consideration of \$20.0 million. Both Argus and Inter-Urban provide transportation and logistics services in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. We acquired Argus and Inter-Urban as part of our strategy to invest in transportation and logistics companies that have a strong regional LTL presence centrally located to serve consumers in large urban centres. Argus and Inter-Urban have been integrated into the operations of Tenold Transportation Ltd. ("Tenold"), whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

Argus, a well-established company founded in 1948, has approximately 95 employees and dedicated owner operators and operates a fleet of 57 trucks and 46 trailers providing general freight services including: local pick-up and delivery, warehousing, regional LTL, dedicated and linehaul trucking from four British Columbia operating terminals – Burnaby, Kelowna, Victoria, and Nanaimo. In addition, Argus provides daily LTL service to the Pacific Northwest of the United States.



Inter-Urban, also a well-established company founded in 1974, has approximately 70 employees and dedicated owner operators and operates 43 trucks and 26 trailers focusing on critical same day delivery service for the healthcare sector including: cross-border linehaul, cross-border LTL cartage, dedicated and local pick-up and delivery. Inter-Urban operates from a terminal based in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Jen Express Inc. – On May 1, 2019, we acquired the business and assets of Jen Express Inc. ("Jen Express") for cash consideration of \$1.5 million. Included in this amount is \$0.3 million of contingent consideration. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the vendor may receive cash consideration of up to \$0.3 million for achieving certain financial targets over the two year period ending May 1, 2021. The funds to settle this liability have been set aside in an escrow account, which have been presented within cash and cash equivalents. We acquired Jen Express as part of our strategy to invest in the transportation sector in western Canada. Located in Stettler, Alberta, Jen Express offers LTL services and has been integrated into the operations of the Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies ("Hi-Way 9"), whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

#### 2018

**DWS Logistics Inc.** – On February 9, 2018, we acquired DWS Logistics Inc. ("**DWS**") for cash consideration of \$10.1 million, comprised of \$8.3 million for all the issued and outstanding shares and \$1.8 million for the repayment of debt. Included in this amount is \$1.0 million of contingent consideration. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the vendors could receive cash consideration of up to \$1.0 million for achieving certain financial targets for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2018. DWS achieved such targets. The funds to settle this liability had been set aside in an escrow account. DWS is headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario and provides value-added warehousing and distribution services that includes warehousing, distribution, order fulfilment, cross docking and transloading, all of which are supported by a proprietary inventory management system. DWS has over 500,000 square feet of warehousing space situated in four distribution centres in the Greater Toronto Area and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. DWS is an asset-light operation and generates margins that are in line with Mullen Group's non-asset based Business Units in the Trucking/Logistics segment. We acquired DWS as part of our strategy to invest in the transportation and e-commerce sectors in Canada. The financial results from DWS' operations were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

Dacota Freight Services Ltd. – Effective April 1, 2018, we acquired Dacota Freight Services Ltd. ("Dacota") for cash consideration of \$2.4 million, comprised of \$2.1 million for all the issued and outstanding shares and \$0.3 million for the repayment of debt. Included in this amount is \$0.2 million of contingent consideration. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the vendor may receive cash consideration of up to \$0.2 million for achieving certain financial targets over the two year period ending March 31, 2020. The funds to settle this liability have been set aside in an escrow account, which have been presented within cash and cash equivalents. Dacota is headquartered in Cranbrook, British Columbia and provides transportation and logistics services primarily in western Canada. We acquired Dacota as part of our strategy to invest in the transportation sector in western Canada. Dacota has been integrated into the operations of Hi-Way 9, whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

**AECOM's Canadian Industrial Services Division** – On June 25, 2018, we acquired the business and assets of AECOM ISD for cash consideration of \$25.9 million. We acquired the business and assets of AECOM ISD as part of our strategy to invest in the energy sector. AECOM ISD provides specialized oilfield services and operates largely within the heavy oil and oil sands regions of Alberta. As part of the transaction, Mullen Group hired approximately 350 people and purchased in excess of 250 pieces of specialized equipment including: pressure trucks, hydrovacs, vacuum trucks, combo units, flushby units, fluid hauling equipment and various other pieces of support equipment. AECOM ISD service offerings are complementary to Mullen Group's Oilfield Services segment and it has been integrated into the operations of Cascade Energy Services L.P., E-Can Oilfield Services L.P. and Heavy Crude Hauling L.P., whose financial results were included in the Oilfield Services segment.

Canadian Hydrovac Ltd. – Effective July 1, 2018, we acquired Canadian Hydrovac Ltd. ("Canadian Hydrovac") for total consideration of \$11.9 million consisting of \$9.9 million of cash consideration and \$2.0 million of Common Shares of the Corporation by issuing 133,334 Common Shares. We recorded \$4.6 million of cash used to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Canadian Hydrovac on our consolidated statement of cash flows, which consists of \$9.9 million of total cash consideration less \$5.3 million allocated to the repayment of long-term debt. Canadian Hydrovac is headquartered in Sherwood Park, Alberta, in the heart of the refinery complex of the greater Edmonton region and Alberta's Industrial Heartland and operates a fleet of approximately 50 pieces of specialized equipment including: hydrovacs, vacuum trucks, combo units and various other pieces of support equipment.



Canadian Hydrovac is an industry leader in providing hydrovac services to the midstream, pipeline, construction and municipal sectors of western Canada. We acquired Canadian Hydrovac as part of our strategy to invest in the energy sector. The results from Canadian Hydrovac's operations were included in the Oilfield Services segment.

**Number 8 Freight Ltd.** – Effective August 1, 2018, we acquired the business and assets of 1007474 B.C. Ltd. doing business as Number 8 Freight, which were contributed to a newly formed corporation named Number 8 Freight Ltd. ("**Number 8**") for cash consideration of \$5.0 million. Number 8 manages a fleet of approximately 80 dedicated subcontractors that provides same day LTL, full load and expedited transportation services to the greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley regions of British Columbia. Number 8 is an asset-light operation and generates margins that are in line with Mullen Group's non-asset based Business Units in the Trucking/Logistics segment. We acquired Number 8 as part of our strategy to invest in the transportation sector in western Canada. Number 8 operates out of a facility located in Chilliwack, British Columbia and has been integrated into the operations of Tenold, whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

#### Intangible Assets

In the second quarter of 2019, MT purchased a customer list for Hi-Way 9 from a third-party for \$0.4 million. The customer list included LTL customers in the Alberta and British Columbia regions.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, Gardewine purchased a customer list from a third-party for \$3.0 million. The customer list included LTL customers in northern Ontario.

## **Bank Credit Facility Amendments**

On October 24, 2018, we entered into an agreement to amend the amount available to be borrowed on the credit facility with the Royal Bank of Canada (the "Bank Credit Facility"). The amount available to be borrowed on the Bank Credit Facility was increased by \$50.0 million to \$125.0 million. On June 21, 2019, the amount available to be borrowed on the Bank Credit Facility was increased by \$25.0 million to \$150.0 million. All other terms under the Bank Credit Facility remain the same. This facility does not have any financial covenants, however, we cannot be in default of our Private Placement Debt (as hereafter defined on page 25) and we must be in compliance with certain reporting and general covenants. We are in compliance with all of these reporting and general covenants.

# Repayment of Private Placement Debt

On June 29, 2018, we used cash to repay \$70.0 million of Series D Notes. The Series D Notes matured on June 30, 2018. The repayment of the Series D Notes reduced our annual interest obligation by approximately \$4.0 million. Prior to the repayment of the Series D Notes, the weighted average interest rate on our Canadian dollar Private Placement Debt (as hereafter defined on page 25) was 4.51 percent. The weighted average interest rate after repaying the Series D Notes is 3.99 percent.

#### **Equity Investments**

On August 1, 2018, we invested \$2.0 million to acquire a 40.0 percent equity interest in Pacific Coast Express Limited ("PCX"), a LTL transportation company operating out of a number of facilities throughout western Canada. This investment is part of our strategy to invest alongside high quality entrepreneurs in companies that have growth potential. In conjunction with this investment, we also entered into a \$3.2 million debenture agreement with PCX. We granted the majority shareholder of PCX an irrevocable option to sell all of the remaining shares of PCX to us at a price to be agreed upon by both parties once certain financial targets have been achieved.



#### **Current Development**

#### 2020 New Operating Segments

In the first quarter of 2020, we will commence with reporting our financial results in three new segments: Less-Than-Truckload; Logistics & Warehousing; and Specialized & Industrial Services. The change in the segment reporting structure more accurately reflects our strategic direction and the business of Mullen Group today and aligns with how financial information will be regularly reviewed internally for the purposes of decision making, capital allocation and assessing performance. Our results will be reported in the following segments:

#### Less-Than-Truckload Segment

Less-Than-Truckload or LTL is often referred to as the final or last mile delivery of general freight consisting of smaller shipments, packages and parcels. Through an extensive terminal network the pickup, handling and delivery of a wide range of freight including ambient, temperature controlled and consumer goods is coordinated from regional hubs located in Ontario and western Canada. We are committed to investing in the most advanced technologies available ensuring the continued improvement in all aspects of our business, shortening delivery times and providing customers with visibility, via tracking and tracing, to their shipments during transit. The segment will initially be comprised of the following eight Business Units:

Argus Carriers Ltd. Courtesy Freight Systems Ltd.

Gardewine Group Limited Partnership Grimshaw Trucking L.P.

Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd. Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd.

Jay's Transportation Group Ltd. Number 8 Freight Ltd.

#### Logistics & Warehousing Segment

The Logistics & Warehousing segment provides shippers throughout North America with a wide range of trucking and logistics service offerings including full truckload, specialized transportation, warehousing, fulfillment centres that handle e-commerce transactions, and transload facilities designed for intermodal and bulk shipments. Operations and customer service are supported by a robust suite of leading edge technology solutions including a fully integrated transportation management system, customized inventory management and warehouse systems along with our proprietary Moveitonline<sup>®</sup> and Haulistic<sup>™</sup> technology platforms, applications that are positioning our organization for an evolving and changing supply chain. The segment currently consists of nine Business Units:

Caneda Transport Ltd.

DWS Logistics Inc.

Mullen Trucking Corp.

RDK Transportation Co. Inc.

Cascade Carriers L.P.

Kleysen Group Ltd.

Payne Transportation Ltd.

Tenold Transportation Ltd.

24/7 The Storehouse (2015) Ltd.

#### Specialized & Industrial Services Segment

The Specialized & Industrial Services segment is comprised of a wide range of unique businesses providing specialized equipment and services to the oil and natural gas, environmental, construction, pipeline, utility, telecom and civil industries. Strategically located throughout western Canada, these specialty Business Units are focused on providing advanced technology solutions and leading edge service capabilities. The segment includes the following 17 Business Units:

Canadian Dewatering L.P.

Canadian Hydrovac Ltd.

Envolve Energy Services Corp.

Cascade Energy Services L.P.

E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.

Formula Powell L.P.

Heavy Crude Hauling L.P.

OK Drilling Services L.P.

Pe Ben Oilfield Services L.P.

Premay Equipment L.P.

R. E. Line Trucking (Coleville) Ltd.

Mullen Oilfield Services L.P.

Pe Ben Oilfield Services L.P.

Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P.

Recon Utility Search L.P.

Smook Contractors Ltd. Spearing Service L.P.

TREO Drilling Services L.P.



The following table provides financial information that conforms to our new segment presentation commencing in the first quarter of 2020 on a retrospective basis for comparative purposes:

	Year ended December 31, 2019			Year ended December 31, 2018			
	Revenue	OIBDA		Revenue	OIBDA		
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	
Less-Than-Truckload	451.6	70.6	15.6	429.3	62.9	14.7	
Logistics & Warehousing	404.8	64.8	16.0	424.8	61.7	14.5	
Specialized & Industrial Services	426.3	75.0	17.6	410.6	70.6	17.2	
Corporate and Inter-segment eliminations	(4.2)	(9.5)	_	(3.9)	(6.2)	_	
	1,278.5	200.9	15.7	1,260.8	189.0	15.0	

#### **Normal Course Issuer Bid**

On February 12, 2020, the Board approved management to pursue a normal course issuer bid (the "Bid") through the facilities of the Toronto Stock Exchange. If eligible, we plan to repurchase our Common Shares for cancellation at market prices prevailing at the time of purchase as shall be permitted by applicable laws. We believe that the repurchase of our Common Shares represents an appropriate use of our funds. The decision regarding the timing and number of Common Shares being repurchased under the Bid will be subject to management's discretion and are based on a variety of factors, including market conditions.

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# 2019 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

Our results for 2019 reflect the strategy to focus growth and investment allocation towards the trucking and logistics component of the Canadian economy, which is closely linked and highly correlated with consumer spending and GDP, and to redirect capital from the Oilfield Services segment due to our concerns related to future development and growth prospects for Canada's oil and natural gas industry. Over the past eight years we have transformed Mullen Group from being a major player in the Canadian oilfield services sector into one of Canada's largest trucking and logistics providers. Today the Trucking/Logistics segment is the dominant contributor to our business generating 68.8 percent of consolidated revenue in 2019 as compared to 35.1 percent in 2011.

2019 results were similar in many respects to 2018 reflecting the macro environment. With Canadian GDP growing a very modest 1.5 percent year over year along with significant declines in western Canadian drilling activity, internal growth opportunities were very limited. In particular freight volumes and demand for transportation and logistics services slowed quite noticeably in the fourth quarter. Furthermore, we did not identify any large acquisition opportunities that met our thresholds. As a result growth was limited in 2019. The majority of our focus was centered on streamlining current business and reducing costs where appropriate, which mitigated the challenges associated with the ultracompetitive market conditions. Some of the specific factors contributing to the 2019 results include:

- our largest LTL Business Unit, Gardewine, had another strong year growing revenue and improving operating margins<sup>1</sup>;
- Kleysen Group Ltd. had another exceptional year taking advantage of the transload facility in Edmonton, Alberta to expand their service offerings as well as growing market share in the industrial salt business;
- the completion of three tuck-in acquisitions contributed incremental revenue and operating profitability; and
- the demand for large diameter pipeline construction related services remained robust contributing revenue of \$67.0 million.

These positive factors were offset by declines in most Business Units due to lower demand and competitive pricing pressures, especially in the second half of the year. Some of the specific factors negatively impacting last year's results were:

- slower economic growth in the North American economies, along with changes in the supply chain and
  excessive truck capacity, which led to a "freight recession" in the second half of 2019. The demand for
  freight services was soft and competitive pricing pressures emerged;
- drilling activity in western Canada declined by 24.9 percent year over year, from previously depressed levels, negatively impacting both revenue and operating profitability in 2019;
- mandated crude oil curtailments by the Province of Alberta, along with the lack of access to foreign markets for oil, negatively impacted crude producers resulting in lower demand for crude oil hauling and related production services; and
- our decision to exit certain markets due to unrealistic pricing by undisciplined competitors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



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#### Revenue

Revenue is generated by the Corporation through its Business Units. These Business Units are divided into two operating segments: Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services. The Business Units utilize a combination of company assets that are either owned by the Business Unit or leased ("Company Equipment"), owner operators who provide trucks and/or trailers and work exclusively for the Business Unit under annual contracts and subcontractors who own their own equipment and are used during times of peak demand (collectively, "Contractors").

Consolidated Revenue by Segment Years ended December 31							
(\$ millions)	2019 2018			8	Change		
	\$	%*	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%	
Trucking/Logistics	881.6	68.8	873.3	69.1	8.3	1.0	
Oilfield Services	400.1	31.2	389.9	30.9	10.2	2.6	
Corporate and intersegment eliminations	(3.2)	_	(2.4)	_	(8.0)	_	
Total	1,278.5	100.0	1,260.8	100.0	17.7	1.4	

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of pre-consolidated revenue

Mullen Group's consolidated revenue in 2019 increased by \$17.7 million, or 1.4 percent, to \$1,278.5 million as compared to \$1,260.8 million in 2018. This increase in revenue was primarily due to acquisitions that led to a rise in revenue in both segments. Revenue increased by \$27.5 million and \$23.3 million in the first and second quarters, respectively and then declined by \$14.4 million and \$18.7 million in the third and fourth quarters, respectively.

Revenue in the Trucking/Logistics segment increased by \$8.3 million, or 1.0 percent, to \$881.6 million as compared to \$873.3 million in 2018. This improvement was primarily due to incremental revenue related to our recent acquisitions being partially offset by lower demand for truckload services, as a result of lower GDP growth and a lack of project work associated with capital investments, and fuel surcharge revenue. Revenue in the Oilfield Services segment increased by \$10.2 million, or 2.6 percent, to \$400.1 million as compared to \$389.9 million primarily due to the acquisition of AECOM ISD at the end of the second quarter of 2018 as well as a significant increase in demand for large diameter pipeline stringing and stockpiling services, which was offset by significantly lower drilling activity in the WCSB.

Consolidated Revenue Years ended December 31						
(\$ millions)	2019	9	2018	3	Chan	ige
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Company	910.4	71.2	864.1	68.5	46.3	5.4
Contractors	362.3	28.3	389.3	30.9	(27.0)	(6.9)
Other	5.8	0.5	7.4	0.6	(1.6)	(21.6)
Total	1,278.5	100.0	1,260.8	100.0	17.7	1.4

Revenue related to Company Equipment increased by \$46.3 million, or 5.4 percent, to \$910.4 million as compared to \$864.1 million in 2018 and represented 71.2 percent of consolidated revenue in the current period as compared to 68.5 percent in 2018. Revenue related to Contractors decreased by \$27.0 million, or 6.9 percent, to \$362.3 million as compared to \$389.3 million in 2018, and represented 28.3 percent of consolidated revenue in the current period as compared to 30.9 percent in 2018.



# **Direct Operating Expenses**

Direct operating expenses ("**DOE**") include two main categories of expenses. The first category of DOE relates to the direct costs incurred to operate and maintain Company Equipment. The major DOE associated with operating Company Equipment are wages, fuel, repairs and maintenance, purchased transportation and operating supplies. The other expenses included under DOE – Company mainly consist of short-term or low value leases, equipment rent, insurance and licensing costs. The second category of DOE are the costs incurred to hire Contractors, whether owner operators or subcontractors.

(\$ millions)	2019	2019			Chang	Change	
	\$	%*	\$	%*	\$	%	
Company							
Wages and benefits	241.1	26.5	231.7	26.8	9.4	4.1	
Fuel	86.0	9.4	90.7	10.5	(4.7)	(5.2	
Repairs and maintenance	120.8	13.3	117.2	13.6	3.6	3.1	
Purchased transportation	97.2	10.7	89.0	10.3	8.2	9.2	
Operating supplies	67.1	7.4	57.3	6.6	9.8	17.1	
Other	24.8	2.7	24.9	2.9	(0.1)	(0.4	
	637.0	70.0	610.8	70.7	26.2	4.3	
Contractors	272.9	75.3	292.0	75.0	(19.1)	(6.5	
Total	909.9	71.2	902.8	71.6	7.1	0.8	

\*as a percentage of respective Consolidated revenue

DOE in 2019 were \$909.9 million as compared to \$902.8 million in 2018. The increase of \$7.1 million, or 0.8 percent, was attributable to the \$17.7 million, or 1.4 percent, increase in consolidated revenue. As a percentage of revenue these expenses decreased slightly to 71.2 percent as compared to 71.6 percent in 2018 due to lower fuel prices and operational efficiency gains.

In 2019 DOE associated with Company Equipment increased to \$637.0 million as compared to \$610.8 million in 2018. The increase of \$26.2 million, or 4.3 percent, was attributable to the \$46.3 million, or 5.4 percent, increase in Company revenue that occurred during the period. As a percentage of Company revenue these expenses decreased to 70.0 percent as compared to 70.7 percent in 2018. The reduction in fuel expense accounted for the majority of the decrease. Total fuel expense decreased by 1.1 percent of Company revenue to 9.4 percent, or \$86.0 million, as compared to 10.5 percent or \$90.7 million in 2018.

Contractors expense in 2019 decreased by 6.5 percent to \$272.9 million, as compared to \$292.0 million in 2018. This \$19.1 million decrease was generally in line with the \$27.0 million, or 6.9 percent, decline in Contractors revenue. As a percentage of Contractors revenue, Contractors expense increased by 0.3 percent to 75.3 percent as compared to 75.0 percent in 2018 due to the nature of the AECOM ISD acquisition and the effect of rate discounting, primarily by those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells in the Oilfield Services segment, being offset by lower costs in the Trucking/Logistics segment.



# **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

Selling and administrative ("S&A") expenses include salaries, employee profit share and other administrative expenses incurred to support the operations of Mullen Group and its Business Units.

(\$ millions)	2019		2018		Chan	ge
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%
Wages and benefits	98.9	7.7	95.8	7.6	3.1	3.2
Communications, utilities and general supplies	46.9	3.7	44.4	3.5	2.5	5.6
Profit share	12.5	1.0	11.9	0.9	0.6	5.0
Foreign exchange	0.8	0.1	(1.7)	(0.1)	2.5	(147.1)
Stock-based compensation	1.4	0.1	1.7	0.1	(0.3)	(17.6)
Rent and other	7.2	0.5	16.9	1.4	(9.7)	(57.4)
Total	167.7	13.1	169.0	13.4	(1.3)	(0.8)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of total Consolidated revenue

S&A expenses decreased to \$167.7 million in 2019 as compared to \$169.0 million in 2018. The decrease of \$1.3 million was primarily due to the \$9.7 million reduction in rent expense associated with the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases being partially offset by the \$6.2 million of incremental S&A expenses associated with acquisitions and the \$2.5 million negative variance in foreign exchange expense.

# **Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization**

Operating income before depreciation and amortization ("**OIBDA**") is net income before impairment of goodwill, depreciation of property, plant and equipment, depreciation of right-of-use assets, amortization of intangible assets, finance costs, net foreign exchange gains and losses, other (income) expense and income taxes.

Years ended December 31	•					
(\$ millions)	2019	)	2018	3	Chan	ge
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Trucking/Logistics	139.6	69.5	128.4	67.9	11.2	8.7
Oilfield Services	70.8	35.2	66.8	35.3	4.0	6.0
Corporate	(9.5)	(4.7)	(6.2)	(3.2)	(3.3)	53.2
Total	200.9	100.0	189.0	100.0	11.9	6.3

OIBDA for the period was \$200.9 million, or 15.7 percent of revenue, as compared to \$189.0 million, or 15.0 percent, in 2018. The \$11.9 million, or 6.3 percent, increase was primarily due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases whereby \$13.1 million of previously expensed operating leases were capitalized and depreciated. This had a 100-bps impact on operating margin¹. On a year over year comparative basis, after adjusting for the effect of the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, operating margin¹ decreased by 0.3 percent to 14.7 percent as compared to 15.0 percent in 2018.

# Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment was \$80.5 million in 2019 as compared to \$72.1 million in 2018. This increase of \$8.4 million was mainly attributable to a greater amount of depreciation being recorded in both the Trucking/Logistics segment and the Oilfield Services segment, while depreciation in the Corporate Office remained relatively consistent on a year over year basis. Depreciation in the Trucking/Logistics segment increased by \$4.4 million and was mainly due to an increase in the amount of capital expenditures being made within this segment. Depreciation in the Oilfield Services segment increased by \$4.3 million and was mainly due to additional depreciation recorded on specialty equipment within Spearing Service L.P. ("Spearing") and Formula Powell L.P.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



("Formula Powell") after an assessment of current market conditions for such equipment and from the incremental depreciation being recorded on the assets acquired in the AECOM ISD and the Canadian Hydrovac acquisitions. These increases were somewhat offset by the lower amount of capital expenditures made within this segment.

# **Depreciation of Right-of-Use Assets**

Depreciation of right-of-use assets was \$11.7 million in 2019 consisting of \$9.7 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment and \$2.0 million in the Oilfield Services segment. The majority of our right-of-use assets consist of real property leases within the Trucking/Logistics segment. Depreciation of right-of-use assets mainly consists of real property leases entered into by the Business Units and are depreciated over the lease term. Effective January 1, 2019, we adopted IFRS 16 – Leases using the modified retrospective method. Under the modified retrospective method, comparative financial information is not restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The associated right-of-use assets were measured at the lease liability amount, adjusted by the amount of any subleases and any lease inducements relating to those leases.

# **Amortization of Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets are normally acquired on acquisitions and are mainly comprised of customer relationship values and non-competition agreements that are amortized over their estimated life from the date of acquisition. Amortization of intangible assets was \$19.3 million in 2019 as compared to \$15.4 million in 2018. This increase mainly resulted from the additional amortization recorded on the intangible assets associated with the recent acquisitions and from a customer list purchased by Gardewine in the fourth quarter of 2018. These increases were somewhat offset by certain intangible assets becoming fully amortized.

#### **Finance Costs**

Finance costs mainly consist of:

- Interest expense on financial liabilities, including:
  - U.S. \$117.0 million of Series G Notes, U.S. \$112.0 million of Series H Notes, \$30.0 million of Series I Notes, \$3.0 million of Series J Notes, \$58.0 million of Series K Notes and \$80.0 million of Series L Notes (collectively, the "Private Placement Debt");
  - the 2019 Debentures that were issued in June 2019;
  - lease liabilities; and
  - borrowings on the Bank Credit Facility.
- Less any interest income generated from the debentures issued to PCX and Thrive Management Group Ltd. ("Thrive") and from cash and cash equivalents.

Finance costs were \$23.6 million in 2019 as compared to \$20.0 million in 2018. The increase of \$3.6 million was mainly attributable to the \$3.8 million of interest expense being recorded on the 2019 Debentures, an increase in interest expense from borrowings on the Bank Credit Facility and the interest expense on the lease liabilities. These increases were somewhat offset by the June 29, 2018 repayment of the Series D (\$70.0 million bearing interest at 5.76 percent) Notes, the repayment and conversion of some previously issued convertible debentures that were issued in 2009 (the "2009 Debentures"), which matured on July 1, 2018, and from a greater amount of interest income being earned on PCX and Thrive debentures held in 2019.



# **Net Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss**

We recognize foreign exchange gains or losses at the end of each reporting period related to our U.S. dollar debt and from our two cross-currency swap contracts. In 2014 we entered into two cross-currency swap contracts to swap the principal portion of the Series G (U.S. \$117.0 million) and Series H (U.S. \$112.0 million) Notes (collectively, the "Cross-Currency Swaps") into Canadian dollars at foreign exchange rates of \$1.1047 and \$1.1148 that mature on October 22, 2024 and October 22, 2026, respectively. These swap contracts were entered into as a method of hedging the U.S. debt notes against any declines in the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the U.S. dollar.

The net foreign exchange gain was \$14.1 million in 2019 as compared to a net foreign exchange loss of \$8.5 million in 2018. The net foreign exchange gain of \$14.1 million in 2019 resulted even though the principal portion of all our U.S. \$229.0 million debt is hedged by our Cross-Currency Swaps. This gain is due to how our U.S. dollar debt and our Cross-Currency Swaps are valued for accounting purposes. Our U.S. dollar debt is valued at the end of each quarter using the closing exchange rate between the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the U.S dollar (the "**Spot Rate**"). In addition to the Spot Rate, our Cross-Currency Swaps are valued using a discounted value from maturity of the forward rate, which is influenced by changes in interest rate differentials between Canada and the United States. As the Cross-Currency Swaps get closer to maturity, their accounting value should more closely correlate to the value of our U.S. dollar debt. The variance of \$22.6 million was mainly attributable to the change in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. The details of the net foreign exchange gain are as follows:

Net Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss	Years ended De	cember 31
	CDN. \$ Equ	ivalent
(\$ millions)	2019	2018
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. \$ debt	(14.9)	25.1
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps	0.8	(16.6)
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(14.1)	8.5

#### Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss on U.S. \$ Debt

We recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$14.9 million related to our U.S. dollar debt due to the \$0.0654 strengthening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar during 2019. In 2018 we recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$25.1 million due to the weakening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. The details of the foreign exchange (gain) loss on the U.S. dollar debt is summarized in the following table:

Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss on U.S. \$ Debt	Years ended December 31					
	2019 2018					
(\$ millions, except exchange rate amounts)	U.S. \$ Debt	Exchange Rate	CDN. \$ Equivalent	U.S. \$ Debt	Exchange Rate	CDN. \$ Equivalent
Ending – December 31	229.0	1.2988	297.5	229.0	1.3642	312.4
Beginning – January 1	229.0	1.3642	312.4	229.0	1.2545	287.3
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. \$ debt			(14.9)			25.1

# Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps

On July 25, 2014, we entered into two Cross-Currency Swaps with a Canadian bank to swap U.S. \$117.0 million and U.S. \$112.0 million into Canadian currency at foreign exchange rates of \$1.1047 and \$1.1148 that mature on October 22, 2024 and October 22, 2026, respectively. The Cross-Currency Swaps convert the repayment of the principal portion of the Series G and Series H Notes into a Canadian currency equivalent of \$129.2 million and \$124.9 million, respectively. We record the foreign exchange gain or loss relating to these Cross-Currency Swaps within net foreign exchange (gain) loss on the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, which is consistent with its underlying nature and purpose. The carrying value of these Cross-Currency Swaps are recorded within derivative financial instruments ("Derivatives") in the consolidated statement of financial position.



We recorded a foreign exchange loss on Cross-Currency Swaps of \$0.8 million in 2019 as compared to a \$16.6 million gain in 2018. This was due to the change over the period in the fair value of these Cross-Currency Swaps as summarized in the table below:

Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps	Years ended December 31					
,,		2019		2018		
(\$ millions)	U.S. \$ Swaps	CDN. \$ Change in Fair Value of Swaps	U.S. \$ Swaps	CDN. \$ Change in Fair Value of Swaps		
Cross-Currency Swap maturing October 22, 2024	117.0	1.1	117.0	(9.1)		
Cross-Currency Swap maturing October 22, 2026	112.0	(0.3)	112.0	(7.5)		
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps		0.8		(16.6)		

# Other (Income) Expense

Other (income) expense consists of the change in fair value of investments, the gain or loss on sale of the Corporation's assets including property, plant and equipment and earnings from equity investments. Other income in 2019 was \$0.2 million, a \$0.2 million negative variance as compared to the \$0.4 million of other income recorded in 2018. The \$0.2 million negative variance was due to the factors set forth below:

Change in Fair Value of Investments (positive variance of \$3.1 million). We periodically invest in certain public corporations. In 2019 there was no change in the fair value of investments as compared to a \$3.1 million decrease in 2018. There were \$0.7 million of investments sold in 2019 and no investments were purchased. There were no investments purchased or sold in 2018.

Loss on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment (negative variance of \$2.4 million). We recognized a loss of \$2.7 million in 2019 on sale of property, plant and equipment on total consolidated proceeds on sale of \$6.5 million as compared to a \$0.3 million loss on sale of property, plant and equipment on total consolidated proceeds on sale of \$12.2 million in 2018. The \$2.7 million loss on sale of property, plant and equipment in 2019 mainly resulted from the sale of older equipment in both the Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services segments. The \$0.3 million loss on sale of property, plant and equipment in 2018 mainly resulted from the sale of older equipment in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

Earnings from Equity Investments (negative variance of \$0.9 million). We recognized \$2.9 million of earnings from equity investments in 2019 as compared to earnings of \$3.8 million in 2018. We use the equity method to account for investments in which we obtain significant influence or joint control over the investee and we recognize earnings from these equity investments from the date thereof. There were no equity investments purchased in 2019. In 2018 we invested \$2.0 million to acquire a 40.0 percent equity interest in PCX. In 2019 the aggregate amount of revenue and OIBDA generated by our equity investees was \$275.1 million (2018 – \$234.6 million) and \$42.6 million (2018 – \$26.8 million), respectively. The following table details our equity investments and the date from which we commenced recording earnings from them.

Equity Investment	Date of Significant Influence or Joint Control Obtained
Canol Oilfield Services Inc.	January 1, 2013
Kriska Transportation Group Limited	December 1, 2014
Cordova Oilfield Services Ltd.	April 17, 2015
Butler Ridge Energy Services (2011) Ltd.	July 1, 2015
Thrive Management Group Ltd.	September 27, 2017
Pacific Coast Express Limited	August 1, 2018



# Impairment of Goodwill

In general terms, goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of a business combination over the net amount of identifiable assets acquired less the liabilities assumed. Goodwill is tested at the cash generating unit ("CGU") level and is determined based upon the recoverable amount of each CGU compared to the CGU's respective carrying amount. At December 31, 2019, we performed our annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that there was no impairment of goodwill within our CGUs. In 2018 we concluded that there was impairment of goodwill within certain CGUs in the Oilfield Services segment as the recoverable amount for these CGUs was lower than their respective carrying amount and was mainly due to the downturn in the fourth quarter in the oil and natural gas industry in western Canada. We recognized a \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill in the fourth quarter of 2018 using the following discount and terminal value growth rates within each respective CGU:

(\$ millions)	Impairment of Goodwill	Discount Rate	Terminal Value Growth Rate
Cash Generating Unit			
Formula Powell L.P.	\$ 45.6	11.5%	2.5%
Cascade Energy Services L.P.	37.6	12.0%	2.0%
Mullen Oilfield Services L.P.	5.8	12.0%	2.0%
Spearing Service L.P.	5.0	12.0%	2.09
R. E. Line Trucking (Coleville) Ltd.	3.0	12.0%	2.59
Withers L.P.	3.0	12.0%	2.0%
Total Impairment of Goodwill	\$ 100.0		

The impairment of goodwill within these CGUs resulted from the deterioration of the oil and natural gas industry in the fourth quarter of 2018, which led to us revising our projected future cash flows. The oil and natural gas industry in Canada continued to be mired with negative news in the fourth quarter of 2018. The price of Canadian crude oil was U.S. \$13.46 per barrel on November 15, 2018. This impacted the profitability of oil and gas producers and resulted in a reduction of oil and gas drilling and the curtailment of drilling programs in 2019. On December 3, 2018, the Government of Alberta announced production curtailments commencing on January 1, 2019. The industry continues to be negatively impacted by the inability to increase takeaway capacity through additional pipelines and access to tidewater and new markets. The persistent negativism surrounding the oil and gas industry in Canada has led to a lack of capital investment. As a result of these factors, we lowered our future expectations regarding drilling activity and earnings for our CGUs within this segment, which resulted in a \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill. After recognizing this impairment of goodwill, the recoverable amount of these CGUs equaled its carrying amount. The recording of this impairment of goodwill was recognized as an expense and reduced book equity and net income but did not impact cash flows.

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#### **Income Taxes**

	Years ended December 31				
(\$ millions)		2019			
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	80.1	\$	(26.6)	
Combined statutory tax rate		27%		27%	
Expected income tax		21.6		(7.2)	
Add (deduct):					
Impairment of goodwill		_		21.4	
Non-deductible (taxable) portion of net foreign exchange (gain) loss		(1.8)		1.2	
Non-deductible (taxable) portion of the change in fair value of investments		_		0.4	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.4		0.4	
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax asset		(1.8)		1.2	
Decrease in income tax due to changes in income tax rates		(9.5)		_	
Other		(1.0)		(0.2)	
Income tax expense	\$	7.9	\$	17.2	

Income tax expense was \$7.9 million in 2019 as compared to \$17.2 million in 2018. The decrease of \$9.3 million was mainly attributable to the decrease in the substantively enacted tax rate in Alberta. In the second quarter of 2019, the Government of Alberta passed Bill 3, which will reduce the Alberta provincial corporate tax rate from 12.0 percent to 8.0 percent in a phased approach between July 1, 2019 and January 1, 2022. As a result of this change, the Corporation made an adjustment to current and deferred income taxes of \$0.2 million and \$9.5 million, respectively, which was recorded in 2019.

# **Net Income (Loss)**

	Years ended December 31					
(\$ millions, except share and per share amounts)		2019		2018	% Change	
Net income (loss)	\$	72.2	\$	(43.8)	(264.8)	
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding		104,824,973		104,273,508	0.5	
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$	0.69	\$	(0.42)	(264.3)	

Net income increased to \$72.2 million in 2019 as compared to \$(43.8) million in 2018. The factors contributing to the increase in net income as previously discussed include:

- a \$100.0 million impairment in goodwill recorded in 2018;
- a \$22.6 million positive variance in net foreign exchange;
- an \$11.9 million increase in OIBDA;
- a \$9.3 million decrease in income tax expense; and
- a \$3.1 million positive variance in the fair value of investments.

These factors were somewhat offset by the following factors that decreased net income:

- an \$11.7 million increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets;
- an \$8.4 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment;



- a \$3.9 million increase in amortization of intangible assets;
- a \$3.6 million increase in finance costs;
- a \$2.4 million increase in the loss on sale of property, plant and equipment; and
- a \$0.9 million decrease in earnings from equity investments.

Basic earnings (loss) per share increased to \$0.69 in 2019 as compared to \$(0.42) in 2018. This increase resulted from the effect of the \$116.0 million increase in net income. The weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding increased slightly from 104,273,508 to 104,824,973 which was mainly due to the conversion of some of the 2009 Debentures into Common Shares in 2018 and from the Common Shares issued on the Canadian Hydrovac acquisition.

# Net Income – Adjusted and Earnings per Share – Adjusted

The following table illustrates net income (loss) and basic earnings (loss) per share before considering the impact of the impairment of goodwill, the net foreign exchange gains or losses and the change in fair value of investments. Net income (loss) and basic earnings (loss) per share have been adjusted to reflect earnings from a strictly operating perspective.

		Years ended	Decemb	er 31	
(\$ millions, except share and per share amounts)	2019			2018	
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	80.1	\$	(26.6)	
Add (deduct):					
Impairment of goodwill		_		100.0	
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(14.1)			8.5	
Change in fair value of investments		_		3.1	
Income before income taxes – adjusted		66.0		85.0	
Income tax rate		27%		27%	
Computed expected income tax expense		(17.8)		(23.0)	
Net income – adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>		48.2		62.0	
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding – basic	1	<b>104,824,973</b> 10			
Earnings per share – adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	0.46	\$	0.59	

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



# 2019 SEGMENTED INFORMATION

Year ended December 31, 2019 (\$ millions)	Trucking /Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate and intersegment eliminations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	881.6	400.1	(3.2)	1,278.5
Direct operating expenses	635.3	282.7	(8.1)	909.9
Selling and administrative expenses	106.7	46.6	14.4 <sup>(3)</sup>	167.7
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	139.6	70.8	(9.5)	200.9
Net capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	42.1	9.3	17.1	68.5

Year ended December 31, 2018 (\$ millions)	Trucking /Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate and intersegment eliminations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	873.3	389.9	(2.4)	1,260.8
Direct operating expenses	637.9	274.1	(9.2)	902.8
Selling and administrative expenses	107.0	49.0	13.0 <sup>(4)</sup>	169.0
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	128.4	66.8	(6.2)	189.0
Net capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	48.5	18.4	20.6	87.5

<sup>(1)</sup> OIBDA increased by approximately \$13.1 million (\$10.9 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment and \$2.2 million in the Oilfield Services segment) in the current year due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases effective January 1, 2019.

# TRUCKING/LOGISTICS SEGMENT

The transportation and distribution of freight is nearly a \$300 billion business in Canada and is generally described as both highly competitive and fragmented. The Trucking/Logistics segment provides a wide range of trucking and logistics services in Canada, as well as to and from the continental U.S. At December 31, 2019, the Trucking/Logistics segment was comprised of 14 Business Units that utilize both Company Equipment and Contractors.

Service Offerings	Key Drivers and Considerations
Long-Haul Trucking (T/L)	Tied to general economy (i.e., GDP)
Less-Than-Truckload Trucking (LTL)	<ul> <li>Regional network comprised of 94 terminals; tied to the consumer</li> </ul>
Logistics, Intermodal and Transload Services	Requires less maintenance capital
Bulk Hauling	Primarily contract services
Ambient Temperature Controlled Transportation	Tied to the movement of healthcare products



Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a \$0.4 million foreign exchange loss.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes a \$0.3 million foreign exchange gain.

#### Revenue

Revenue – Trucking/Logistics Years ended December 31						
(\$ millions)	2019		2018		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Company	603.5	68.5	574.5	65.8	29.0	5.0
Contractors	277.1	31.4	297.8	34.1	(20.7)	(7.0)
Other	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	_	_
Total	881.6	100.0	873.3	100.0	8.3	1.0

The Trucking/Logistics segment revenue increased by \$8.3 million, or 1.0 percent, to \$881.6 million as compared to \$873.3 million in 2018 and represented 68.8 percent of pre-consolidated revenue in 2019 as compared to 69.1 percent in 2018. Segment revenue increased as a result of the incremental revenue related to our recent acquisitions being partially offset by lower demand for freight services and lower fuel surcharge revenue. Revenue increased by \$7.7 million and \$0.2 million in the first and second quarters, respectively, then fell by \$4.5 million in the third quarter followed by an increase of \$4.9 million in the fourth quarter. Some of the specific factors that impacted revenue were the following:

- Our regional LTL business improved by \$16.6 million, or 3.9 percent, benefitting from acquisitions and modest market share gains. The five regional LTL Business Units<sup>1</sup> generated pre-consolidated revenue of \$447.4 million as compared to \$430.8 million in 2018.
- Our truckload services Business Units generated pre-consolidated revenue of \$446.1 million as compared
  to \$454.1 million in 2018 due to the decrease in demand for truckload services as a result of lower GDP
  growth and a lack of capital investments as well as a reduction in fuel surcharge revenue.
- Fuel surcharge revenue, excluding the effect of acquisitions, declined by \$6.4 million to \$83.4 million as compared to \$89.8 million in 2018.

Revenue related to Company Equipment increased by \$29.0 million, or 5.0 percent, to \$603.5 million as compared to \$574.5 million in 2018 and represented 68.5 percent of segment revenue in the current period as compared to 65.8 percent in 2018. Revenue related to Contractors decreased by \$20.7 million, or 7.0 percent, to \$277.1 million as compared to \$297.8 million in 2018 and represented 31.4 percent of segment revenue in the current period as compared to 34.1 percent in 2018.

Our regional LTL Business Units consist of Gardewine Group Limited Partnership, Courtesy Freight Systems Ltd, Jay's Transportation Group Ltd., Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies, and Grimshaw Trucking L.P. Also included in these results are Argus Carriers Ltd. and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd., which operate under the oversight of Tenold Transportation Ltd. Although their primary service offering is LTL, they provide many other services including full-truckload, bulk and logistics services. Bernard Transport Ltd. was combined into the Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies on January 1, 2019.



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# **Direct Operating Expenses**

(\$ millions)	2019		2018		Change	
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%*	\$	%
Company						
Wages and benefits	157.0	26.0	154.1	26.8	2.9	1.9
Fuel	62.6	10.4	65.4	11.4	(2.8)	(4.3)
Repairs and maintenance	69.8	11.6	66.6	11.6	3.2	4.8
Purchased transportation	94.8	15.7	86.6	15.1	8.2	9.5
Operating supplies	29.7	4.9	26.1	4.5	3.6	13.8
Other	17.3	2.8	17.8	3.1	(0.5)	(2.8)
	431.2	71.4	416.6	72.5	14.6	3.5
Contractors	204.1	73.7	221.3	74.3	(17.2)	(7.8)
Total	635.3	72.1	637.9	73.0	(2.6)	(0.4)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of respective Trucking/Logistics revenue

DOE expressed as a percentage of revenue decreased by 0.9 percent to 72.1 percent as compared to 73.0 percent in 2018 due to lower fuel costs and operational efficiencies. Total DOE were \$635.3 million in 2019 as compared to \$637.9 million in 2018. The decrease of \$2.6 million, or 0.4 percent, resulted despite an \$8.3 million, or 1.0 percent, increase in segment revenue and was directly related to the following factors:

- a continued focus on cost control;
- lower fuel expense as a result of lower diesel fuel prices; and
- higher purchased transportation costs as a result of market share gains experienced by Gardewine.

DOE related to Company Equipment increased by \$14.6 million, or 3.5 percent, to \$431.2 million as compared to \$416.6 million in 2018. This increase was generally in proportion to the \$29.0 million increase in Company revenue. In terms of a percentage of revenue, Company expenses decreased by 1.1 percent to 71.4 percent as compared to 72.5 percent in 2018. This decrease was primarily due to decreased fuel costs associated with the year over year decline in diesel prices.

Contractors expense in 2019 decreased by \$17.2 million to \$204.1 million as compared to \$221.3 million in 2018. This decrease was generally in line with the \$20.7 million decrease in Contractors revenue. As a percentage of Contractors revenue, Contractors expense decreased to 73.7 percent as compared to 74.3 percent in 2018 due to the greater availability of subcontractors.



# **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

(\$ millions)	2019		2018		Change	
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%
Wages and benefits	66.0	7.5	63.2	7.2	2.8	4.4
Communications, utilities and general supplies	29.0	3.3	26.9	3.1	2.1	7.8
Profit share	7.8	0.9	8.0	0.9	(0.2)	(2.5)
Foreign exchange	0.5	0.1	(1.4)	(0.2)	1.9	(135.7)
Rent and other	3.4	0.3	10.3	1.3	(6.9)	(67.0)
Total	106.7	12.1	107.0	12.3	(0.3)	(0.3)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of total Trucking/Logistics revenue

S&A expenses were \$106.7 million in 2019 as compared to \$107.0 million in 2018. The decrease of \$0.3 million was primarily due to the \$6.9 million reduction in rent expense, which was primarily due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases being offset by the \$2.9 million of incremental S&A expenses associated with the acquisitions and a \$1.9 million negative variance in foreign exchange. S&A expenses as a percentage of segment revenue remained relatively stable at 12.1 percent as compared to 12.3 percent in 2018.

# **Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization**

OIBDA in 2019 increased by \$11.2 million, or 8.7 percent, to \$139.6 million as compared to \$128.4 million generated in 2018. The majority of this rise in OIBDA, specifically \$10.9 million, was due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases. In addition, acquisitions accounted for \$2.8 million of incremental OIBDA. Somewhat offsetting these gains was a reduction in OIBDA generated by certain of our truckload services Business Units.

Operating margin¹ increased by 1.1 percent to 15.8 percent as compared to 14.7 percent in 2018 primarily due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, which had a 1.2 percent positive impact on our operating margin¹. When comparing our operating margin¹ without the impact of IFRS 16 – Leases, it was 14.6 percent. The 0.1 percent decrease in operating margin¹ was primarily due to lower margins generated by the recent acquisitions, which are generally classified as asset light and typically generate lower margins.

# Capital Expenditures

Net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> were \$42.1 million in 2019, a decrease of \$6.4 million as compared to \$48.5 million in 2018. The Trucking/Logistics segment had gross capital expenditures of \$44.4 million and dispositions of \$2.3 million for net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> of \$42.1 million in 2019. The majority of the capital was invested to purchase trucks and trailers and various pieces of operating equipment to both replace and support new opportunities within this segment. In addition, we transferred \$4.7 million of trucks and trailers to the Trucking/Logistics segment from the Oilfield Services segment to improve asset utilization. In 2018 gross capital expenditures were \$52.0 million and dispositions were \$3.5 million for net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> of \$48.5 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



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### **OILFIELD SERVICES SEGMENT**

Mullen Group provides the energy sector in northern and western Canada with a wide range of services related to the drilling for oil and natural gas, oil and natural gas production, oil sands infrastructure development and capital projects. At December 31, 2019, the Oilfield Services segment was comprised of 17 Business Units, that utilize both Company Equipment and Contractors.

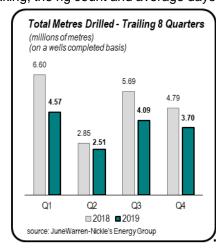
Service Offerings	Key Drivers and Considerations
Production Services	Commodity prices (i.e., oil and natural gas)
Specialized Services	Drilling trends and evolving technologies
<ul> <li>oil sands, dewatering and infrastructure</li> </ul>	Take-away / Pipeline Capacity
Drilling and Drilling Related	Drilling activity in western Canada

### **Industry Statistics**

One of the important industry statistics we follow is drilling activity. With changes in drilling techniques the industry continues to evolve. We consider the number of active rigs operating, total wells drilled, length of metres drilled within such wells and the number of operating days, to be useful measures to gauge the strength of industry activity. Recent efforts to enhance drilling efficiency, combined with a movement to longer and deeper multi-stage horizontal wells have changed the correlation of certain drilling statistics. Generally speaking, the rig count and average days

to drill a well have decreased while the total metres drilled have increased. In addition, drilling techniques have evolved whereby the demand for bagged mud has diminished. However, the increase in metres drilled per well has continued to support demand for drill pipe transportation and drilling fluid hauling services.

Drilling activity in the WCSB, as reported in terms of active rig count, total wells drilled and length of metres drilled within such wells, declined in 2019 as compared to the prior year. Industry statistics indicate that the average active rig count was 135 rigs during 2019 as compared to 191 active rigs in 2018, a decrease of 56 rigs or 29.3 percent. In addition, total wells drilled in 2019 decreased by 24.9 percent to 5,568 wells drilled in the period as compared to 7,415 wells drilled in 2018. The length of metres drilled within such wells decreased by 25.4 percent during the current period to 14.87 million metres as compared to 19.93 million metres in 2018.



The number of wells completed on a geographic basis was as follows:

	Years ended December 31						
	2019	2018	# Change	% Change			
British Columbia	364	438	(74)	(16.9)			
Alberta	3,090	4,139	(1,049)	(25.3)			
Saskatchewan	1,896	2,562	(666)	(26.0)			
Manitoba	218	276	(58)	(21.0)			
Northwest Territories	_	_	_	_			
Total	5,568	7,415	(1,847)	(24.9)			

source: JuneWarren-Nickle's Energy Group - wells completed on rig release basis.



#### Revenue

Revenue – Oilfield Services Years ended December 31							
(\$ millions)	2019	9	201	8	Change		
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	
Company	306.9	76.7	289.6	74.3	17.3	6.0	
Contractors	92.3	23.1	98.9	25.4	(6.6)	(6.7)	
Other	0.9	0.2	1.4	0.3	(0.5)	(35.7)	
Total	400.1	100.0	389.9	100.0	10.2	2.6	

Segment revenue increased by \$10.2 million, or 2.6 percent, to \$400.1 million as compared to \$389.9 million in 2018 and represented 31.2 percent of pre-consolidated revenue as compared to 30.9 percent of pre-consolidated revenue in 2018. This increased revenue was mainly attributable to the 2018 mid-year acquisition of AECOM ISD that contributed \$39.4 million of incremental revenue in the first half of 2019 and the rise in demand for large diameter pipeline hauling and stringing services. Revenue increased by \$20.4 million and \$23.1 million in the first and second quarters, respectively and then decreased by \$10.6 million and \$22.7 million in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. Specific factors affecting the Oilfield Services segment's 2019 revenue were:

- a \$28.6 million increase in revenue generated by those Business Units providing specialized services to
  the oil sands and water management industries including a \$25.6 million increase in pipeline hauling and
  stringing services revenue as well as an increase in demand for pumps and water management services
  at Canadian Dewatering, particularly during the first quarter;
- a \$10.2 million increase in revenue generated by those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells due to the AECOM ISD acquisition being partially offset by a decline in demand as a result of the Alberta Government mandated oil curtailments;
- a \$27.6 million decrease in revenue generated by those Business Units most directly tied to oil and natural gas drilling activity as a result of lower drilling activity in the WCSB; and
- a \$1.0 million decrease in revenue generated by those Business Units providing drilling services.

### **Direct Operating Expenses**

(\$ millions)	2019	)	2018		Chanç	ge
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%
Company						
Wages and benefits	84.1	27.4	77.6	26.8	6.5	8.4
Fuel	23.3	7.6	25.3	8.7	(2.0)	(7.9)
Repairs and maintenance	51.0	16.6	50.6	17.5	0.4	0.8
Purchased transportation	2.4	0.8	2.5	0.9	(0.1)	(4.0
Operating supplies	37.4	12.2	31.2	10.8	6.2	19.9
Other	8.7	2.8	8.7	2.9	_	_
	206.9	67.4	195.9	67.6	11.0	5.6
Contractors	75.8	82.1	78.2	79.1	(2.4)	(3.1)
Total	282.7	70.7	274.1	70.3	8.6	3.1

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of respective Oilfield Services revenue

DOE were \$282.7 million in 2019 as compared to \$274.1 million in 2018. The increase of \$8.6 million, or 3.1 percent, was directly related to the \$10.2 million, or 2.6 percent, increase in segment revenue. As a percentage of revenue these expenses increased by 0.4 percent to 70.7 percent compared to 70.3 percent in 2018 largely as a result of the change in revenue mix and inflationary cost pressures.



In 2019 DOE associated with Company Equipment increased by \$11.0 million, or 5.6 percent, to \$206.9 million as compared to \$195.9 million in 2018. This increase was directly related to the \$17.3 million, or 6.0 percent, increase in Company revenue. As a percentage of Company revenue these expenses decreased by 0.2 percent to 67.4 percent as compared to 67.6 percent in 2018 primarily due to lower fuel costs as well as lower repairs and maintenance expense being partially offset by a rise in wages and benefits expense as a result of the AECOM ISD acquisition and a \$6.2 million increase in operating supplies expense mainly due to the increase in Canadian Dewatering's product sales as well as costs related to Premay Pipeline's operations.

Contractors expense in 2019 decreased to \$75.8 million, as compared to \$78.2 million in 2018. This \$2.4 million decrease was directly related to the reduction in Contractors revenue. As a percentage of Contractors revenue, Contractors expense increased to 82.1 percent as compared to 79.1 percent due to the nature of the AECOM ISD acquisition.

# **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

(\$ millions)	2019		2018		Chang	ge
	\$	%*	\$	%*	\$	%
Wages and benefits	25.9	6.5	26.9	6.9	(1.0)	(3.7)
Communications, utilities and general supplies	14.2	3.5	14.2	3.6	_	_
Profit share	4.7	1.2	3.9	1.0	0.8	20.5
Rent and other	1.8	0.4	4.0	1.1	(2.2)	(55.0)
Total	46.6	11.6	49.0	12.6	(2.4)	(4.9)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of total Oilfield Services revenue

S&A expenses in 2019 decreased by \$2.4 million to \$46.6 million as compared to \$49.0 million in 2018 primarily due to the effect of the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases that had a \$2.2 million positive effect on rent expense as well as various cost control initiatives. These decreases were partially offset by the \$2.2 million of incremental S&A expenses associated with acquisitions as well as the \$0.8 million increase in profit share expense due to greater profitability in certain Business Units. S&A expenses as a percentage of segment revenue decreased by 1.0 percent to 11.6 percent due to the overall fixed nature of these expenses relative to the \$10.2 million increase in segment revenue and the reduction in rent expense as a result of the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases.

# **Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization**

OIBDA in 2019 increased by \$4.0 million, or 6.0 percent, to \$70.8 million. OIBDA increased by \$3.6 million, \$5.0 million and \$0.7 million in the first, second and third quarters, respectively, and then declined by \$5.3 million in the fourth quarter due to poor industry conditions. Operating margin¹ increased to 17.7 percent as compared to 17.1 percent in 2018, however, IFRS 16 – Leases had a 0.5 percent positive impact on the operating margin¹. On a comparative basis, after adjusting for the effect of the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, operating margin¹ improved by only 0.1 percent. The net margin gain was due to the integration of the AECOM ISD assets and the change in revenue mix associated with certain large diameter pipeline projects that had a beneficial effect on margin being mostly offset by the significant decline in margin generated by those Business Units most tied to drilling related activity. Specifically, the \$4.0 million year over year increase in OIBDA can be attributed to the following:

- a \$7.0 million increase relating to those Business Units leveraged to the oil sands and pipeline construction projects;
- a \$3.9 million increase in those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells;
- a \$6.9 million decrease from those Business Units tied to drilling and drilling related activity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



## **Capital Expenditures**

Net capital expenditures¹ were \$9.3 million in 2019, a decrease of \$9.1 million as compared to \$18.4 million in 2018. In 2019 the Oilfield Services segment had gross capital expenditures of \$18.5 million and dispositions of \$9.2 million for net capital expenditures¹ of \$9.3 million. The majority of the capital was invested to purchase pumps at Canadian Dewatering including new tier 4 environmentally friendly pumps and to expand our disposal facility at Envolve with the drilling of a new disposal well to increase our capacity and service offering. Capital was also allocated to meet customer demand by purchasing some equipment for Premay Pipeline. The majority of the dispositions related to transferring of trucks, trailers and some hydrovac equipment to the Trucking/Logistics segment to improve asset utilization. In 2018 gross capital expenditures were \$29.0 million and dispositions were \$10.6 million for net capital expenditures¹ of \$18.4 million.

### **CORPORATE**

The Corporate Office provides support to the Business Units including coordinating business strategies, monitoring financial and business performance and providing shared services such as payroll services, human resource support, information technology support, legal support and accounting services. The Corporate Office also owns a network of real estate holdings and facilities, through its subsidiary MT, which are leased primarily to the Business Units. Such properties are leased on commercially reasonable terms. In addition, the Corporate Office is responsible for capital allocation to the Business Units as well as all regulatory and public reporting.

The Corporate Office recorded a loss of \$9.5 million in 2019 as compared to a loss of \$6.2 million in 2018. The \$3.3 million increase in loss was mainly attributable to higher salary costs associated with the new retention plan for corporate personnel and Business Unit leaders, from a lower amount of costs recovered from our Business Units and from lower income generated from our real estate holdings. In 2019 the Corporate Office recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$0.4 million as compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$0.3 million in 2018.

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### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

## **Consolidated Cash Flow Summary**

(\$ millions)	Years ended December 31							
		2019		2018				
Net cash from operating activities	\$	170.6	\$	140.7				
Net cash used in financing activities		(15.0)		(131.5)				
Net cash used in investing activities		(79.9)		(140.7)				
Change in cash and cash equivalents		75.7		(131.5)				
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		(0.6)		0.9				
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		3.9		134.5				
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	79.0	\$	3.9				

### **Annual Sources and Uses of Cash**

Mullen Group continues to generate cash in excess of its operating needs by generating \$170.6 million in 2019 as compared to \$140.7 million in 2018. Net cash used in financing activities in 2019 was \$15.0 million as compared to using \$131.5 million in 2018. The \$116.5 million year over year decrease was mainly due to issuing the 2019 Debentures as compared to repaying the Series D Notes upon maturity at June 30, 2018. Net cash used in investing activities decreased by \$60.8 million due to a reduction in cash used on acquisitions and from a lower amount of net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> in 2019. Specific changes in cash flow are set forth below.

### Cash From Operating Activities

Net cash from operating activities increased to \$170.6 million in 2019 as compared to \$140.7 million in 2018. The increase of \$29.9 million, or 21.3 percent was mainly due to an \$11.9 million increase in OIBDA and from a \$25.9 million decrease in cash used in non-cash working capital items. These items were somewhat offset by a \$9.1 million increase in cash taxes paid.

The change in non-cash working capital items from operating activities is detailed in the table below:

Changes in Non-Cash Working Capital Items from Operating Activities			
	Years ended	December 31	
(\$ millions)	2019	2018	Variance
	\$	\$	\$
Sources (uses) of cash			
Trade and other receivables	13.3	(26.2)	39.5
Inventory	0.9	(3.6)	4.5
Prepaid expenses	(3.5)	(0.1)	(3.4)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(11.2)	3.5	(14.7)
Total sources (uses) of cash from non-cash working capital items	(0.5)	(26.4)	25.9

In 2019 we continued to fund growth and used \$0.5 million of cash from changes in non-cash working capital items from operating activities as compared to using \$26.4 million of cash in 2018. This \$25.9 million variance was mainly due to the following factors.

 An additional \$39.5 million of cash was generated from trade and other receivables that resulted from the combined effect of a \$13.3 million source of cash in 2019 as compared to a \$26.2 million use of cash in 2018.

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• An additional \$4.5 million of cash was generated from inventory that resulted from the combined effect of a \$0.9 million source of cash in 2019 as compared to a \$3.6 million use of cash in 2018.

Somewhat offsetting these items were the following:

- An additional \$3.4 million of cash was used from prepaid expenses that resulted from the combined effect of a \$3.5 million use of cash in 2019 as compared to a \$0.1 million use of cash in 2018.
- An additional \$14.7 million of cash was used from accounts payable and accrued liabilities that resulted from the combined effect of an \$11.2 million use of cash in 2019 as compared to a \$3.5 million source of cash in 2018.

### Cash Used In Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$15.0 million in 2019 as compared to using \$131.5 million in 2018. This \$116.5 million variance was mainly due to the factors set forth below.

- A \$119.8 million increase in cash from issuing the 2019 Debentures in the second quarter of 2019.
- A \$72.4 million decrease in the repayment of long-term debt and loans, which was mainly due to the 2018 repayments of the Series D Notes (\$70.0 million) upon maturity and from repaying the debt acquired on the Canadian Hydrovac and DWS acquisitions.

Somewhat offsetting these items were the following:

- A \$60.0 million variance in cash on the Bank Credit Facility resulting from repaying \$30.0 million in 2019 as compared to borrowing \$30.0 million in 2018.
- A \$2.4 million increase in dividends paid to shareholders in 2019 as compared to 2018 due to an increase in the amount of the monthly dividend and the number of Common Shares outstanding.
- A \$12.1 million increase in the repayment of lease liabilities due to the January 1, 2019, adoption of IFRS 16 Leases.
- A \$2.4 million increase in interest paid on long-term debt, the 2019 Debentures and lease liabilities.

#### Cash Used In Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities decreased to \$79.9 million in 2019 as compared to \$140.7 million in 2018. This \$60.8 million decrease was mainly due to the factors set forth below.

- A \$30.1 million decrease in cash used to fund acquisitions due to the 2018 acquisitions of Number 8, AECOM ISD, Canadian Hydrovac, DWS and Dacota as compared to the 2019 acquisitions of Argus, Inter-Urban and Jen Express.
- A \$19.0 million decrease in net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup>. In 2019 net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> were \$68.5 million as compared to \$87.5 million in 2018.
- A \$5.6 million change in other assets due to the timing of the debentures advanced to and collected from PCX and Thrive.
- A \$1.2 million change in net investment in finance leases.
- A \$2.0 million decrease in the purchase of equity investments due to the 2018 investment in PCX.

Somewhat offsetting these items was the following:

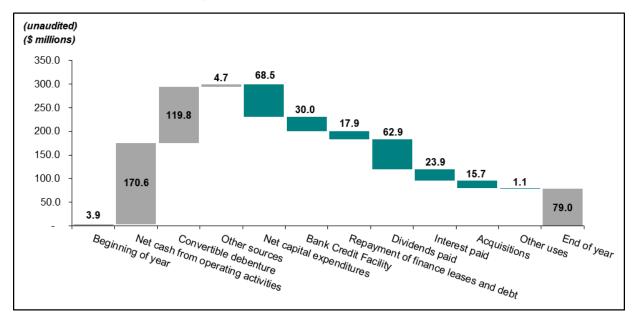
A \$0.4 million variance in changes in non-cash working capital items from investing activities.

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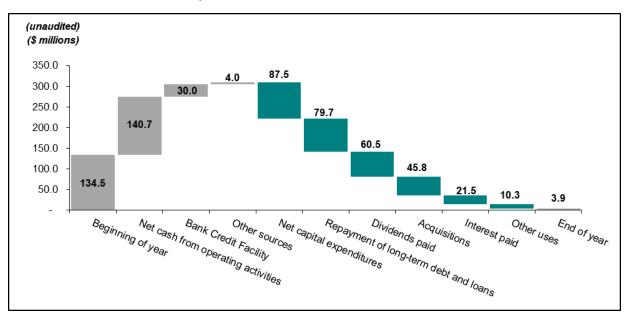


The following charts present the sources and uses of cash for comparative purposes.

### Year ended December 31, 2019



### Year ended December 31, 2018



In addition to the \$170.6 million (2018 - \$140.7 million) of net cash from operating activities, we also received \$124.5 million (2018 - \$4.0 million) of cash from other sources, which mainly consisted of issuing the 2019 Debentures, from changes in non-cash working capital items from financing and investing activities, cash received from net investment in finance leases, the sale of some investments and from interest income generated on cash and cash equivalents. Cash was used to repay (borrow) the Bank Credit Facility of \$30.0 million (2018 - \$(30.0) million), repay lease liabilities of \$12.1 million (2018 - nil), fund acquisitions of \$15.7 million (2018 - \$45.8 million), repay long-term debt and loans of \$5.8 million (2018 - \$79.7 million), pay dividends totalling \$62.9 million (2018 - \$60.5 million), incur net capital expenditures of \$68.5 million (2018 - \$87.5 million) and pay interest obligations of \$23.9 million (2018 - \$21.5 million). We also had \$1.1 million (2018 - \$10.3 million) of other uses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



# **Working Capital**

At December 31, 2019, we had \$243.3 million (December 31, 2018 – \$131.7 million) of working capital, which included \$79.0 million of cash and cash equivalents, of which \$12.5 million was denominated in U.S. currency. On June 21, 2019, our Bank Credit Facility was increased by \$25.0 million to \$150.0 million. This working capital also includes a current liability of \$10.7 million related to the current portion of lease liabilities. This working capital, the Bank Credit Facility and the anticipated cash flow from operating activities in 2020 are available to finance our ongoing working capital requirements, our 2020 capital budget, as well as various special projects and acquisition opportunities.

## **Capital Expenditures**

On February 12, 2020, the Board approved a \$50.0 million capital budget for 2020, exclusive of corporate acquisitions, real property and special projects with \$45.0 million to be allocated to replace trucks, trailers and specialized equipment to support the operations of the business and \$5.0 million allocated to the Corporate Office mainly to complete the Regina, Saskatchewan cross dock facility. The Board will continue to monitor the various sectors of the economy we serve and will adjust the capital budget as new opportunities arise.

Generally, over the course of an economic cycle, our maintenance capital expenditures approximate our annual depreciation on property, plant and equipment. Our diverse business model, and wide range of operations, provides us with the ability to redeploy certain assets over different regions for greater utilization. In 2019 there were \$4.7 million of trucks and trailers transferred to Business Units in the Trucking/Logistics segment from the Oilfield Services segment. It also provides us with considerable flexibility in the amount of maintenance capital expenditure requirements in any given fiscal period.

The following chart summarizes our capital expenditures and depreciation for facilities as well as trucks, trailers and specialized equipment for the last number of years.

Capital Expenditures and Depreciation Summary	Years ended December 31							
(\$ millions)	2019	2018	2017	2016				
	\$	\$	\$	\$				
Facilities								
Gross capital expenditures	18.7	22.4	2.5	2.8				
Net capital expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	18.7	22.4	1.8	2.6				
Depreciation	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6				
Trucks, trailers and specialized equipment								
Gross capital expenditures	56.3	77.3	30.6	18.1				
Net capital expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	49.8	65.1*	18.0	11.9				
Depreciation	72.6	64.3	67.7	63.7				
Total								
Gross capital expenditures	75.0	99.7	33.1	20.9				
Net capital expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	68.5	87.5	19.8	14.5				
Depreciation	80.5	72.1	75.4	71.3				

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



Included \$8.9 million of net capital expenditures for special projects.

#### **Debt**

As at December 31, 2019, we had net debt¹ outstanding of \$362.8 million, (December 31, 2018 – \$350.5 million), which consisted of total debt of \$616.8 million (December 31, 2018 – \$512.2 million) less working capital (excluding the current portion of lease liabilities) of \$254.0 million (December 31, 2018 – \$161.7 million). The primary reason for the increase in the carrying value of the long-term debt was due to issuing the 2019 Debentures and from adopting IFRS 16 – Leases on January 1, 2019, resulting in \$40.7 million of lease liabilities being added to the consolidated statement of financial position. Total debt is comprised of the Private Placement Debt, the 2019 Debentures, lease liabilities and the Bank Credit Facility. The following table summarizes our total debt and net debt¹ as at December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018:

		Dece	mbe	r 31, 2019	Dece	mbe	er 31, 2018	
(\$ millions)	Interest Rate	U.S. Dollar		CDN. Dollar Equivalent	U.S. Dollar		CDN. Dollar Equivalent	Change in CDN. Dollar Equivalent
Private Placement Debt:								
Series G - matures October 22, 2024	3.84%	\$ 117.0	\$	151.9	\$ 117.0	\$	159.6	\$ (7.7)
Series H - matures October 22, 2026	3.94%	112.0		145.5	112.0		152.8	(7.3)
Series I - matures October 22, 2024	3.88%	_		30.0	_		30.0	_
Series J - matures October 22, 2026	4.00%			3.0	_		3.0	_
Series K - matures October 22, 2024	3.95%			58.0	_		58.0	_
Series L - matures October 22, 2026	4.07%			80.0	_		80.0	_
Bank Credit Facility	variable <sup>(1)</sup>			_	_		30.0	(30.0)
Less:								
Unamortized debt issuance costs				(1.0)	_		(1.2)	0.2
Long-term debt (including the current portion)		229.0		467.4	229.0		512.2	(44.8)
2019 Debentures – debt component	5.75%	_		108.7	_		_	108.7
Lease liabilities (including the current portion)	3.20%	_		40.7	_		_	40.7
Total debt		\$ 229.0	\$	616.8	\$ 229.0	\$	512.2	\$ 104.6
Less:								
Working capital (excluding the Bank Credit Facility and the current portion				254.2			404 7	
of leases)				254.0			161.7	92.3
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup>			\$	362.8		\$	350.5	\$ 12.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Bank prime rate plus 0.5 percent or bankers' acceptance rates plus 1.5 percent.

Total Net Debt¹ to Operating Cash Flow. Mullen Group's total net debt¹ cannot exceed 3.5 times operating cash flow calculated using the trailing twelve months' financial results normalized for acquisitions. The term total net debt¹ means all debt including the Private Placement Debt, lease liabilities, the Bank Credit Facility and letters of credit, excluding the 2019 Debentures less any unrealized gain on Cross-Currency Swaps plus any unrealized loss on Cross-Currency Swaps as disclosed within Derivatives on the consolidated statement of financial position. The term "operating cash flow", as defined within the 2014 Note Purchase Agreement, means, for any quarterly period, the trailing twelve months' consolidated net income adjusted for all amounts deducted in the computation thereof on account of (i) taxes imposed on or measured by income or excess profits; (ii) depreciation and amortization taken during such period; (iii) total interest charges, including interest on the 2019 Debentures; and (iv) non-cash charges. Total net debt¹ to operating cash flow financial covenant under our Private Placement Debt enables us to include the trailing twelve months operating cash flows from acquisitions. Although permitted, we have not included any operating cash flows generated prior to the date of the acquisition from our recent acquisitions in this financial covenant calculation.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".

Total net debt1 to operating cash flow was calculated as follows:

Total net debt <sup>(1)</sup> to operating cash flow	December 31 2019	December 31 2018
Total net debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 470.6	\$ 474.1
Operating cash flow	\$ 204.7	\$ 192.8
Total net debt <sup>(1)</sup> to operating cash flow	2.30:1	2.46:1

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".

<u>Total Earnings Available for Fixed Charges to Total Fixed Charges</u>. The fixed charge coverage ratio cannot be less than 1.75:1 calculated using the trailing twelve months financial results.

The term "total earnings available for fixed charges" means, for any period, consolidated net income plus all amounts deducted in the computation thereof on account of (i) taxes imposed on or measured by income or excess profits, (ii) the depreciation and amortization taken during such period, (iii) consolidated fixed charges, (iv) interest charges with respect to convertible debentures, and (v) non-cash charges, and less any non-cash gains included in the computation of consolidated net income. The term "total fixed charges" means, for any period, the sum of total interest charges and rental charges for such period.

Total Earnings Available for Fixed Charges to Total Fixed Charges	December 31 2019	December 31 2018
Total earnings available for fixed charges	\$ 207.2	\$ 206.6
Total fixed charges	\$ 23.2	\$ 35.1
Total earnings available for fixed charges to total fixed charges	8.94:1	5.89:1

Mullen Group, as evidenced by the table below, is in compliance with both of the aforementioned covenants.

Financial Covenants	Financial Covenant Threshold	December 31 2019	December 31 2018
Private Placement Debt Covenants			
(a) Total net debt <sup>(1)</sup> to operating cash flow cannot exceed	3.50:1	2.30:1	2.46:1
(b) Total earnings available for fixed charges to total fixed charges cannot be less than	1.75:1	8.94:1	5.89:1

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Total net debt¹ to operating cash flow was 2.30:1 at December 31, 2019. Assuming the \$470.6 million of total net debt¹ remains constant, we would need to generate approximately \$134.5 million of operating cash flow on a trailing twelve month basis to remain in compliance with this financial covenant. When a business is acquired, the trailing twelve months of operating cash flows generated by the newly acquired business may be added to our trailing twelve months' operating cash flows from the date of acquisition for financial covenant calculation purposes.

Mullen Group is also subject to a priority debt covenant. The term "priority debt" means all indebtedness secured by permitted liens excluding certain qualified subsidiary debt. Priority debt cannot exceed 15.0 percent of total assets. At December 31, 2019, the priority debt was \$0.8 million or an insignificant percentage of total assets.

Our debt-to-equity ratio was 0.67:1 at December 31, 2019, as compared to 0.57:1 at December 31, 2018. This increase in the debt-to-equity ratio was due to the net effect of a \$104.6 million increase in total debt (including the current portion) and a \$19.8 million increase in equity as compared to December 31, 2018. The \$104.6 million increase in total debt was mainly due to an additional \$108.7 million of the debt component of the 2019 Debentures and from an additional \$40.7 million of lease liabilities (including the current portion) resulting from the January 1, 2019, adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases. These increases were somewhat offset by the \$30.0 million repayment of the amount drawn on our Bank Credit Facility and the \$14.9 million foreign exchange gain on the Corporation's U.S. dollar debt. The \$19.8 million increase in equity mainly resulted from the \$72.2 million of net income being

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recognized in 2019 and from the additional \$9.1 million of the equity component of the 2019 Debentures. These increases were somewhat offset by the \$62.9 million of dividends declared to shareholders in 2019.

## **Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes the contractual maturities of financial liabilities.

		Maximum Payments						
(\$ millions)	Total \$	1 year \$	2 – 3 years \$	4 – 5 years \$	5 years and thereafter \$			
Long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	468.4	_	_	239.9	228.5			
Interest on long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	110.2	18.4	36.8	36.8	18.2			
2019 Debentures	125.0	_	_	_	125.0			
Interest on the 2019 Debentures	49.7	7.2	14.4	14.4	13.7			
Purchase obligations	12.0	12.0	_	_	_			
Lease liabilities	43.7	12.1	16.6	7.4	7.6			
Total Contractual Obligations	809.0	49.7	67.8	298.5	393.0			

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes a U.S. dollar foreign exchange rate of \$1.2988.

We ended 2019 with long-term debt (including the current portion thereof) of \$467.4 million, a decrease of \$44.8 million as compared to the \$512.2 million of long-term debt at the beginning of the year. This decrease was due to the \$30.0 million repayment of the amount drawn on our Bank Credit Facility and the \$14.9 million foreign exchange gain on the Corporation's U.S. dollar debt. The long-term debt consists of the Private Placement Debt, which matures in 2024 and 2026.

In June 2019, we issued \$125.0 million of the 2019 Debentures, by way of a bought deal, at a price of \$1,000 per 2019 Debenture. The 2019 Debentures mature on November 30, 2026, and bear interest at an annual rate of 5.75 percent payable semi-annually in arrears on the last day of May and November of each year. Each \$1,000 2019 Debenture is convertible into 71.4286 Common Shares (or a conversion price of \$14.00) at any time at the option of the holders of the 2019 Debentures. As at the date of issuance, an aggregate of 8,928,575 Common Shares would be issued if all holders converted their principal amount.

As at December 31, 2019, we entered into various capital expenditure purchase obligations totalling \$12.0 million. The majority of these purchase obligations relate to the acquisition of trucks and trailers given that certain manufacturers require purchase obligations in advance so that manufacturing can commence and expected delivery times can be met.

Effective January 1, 2019, we adopted IFRS 16 – Leases using the modified retrospective method whereby comparative financial information is not restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The majority of our lease liabilities relate to real property leases that are mainly utilized by certain Business Units within the Trucking/Logistics segment. Some Business Units have also entered into leases pertaining to various pieces of operating equipment including rail cars, trucks and trailers. As at December 31, 2019, we had total contractual cash commitments of \$43.7 million while the carrying amount of these lease liabilities on our consolidated statement of financial position was \$40.7 million. The carrying amount is measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at an average incremental borrowing rate of 3.2 percent.



# **Share Capital**

The authorized share capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of Preferred Shares, issuable in series. The number of, and the specific rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to any series of Preferred Shares shall be determined by the Board prior to the creation and issuance thereof. As at the date hereof, no series of Preferred Shares has been created.

#### **Common Shares**

Common Shares Authorized: Unlimited Number	# of Common Shares	Amount (\$ millions)
Balance as at December 31, 2019 and 2018	104,824,973	\$ 946.9

At December 31, 2019, there were 104,824,973 Common Shares outstanding representing \$946.9 million in share capital. There was no change in the number of Common Shares outstanding during 2019. As at January 31, 2020, there were 104,824,973 Common Shares issued and outstanding.

### Stock Option Plan

orfeited	Options	Weighted average exercise price		
Outstanding – December 31, 2018	3,462,500	\$	19.15	
Forfeited	(182,500)		(17.91)	
Outstanding – December 31, 2019	3,280,000		19.22	
Exercisable – December 31, 2019	2,794,981		19.66	

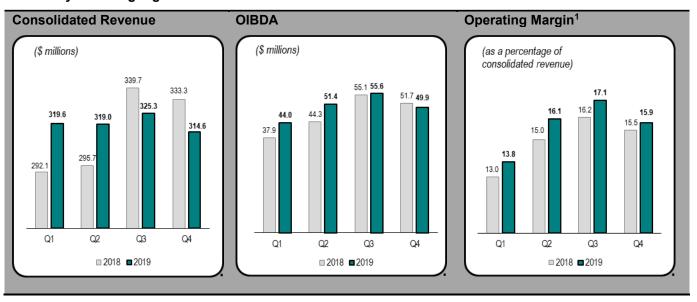
There are 4,660,000 options available to be issued under our stock option plan. In 2019 there were 182,500 stock options forfeited. As at December 31, 2019, Mullen Group had 3,280,000 stock options outstanding under the stock option plan. As at January 31, 2020, there were 3,152,500 stock options outstanding under the stock option plan.

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### FOURTH QUARTER 2019 - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

### **Summary - Trailing Eight Quarters**



#### Revenue

Q4 Consolidated Revenue by Segment Three month periods ended December 31 (unaudited)						
(\$ millions)	2019	)	201	8	Chan	ge
	\$	%*	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%
Trucking/Logistics	224.6	71.1	219.7	65.8	4.9	2.2
Oilfield Services	91.4	28.9	114.1	34.2	(22.7)	(19.9)
Corporate and intersegment eliminations	(1.4)	_	(0.5)	_	(0.9)	_
Total	314.6	100.0	333.3	100.0	(18.7)	(5.6)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of pre-consolidated revenue

Consolidated revenue in the fourth quarter decreased by \$18.7 million, representing a year over year decline of 5.6 percent, declining to \$314.6 million as compared to \$333.3 million in 2018 due to a very challenging oil and gas environment in western Canada and a softening general economy. The Trucking/Logistics segment rose by 2.2 percent, or \$4.9 million, due to \$5.9 million in incremental revenue from acquisitions being partially offset by lower fuel surcharge revenue. Our Oilfield Services segment experienced a \$22.7 million, or 19.9 percent, decrease in revenue due to the significant reduction in drilling activity and oil production being partially offset by a \$1.9 million increase in revenue at Premay Pipeline, a provider of pipeline hauling and stringing services. Fuel surcharge revenue was \$21.7 million as compared to \$24.0 million in 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



Q4 Consolidated Revenue Three month periods ended	d December 31					
(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019	)	2018	3	Char	ige
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Company	234.6	74.6	233.7	70.1	0.9	0.4
Contractors	79.0	25.1	98.3	29.5	(19.3)	(19.6)
Other	1.0	0.3	1.3	0.4	(0.3)	(23.1)
Total	314.6	100.0	333.3	100.0	(18.7)	(5.6)

Revenue generated by Company Equipment increased by \$0.9 million, or 0.4 percent, to \$234.6 million as compared to \$233.7 million in 2018 and represented 74.6 percent of consolidated revenue in the current period as compared to 70.1 percent in 2018. Revenue related to Contractors decreased by \$19.3 million, or 19.6 percent, to \$79.0 million as compared to \$98.3 million in 2018 and represented 25.1 percent of consolidated revenue in the current period as compared to 29.5 percent in 2018.

# **Direct Operating Expenses**

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019		2018		Chang	ge
	\$	%*	\$	%*	\$	%
Company						
Wages and benefits	58.8	25.1	62.7	26.8	(3.9)	(6.2
Fuel	22.1	9.4	23.3	10.0	(1.2)	(5.2
Repairs and maintenance	29.4	12.5	30.3	13.0	(0.9)	(3.0
Purchased transportation	26.9	11.5	24.7	10.6	2.2	8.9
Operating supplies	20.0	8.5	17.3	7.4	2.7	15.6
Other	6.3	2.7	6.0	2.5	0.3	5.0
	163.5	69.7	164.3	70.3	(0.8)	(0.5)
Contractors	58.8	74.4	73.2	74.5	(14.4)	(19.7)
Total	222.3	70.7	237.5	71.3	(15.2)	(6.4)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of respective Consolidated revenue

DOE were \$222.3 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$237.5 million in 2018. This decrease of \$15.2 million, or 6.4 percent, was in line with the \$18.7 million decrease in consolidated revenue.

DOE associated with Company Equipment decreased to \$163.5 million as compared to \$164.3 million in 2018. This decrease of \$0.8 million, or 0.5 percent, was despite the \$0.9 million, or 0.4 percent, increase in Company revenue primarily due to a decrease in fuel expense and cost control initiatives being partially offset by higher operating supplies expense related to Canadian Dewatering's and Premay Pipeline's operations and higher purchased transportation costs primarily as a result of acquisitions. As a percentage of Company revenue these expenses decreased by 0.6 percent to 69.7 percent as compared to 70.3 percent in 2018 due to decreased fuel expense and cost control initiatives.

Contractors expense in the fourth quarter decreased to \$58.8 million as compared to \$73.2 million in 2018. This \$14.4 million decrease was attributable to the \$19.3 million decline in Contractors revenue. As a percentage of revenue, Contractors expense remained relatively stable and decreased by 0.1 percent to 74.4 percent as compared to 74.5 percent in 2018.



## **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019		2018		Change	
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%*	\$	%
Wages and benefits	24.6	7.8	25.0	7.5	(0.4)	(1.6)
Communications, utilities and general supplies	12.0	3.8	11.3	3.4	0.7	6.2
Profit share	3.5	1.1	3.6	1.1	(0.1)	(2.8)
Foreign exchange	0.4	0.1	(1.0)	(0.3)	1.4	(140.0)
Stock-based compensation	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	_	_
Rent and other	1.5	0.6	4.8	1.4	(3.3)	(68.8)
Total	42.4	13.5	44.1	13.2	(1.7)	(3.9)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of total Consolidated revenue

S&A expenses for the period declined by \$1.7 million to \$42.4 million as compared to \$44.1 million in 2018 largely due the \$3.3 million reduction in rent expense associated with the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases whereby previously expensed rent payments were capitalized under the new accounting framework as well as cost control initiatives. These decreases were partially offset by the \$1.1 million of incremental S&A expenses associated with acquisitions and the \$1.4 million negative variance in foreign exchange expense that related to the year over year change in the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar.

# **Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization**

(unaudited)	ecember 31					
(\$ millions)	2019	)	2018	}	Chan	ge
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Trucking/Logistics	37.5	75.2	33.2	64.2	4.3	13.0
Oilfield Services	15.5	31.1	20.8	40.2	(5.3)	(25.5
Corporate	(3.1)	(6.3)	(2.3)	(4.4)	(8.0)	34.8
Total	49.9	100.0	51.7	100.0	(1.8)	(3.5

OIBDA for the period was \$49.9 million, or 15.9 percent of revenue, as compared to \$51.7 million, or 15.5 percent, in 2018. The \$1.8 million decline represents a year over year decline of 3.5 percent and was primarily due to significantly lower OIBDA in the Oilfield Services segment and slightly higher Corporate costs being partially offset by a \$4.3 million increase in OIBDA in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

OIBDA was positively impacted by the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases whereby \$3.6 million of previously expensed operating leases were capitalized and depreciated. This had a 120-bps impact on operating margin<sup>1</sup>. On a comparative basis, operating margin<sup>1</sup> decreased by 0.8 percent to 14.7 percent as compared to 15.5 percent in 2018.

# **Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment**

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment was \$26.7 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$20.0 million in 2018. This increase of \$6.7 million was mainly attributable to a greater amount of depreciation being recorded in both the Oilfield Services segment and the Trucking/Logistics segment, while depreciation in the Corporate Office remained consistent on a year over year basis. Depreciation in the Oilfield Services segment increased by \$4.9 million and was mainly due to additional depreciation recorded on specialty equipment within Spearing and Formula Powell after an assessment of current market conditions for such equipment, which was somewhat offset by the lower amount of capital expenditures made within this segment. The \$1.8 million increase in depreciation in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



the Trucking/Logistics segment was mainly due to a greater amount of capital expenditures being made within this segment.

## **Depreciation of Right-of-Use Assets**

Depreciation of right-of-use assets was \$3.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2019 consisting of \$2.9 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment and \$0.4 million in the Oilfield Services segment. Depreciation of right-of-use assets mainly consists of real property leases entered into by the Business Units and are depreciated over the lease term. Effective January 1, 2019, we adopted IFRS 16 – Leases using the modified retrospective method. Under the modified retrospective method, comparative financial information is not restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The associated right-of-use assets were measured at the lease liability amount, adjusted by the amount of any subleases and any lease inducements relating to those leases.

# **Amortization of Intangible Assets**

Amortization of intangible assets was \$5.3 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$4.3 million in 2018. This increase mainly resulted from the additional amortization recorded on the intangible assets associated with the recent acquisitions in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

#### **Finance Costs**

Finance costs were \$6.4 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$4.6 million in 2018. The increase of \$1.8 million was mainly attributable to the \$1.8 million of interest expense being recorded on the 2019 Debentures and the interest expense on the lease liabilities. These increases were somewhat offset by the reduction in interest expense from borrowings on the Bank Credit Facility, a greater amount of interest income being earned on cash held in the third quarter of 2019 and from a less amount of interest expense being recorded on our U.S. dollar debt as a result of the change in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar in the fourth quarter of 2019.

## **Net Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss**

The net foreign exchange gain was \$2.3 million in the fourth quarter as compared to a loss of \$2.2 million in 2018. The components of net foreign exchange (gain) loss were as follows:

Net Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss	Three month periods ended December 31				
	CDN. \$ Equivalent				
(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019	2018			
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. \$ debt	(5.8)	16.0			
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps	3.5	(13.8)			
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(2.3)	2.2			

# Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss on U.S. \$ Debt

We recorded a foreign exchange gain of \$5.8 million related to our U.S. dollar debt due to the \$0.0255 strengthening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar during the fourth quarter. For the same period in 2018, we recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$16.0 million due to the \$0.0697 weakening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. The details of the foreign exchange (gain) loss on the U.S. dollar debt is summarized in the following table:

Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss on U.S. \$ Debt	Three month periods ended December 31						
	2019 2018						
(unaudited) (\$ millions, except exchange rate amounts)	U.S. \$ Debt	Exchange Rate	CDN. \$ Equivalent	U.S. \$ Debt	Exchange Rate	CDN. \$ Equivalent	
Ending – December 31	229.0	1.2988	297.5	229.0	1.3642	312.4	
Beginning – September 30	229.0	1.3243	303.3	229.0	1.2945	296.4	
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. \$ debt			(5.8)			16.0	



### Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps

The foreign exchange loss on Cross-Currency Swaps of \$3.5 million in the fourth quarter was due to the change over the period in the fair value of these Cross-Currency Swaps as summarized in the table below:

Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps	Three month periods ended December 31						
		2019		2018			
(unaudited) (\$ millions)	U.S. \$ Swaps	CDN. \$ Change in Fair Value of Swaps	U.S. \$ Swaps	CDN. \$ Change in Fair Value of Swaps			
Cross-Currency Swap maturing October 22, 2024	117.0	1.9	117.0	(7.3)			
Cross-Currency Swap maturing October 22, 2026	112.0	1.6	112.0	(6.5)			
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps		3.5		(13.8)			

# Other (Income) Expense

Other expense was \$0.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2019 as compared to \$1.3 million of other expense recorded in 2018. The \$1.0 million positive variance was due to the factors set forth below:

<u>Change in Fair Value of Investments (positive variance of \$2.0 million).</u> We recorded an increase in the fair value of investments of \$0.3 million in the fourth quarter as compared to a \$1.7 million decrease in 2018.

Loss on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment (negative variance of \$0.1 million). We recognized a loss of \$0.9 million on sale of property, plant and equipment on total consolidated proceeds on sale of \$2.8 million in the fourth quarter as compared to a \$0.8 million loss on sale of property, plant and equipment on total consolidated proceeds on sale of \$2.6 million in 2018. The loss on sale of property, plant and equipment in 2019 and 2018 mainly resulted from the sale of older assets by Business Units within the Oilfield Services segment.

<u>Earnings from Equity Investments (negative variance of \$0.9 million)</u>. We recognized \$0.3 million of earnings from equity investments in the fourth quarter as compared to \$1.2 million of earnings in 2018. There were no equity investments purchased or sold in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 2018.

# Impairment of Goodwill

At December 31, 2019, we performed our annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that there was no impairment of goodwill within any of our CGUs. In the fourth quarter of 2018, we recognized a \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill within certain CGUs in the Oilfield Services segment as the recoverable amount for these CGUs was lower than their respective carrying amount. For more information refer to the "Critical Accounting Estimates" section on page 80.



### **Income Taxes**

(unaudited) (\$ millions)		ee month perio	nonth periods ended Decemb		
		2019		2018	
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	10.2	\$	(80.7)	
Combined statutory tax rate		27%		27%	
Expected income tax		2.7		(21.8)	
Add (deduct):					
Impairment of goodwill		_		21.4	
Non-deductible (taxable) portion of net foreign exchange (gain) loss		(0.2)		0.3	
Non-deductible (taxable) portion of the change in fair value of investments		_		0.2	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.1		0.1	
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax asset		(0.2)		0.3	
Decrease in income tax due to changes in income tax rate		_		_	
Other		(0.6)		(0.1)	
Income tax expense	\$	1.8	\$	0.4	

Income tax expense increased to \$1.8 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$0.4 million in 2018. This increase of \$1.4 million was mainly attributable to the tax implications associated with the \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill recognized in the fourth quarter of 2018.

# **Net Income (Loss)**

(consequence)	 Three month	period	ls ended Decemb	er 31
(unaudited) (\$ millions, except share and per share amounts)	2019		2018	% Change
Net income (loss)	\$ 8.4	\$	(81.1)	(110.4)
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding	104,824,973		104,824,973	_
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$ 0.08	\$	(0.77)	(110.4)

Net income increased to \$8.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2019 as compared to a loss of \$81.1 million for the same period last year. The factors contributing to the increase in net income as previously discussed include:

- a \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill recorded in the fourth quarter of 2018;
- a \$4.5 million positive variance in net foreign exchange; and
- a \$2.0 million positive variance in the fair value of investments.

These factors were somewhat offset by the following factors that decreased net income:

- a \$6.7 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment;
- a \$3.3 million increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets;
- a \$1.8 million decrease in OIBDA;
- a \$1.8 million increase in finance costs;
- a \$1.4 million increase in income tax expenses;



- a \$1.0 million increase in amortization of intangible assets;
- a \$0.9 million decrease in earnings from equity investments; and
- a \$0.1 million increase in the loss on sale of property, plant and equipment.

Basic earnings (loss) per share increased to \$0.08 in 2019 as compared to \$(0.77) in 2018. This increase resulted from the effect of the \$89.5 million increase in net income. The weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding remained constant at 104,824,973.

# Net Income – Adjusted and Earnings per Share – Adjusted

The following table illustrates net income (loss) and basic earnings (loss) per share before considering the impact of the impairment of goodwill, net foreign exchange gains or losses and the change in fair value of investments. Net income (loss) and basic earnings (loss) per share have been adjusted to reflect earnings from a strictly operating perspective.

, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Three	month period	ls ende	d December 31
(unaudited) (\$ millions, except share and per share amounts)	_	2019		
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	10.2	\$	(80.7)
Add (deduct):				
Impairment of goodwill		_		100.0
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss		(2.3)		2.2
Change in fair value of investments		(0.3)		1.7
Income before income taxes – adjusted		7.6		23.2
Income tax rate		27%		27%
Computed expected income tax expense		(2.0)		(6.3)
Net income – adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>		5.6		16.9
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding – basic	1	04,824,973		104,824,973
Earnings per share – adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	0.05	\$	0.16

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".

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# **FOURTH QUARTER 2019 – SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

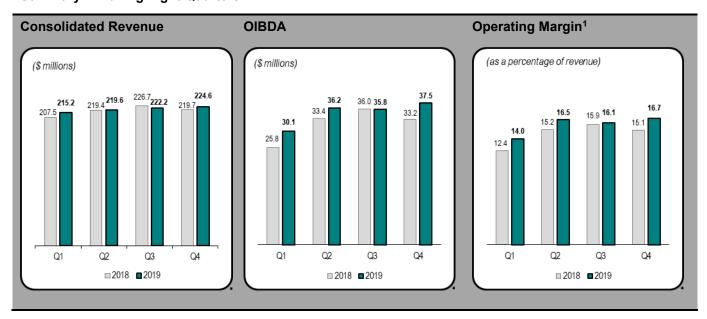
Three month period ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited) (\$\pm\$ millions)	Trucking /Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate and Intersegment eliminations	Total
	<b>\$</b>	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	224.6	91.4	(1.4)	314.6
Direct operating expenses	159.7	64.9	(2.3)	222.3
Selling and administrative expenses	27.4	11.0	4.0 <sup>(3)</sup>	42.4
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	37.5	15.5	(3.1)	49.9
Net capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	11.3	(1.2)	10.8	20.9

Three month period ended December 31, 2018 (unaudited) (\$ millions)	Trucking /Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate and Intersegment eliminations	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	219.7	114.1	(0.5)	333.3
Direct operating expenses	159.5	79.9	(1.9)	237.5
Selling and administrative expenses	27.0	13.4	3.7 <sup>(4)</sup>	44.1
Operating income before depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	33.2	20.8	(2.3)	51.7
Net capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	14.1	5.1	10.1	29.3

<sup>(1)</sup> OIBDA increased by approximately \$13.1 million (\$10.9 million in the Trucking/Logistics segment and \$2.2 million in the Oilfield Services segment) in the current year due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases effective January 1, 2019.

### TRUCKING/LOGISTICS SEGMENT

### **Summary – Trailing Eight Quarters**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



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<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a \$0.2 million foreign exchange loss.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes a \$0.2 million foreign exchange gain.

General economic activity is the main driver of demand levels for our Trucking/Logistics segment. The Trucking/Logistics segment is also influenced by North American trade volumes and resulting demand for freight services. Early estimates indicate that Canada's real GDP contracted by 0.1 percent in October 2019 as a decline in goods-producing industries was offset by an increase in services-producing industries. The U.S. economy continues to grow and it is estimated that the U.S. economy expanded by 2.1 percent in the fourth quarter after growing by 2.1 percent in the third quarter.

#### Revenue

Q4 Revenue – Trucking/Log Three month periods ender						
(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019	9	2018	3	Char	ige
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Company	162.6	72.4	146.9	66.9	15.7	10.7
Contractors	61.9	27.6	72.6	33.0	(10.7)	(14.7)
Other	0.1	_	0.2	0.1	(0.1)	(50.0)
Total	224.6	100.0	219.7	100.0	4.9	2.2

The Trucking/Logistics segment generated \$224.6 million of revenue in the fourth quarter, despite some challenges associated with the slowdown in the North American freight markets and represented 71.1 percent of preconsolidated revenue as compared to 65.8 percent in 2018. Revenue increased by \$4.9 million, or 2.2 percent, to \$224.6 million as compared to \$219.7 million in 2018 due to the \$5.9 million of incremental revenue related to our recent acquisitions being partially offset by a \$2.7 million decline in fuel surcharge revenue and a reduction in truckload revenue. Fuel surcharge revenue decreased to \$20.2 million from \$22.9 million in 2018. Excluding acquisitions and the change in fuel surcharge revenue, the Trucking/Logistics segment revenue increased by \$1.7 million primarily due to revenue increases at Gardewine and Smook. Some of the specific factors that impacted revenue in the fourth quarter were the following:

- The regional LTL business improved by 7.2 percent during the quarter due to revenue gains at Gardewine and the acquisitions of Argus and Inter-Urban being partially offset by a \$0.8 million decrease in fuel surcharge revenue. Our five regional LTL Business Units<sup>1</sup> generated pre-consolidated revenue of \$113.5 million as compared to \$105.9 million in 2018.
- Truckload revenue decreased by \$2.7 million due to the decrease in demand for truckload services as a result of lower GDP growth and a lack of project work associated with capital investments, as well as a \$1.8 million reduction in fuel surcharge revenue. The nine truckload services Business Units generated pre-consolidated revenue of \$114.2 million as compared to \$116.9 million in 2018.
- Fuel surcharge revenue, excluding the effect of acquisitions, declined to \$20.2 million as compared to \$22.9 million in 2018.

Revenue related to Company Equipment increased by \$15.7 million, or 10.7 percent, to \$162.6 million as compared to \$146.9 million in 2018 due to an increase in demand for LTL services. Revenue related to Company Equipment represented 72.4 percent of segment revenue in the current period as compared to 66.9 percent in 2018. Revenue related to Contractors decreased by \$10.7 million, or 14.7 percent, to \$61.9 million as compared to \$72.6 million in 2018 and represented 27.6 percent of segment revenue in the current period as compared to 33.0 percent in 2018 due to the reduction in demand for truckload services.

Our regional LTL Business Units consist of Gardewine Group Limited Partnership, Courtesy Freight Systems Ltd, Jay's Transportation Group Ltd., Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies, and Grimshaw Trucking L.P. Also included in these results are Argus Carriers Ltd. and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd., which operate under the oversight of Tenold Transportation Ltd. Although their primary service offering is LTL, they provide many other services including full-truckload, bulk and logistics services. Bernard Transport Ltd. was combined into the Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies on January 1, 2019.



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## **Direct Operating Expenses**

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019	9	2018		Chang	ge
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%*	\$	%
Company						
Wages and benefits	39.2	24.1	38.1	25.9	1.1	2.9
Fuel	16.4	10.1	15.5	10.6	0.9	5.8
Repairs and maintenance	17.4	10.7	16.5	11.2	0.9	5.5
Purchased transportation	26.2	16.1	23.7	16.1	2.5	10.5
Operating supplies	10.8	6.6	8.1	5.5	2.7	33.3
Other	4.4	2.8	4.2	2.9	0.2	4.8
	114.4	70.4	106.1	72.2	8.3	7.8
Contractors	45.3	73.2	53.4	73.6	(8.1)	(15.2)
Total	159.7	71.1	159.5	72.6	0.2	0.1

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of respective Trucking/Logistics revenue

Total DOE were \$159.7 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$159.5 million in 2018. The increase of \$0.2 million, or 0.1 percent, was attributable to the \$4.9 million, or 2.2 percent, rise in segment revenue. DOE expressed as a percentage of revenue decreased by 1.5 percent to 71.1 percent as compared to 72.6 percent in 2018.

DOE related to Company Equipment increased by \$8.3 million, or 7.8 percent, to \$114.4 million as compared to \$106.1 million in 2018. In terms of a percentage of revenue, Company expenses decreased by 1.8 percent to 70.4 percent as compared to 72.2 percent in 2018 due to lower fuel costs and greater operational efficiencies being somewhat offset by higher operating supplies expense associated with the increased purchase of road salt, which is resold under contracts with various municipalities in western Canada.

Contractors expense in the fourth quarter decreased by \$8.1 million to \$45.3 million as compared to \$53.4 million in 2018. This decrease was generally in proportion to the \$10.7 million decrease in Contractors revenue. As a percentage of Contractors revenue, Contractors expense decreased by 0.4 percent to 73.2 percent as compared to 73.6 percent in 2018 due to the greater availability of subcontractors.

### **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019		2018		Chai	nge
	\$	%*	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%
Wages and benefits	16.8	7.5	16.3	7.4	0.5	3.1
Communications, utilities and general supplies	7.4	3.3	6.7	3.0	0.7	10.4
Profit share	2.4	1.1	2.2	1.0	0.2	9.1
Foreign exchange	0.2	0.1	(0.8)	(0.4)	1.0	(125.0)
Rent and other	0.6	0.2	2.6	1.3	(2.0)	(76.9)
Total	27.4	12.2	27.0	12.3	0.4	1.5

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of total Trucking/Logistics revenue

S&A expenses were \$27.4 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$27.0 million in 2018. The increase of \$0.4 million was primarily due to the \$1.1 million of incremental S&A expenses associated with acquisitions, largely wages and benefits expense, as well as the \$1.0 million negative variance on foreign exchange. These increases were somewhat offset by the \$2.0 million reduction in rent expense primarily due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases. S&A expenses as a percentage of segment revenue declined to 12.2 percent as compared to 12.3 percent in 2018. The adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases had a 140-bps positive impact on S&A expenses as a percentage of revenue.



### **Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization**

OIBDA for the fourth quarter increased by \$4.3 million, or 13.0 percent, to \$37.5 million as compared to \$33.2 million generated in 2018. The majority of this rise in OIBDA, specifically \$3.2 million, was due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases. In addition, acquisitions accounted for \$0.9 million of incremental growth.

Operating margin¹ increased by 1.6 percent to 16.7 percent as compared to 15.1 percent in 2018 primarily due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, which had a 1.4 percent positive impact on our operating margin¹. When comparing our operating margin¹ without the impact of IFRS 16 – Leases, it was 15.3 percent as compared to 15.1 percent in 2018.

## **Capital Expenditures**

Net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> were \$11.3 million in the fourth quarter, a decrease of \$2.8 million as compared to \$14.1 million in 2018. The Trucking/Logistics segment had gross capital expenditures of \$12.2 million and dispositions of \$0.9 million for net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> of \$11.3 million in 2019. The majority of the capital was invested to purchase trucks and trailers as well as various pieces of operating equipment to both replace and support new opportunities within this segment. In 2018 gross capital expenditures were \$15.3 million and dispositions were \$1.2 million for net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> of \$14.1 million.

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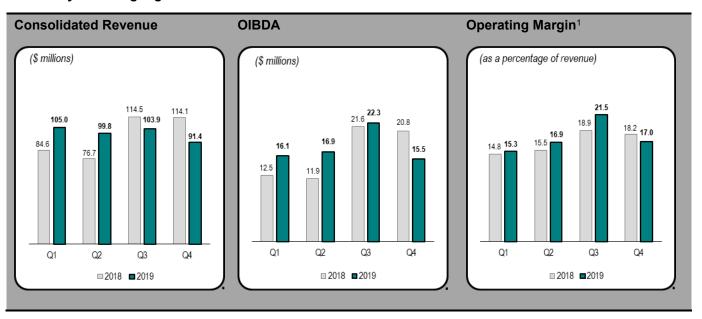
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### **OILFIELD SERVICES SEGMENT**

### Summary - Trailing Eight Quarters



### **Industry Statistics**

Drilling activity in the WCSB, as reported in terms of active rig count, total wells drilled and length of metres drilled within such wells, decreased significantly in the quarter as compared to the prior year. Industry statistics indicate that the average active rig count for the quarter was 139 rigs during 2019 as compared to 177 active rigs in 2018, a decrease of 38 rigs or 21.5 percent. Total wells drilled decreased by 28.6 percent to 1,196 wells drilled in the quarter as compared to 1,674 wells drilled in 2018. The length of metres drilled also decreased by 22.8 percent during the current quarter to 3.70 million metres as compared to 4.79 million metres in 2018. In addition, a portion of our operations are related to the continued development and extraction of the oil sands deposits in western Canada, which is changing due to current crude oil pricing, lack of pipeline capacity to new markets and regulatory requirements.

The number of wells completed on a geographic basis for the quarter was as follows:

	Three month periods ended December 31					
	2019	2018	# Change	% Change		
British Columbia	73	104	(31)	(29.8)		
Alberta	649	870	(221)	(25.4)		
Saskatchewan	405	626	(221)	(35.3)		
Manitoba	69	74	(5)	(6.8)		
Northwest Territories	_	_	_	_		
Total	1,196	1,674	(478)	(28.6)		

source: JuneWarren-Nickle's Energy Group – wells completed on rig release basis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



#### Revenue

Q4 Revenue – Oilfield Servi Three month periods ended						
(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019	•	2018	3	Chan	ige
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Company	72.0	78.8	86.8	76.1	(14.8)	(17.1)
Contractors	19.2	21.0	26.8	23.5	(7.6)	(28.4)
Other	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	(0.3)	(60.0)
Total	91.4	100.0	114.1	100.0	(22.7)	(19.9)

Segment revenue decreased by \$22.7 million, or 19.9 percent, to \$91.4 million as compared to \$114.1 million in 2018 and represented 28.9 percent of pre-consolidated revenue as compared to 34.2 percent in 2018. The decline in revenue can be attributed to the decline in drilling activity in the WCSB, Alberta Government mandated crude oil curtailments that resulted in both the loss of demand for oilfield production and drilling related services and very competitive pricing. These negative factors were partially offset by strong results generated by Premay Pipeline. Some of the specific factors that impacted revenue in the fourth quarter were the following:

- a \$13.6 million decrease in revenue generated by those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells due to very competitive pricing and the Alberta crude oil curtailment program;
- a \$6.1 million decrease in revenue generated by those Business Units most directly tied to oil and natural
  gas drilling activity and those providing drilling services due to the significant decline in drilling activity during
  the quarter and intense competition; and
- a \$3.0 million decrease in revenue generated by those Business Units providing specialized services
  primarily due to a \$2.6 million decline in demand for heavy haul services as well as lower demand for
  hydrovac services being somewhat offset by a \$1.9 million increase in revenue at Premay Pipeline, a
  provider of pipeline hauling and stringing services.

Revenue related to Company Equipment decreased by \$14.8 million, or 17.1 percent, to \$72.0 million as compared to \$86.8 million in 2018 and represented 78.8 percent of segment revenue in the current period as compared to 76.1 percent in 2018. Revenue related to Contractors decreased by \$7.6 million, or 28.4 percent, to \$19.2 million as compared to \$26.8 million in 2018. It represented 21.0 percent of segment revenue in the current period as compared to 23.5 percent in 2018.



## **Direct Operating Expenses**

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019	9	2018		Chan	ge
	\$	%*	\$	%*	\$	%
Company						
Wages and benefits	19.6	27.2	24.5	28.2	(4.9)	(20.0
Fuel	5.6	7.8	7.7	8.9	(2.1)	(27.3
Repairs and maintenance	12.0	16.7	13.8	15.9	(1.8)	(13.0
Purchased transportation	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.3	(0.4)	(36.4
Operating supplies	9.3	12.9	9.2	10.6	0.1	1.1
Other	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.8	(0.4)	(16.0
	49.3	68.5	58.8	67.7	(9.5)	(16.2
Contractors	15.6	81.3	21.1	78.7	(5.5)	(26.1
Total	64.9	71.0	79.9	70.0	(15.0)	(18.8

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of respective Oilfield Services revenue

DOE decreased by \$15.0 million, or 18.8 percent, to \$64.9 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$79.9 million in 2018 due to the following factors:

- a \$22.7 million, or 19.9 percent, decline in segment revenue;
- a focus on cost control that reduced wages and benefits expense as a percentage of revenue;
- lower fuel expense due to the fall in oil and diesel prices; and
- higher operating supplies expense related to Canadian Dewatering and Premay Pipeline's activity.

Overall these expenses increased as a percentage of revenue by 1.0 percent to 71.0 percent as compared to 70.0 percent in 2018.

DOE associated with Company Equipment in the fourth quarter decreased to \$49.3 million as compared to \$58.8 million in 2018. The decrease of \$9.5 million, or 16.2 percent, was directly related to the \$14.8 million, or 17.1 percent, decrease in Company revenue. As a percentage of Company revenue these expenses increased by 0.8 percent to 68.5 percent as compared to 67.7 percent in 2018, primarily due to higher operating supplies that rose by 2.3 percent as a percentage of revenue being somewhat offset by lower fuel as well as lower wages and benefits expense and continued cost control initiatives.

Contractors expense in the fourth quarter decreased by \$5.5 million to \$15.6 million as compared to \$21.1 million in 2018. This decrease was generally in line with the decrease in Contractors revenue. As a percentage of Contractors revenue, Contractors expense increased to 81.3 percent, consistent with the third quarter of 2019, as compared to 78.7 percent in 2018 due to higher costs borne by those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells.



## **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

Q4 Selling and Administrative Expenses Three month periods ended December 3						
(unaudited) (\$ millions)	2019		2018		Chan	ge
	\$	<b>%</b> *	\$	%*	\$	%
Wages and benefits	6.0	6.6	7.1	6.2	(1.1)	(15.5)
Communications, utilities and general supplies	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.3	(0.3)	(7.9)
Profit share	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	(0.3)	(21.4)
Rent and other	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.0	(0.7)	(63.6)
Total	11.0	12.0	13.4	11.7	(2.4)	(17.9)

<sup>\*</sup>as a percentage of total Oilfield Services revenue

S&A expenses were \$11.0 million in the fourth quarter as compared to \$13.4 million in 2018. The \$2.4 million decrease was attributable to lower wages and benefits expense and a \$0.7 million reduction in rent expense primarily due to the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases whereby previously expensed rent payments were capitalized under the new accounting framework. S&A expenses as a percentage of segment revenue increased slightly to 12.0 percent in comparison to 11.7 percent in 2018 due to the 19.9 percent decrease in segment revenue, which was partially offset by headcount reductions and other cost cutting initiatives.

## **Operating Income Before Depreciation and Amortization**

OIBDA in the fourth quarter decreased by \$5.3 million, or 25.5 percent, to \$15.5 million as compared to \$20.8 million in 2018. Operating margin¹ decreased to 17.0 percent in the fourth quarter as compared to 18.2 percent in 2018 due to higher DOE. Somewhat offsetting this decrease was the effect of the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, which had a 0.5 percent positive impact on the operating margin¹. Some of the specific factors that impacted OIBDA in the fourth quarter were the following:

- a \$2.5 million decrease in those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells:
- a \$2.2 million decrease in those Business Units providing specialized services such as large diameter pipe stockpiling and stringing services as well as water management services; and
- a \$0.6 million decrease in OIBDA relating to those Business Units involved in drilling and drilling related services.

# **Capital Expenditures**

Net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> were \$(1.2) million in the fourth quarter, a decrease of \$6.3 million as compared to \$5.1 million in 2018. The Oilfield Services segment had gross capital expenditures of \$1.9 million and dispositions of \$3.1 million for net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> of \$(1.2) million in 2019. There was some capital invested at Canadian Dewatering and Premay Pipeline to meet customer demand. In 2018 gross capital expenditures were \$7.0 million and dispositions were \$1.9 million for net capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> of \$5.1 million.

#### CORPORATE

The Corporate Office recorded a loss of \$3.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2019 as compared to a loss of \$2.3 million in 2018. The \$0.8 million increase in loss was mainly attributable to a lower amount of costs recovered from our Business Units and from a \$0.4 million negative variance in foreign exchange. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Corporate Office recorded a foreign exchange loss of \$0.2 million as compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$0.2 million in 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

## **Seasonality of Operations**

Revenue and profitability within the Trucking/Logistics segment are generally lower in the first quarter than during the remainder of the year as freight volumes are typically lower following the holiday season due to less consumer demand and customers reducing shipments. Operating expenses also tend to increase within this segment in the winter months due to decreased fuel efficiency and increased repairs and maintenance expense resulting from cold weather conditions. The Trucking/Logistics segment represents approximately 69.0 percent of our pre-consolidated revenue on an annualized basis. Generally speaking, our third and fourth quarters tend to be the strongest in terms of demand for the services in this segment. As a result, our consolidated revenue is generally higher in these quarters compared to the first and second quarters of the year.

A significant portion of the operations within the Oilfield Services segment relates to the moving of heavy equipment, drilling rigs and drilling supplies such as oilfield fluids, tubulars and drilling mud and providing services such as conductor pipe-setting, core drilling and casing setting in northern and western Canada. Activity levels, revenue and earnings are influenced by the seasonal activity pattern of western Canada's oil and natural gas exploration industry whereby activity typically peaks in the winter months and declines during the spring when wet weather and the spring thaw make the ground unstable. Consequently, municipalities and provincial transportation departments enforce road bans that restrict the movement of rigs and other heavy equipment, thereby reducing activity levels. Additionally, certain oil and natural gas producing areas are only accessible in the winter months because the ground surrounding the drilling sites in these areas consists of swampy terrain. Seasonal factors and unpredictable weather patterns may lead to declines in the activity levels of the oil and gas companies and corresponding declines in the demand for oilfield services. As a result, the demand for these services is traditionally highest in the first quarter and lowest in the second quarter.

#### **Financial Results**

	TTM <sup>(1)</sup>		20	19			20	18	
(unaudited)		Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
(\$ millions, except per share amounts)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	1,278.5	314.6	325.3	319.0	319.6	333.3	339.7	295.7	292.1
Operating income before depreciation and amortization	200.9	49.9	55.6	51.4	44.0	51.7	55.1	44.3	37.9
Net income (loss)	72.2	8.4	20.5	31.7	11.6	(81.1)	21.9	13.9	1.5
Earnings (loss) per share									
Basic	0.69	0.08	0.20	0.30	0.11	(0.77)	0.21	0.13	0.01
Diluted	0.69	80.0	0.20	0.30	0.11	(0.77)	0.21	0.13	0.01
Other Information									
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(14.1)	(2.3)	(3.9)	(6.8)	(1.1)	2.2	(1.8)	1.9	6.2
Decrease (increase) in fair value of investments	_	(0.3)	0.3	0.1	(0.1)	1.7	0.3	(0.4)	1.5

<sup>(1)</sup> TTM represents the "trailing twelve months" and consists of a summary of the Corporation's financial results for the most recently completed four quarters.

Consolidated revenue in the fourth quarter decreased by \$18.7 million to \$314.6 million as compared to \$333.3 million in 2018. Revenue generated by the Oilfield Services segment decreased by \$22.7 million or 19.9 percent and is mainly attributable to lower revenue generated by those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells and from those Business Units providing drilling and drilling related services due to intense competition, pricing pressure and from a decline in drilling activity in the WCSB. Revenue in the Trucking/Logistics segment increased by \$4.9 million during the quarter, which included \$5.9 million of incremental revenue from acquisitions while fuel surcharge revenue decreased by \$2.7 million. Excluding acquisitions and the change in fuel surcharge revenue, the Trucking/Logistics segment revenue increased by \$1.7 million primarily due to revenue increases at Gardewine and Smook. Net income (loss) in the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$8.4 million, an increase of \$89.5 million from the net loss of \$(81.1) million generated in 2018. The \$89.5 million increase in net income (loss) was mainly attributable to the \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill recognized in 2018, a \$4.5 million positive variance in net foreign exchange and a \$2.0 million positive variance in



the fair value of investments. These increases to net income were partially offset by a \$6.7 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment, a \$1.4 million increase in income tax expense, a \$3.3 million increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets, a \$1.8 million increase in finance costs, a \$1.0 million increase in amortization of intangible assets and a \$1.8 million decrease in OIBDA. As a result, basic earnings (loss) per share in the fourth quarter of 2019 was \$0.08, an increase of \$0.85, from the \$(0.77) loss per share generated in 2018.

Consolidated revenue in the third quarter decreased by \$14.4 million to \$325.3 million as compared to \$339.7 million in 2018. Revenue in the Trucking/Logistics segment decreased by \$4.5 million during the quarter, which included \$7.1 million of incremental revenue from acquisitions while fuel surcharge revenue decreased by \$3.1 million. Excluding acquisitions and the change in fuel surcharge revenue, the Trucking/Logistics segment revenue declined by \$8.5 million due to lower demand for capital related project work and a softening in the general economy. Revenue generated by the Oilfield Services segment decreased by \$10.6 million or 9.3 percent and is mainly attributable to lower revenue generated by those Business Units involved in the transportation of fluids and servicing of wells due to intense competition and pricing pressure and from the Alberta Government's mandated crude oil curtailments. The significant decline in drilling activity in the WCSB also had a negative impact on those Business Units most directly tied to oil and natural gas drilling activity. These decreases were partially offset by greater revenue generated by Premay Pipeline. Net income in the third quarter of 2019 was \$20.5 million, a decrease of \$1.4 million from the \$21.9 million of net income generated in 2018. The \$1.4 million decrease in net income was mainly attributable to a \$2.8 million increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets, a \$2.2 million increase in finance costs, and a \$1.2 million increase in amortization of intangible assets. These decreases were partially offset by a \$2.1 million positive variance in net foreign exchange, a \$1.9 million decrease in income tax expense and a \$0.5 million increase in OIBDA. As a result, basic earnings per share in the third quarter of 2019 was \$0.20, a decrease of \$0.01, from the \$0.21 of earnings per share generated in 2018.

Consolidated revenue in the second quarter increased by \$23.3 million to \$319.0 million as compared to \$295.7 million in 2018 with acquisitions accounting for \$28.4 million of incremental revenue. Revenue in the Trucking/Logistics segment increased by \$0.2 million during the quarter of which \$2.6 million was due to acquisitions while fuel surcharge revenue decreased by \$0.2 million. Excluding acquisitions and the change in fuel surcharge revenue, the Trucking/Logistics segment revenue declined by a modest \$2.2 million due to a reduction in freight volumes. Revenue generated by the Oilfield Services segment increased by \$23.1 million or 30.1 percent and is mainly attributable to \$25.8 million of incremental revenue related to the acquisitions of AECOM ISD and Canadian Hydrovac and improved revenue generated by Premay Pipeline. These increases were partially offset by a decline in drilling activity in the WCSB. Net income in the second quarter of 2019 was \$31.7 million, an increase of \$17.8 million from the \$13.9 million of net income generated in 2018. The \$17.8 million increase in net income was mainly attributable to a \$9.4 million decrease in income tax expense, an \$8.7 million positive variance in net foreign exchange and a \$7.1 million increase in OIBDA. These increases were partially offset by a \$2.8 million increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets, a \$1.9 million increase in loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, a \$0.8 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment and a \$0.8 million increase in amortization of intangible assets. As a result, basic earnings per share in the second quarter of 2019 was \$0.30, an increase of \$0.17, from the \$0.13 of earnings per share generated in 2018.

Consolidated revenue in the first guarter improved from the prior year with the Trucking/Logistics segment generating record first guarter revenue along with revenue gains also being experienced in the Oilfield Services segment. Consolidated revenue in the first guarter of 2019 increased by \$27.5 million, or 9.4 percent, to \$319.6 million as compared to \$292.1 million in 2018. The increase of \$27.5 million was primarily due to \$23.4 million of incremental revenue from acquisitions. Revenue in the Trucking/Logistics segment increased by \$7.7 million during the quarter of which \$4.0 million was due to acquisitions while fuel surcharge revenue decreased by \$0.3 million. Our regional LTL business improved due to revenue gains at Gardewine while truckload services benefitted from certain one-time projects. Revenue generated by the Oilfield Services segment increased by \$20.4 million or 24.1 percent and is mainly attributable to the AECOM ISD and Canadian Hydrovac acquisitions and stronger demand for large diameter pipeline hauling and stringing services. These increases were partially offset by a decline in drilling activity in the WCSB. Net income in the first quarter of 2019 was \$11.6 million, an increase of \$10.1 million from the \$1.5 million of net income generated in 2018. The \$10.1 million increase in net income was mainly attributable to a \$7.3 million positive variance in net foreign exchange, a \$6.1 million increase in OIBDA, a \$1.6 million positive variance in the fair value of investments and a \$0.5 million decrease in finance costs. These increases were partially offset by a \$2.8 million increase in depreciation of right-of-use assets, a \$1.0 million increase in depreciation of property, plant and equipment and a \$0.9 million increase in amortization of intangible assets. As a result, basic earnings per share in the first quarter of 2019 was \$0.11, an increase of \$0.10, from the \$0.01 of earnings per share generated in 2018.



### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

### Key Management Personnel Compensation

Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the business activities of the Corporation, including all its directors along with certain executives. Directors are remunerated for services rendered in their capacity as directors by way of a combination of retainer fees and meeting attendance fees. The overall compensation program for executives is comprised of base salary and benefits, annual profit share and stock-based compensation. Our Executives do not have formal employment contracts. Similar to the employment processes established for employees, each executive's personnel file contains a memorandum outlining the basic terms of an executive's employment relationship with the Corporation. There are no agreements or arrangements with any executive for the payment of compensation in the case of resignation, retirement, or termination of employment, a change of control of Mullen Group or its Business Units or a change in an executive's responsibilities following a change of control. Key management personnel do not participate in a defined benefit or actuarial pension plan, however, key management personnel do participate in the Stock Option Plan. Total remuneration to key management personnel including directors' fees, salaries and benefits, annual profit share, and the value attributable to stock-based compensation expense was as follows:

(\$ millions)	 Years Ended December 31			
Category	2019		2018	
Salaries and benefits (including profit share)	\$ 1.6	\$	1.5	
Share-based payments	0.1		0.1	
Total	\$ 1.7	\$	1.6	

There are no outstanding amounts owing to or amounts receivable from directors and officers as at December 31, 2019 and 2018, with respect to the overall compensation program for the executives. As at December 31, 2019, directors and officers of Mullen Group collectively held 5,505,008 Common Shares (2018 - 5,498,699) representing 5.3 percent (2018 - 5.3 percent) of all Common Shares of the Corporation. As at December 31, 2019, directors and officers of Mullen Group held \$4.8 million of the 2019 Debentures under the same terms and conditions as those issued to unrelated third parties.

### Related Party Transactions

During the year, we generated revenue of \$16,000 (2018 - \$8,000) and incurred expenses of \$25,000 (2018 - \$6,000) with entities that are related by virtue of a certain Board member having control or joint control over the other entities. There were no accounts receivable amounts due from these related parties as at December 31, 2019.

During the year, we generated revenue of \$4.9 million (2018 – \$3.0 million) and incurred expenses of \$0.6 million (2018 – \$0.2 million) with our equity investees, which are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. As at December 31, 2019, there was \$0.2 million (2018 – \$0.4 million) of accounts receivable amounts due from our equity investees, excluding debentures. Mullen Group had \$7.8 million (10.0 percent annual interest rate) and \$3.2 million (8.5 percent annual interest rate) of debentures owing from Thrive and PCX, respectively. Interest is calculated and payable semi-annually. The debentures with Thrive mature in October 2020, while the PCX debenture matures in December 2020.

All related party transactions were provided in the normal course of business materially under the same commercial terms and conditions as transactions with unrelated companies and recorded at the exchange amount.



### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The nature of both our business and our strategy means that we face a number of inherent risks and uncertainties. We endeavour to manage these risks within the context of our understanding of market trends and our strategic goal of achieving satisfactory shareholder returns.

The operational complexities inherent in our business, together with the highly regulated and competitive environment of the industries in which we operate, leave Mullen Group exposed to a number of risks and uncertainties (collectively the "risks"). The transportation business and other related activities are directly affected by fluctuations in the general economy, including the amount of trade between Canada and the United States and the value of the Canadian dollar as compared to the U.S. dollar. Our Oilfield Services segment is directly affected by fluctuations in the levels of oil and gas drilling activity, oil sands development and production activity carried on by its customers, which in turn is dictated by numerous factors, including but not limited to world energy prices and government policies.

Many risks, for example, the cyclical and volatile nature of the oil and gas industry, may be mitigated to a certain degree but still remain outside of our control. The Board is responsible for approving our organization's level of risk tolerance and for overseeing the management of the risks the organization faces. Risk oversight guidance is set forth in the Mullen Group Board mandate. We define risk as: "The possibility that an event, action or circumstance may adversely affect the organization's ability to achieve its business objectives." A risk management review process has been formalized to assist in mitigating risk. The risk management review process highlights the significant risks that our business is exposed to, which then leads to mitigation plans. Although we have developed and implemented these mitigation plans to assist in managing these risks, there is no certainty these strategies will be successful in whole or in part. In addition, the inability to identify, assess and respond to known and unknown risks through the risk management review process could lead to, among other things, our inability to capture opportunities, recognize threats and inefficiencies and comply with laws and regulations, all of which may have a material adverse effect on our business or share price.

We believe that the risks described below are the ones that could have the most significant impact on the Corporation. Readers are cautioned that the list of risks is not exhaustive and new information, future events or changing circumstances could affect our operations and financial results, which may reduce or restrict our ability to pay a dividend to our shareholders and may materially affect the market price of our securities. We encourage you to review and carefully consider the risks described below, which may impact or materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects. In turn, this could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our Common Shares. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also adversely affect our business and operations.

The most significant risks identified by Mullen Group are categorized and described as follows:

#### STRATEGIC RISKS: **FINANCIAL RISKS: OPERATIONAL RISKS:** geopolitical risks foreign exchange rates employees & labour relations general economy investments cost escalation & fuel costs natural gas and oil potential operating risks & insurance access to financing drilling and oil sands digital infrastructure & cyber security reliance on major customers development impairment of goodwill or business continuity, disaster changes in the legal intangible assets recovery & crisis management framework credit risk environmental liability risks e-commerce and supply interest rates weather & seasonality chain evolution access to parts, development of new acquisitions technology & relationships with key competition suppliers regulation litigation



### STRATEGIC RISKS:

#### Geopolitical Risks:

Geopolitical risk is viewed as the major strategic risk to our organization impacting everything from the general economy to oil and gas development in western Canada. Political shocks and surprises of the past few years show how easily assumptions about rational markets, legal certainty, international relations and trade can be shaken. In our view, geopolitical volatility has become a key driver of uncertainty, and will remain one over the next few years.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Geopolitical risk is the risk associated with legislative, judicial, political, economic and regulatory uncertainty. For instance, unexpected events can cause a spike in commodity prices or an unexpected change in trade patterns or currency valuations.

<u>Trend:</u> In the recent past, the rise of populism, the repudiation of existing economic and political systems, global trade tensions and certain judicial decisions have created uncertainty that have negatively impacted investment sentiment in Canada and in the oil and gas sector specifically.

#### **Potential Impact**

There are a variety of decisions that various levels of government and the judiciary can make that can negatively affect individual businesses, industries and the overall economy. These include, but not limited to, regulatory approvals, currency valuation, trade tariffs, labour laws, taxes and carbon pricing, environmental and other regulations. More specifically, we identify geopolitical risks may impact the following strategic risks:

- General economy
- Natural gas and oil drilling and oil sands development
- Changes in legal framework

#### Mitigation

In consideration of this risk, we strive to be flexible and resilient, monitor risks proactively, and have adopted a diversification strategy. We service an extensive customer base from diverse industries covering a broad geographic area. In addition, we actively manage the mix of Company Equipment and Contractors we use to service our customers. In our opinion, these diversification and operating strategies ensure, as much as possible, that we are not overly exposed to any single economic trend.

#### Geopolitical Risks - General Economy:

Our results are affected by the state of the economy and trade patterns and the associated demand for freight transportation and logistics services. These general economic factors, as well as instability in financial and credit markets, which are largely beyond our control, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Mullen Group is a significant provider of trucking and logistics services to customers throughout North America. Our results are affected by the state of the economy and trade patterns, both in North America and globally, and the associated demand for freight transportation and logistics services. Trade disruptions may pose a substantial risk to Mullen Group.

<u>Trend:</u> In our opinion, the overall health of the North American economy appears to be sound with moderate growth expectations for the next twelve months. The USMCA was agreed to by the respective partners providing for a degree of trade stability.

#### **Potential Impact**

General economic activity is the main driver of demand levels for our Trucking/Logistics segment. A decline or uncertainty with regard to the health of the North American economy or trade patterns could have a material adverse effect on the operations of our Trucking/Logistics segment and, to a lesser degree, our Oilfield Services segment (to the extent that the economy affects commodity pricing with respect to oil and gas, in particular), and our overall financial condition.

An economic recession may result in a decrease or substantial reduction in revenue as a result of:

- lower overall freight levels, which negatively affects our asset utilization and margin;
- customers bidding out freight or selecting competitors that offer lower rates, in an attempt to lower their costs, forcing us to lower our rates or lose freight; and
- customers with credit issues and cash flow problems.

#### Mitigation

In consideration of this risk, we service an extensive customer base from diverse industries covering a broad geographic area. In addition, we actively manage the mix of Company Equipment and Contractors we use to service our customers. During periods of peak demand, we tend to use a higher volume of Contractors, which yield lower margins, but protects us from the downside risk and fixed costs associated with a larger fleet of Company Equipment during periods of lower demand.

In our opinion, these diversification and operating strategies ensure, as much as possible, that we are not overly exposed to any single economic trend.



#### Geopolitical Risk - Natural Gas and Oil Drilling and Oil Sands Development:

As a service provider to the oil and gas industry we are reliant on the levels of capital expenditures made by oil sands, oil and gas producers. Our results may be affected by the level of capital expenditures in the WCSB, including investments in natural gas and both for conventional and unconventional oil and oil sands development. Pipeline approvals and natural gas export facilities are critical to the future development of Canada's natural gas and oil resource development.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Approximately one-fifth of our revenue is directly related to oil and gas drilling activity and oil sands development in western Canada. As a service provider to the oil and gas industries we are reliant on the levels of capital expenditures made by oil and gas exploration and production companies ("E&Ps"). In our experience, the level of capital investment made by E&Ps is based on several factors including, but not limited to:

- net hydrocarbon prices and the related impacts of fluctuating light/heavy and sweet/sour crude oil differentials;
- market access and long-term takeaway capacity, including pipeline and rail infrastructure;
- anticipated and actual aggregate production levels;
- · access to capital;
- regulatory and stakeholder approvals for exploration and development activities;
- changes in demand for refinery feedstock;
- fuel conservation measures, long-term demand for fossil fuels, the evolution of electric vehicles ("EV") and alternative forms of transportation;
- · changes to royalty and tax legislation;
- aboriginal claims or protests; and
- environmental regulations and approvals.

Negative public perception of oil sands, conventional oil and natural development, pipelines, hydraulic fracturing and fossil fuels generally may further impede industry growth in the WCSB. Operators and producers tend to examine long-term fundamentals affecting the foregoing factors before they adjust their capital budgets to reflect these assessments. There can be no certainty that investments will be made by E&Ps, or that approvals for infrastructure or export facilities by regulators or the judiciary will be forthcoming. Market access and longterm takeaway capacity are critical factors to western Canadian oil production growth. Further, the development of LNG export facilities and pipeline infrastructure are critical to the future development of Canada's natural gas sector.

In addition, a change in this regulatory regime may impact our customers and our operations. Climate change regulations and carbon taxes may lead to project delays and additional costs to producers affecting both their profitability and their investments in oil, oil sands and natural gas. Given the evolving nature of the debate related to climate change, it is not currently possible to predict the nature of, or the impact on, our operations and future financial condition, however, it seems unlikely that major oil sands expansion, as seen in the recent past, will be forthcoming.

Further, the industry may become subject to new environmental regulations, which could negatively affect future capital expenditures. In addition to Green House Gas ("GHG") emissions regulations, oil sands producers are subject to tailings management regulations, which may become more stringent and require additional capital in order to satisfy. To date, regulations relating to tailings management, such as the Alberta Government's Directive 74, have had no demonstrable or quantifiable negative effect on our business.

Fuel conservation measures, alternative fuel requirements, increasing consumer demand for alternatives to oil and gas, and technological advances in fuel economy and energy generation devices could reduce the demand for crude oil and other liquid hydrocarbons.

Trend: Despite egress concerns, large infrastructure projects and debottlenecking initiatives are progressing and WCSB oil differentials have improved dramatically in 2019, in part due to Alberta Government mandated curtailments. however, downside risks remain. These curtailments caused Canadian E&Ps to reduce their capital expenditures in 2019, which negatively affected Mullen Group. In 2020, investment in the oil and gas industry in Alberta is expected to decline for a third year in a row. Due to the relatively low price environment, further oil sands expansion is unlikely at this time.

Natural gas prices, specifically Alberta Energy Company ("AECO") pricing, remained low in 2019, setting new five year lows during the summer months. Lower near term pricing has caused many natural gas producers to continue to restrict their capital budgets for 2020. The LNG Canada project will eventually boost capital investment and will add roughly 1.7 bcf/d of export capacity.

#### **Potential Impact**

As a service provider to this sector, we are directly impacted by and reliant on the of capital and operational expenditures. A sudden significant or prolonged decline of oil and/or natural gas prices will have a negative impact on drilling activity and further oil sands development that would negatively affect the operations in our Oilfield Services segment as well as our overall financial condition. Conversely, a resurgence of oil and/or natural gas prices should have a positive impact on the operations in our Oilfield Services segment as well as our overall financial condition.

Ultimately, the prices of our services are subject to aggregate industry demand and the availability of service equipment and qualified personnel. In addition, the long-term impact of changing demand for oil and gas products could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Mitigation

In consideration of this risk and potential uncertainty we endeavour to ensure that our capital allocation, costs and pricing are appropriate for the anticipated level of oil sands, oil and natural gas development. In addition, we recognize the cyclical and volatile nature of drilling activity and mitigate the risks associated with this volatility as reasonably possible through the combination of a disciplined capital allocation process and a focus on maintaining long-term relationships with large-cap oil and gas companies. We also continually assess the requirements for further investments in our Oilfield Services segment and have diversified our operations by further investing in our Trucking/Logistics segment to further mitigate this risk.



#### Geopolitical Risk - Changes in the Legal Framework:

We may be adversely affected by changes to existing laws and regulations, trade agreements, change in the permitting process as it relates to oil and natural gas infrastructure projects and subsequent court challenges.

#### **Risk Description:**

Our operations are subject to a variety of federal, provincial and local laws, regulations and guidelines and income tax laws ("Regulations"). In addition, the operations of Mullen Group may be affected by international trade agreements and the ability to seamlessly cross international borders.

Our customers in the oil and gas sector are subject to various Regulations such as royalties, environmental regulations and the reduction of GHG emissions. In addition, before proceeding with most major projects, including the building of a pipeline, an LNG export facility or significant changes to an existing oil sands plant, E&Ps must obtain various federal, provincial, state and municipal permits and regulatory approvals. These permits may be

challenged and subject to denial or the imposition of further conditions by the judiciary.

#### **Potential Impact**

There can be no assurance that such Regulations, including those relating to the oil and gas industry and the transportation industry, as well as environmental and otherwise applicable operating legislation will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects our organization. Any such change could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Our customers are similarly subject to Regulations and there can be no assurance that the Regulations governing our customers will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects them and, thereby, Mullen Group.

#### Mitigation

The diversity of our Business Units and our decentralized business model may diminish the effect that a change in the legal framework could have on Mullen Group as a whole. This diversification strategy has resulted in investment in several sectors of the economy, most notably in transportation and logistics and oilfield services, as well as in many geographic regions. We monitor proposed legislative changes and participate with various industry associations in advocating for non-disruptive reasonable and regulatory changes.

#### E-Commerce and Supply Chain Evolution:

Our results may be affected by disruptive technologies and supply chain innovations. Technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, which has the potential to impact everything, including how markets conduct transactions as well as how we manage our business. As the retail marketplace continues to evolve, digital technology is disrupting traditional operations. The impact on supply chain management is particularly great as businesses reinvent their supply chain strategies.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Disruptive technologies continue to change the structure of the North American economy due to the continuous growth of e-commerce. The use of web based and mobile technology is increasingly becoming the preferred method by consumers and retailers to both shop for and ship orders. As a result, supply chains have undergone enormous change with more frequent direct to consumer shipments replacing transportation from distribution centers to traditional In addition, our retail stores. organization is reliant on certain Information Technology ("IT") systems (see Digital Infrastructure and Cyber Security on page 76).

<u>Trend:</u> E-commerce sales continue to grow and the pace of innovation continues.

#### **Potential Impact**

E-commerce and omni-channel marketing requires a different distribution model than traditional retail or big-box store logistics. Generally, it is negatively affecting demand for truckload and long-haul transportation services, however, it is creating greater demand for warehousing as well as LTL and small package Final Mile™ deliveries.

The added complexity of e-commerce and the change in the supply chain presents an opportunity to expand our logistics revenue.

#### Mitigation

In consideration of this risk, we have expanded our LTL and warehousing network in western Canada and continue to focus on supply chain efficiencies. Our ability to meet customer demands in respect of ecommerce and supply management will depend upon innovation and our ability to reasonably anticipate market trends and change management execution. We continue to focus on technology and our online logistics marketplace Moveitonline<sup>®</sup>.



### Acquisitions:

Our company strategy includes pursuing selected and strategic acquisitions focused primarily on the two segments of the economy where we have strong market penetration and customer relationships, namely, the transportation and distribution of freight within North America and the oil and gas services industry; however, we may not be able to execute or integrate future acquisitions successfully.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Historically, a key component of our growth strategy has been to pursue acquisitions of strategic and/or complementary businesses. We continually evaluate acquisition candidates and may acquire assets and businesses that we believe complement our existing businesses or enhance our service offerings.

evaluating processes of acquisitions and performing diligence procedures include risks. Further, we face competition from both peer group and non-peer group firms for acquisition opportunities. external competition may hinder our ability to identify and/or consummate future acquisitions successfully. If the prices sought by sellers of these potential acquisitions were to rise or otherwise be deemed unacceptable, we may find fewer suitable acquisition opportunities.

Achieving the benefits of acquisitions will depend, in part, on successfully consolidating functions and integrating operations and procedures in a timely and efficient manner. In addition, noncore assets may be periodically disposed of so that we can focus our efforts and resources more efficiently. Depending on the state of the market such non-core assets, if disposed of, could realize a price less than their carrying value resulting in a loss on disposal.

<u>Trend:</u> Opportunities for acquisitions continue. In 2019 we successfully acquired three new businesses for total consideration of \$21.5 million as compared to five new businesses in

2018 for total consideration of \$53.2 million<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Potential Impact**

Entities that are acquired may not increase our OIBDA or yield other anticipated benefits. The possible difficulties of integration include, among others:

- we may be unable to retain customers or key employees including drivers and Contractors;
- the business may not achieve anticipated revenue, earnings, or cash flows:
- we may be unable to integrate successfully and realize the anticipated economic, operational, and other benefits in a timely manner, which could result in substantial costs and delays;
- we may have limited experience in the acquiree's market and may experience difficulties operating in its market;
- we may assume liabilities beyond our estimates or what was disclosed to us:
- the acquisition could disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management, and divert our resources; and
- we may incur indebtedness or issue additional Common Shares.

The risks involved in successful integration could be heightened if we were to complete a large acquisition or multiple acquisitions within a short period of time.

If any one, or a combination, of the described possibilities results in our failure to execute our acquisition strategy successfully in the future, it could limit our ability to continue to grow in terms of revenue, OIBDA and cash flow. In addition, there is a risk of impairment of acquired goodwill and intangible assets. This risk of impairment to goodwill and intangible assets exists because the assumptions used in the initial valuation of these assets, such as interest rate or forecasted cash flows, may change when testing for impairment is required.

#### Mitigation

In consideration of the risk relating to identifying and realizing the benefits of acquisitions and disposals, endeavour to create a balanced and portfolio diverse in our Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services segments by using considerable experience and the financial modeling to assess potential targets for, among other things, potential synergies, financial returns, cultural fit and integration.

In addition, we manage our cash flows diligently and maintain our capital allocation disciplines to ensure that we maintain what we believe is a suitable level of liquidity and leverage.

There is no assurance that we will be successful in identifying, negotiating, consummating or integrating any future acquisitions. If the Corporation does not make any future acquisitions, our growth rate could be materially and adversely affected.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes the repayment of shareholders' loans.



#### Competition:

We operate in a highly competitive industry, and certain market segments have mature characteristics and face commoditization. Our business could suffer if we are unable to adequately address downward pricing pressures and other factors that could adversely affect our profitability.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Our various Business Units operate in highly competitive and fragmented industries with low barriers to entry, especially within the trucking industry. We compete with several large companies both in the transportation and energy services industries that may have greater financial and other resources. There can be no assurance that such competitors will not substantially increase the resources devoted to the development and marketing of services that we compete for or that new competitors will not enter our various markets.

Trend: North American freight volumes and economic growth improved during 2019, however, economic activity and freight volumes began to moderate relative to the pace of growth experienced in 2018. This moderation, combined with increased industry capacity, caused freight rates in the spot market to decline. As such, there is no certainty that freight rates will improve in 2020.

#### **Potential Impact**

Numerous competitive factors could impair our ability to maintain or improve

our profitability. These factors include but are not limited to the following:

- Many of our competitors periodically reduce their rates to gain business, especially during times of reduced oilfield activity or economic recessions. This may make it difficult for us to maintain or increase rates, or may require us to reduce our rates, or lose business. Additionally, it may limit our ability to maintain or expand our business.
- Competition from logistics and brokerage companies may negatively impact our customer relationships and rates.
- Higher prices and higher fuel surcharges to our customers may cause some of our customers to consider alternatives, including deciding to transport more of their own product with their own assets or substituting trucking for rail transportation.
- Many customers periodically solicit bids from multiple providers for their transportation needs, which may depress freight rates or

result in a loss of business to competitors.

#### Mitigation

In consideration of this risk we endeavour to use technological change and innovation to remain competitive in our various businesses. Furthermore, the diversity of our Business Units and our decentralized business model may diminish the effect that new competitive forces might have on our organization. In addition, we believe that our Human Resources strategies enable us to retain and attract drivers or qualified Contractors thereby enabling us to service our clients through all business cycles.

In certain aspects of our business, we believe we have competitive advantages such as lower overhead costs and specialized regional strengths.

In addition, from time to time, we acquire competing, complementary or new business lines, which allows us to consolidate a market we serve, expand our geographic footprint or expand our service offerings thereby lessening the effects of competition.

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## FINANCIAL RISKS

## Foreign Exchange Rates:

Our consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, however, a portion of our revenue is derived in U.S. dollars and a portion of our debt is denominated in U.S. currency.

## **Risk Description & Trend**

Mullen Group has foreign exchange risk relating to the relative value of the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the U.S. dollar. A stronger Canadian dollar is beneficial as it results in a foreign exchange gain on our U.S. dollar debt recognized on our consolidated income statement, as well as an equivalent reduction in the carrying value of such debt on the balance sheet. However, a stronger Canadian dollar also has the potential to reduce the level of Canadian exports thereby potentially negatively affecting the results of operations in the Trucking/Logistics segment. Conversely, a weakening Canadian dollar results in a foreign exchange loss and an equivalent increase in the carrying value related to the U.S. dollar debt. A weaker Canadian dollar has the potential to increase the level of Canadian exports and thereby potentially positively affect the results of operations in the Trucking/Logistics segment. In addition, many of our parts and equipment are built in the U.S. and priced in U.S. dollars. A decrease in the relative value of the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the U.S. dollar increases the costs of these parts and equipment.

Trend: Foreign exchange rates between the U.S. and Canadian dollar remain volatile. During 2019 the exchange rate fluctuated between \$0.7353 and \$0.7699 closing the year at \$0.7699 as compared to \$0.7330 at December 31, 2018.

## **Potential Impact**

At the end of each reporting period we recognize foreign exchange gains or losses as they relate to financial contracts, assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies. This risk mainly arises from our U.S. \$229.0 million of Senior Guaranteed Unsecured Notes ("U.S. Notes"). Specifically, our U.S. Notes are comprised of Series G (U.S. \$117.0 million) and Series H (U.S. \$112.0 million) Notes that mature in 2024 and 2026, respectively.

At December 31, 2019, we also had U.S. dollar cash of \$12.5 million, U.S. dollar trade receivables of \$5.1 million and U.S. dollar trade payables and accrued liabilities of \$2.9 million.

#### Mitigation

We have mitigated a significant portion of the foreign exchange risk by entering into the Cross-Currency Swaps to convert the principal portion of the Series G and Series H Notes into a Canadian currency equivalent of \$129.2 million and \$124.9 million, respectively.

We are also exposed to foreign exchange risk related to approximately U.S. \$8.9 million of annual interest payable on our U.S. Notes. This risk is partially offset by the fact that our business generates surplus U.S. funds in our operations, predominately within the Trucking/Logistics segment. This surplus U.S. dollar cash being generated acts as a natural hedge as it is used to repay our annual interest obligation on the U.S. Notes.

## **Investments:**

## Mullen Group invests in both private and public companies. The value of these investments fluctuate.

## **Risk Description & Trend**

Mullen Group invests in both private and public companies. Fair values of public company investments are based on quoted prices in active markets. There is a risk that the value of an investment may fluctuate as a result of changes in market conditions, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual investment, classes of investments or factors affecting all investments traded in the market. As such, there is a risk that a portion of the original investment may be lost.

<u>Trend:</u> In 2019 we recorded an increase in the fair value of investments of \$15,000. In 2019 we sold \$0.7 million of investments.

## **Potential Impact**

Our investments in public companies are measured at fair value and have an initial cost of \$11.5 million. At December 31, 2019, the fair value of these investments was \$2.2 million.

We use the equity method to account for investments in private companies in which we have significant influence or joint control. At December 31, 2019, the carrying value of these investments totalled \$36.3 million and consisted of the investments in Canol Oilfield Services Inc., Kriska Transportation Group Limited, Cordova Oilfield Services Ltd., Butler Ridge Energy Services (2011) Ltd., Thrive and PCX.

The timing of future dispositions and the realized share price are uncertain. There is no assurance that the Corporation will realize any benefits from its investment portfolio.

#### Mitigation

We accept a certain amount of risk and consider the underlying risk and possible market volatility of our investments. We strive to mitigate this risk by investing in areas that we have industry knowledge and expertise and we invest for the long-term. Risk capital is limited to a level that is deemed acceptable to Mullen Group.



## Access to Financing:

We may find it necessary in the future to obtain additional debt or equity financing to support ongoing operations, to undertake capital expenditures or to fund acquisitions.

## **Risk Description & Trend**

We may find it necessary in the future to obtain additional debt or equity support ongoing financing to undertake operations, to capital expenditures or to fund acquisitions. There can be no assurance that additional financing will be available when needed or on acceptable terms, which could limit our growth and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we have certain financial and other covenants under our Private Placement Debt that are customary for financings of this type including, but not limited to, a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum interest coverage ratio. A breach of a covenant and failure to obtain appropriate amendments to or waivers under the applicable financing arrangement may cause our borrowings under such facilities to be immediately declared due and payable. <u>Trend:</u> At December 31, 2019, our debt covenant leverage ratio was 2.30 as compared to 2.46 in 2018.

#### **Potential Impact**

We may need to incur additional debt, or issue debt or equity securities in the future. We could face constraints on generating sufficient cash from operations, obtaining sufficient financing on favorable terms, or maintaining compliance with financial and other covenants in our financing agreements.

If any of these events occur, then we may face liquidity constraints and it may impair our future ability to secure financing on satisfactory terms, or at all. A liquidity constraint may impair Mullen Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Although we expect that we will be able to obtain additional financing when needed, in the amounts required and on acceptable terms there is no assurance that such would occur.

## Mitigation

We manage our cash flows diligently to ensure that we maintain what we believe is a suitable level of liquidity Our approach to and leverage. managing liquidity is to ensure, to the extent possible, that we will always have sufficient liquidity to meet our liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions. Consistent with others in the industry, we monitor capital on the basis of debt-to-equity. This ratio is calculated as total debt divided by shareholders' equity. Total debt is calculated as the total of: current portion of long-term debt, longterm debt and the debt component of 2019 Debentures. Equity is comprised share capital, convertible debentures - equity component, contributed surplus and retained earnings. The debt-to-equity ratio calculation at December 31, 2019, was 0.67:1 (2018 - 0.57:1).

## Reliance on Major Customers:

There is an inherent risk that arises to all businesses when economic dependence on a major customer hinders a company's ability to maximize profit.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Although we do not have a significant customer concentration, the growth of our business could be materially impacted and our results of operations would be adversely affected if we lost all or a portion of the business of some of our large customers because they:

- chose to divert all or a portion of their business with us to one of our competitors;
- demand pricing concessions for our services;
- require us to provide enhanced services that increase our costs; or
- develop their own shipping and distribution capabilities.

<u>Trend:</u> In 2019 our top ten customers accounted for 16.6 percent of revenue (2018 – 15.9 percent), and the largest customer accounted for approximately 3.0 percent (2018 – 3.6 percent) of such revenue.

## **Potential Impact**

The loss of one or more major customers, any significant decrease in services provided, decreases in rates charged, or any other changes to the terms of service with customers, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Furthermore, a concentration of revenue with a major customer, or a small group of major customers, may lead to an enhanced ability of those customers to influence pricing and other contract terms, which

may have a material adverse effect on our results.

## Mitigation

We strive to mitigate this risk through a diversification strategy in an attempt to ensure that our organization does not become reliant on any single customer. Furthermore, we operate a decentralized business model whereby we utilize the expertise of management at each Business Unit to negotiate its own contracts that have pricing and terms that are competitive according to their specific market and/or geographic region.



## Impairment of Goodwill or Intangible Assets:

Our total assets include goodwill and intangible assets. If we determine that these assets have become impaired in the future, our net income could be adversely affected.

## **Risk Description & Trend**

There is also a risk of impairment of acquired goodwill and intangible assets. This risk of impairment of goodwill and intangible assets exists because the assumptions used in the initial valuation of these assets, such as the interest rate or forecasted cash flows, may change when testing for impairment is conducted either annually or upon a triggering event.

<u>Trend:</u> In 2019 our goodwill and intangible assets accounted for \$317.2 million, or 18.1 percent of our total assets as compared to \$315.6 million, or 19.2 percent of total assets in 2018.

#### **Potential Impact**

Our regular review of the carrying value of our goodwill and intangible assets

has resulted, from time to time, in significant impairments, and we may in the future be required to recognize additional impairment charges. Such did occur in 2007 when the Federal government implemented changes to the tax regime governing specified investment flow-through entities such as Mullen Group's predecessor Mullen Group Income In addition, the Alberta Fund. Government announced changes to the oil and gas royalty regime in Alberta that impacted many of our customers.

Changes in government regulations, or economic or market conditions have resulted and may result in further substantial impairments of our goodwill or intangible assets. In 2018 Mullen Group recognized a \$100.0 million goodwill impairment charge. As at December 31, 2019, we had goodwill

of \$268.7 million and intangible assets of \$48.5 million. Our impairment testing in 2019 produced no indication of impairment. The results of our impairment evaluations, assumptions and sensitivities can be found on page 80.

## Mitigation

We strive to mitigate this risk through a disciplined acquisition strategy in an attempt to ensure that our organization does not overpay for entities resulting in overvalued goodwill balances. In we use professional addition, skepticism and advisors to value goodwill and intangible assets values upon acquisition, thereby mitigating the risk of misevaluation of goodwill or intangible assets upon initial recognition.

## Credit Risk:

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to Mullen Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial asset fails to meet its contractual obligations. This risk arises predominately from our trade receivables generated from our customers.

## **Risk Description & Trend**

A significant portion of our accounts receivable are with customers involved in the oil and gas industry, whose revenues may be impacted by fluctuations in commodity prices thereby potentially impacting their ability to meet contractual obligations. Although collection of these receivables could be influenced by this and other economic factors affecting the industries we serve, management considers the risk of a significant loss to be remote at this time.

Trend: In 2019 accounts receivable were \$211.2 million comprised of \$71.9 million within our Oilfield Services segment, \$127.9 million within our Trucking/Logistics segment and \$11.4 million within the Corporate Office.

## **Potential Impact**

Our exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics each customer. Economic conditions and capital markets may adversely affect our customers and their ability to remain solvent. transport a wide variety of freight for a broad customer base that spans numerous industries. The financial failure of a customer may impair our ability to collect on all or a portion of the accounts receivable balance. addition, we have counter-party risk with our Derivatives and other financial assets.

## Mitigation

Credit risk related to trade and other receivables is initially managed by each Business Unit. Each Business Unit is responsible for reviewing the credit risk for each of their customers before standard payment and delivery terms and conditions are offered. The

Business Units' review consists of external ratings, when available, and in some cases bank and trade references. Our Corporate Office has established a credit policy under which new customers are analyzed for creditworthiness before credit is extended. Corporate Office monitors its trade and other receivables aging on an ongoing basis and communicates concerns to all of our Business Units as part of its process in managing its credit We also manage credit risk related to trade and other receivables on a consolidated basis whereby the aggregate exposure to individual customers is reviewed and their credit quality is assessed. We also attend industry forums to assess credit worthiness of customers related predominately to the oil and gas industry. No individual customer accounted for more than ten percent of Mullen Group's consolidated revenue for the fiscal years ended 2019 and 2018.



## Interest Rates:

## Changes in interest rates may result in fluctuations in our future cash flows.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

We are susceptible to fluctuations in interest rates. Our Bank Credit Facility is priced at variable rates, however, it remains undrawn. To the extent we utilize our Bank Credit Facility we incur the risk of interest rates rising. Our Private Placement Debt, the 2019 Debentures and the majority of our Various Financing Loans are issued at fixed rates. The majority of our long-term debt, specifically \$467.4 million, matures in 2024 and 2026.

<u>Trend:</u> At December 31, 2019, we had \$616.8 million (2018 – \$512.2 million) of borrowings at an average interest rate of 4.2 percent.

## **Potential Impact**

Borrowings issued at fixed rates, like our Private Placement Debt, expose Mullen Group to fair value interest rate risk. More specifically, we are susceptible to the opportunity costs associated with interest rate decreases considering that the interest rates on the majority of our borrowings are fixed. In theory, assuming all other variables

were held constant, if interest rates increased by 1.0 percent on our \$616.8 million debt, we would incur additional annual interest expense of approximately \$6.2 million upon renewal.

#### Mitigation

We do not hedge interest rates or have any interest rate swaps, but we have mitigated the negative risk of rising interest rates by financing most of our debt, specifically \$467.4 million, at fixed rates.

## **OPERATIONAL RISKS**

## **Employees and Labour Relations:**

We depend on our employees to support our business operations and future growth opportunities. If our relationship with our employees deteriorates or if we have difficulty attracting and retaining employees, we could be faced with labour inefficiencies, disruptions, work stoppages, or delayed growth, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

The success of Mullen Group is dependent upon attracting retaining key personnel. Any loss of the services of such persons could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. We anticipate that our ability to expand services will be dependent upon attracting additional qualified employees, which constrained in times of strong industry activity. Our senior management team is an important part of our business and loss of key employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

<u>Trend:</u> At December 31, 2019, we employed 6,124 employees, owner operators and dedicated subcontractors as compared to 6,435 in 2018.

#### **Potential Impact**

The failure to attract and retain a sufficient number of qualified personnel

could have a material adverse effect on profitability. The largest our components of our overall expenses are salary, wages, benefits and costs of Contractors. Any significant increase in these expenses could impact our financial performance. In addition, we are at risk if there are any labour disruptions. Some of our Business Units are subject to collective agreements with their employees. Any work stoppages, or unbudgeted or unexpected increases in compensation could have a material adverse effect on our profitability and reduce cash flow from operating activities.

Further, we benefit from the leadership and experience of our senior management team and other key employees and depend on their continued services to successfully implement our business strategy. The unexpected loss of key employees or inability to execute our succession planning strategies could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

#### Mitigation

In order to reasonably mitigate this risk, we aim to be an employer of choice by offering competitive wages incentive-based pay, establishing superior safety programs and fostering a strong reputation as an ethical In addition, the Board reviews its succession plans for the senior executive team on an annual basis. These endeavours are designed to attract the best people at every level of our business, establish them in their roles, manage their development and identify successor candidates for senior roles. In addition to providing specific job-related and safety training, we encourage all of our employees to continue their education, training and upgrading provide and employees with the resources required to achieve and maintain our operational excellence.



## Cost Escalation and Fuel Costs:

## Our ability to control our costs is critical to servicing customers at attractive rates and remaining profitable.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Cost escalations due to rising labour and other costs, the effect of inflation, the price of fuel, equipment and other input costs, insurance costs, interest rates, fluctuations in customers' business cycles and national and regional economic conditions are factors over which we have little or no control. Of these costs, fuel represents a significant operating expense for us. Fuel prices fluctuate greatly due to factors beyond our control, such as global supply and demand for crude oil, political events, price and supply decisions by oil producing countries and cartels, terrorist activities, the depreciation of the Canadian dollar relative to other currencies, hurricanes and other natural disasters as well as fuel and carbon taxes.

<u>Trend:</u> The average wholesale rack price of diesel fuel in Canada for 2019

was \$0.7870 per litre as compared to \$0.8563 per litre in 2018.

## **Potential Impact**

GHG regulations are likely to continue to impact the design and cost of equipment utilized in our operations as well as fuel costs. Significant increases in fuel prices, labour costs, equipment prices, other input prices, interest rates or insurance costs, to the extent not offset by increases in rates or fuel surcharges, would reduce profitability and could adversely affect our ability to carry out our strategic plans. We cannot predict the impact of future economic conditions and there is no assurance that our operations will continue to be profitable.

## Mitigation

To reasonably mitigate the risk of potential for cost escalation, we focus

on operational excellence, synergies between our Business Units and cost control. We rely on, among other things, long-term planning, budgeting processes, and internal benchmarking to achieve our profitability targets. Additionally, we mitigate the risk of inflation by owning a large network of terminals. We also mitigate our exposure to rising fuel costs through the implementation of various fuel surcharge programs, which pass the majority of cost increases to our customers and have implemented policies that focus on fuel efficiency. includina fuel economy. utilization and minimizing dead-head proper repairs maintenance of equipment, idling and speed policies.

## Potential Operating Risks and Insurance:

Our success is dependent on our ability to manage operational risks. The transportation and oilfield services sectors are subject to inherent risks. Failure to manage these operational risks may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows.

#### **Risk Description & Trend**

Our transportation operations are subject to risks inherent in the transportation industry, including potential liability that could result from, among other things, personal injury or property damage arising from motor vehicle accidents. Our Oilfield Services segment is subject to risks inherent in the oil and gas industry, such as equipment defects. malfunction, failures and natural disasters. These risks could expose Mullen Group to substantial liability for personal injury, loss of life, business interruption, property damage or destruction, pollution and other environmental damages.

<u>Trend:</u> Our 2019 total recordable injury frequency rate, a leading indicator of operational excellence, was 3.10 as compared to 3.17 in 2018.

## **Potential Impact**

Claims may be asserted against us related to accidents, cargo loss or damage, property damage, personal injury, employment and environmental or other issues occurring in our Although we have operations. obtained insurance coverage against certain of the risks to which we are exposed, such insurance is subject to deductibles and coverage limits and no assurance can be given that such insurance will be adequate to cover our liabilities or will be generally available in the future or, if available, that will be premiums commercially justifiable. If the frequency and/or severity of claims increase, our operating results could be adversely affected. If we were to incur substantial liability and such damages were not covered by insurance or were in excess of policy limits, or if we were to incur such liability at a time when we are not able to obtain liability insurance, our

business, results of operations and financial condition may be materially adversely affected.

#### Mitigation

have insurance and management programs in place to protect our assets, operations and employees and also have programs in place to address compliance with current safety and regulatory standards so as to reasonably mitigate against the risks to which we are exposed. Each Business Unit has a health and safety coordinator responsible for maintaining and developing policies and monitoring operations vis-à-vis those policies. The health and safety coordinators are required to report incidents directly to the Corporate Office in a timely manner. Internal and external audits are conducted on a regular basis to ensure the proper functioning of the Health, Safety and Environment program and the reporting systems.



## Digital Infrastructure and Cyber Security:

We are dependent on computer and communications systems; and a systems failure or data breach could cause a significant disruption to our business.

### **Risk Description**

We believe that a well-functioning and efficient IT system is a prerequisite to growth, operational excellence and superior customer service, aids day-today operational management and provides accurate financial information. Our business involves high transaction volumes, complex logistics, tracking of thousands of orders, the geopositioning of trucks and trailers as well as the communication with drivers and field personnel in real time. We are therefore heavily dependent on certain software, communication systems and network infrastructure. A serious prolonged failure in this area may materially affect our business.

#### **Potential Impact**

Our IT systems may be susceptible to damage, disruptions or shutdowns due to: hardware failures, power outages, fire, natural disasters, telecommunications failure, internet failures, computer viruses, data

breaches or attacks by computer hackers or malicious actors, user errors or catastrophic events. Such failures or unauthorized access could disrupt our business and could result in the loss of confidential information, intellectual property, litigation, remediation costs. damage to our reputation and negatively impact our ability to service our customers. In addition, the cost and operational consequences of reinstituting our IT systems capabilities or implementing further data or system protection measures could significant.

## Mitigation

Each of our Business Units run separate instances of our Enterprise Resource Planning ("ERP") software package that supports our business processes. As part of our entity wide IT risk mitigation policy, we regularly engage third-party vendors to complete security assessments of our IT systems, consisting of external and internal penetration tests. At both the

corporate level and within the individual Business Units, IT systems are subject to stringent guidelines, standardization, vigorous virus and access protection, back-up systems and replicated data. We employ project management techniques to manage new software developments and/or system implementations. We have a disaster recovery plan in place that is evaluated regularly and portions thereof are tested on a regular basis. Hosted by a reputable third-party, our primary data and back-up data centres have high levels of durability and redundancy built into them. Our back-up data centre allows our organization to continue processing data in the event of a major incident involving our primary data centre. In addition, we have purchased cyber insurance coverage to assist with mitigating the unlikely risk that an outside threat gains access to our IT systems.

## Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery and Crisis Management:

In the event of a serious incident, the inability to restore or replace critical capacity in a timely manner may impact our business and operations.

## **Risk Description**

Our operations are widespread and geographically diverse. Severe weather conditions and other natural or manmade disasters, including storms, floods, fires, epidemics or pandemics, conflicts or unrest, terrorist attacks or other events affecting one of our major facilities or areas of operations could result in a significant interruption in or disruption of our business.

## **Potential Impact**

A serious event could result in decreased revenue, as our ability to service our customers may be impeded or we may incur increased costs to operate our business, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, a serious event may reduce our customers' needs for our services.

## Mitigation

This risk is mitigated by the development of business continuity arrangements, including disaster recovery plans and back-up delivery systems, to minimize the significance of any business disruption in the event of a major disaster. Insurance coverage may minimize losses in certain circumstances.



## **Environmental Liability Risks:**

Our operations are subject to various environmental laws and regulations, the violation of which could result in substantial fines or penalties. The costs of compliance with existing or future environmental laws and regulations may be significant and could adversely impact our business, results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows.

#### **Risk Description**

The risk of incurring environmental liabilities is inherent in oilfield service and transportation operations. Historically, activities associated with such operations and the ownership, management or control of real estate pose an environmental risk. Some of our Business Units will routinely deal with natural gas, oil and other petroleum products. Our operations are subject to numerous laws, regulations and guidelines governing the management, handling, transportation and disposal of nonregulated and regulated substances and otherwise relating to the protection of the environment. These laws. regulations and guidelines include those relating to the remediation of releases. emissions discharges of regulated substances into the environment and those requiring removal or remediation of pollutants or contaminants.

Our customers are subject to various laws, regulations, and guidelines that prescribe, among other things, limits on emissions into the air and discharges into surface and sub-surface waters. While regulatory developments that may follow in subsequent years could have the effect of reducing industry activity, we cannot predict the nature of the restrictions that may be imposed.

## **Potential Impact**

Failure to comply with an environmental law or regulation may impose civil and criminal penalties. Certain of our Business Units carry significant volumes of dangerous goods. This involves specific

insurance requirements, training programs and appropriate permits with the various provinces and states in which our Business Units operate.

We may be required to increase operating expenses or capital expenditures in order to comply with any new restrictions or regulations.

We operate out of numerous owned and leased facilities throughout Canada where storage tanks may be used or may have been used at some prior date. Canadian laws generally impose potential liability on the present or former owners or occupants of properties on which contamination has occurred. Although we are not aware of any contamination which, if remediation or clean-up were required, could have a material adverse effect on Mullen Group. Certain facilities have been in operation for many years and, over such time, Mullen Group or the prior owners, operators or custodians of the properties may have generated and disposed of substances which are or may be considered hazardous.

## Mitigation

There can be no assurance that we will not be required at some future date to comply with new environmental laws. or that our operations, business or assets will not otherwise be further affected by current or future environmental laws. While we maintain liability insurance, including insurance for certain environmental incidents, the insurance is subject to coverage limits and certain of our policies exclude coverage for damages resulting from environmental contamination. There can be no assurance that insurance will continue to be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, that the types of liabilities that we may incur will be covered by our insurance, or that the dollar amount of such liabilities will not exceed our policy limits.

In regards to the transportation of dangerous goods, we ensure that strict guidelines are met before a Business Unit and the individual drivers are permitted to manage, handle or transport such dangerous goods.

We have programs to address compliance with current environmental standards and monitor our practices concerning handling the environmentally hazardous materials. We endorse a formalized quality program and strive to be the best in class in areas of safety and environmental excellence. We believe in a balanced approach to sustainable development and are committed to environmental in class management systems. In addition, we work with government, industry groups and the public to improve and develop environmental standards and further our understanding of environmental issues. We also promote the participation and certification of our Business Units in the SmartWay Certification Program, a Government of Canada program designed to reduce GHG.

Due diligence procedures in the context of potential acquisitions and appropriate terms in purchase and sale agreements related to acquisitions also assist with reasonably mitigating the risk of environmental liabilities.



## Weather and Seasonality:

## Our operations could be impacted by seasonal fluctuations or harsh weather conditions.

## **Risk Description & Trend**

Harsh weather conditions can impede the movement of goods and increase operating costs.

Revenue and profitability within the Trucking/Logistics segment are generally lower in the first quarter than during the remainder of the year as freight volumes are typically lower following the holiday season due to less consumer demand and customers reducing shipments.

The level of activity in the Canadian oilfield service industry is influenced by seasonal weather patterns. Typically activity levels are reduced in the spring when wet weather and the spring thaw make the ground unstable. Consequently, municipalities and provincial transportation departments enforce road bans that restrict the movement of heavy equipment.

Additionally, certain oil and gas producing areas are only accessible in the winter months because the ground surrounding the drilling sites in these areas consists of swampy terrain.

Trend: In 2019 revenue was affected by low oilfield activity in the first quarter and acquisitions. Revenue, excluding the effect of acquisitions, was 24.5 percent of total annual revenue in the first quarter, 23.9 percent in the second quarter, 26.2 percent in the third quarter and 25.4 percent in the fourth quarter.

## **Potential Impact**

An unexpected or harsh weather event could result in decreased revenue, as our ability to service our customer is impeded or we may incur increased costs to operate our business, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Seasonal factors typically lead to declines in activity levels. In the Trucking/Logistics segment, operating expenses tend to increase in the winter months due to decreased fuel efficiency and increased repairs and maintenance expense resulting from cold weather conditions at a time when demand is seasonally lower.

In the Oilfield Services segment, a significant portion of our operations

relates to the moving of heavy equipment, drilling rigs and drilling supplies in northern and western Canada. Activity levels, revenue and earnings are influenced by the seasonal activity pattern of western Canada's oil and gas exploration industry whereby activity peaks in the winter months and declines during the spring.

## Mitigation

We mitigate some of this risk by charging standby fees or by positioning equipment in strategic locations in order to take advantage of good weather conditions when they occur. We also manage some of this risk by diversifying our operations and by using subcontractors and owner operators, which requires no investment by Mullen Group, to handle seasonal peaks.

Our growth through acquisition, in the last number of years, into businesses not directly tied to oil and gas drilling activity has lessened the seasonal nature of our overall performance.

## Access to Parts, Development of New Technology and Relationships with Key Suppliers:

We depend on suppliers for fuel, equipment, parts, and services that are critical to our operations. A disruption in the availability of or a significant increase in the cost to obtain these supplies could adversely impact our business and results of operations.

## **Risk Description**

Our ability to compete and expand is most directly tied to our having access at a reasonable cost to equipment, parts and components, which are at least technologically equivalent to those utilized by competitors, and to the development and acquisition of new and competitive technologies.

## **Potential Impact**

Although we have individual distribution agreements with various key suppliers, there can be no assurance that those sources of

equipment, parts, components or relationships with key suppliers will be maintained. If these are not maintained, our ability to compete may be impaired by virtue of diminished availability and/or increased cost of securing certain equipment and parts. We have access to certain distributors and secure discounts on parts and components that would not be available if it were not for relationships with certain key suppliers. Should the relationships with key suppliers cease the availability and cost of securing certain equipment and parts may be adversely affected.

## Mitigation

In consideration of this risk we assess our suppliers and endeavour to ensure that our suppliers are financially viable or that suitable alternatives exist if relationships with current suppliers were to become compromised. In addition, we also retain what we consider an appropriate level of inventory of critical parts and supplies.



## Regulation:

Various federal, provincial and state agencies exercise broad regulatory powers over the transportation industry, generally governing our activities.

## **Risk Description**

Notwithstanding that the transportation industry is largely deregulated in terms of entry into the industry, each carrier must obtain a license from, or register with, provincial regulatory authorities in order to carry goods extra-provincially or to transport goods within any province. Our operations are subject to a variety of Regulations relating to, among other things: safety, equipment weight, equipment dimensions, driver hours-of-service and the transportation of hazardous materials. Licensing is also required from regulatory authorities in the United States for the transportation of goods between Canada and the United States. In addition, our operations are subject to hours of service regulations and electronic logging and, in certain cases, random drug testing.

### **Potential Impact**

Changes in regulations applicable to Mullen Group could increase operating costs and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. The right to continue to hold applicable licenses and permits is generally subject to maintaining satisfactory compliance with regulatory and safety guidelines, policies and regulations. Although we are committed to compliance and safety through our operational excellence initiatives, there is no assurance that we will be in full compliance at all times with such policies, guidelines and regulations. Consequently, at some future time, we

could be required to incur significant costs to maintain or improve our compliance record.

## Mitigation

In consideration of this risk we monitor regulatory frameworks with a particular focus on hours of service, over-dimensional freight and transportation of fluids and work, in conjunction with industry associations, to advocate our need to regulators and ensure that equipment meets regulations and that sufficient capital is invested to meet current and anticipated regulatory requirements.

## Litigation:

From time to time, Mullen Group or its Business Units may be the subject of litigation, claims, administrative proceedings and regulatory actions ("Claims") arising out of its operations or business in general.

## **Risk Description**

Our business is subject to the risk of litigation by employees, customers, vendors, government agencies, shareholders and other parties. Various types of Claims may be made against Mullen Group or its Business Units including but not limited to those pertaining to negligence, breach of contract, environmental, tax, patent infringement, employment matters and safety incidents.

#### **Potential Impact**

The outcome of litigation is difficult to assess or quantify, and the magnitude

of potential loss relating to such Claims made against Mullen Group or its Business Units may be material or may be indeterminate. The outcome of any such Claims cannot be predicted with certainty and may impact our business, condition, results financial operations or cash flows. Further, unfavourable outcomes of settlements of Claims could encourage the commencement of additional Claims. We may also be subject to negative publicity with respect to such Claims regardless of fault. We may also be required to incur significant expenses and devote significant resources in defence of any such Claims.

## Mitigation

In consideration of this risk we have insurance and risk management programs in place. For Claims that do not fall under such programs, we endorse a formalized quality program and strive to be the best in class in respect of operational excellence so as to reasonably mitigate this risk. When required we retain expert legal counsel to defend Mullen Group or its Business Units so as to reasonably mitigate the risk of an unfavourable outcome of a claim.



## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

This MD&A summarizes Mullen Group's financial condition and results of operations, which are based upon our Annual Financial Statements that have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. The Annual Financial Statements require management to select significant accounting policies, which are contained within the notes to such statements. These significant accounting policies involve critical accounting estimates regarding matters that are inherently uncertain and require management to make estimates, complex judgements and assumptions. These estimates, complex judgements and assumptions are based on the circumstances that exist at the reporting date and may affect the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods and the carrying amounts of assets, liabilities, accruals, provisions, contingent liabilities, other financial obligations, as well as the determination of fair values. The following describes critical accounting estimates we used in preparing the Annual Financial Statements and are an important part in understanding such statements:

## Impairment tests

We assess, at the end of each reporting period, whether there is an indication that an asset group may be impaired. We have three significant asset groups that are reviewed for impairment. First, goodwill is reviewed for impairment annually, or more frequently if there are indications that impairment may have occurred. The second and third asset groups consist of intangible assets and long-lived assets. Intangible assets are normally acquired on acquisitions and are mainly comprised of customer relationship values and non-competition agreements, which are amortized over their estimated life from the date of acquisition. Long-lived assets include property, plant and equipment and other assets. These asset groups are tested for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. If any indication of impairment exists we estimate the recoverable amount of the asset group. External triggering events include, for example, changes in customer or industry dynamics, drilling and other technologies and economic declines, including the decline in the value of our Common Share price. Internal triggering events for impairment include lower profitability or planned restructuring.

The impairment tests compare the carrying amount of the asset of the CGU to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD") and the determination of value in use ("VIU"). The determination of VIU requires the estimation and discounting of cash flows, which involve key assumptions that consider all information available on the respective testing date. Management uses its judgement, considering past and actual performance as well as expected developments in the respective markets and in the overall macro-economic environment and economic trends to model and discount future cash flows.

## Impairment of Goodwill

In general terms, goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of a business combination over the net amount of identifiable assets acquired less the liabilities assumed. At December 31, 2019, we performed our annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that there was no impairment of goodwill in any of our CGUs as the recoverable amount for these CGUs was higher than their respective carrying amount.

At December 31, 2018, we performed our annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that there was impairment of goodwill within certain CGUs in the Oilfield Services segment as the recoverable amount for these CGUs was lower than their respective carrying amount. We recognized a \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill in the fourth guarter of 2018 using the following discount and terminal value growth rates within each respective CGU:

(\$ millions)	 Impairment of Goodwill	Discount Rate	Terminal Value Growth Rate
Cash Generating Unit			
Formula Powell L.P.	\$ 45.6	11.5%	2.5%
Cascade Energy Services L.P.	37.6	12.0%	2.0%
Mullen Oilfield Services L.P.	5.8	12.0%	2.0%
Spearing Service L.P.	5.0	12.0%	2.0%
R. E. Line Trucking (Coleville) Ltd.	3.0	12.0%	2.5%
Withers L.P.	3.0	12.0%	2.0%
Total Impairment of Goodwill	\$ 100.0		



The impairment of goodwill within these CGUs resulted from the deterioration of the oil and natural gas industry in the fourth quarter of 2018, which led to us revising our projected future cash flows. After recognizing this impairment of goodwill, the recoverable amount of these CGUs equaled its carrying amount, which was \$263.1 million. The recording of this impairment of goodwill is recognized as an expense and reduces book equity and net income but did not impact cash flows.

The recoverable amount was determined using a discounted cash flow approach for all CGUs. The discounted cash flow model employed by the Corporation reflects the specifics of each CGU and its business environment. The model calculates the present value of the estimated future earnings of each CGU.

Estimating future earnings requires judgement, considering past and actual performance as well as expected developments in the respective markets and in the overall macro-economic environment. The calculation of the recoverable amount using the discounted cash flow approach was based on the following key assumptions:

	Discou	nt rate	Terminal valu	e growth rate
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Cash Generating Unit				
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership	10.5%	10.5%	2.0%	2.0%
Kleysen Group Ltd.	10.5%	10.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies	11.0%	11.0%	2.5%	2.5%
Tenold Transportation Ltd.	11.0%	11.0%	_	2.5%
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P.	12.0%	12.0%	2.0%	2.0%
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.	12.0%	12.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Canadian Dewatering L.P.	12.0%	12.0%	2.5%	2.5%
Others	11.0% – 12.0%	11.0% – 12.0%	2.0% - 2.5%	2.0% – 2.5%

- (i) Cash flows were projected based on past experience, actual operating results and the one year business plan for the immediate year. Cash flows for a further four year period were extrapolated using constant growth rates of between 2.0 to 2.5 percent with adjustments reflecting an expectation of changes in the general economy, forecasted changes in drilling activity and the Business Unit's respective markets, and represents the Corporation's best estimate of the set of economic conditions that are expected to exist over the forecast period.
- (ii) The terminal value growth rate is based on management's best estimate of the long-term growth rate for its CGUs after the forecast period, considering historic performance and future economic forecasts.
- (iii) Each CGU's discount rate reflects their individual size, risk profile and circumstance and is based on past experience and industry average weighted average cost of capital.

The Corporation believes that the following changes in the key assumptions would result in a recoverable amount equal to the carrying value of the CGU, with any additional change in the assumptions causing goodwill to become impaired.

	Change in d	iscount rate	Change in terminal value growth rate				
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018			
Cash Generating Unit							
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership	4.1%	5.0%	(6.1)%	(8.6)%			
Kleysen Group Ltd.	6.4%	8.3%	(10.3)%	(16.4)%			
Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies	12.8%	12.7%	(29.2)%	(34.4)%			
Tenold Transportation Ltd.	6.5%	11.3%	(8.4)%	(26.9)%			
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P.	3.5%	1.3%	(5.4)%	(1.9)%			
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.	3.0%	2.4%	(4.4)%	(2.8)%			
Canadian Dewatering L.P.	8.9%	7.8%	(17.5)%	(14.5)%			

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets are mainly comprised of customer relationships and non-competition agreements. The fair value of these assets are calculated when an intangible asset or a business is acquired and then amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated life. At December 31, 2019, intangible assets totalled \$48.5 million (2018 – \$50.3 million). Property, plant and equipment are mainly comprised of trucks and trailers, land and buildings. The net book value of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2019, was \$954.6 million (2018 – \$965.7 million).

## **Acquisitions**

The acquired assets, assumed liabilities (other than deferred taxes) and contingent consideration are recognized at fair value on the date we effectively obtain control. The measurement of business combinations is based on the information available on the acquisition date. The determination of fair value of the acquired intangible assets (including goodwill), property, plant and equipment and other assets and the liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition, as well as the useful lives of the acquired intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, is based on assumptions. The measurement is largely based on projected cash flows and market conditions at the date of acquisition. Contingent consideration is based on the likelihood of various outcomes of specified future events.

## Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

Property, plant and equipment are initially recognized at cost and include all expenditures directly attributable to bringing the asset to its intended use. The method and rates used in calculating depreciation of property, plant and equipment is an estimate. We calculate depreciation of property, plant and equipment using the declining balance method for the majority of our assets. Effective January 1, 2018, we began recording depreciation expense on specialty equipment within the Oilfield Services segment using a rate of 20.0 percent under the declining balance method as opposed to using a rate of 10.0 percent under the declining balance method in prior years. No other changes were made to the methods or rates we used to estimate depreciation expense on property, plant and equipment during the past two years.

We believe the methods and rates of depreciation reasonably reflect the annual decline in the value of property, plant and equipment. These methods and rates used are validated by the fact that net gains or losses on sale of property, plant and equipment over the last ten years have been minimal, which indicates that the net book value of assets approximates fair market value over an extended period of time. At December 31, 2019, the Oilfield Services segment had a carrying value of property, plant and equipment of \$255.7 million (2018 – \$294.4 million) as compared to \$225.6 million (2018 – \$208.9 million) in the Trucking/Logistics segment. The carrying value of property, plant and equipment within the Corporate Office was \$473.3 million at December 31, 2019 (2018 – \$462.3 million).



Intangible assets are amortized on a straight line basis over a period of five years. Mullen Group determines the length of the amortization period at the date of acquisition. The method used in determining the amortization period is based upon the anticipated present value of future cash flows generated from customer relationships purchased on acquisitions. At December 31, 2019, the Trucking/Logistics segment had a carrying value of intangible assets of \$39.3 million (2018 – \$37.1 million) as compared to \$9.2 million (2018 – \$13.2 million) in the Oilfield Services segment.

#### Derivative Financial Instruments

We utilize Derivatives such as cross-currency swaps to manage our exposure to foreign currency risks relating to our U.S. dollar debt. The fair value of Derivatives fluctuate depending on the estimate of certain underlying financial measures. The estimated fair value of Derivatives are based on observable market data, including foreign currency curves, interest rates and credit spreads.

#### Trade and other receivables

Impairment of trade and other receivables is constantly monitored. Evidence of impairment could, for example, occur when the financial difficulties of a debtor become known or payment delays occur. Impairments are based on historical values, observed customer solvency, the aging of trade and other receivables and customer-specific and industry risks. In addition, we review external credit ratings as well as bank and trade references when available. At December 31, 2019, we recognized a reserve for bad debts of \$7.8 million (2018 – \$5.9 million) against total gross trade and other receivables of \$219.0 million (2018 – \$224.0 million).

#### Income Taxes

Mullen Group's deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on "temporary differences" (differences between the accounting basis and the tax basis of the assets and liabilities), and are measured using the currently enacted, or substantively enacted, tax rates and laws expected to apply when these differences reverse. We operate in several provincial jurisdictions and are subject to various rates of taxation. The actual amount of tax ultimately paid in these jurisdictions may differ from the estimated amount.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## New Standards and Interpretations Not Yet Adopted

Mullen Group has reviewed new and revised standards and interpretations that have been approved by the IASB. There have been no new standards or interpretations issued during 2019 that significantly impact Mullen Group.

## **Changes in Accounting Policies**

#### IFRS 16 - Leases

Effective January 1, 2019, Mullen Group adopted IFRS 16 – Leases using the modified retrospective method. Under the modified retrospective method, comparative financial information is not restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. Under the principles of the new standard, Mullen Group recognized lease liabilities related to its lease commitments. These lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the Corporation's incremental borrowing rate as at January 1, 2019. The associated right-of-use assets were measured at the lease liability amount on January 1, 2019 resulting in no adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The Corporation is using the following practical expedients permitted under the new standard:

- (i) Leases with a remaining lease term of less than twelve months as at January 1, 2019 as short-term leases;
- (ii) Leases of low dollar value will continue to be expensed as incurred; and
- (iii) The Corporation will not apply any grandfathering practical expedients.

Effective January 1, 2019, Mullen Group adopted IFRS 16 – Leases which resulted in the initial recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of approximately \$42.2 million.



## IFRIC 23 - Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments

IFRIC 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments specifies how to reflect uncertainty in accounting for income taxes and is mandatory for the accounting period beginning on January 1, 2019. There was no impact on the measurement of taxes as a consequence of this adoption.

## Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards

On December 12, 2017, the IASB issued narrow-scope amendments to three standards as part of its annual improvements process. The amendments are effective on or after January 1, 2019. Each of the amendments has its own specific transition requirements. Amendments were made to the following standards:

- IFRS 3 Business Combinations and IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements to clarify how an entity accounts for increasing its interest in a joint operation that meets the definition of a business;
- IAS 12 Income Taxes to clarify that all income tax consequences of dividends are recognized consistently with the transactions that generated the distributable profits; and
- IAS 23 Borrowing Costs to clarify that specific borrowings i.e. funds borrowed specifically to finance the construction of a qualifying asset should be transferred to the general borrowings pool once the construction of the qualifying asset has been completed. They also clarify that an entity includes funds borrowed specifically to obtain an asset other than a qualifying asset as part of general borrowings.

Mullen Group has adopted these amendments in its financial statements effective January 1, 2019. The extent of the impact of adoption of the amendments is not material.

## DISCLOSURE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

## Disclosure Controls and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

As at December 31, 2019, an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined under the rules adopted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CFO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). Based on this evaluation, the CEO and the CFO concluded that, as at December 31, 2019, the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures was effective.

Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by or under the supervision of management and effected by the Board, management and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations and can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements. Under the supervision and with the participation of the CEO and CFO, management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as at December 31, 2019.

Based on this evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that as at December 31, 2019, our internal control over financial reporting was effective. We utilize the Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) as issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. As at December 31, 2019 there was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.



## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable Canadian Securities laws. Readers are cautioned that expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions used in the preparation of such information, although considered reasonable at the time of preparation, may prove to be imprecise and, as such, undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements. The following is a list of forward-looking statements contained within this MD&A, along with the respective assumptions:

- Mullen Group's comment that we are well positioned to grow the business in the new decade and that we can confidently say we are now positioned to resume a growth trajectory, as referred to in the Executive Summary section beginning on page 7. These forward-looking statements are based on the assumption that the macro environment stabilizes and that we have a strong balance sheet with \$79.0 million in cash and an unused bank line of \$150.0 million with which to use when the right acquisition opportunities become available.
- Mullen Group's comment that 2020 will be a growth year for our company, as referred to in the Executive Summary section beginning on page 7. This forward-looking statement is based on the assumption that we will use a strong balance sheet to acquire some really good companies.
- Mullen Group's comment that we will maintain the dividend at \$0.60 per Common Share in 2020 and will implement a share buyback program, as referred to in the Executive Summary section beginning on page 7. These forward-looking statements are based on the assumption that we will generate sufficient cash in excess of our financial obligations to support the dividend and that if approved, we plan to repurchase our Common Shares for cancellation at market prices prevailing at the time of purchase as shall be permitted by applicable laws.
- Mullen Group's 2020 financial goals of generating consolidated revenue in excess of \$1.4 billion, and achieving operating earnings in the range of \$210.0 \$220.0 million, with volatility in operating margins¹ based upon the timing of acquisitions, as referred to in the Executive Summary section beginning on page 7. This forward-looking statement is based on the assumption of how we expect our current Business Units to perform in 2020 along with the timing and financial results of acquisitions.
- Mullen Group's intention to invest \$50.0 million in capital expenditures, exclusive of acquisitions, new land or buildings and special projects, as referred to in the Executive Summary and the Capital Resources and Liquidity section beginning on pages 7 and 39, respectively. This forward-looking statement is based on the assumption that our Business Units will require capital to support their ongoing operations and growth opportunities and that we will generate sufficient cash in excess of our financial obligations to support the capital expenditures.
- Mullen Group's intention to pay annual dividends of \$0.60 per Common Share (\$0.05 per Common Share on a
  monthly basis) for 2020, as referred to in the Executive Summary, the Corporate Overview and the Dividends
  section beginning on pages 7, 11 and 16, respectively. This forward-looking statement is based on the
  assumption that we will generate sufficient cash in excess of our financial obligations to support the dividend.
- Mullen Group's comment that until recently we were quite optimistic that 2020 was shaping up to be a positive year, as referred to in the Outlook section beginning on page 10. This forward-looking statement is based on the assumption that consumer spending would remain strong, which is the principal driving force of our LTL/Final Mile business, and Canada's GDP growing by approximately 2.0 percent. In addition, we view the recent announcements regarding pipeline approvals and LNG expansion as a positive for the energy industry and the Alberta economy in particular. However, in light of the health concerns related to the Coronavirus there is now a possibility that the supply chain and economic activity could be temporarily impacted, including the North American economies. There is no factual evidence as of this date to indicate that economic growth will be negatively impacted but this is a fluid and fast moving issue of major concern, and not just to China. Within this context it is prudent to alert shareholders that any change to economic activity will impact our operations, revenue and overall profitability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the section entitled "Glossary of Terms and Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Terms".



- Mullen Group's comment that we will use our liquidity to pursue acquisition opportunities, as referred to in the
  Outlook section beginning on page 10. This forward-looking statement is based on the assumption that we will
  be able to use a well-structured balance sheet, strong working capital position and cash of \$79.0 million to
  acquire companies that fit our strategic objectives and meet our financial expectations.
- Mullen Group's plan to repurchase our Common Shares for cancellation at market prices prevailing at the time
  of purchase, as referred to in the Normal Course Issuer Bid section beginning on page 20. This forward-looking
  statement is based on the assumption that we will receive approval of the Bid and that we will be able to
  repurchase our Common Shares for cancellation as shall be permitted by applicable laws.
- Mullen Group's intention to use working capital, the Bank Credit Facility (as defined on page 18) and the
  anticipated cash flow from operating activities in 2020 to finance our ongoing working capital requirements, our
  2020 capital budget, as well as various special projects and acquisition opportunities, as referred to in the
  Capital Resources and Liquidity section beginning on page 39. This forward-looking statement is based on our
  belief that our access to cash will exceed our expected requirements.

Although we believe that the expectations and assumptions on which the forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements because we can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct.

Forward-looking statements address future events and conditions and, therefore, involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks. These include, but are not limited to, the risks associated with the service and energy industry in general; ability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources; failure to obtain required regulatory, securityholder and other approvals as may be required from time to time; and changes in legislation, including but not limited to tax laws and environmental regulations. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors and risks is not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors that could affect the operations or financial results of Mullen Group along with the forward-looking statements in this MD&A, may be found in the Advisory on page 1 as well as in reports on file with applicable securities regulatory authorities and may be accessed through the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are made as of the date hereof and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless so required by applicable securities law. We rely on litigation protection for "forward-looking" statements.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP TERMS

The Annual Financial Statements attached and referred to in this MD&A were prepared according to Canadian GAAP. References to operating margin, net income – adjusted, earnings per share – adjusted, net capital expenditures, net debt, total net debt and cash flow per share are not measures recognized by Canadian GAAP and do not have standardized meanings prescribed by Canadian GAAP. This MD&A reports on certain financial performance measures that are described and presented in order to provide shareholders and potential investors with additional measures to evaluate our ability to fund our operations and information regarding our liquidity. In addition, these measures are used by management in its evaluation of performance. These Non-GAAP Terms may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. Investors are cautioned that these indicators should not replace the foregoing Canadian GAAP terms: net income, earnings per share, purchases of property, plant and equipment, proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment and debt.

## **Operating Margin**

Operating margin is a Non-GAAP term and is defined as OIBDA divided by revenue. Management relies on operating margin as a measurement since it provides an indication of our ability to generate an appropriate return as compared to the associated risk and the amount of assets employed within our principal business activities.

(unquidited)	т	hree month Dece	period mber 3		Years ended December 31				
(unaudited) (\$ millions)		2019	2018		2019		2018		
Operating income before depreciation and amortization	\$	49.9	\$	51.7	\$ 200.9	\$	189.0		
Revenue	\$	314.6	\$	333.3	\$ 1,278.5	\$	1,260.8		
Operating margin		15.9%		15.5%	15.7%		15.0%		

## Net Income - Adjusted and Earnings per Share - Adjusted

Net income – adjusted and earnings per share – adjusted are calculated by adjusting net income and basic earnings per share by the impairment of goodwill, the impact of any net foreign exchange gains and losses and from the change in fair value of investments. Management adjusts net income and earnings per share by excluding these specific factors to more clearly reflect earnings from an operating perspective. See pages 30 and 53 for detailed calculations of net income – adjusted and earnings per share – adjusted.

## **Net Capital Expenditures**

Net capital expenditures are calculated by subtracting the amount of cash received from the sale of property, plant and equipment from the amount of cash used to purchase property, plant and equipment. Management calculates net capital expenditures to evaluate and manage its capital expenditure budget and to assist in allocating capital amongst its Business Units.

(unqualified)	TI	nree month Dece	period: mber 31		Years ended December 31					
(unaudited) (\$ millions)		2019		2018		2019		2018		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	\$	23.7	\$	31.9	\$	75.0	\$	99.7		
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment		(2.8)		(2.6)		(6.5)		(12.2)		
Net capital expenditures	\$	20.9	\$	29.3	\$	68.5	\$	87.5		



## **Net Debt**

Net debt is calculated by subtracting total working capital (current assets less current liabilities) from total debt (long-term debt plus the debt component of lease liabilities and 2019 Debentures). Management calculates net debt to monitor its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions.

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	Dec	cember 31, 2019 D	December 31, 2018		
Long-term debt	\$	467.4 \$	482.2		
Convertible debentures - debt component		108.7	_		
Lease liabilities (non-current portion)		30.0	_		
Total debt		606.1	482.2		
Less working capital:					
Current assets		349.3	272.1		
Current liabilities		(106.0)	(140.4)		
Total working capital		243.3	131.7		
Net debt	\$	362.8 \$	350.5		

## **Total Net Debt**

The term "total net debt" means all debt including the Private Placement Debt, lease liabilities, the Bank Credit Facility and letters of credit less any unrealized gain on Cross-Currency Swaps plus any unrealized loss on Cross-Currency Swaps, as disclosed within Derivatives on the consolidated statement of financial position. Management calculates total net debt to monitor its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions.

(unaudited) (\$ millions)	Decem	ber 31, 2019
Private Placement Debt	\$	467.4
Lease liabilities (including the current portion)		40.7
Letters of credit		3.9
Total debt		512.0
Less: unrealized gain on Cross-Currency Swaps		(41.4)
Add: unrealized loss on Cross-Currency Swaps		_
Total net debt	\$	470.6

## Cash Flow per Share

Cash flow per share is calculated by dividing net cash from operating activities by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding. Management measures cash flow per share to provide investors with an indication of the amount of cash being generated on a per share basis, after consideration of working capital and income taxes paid.

(unavalitad)	Three month p		Years ended December 31				
(unaudited) (\$ millions, except share and per share amounts)	2019	2018	2019		2018		
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 54.2	\$ 56.5	\$ 170.6	\$	140.7		
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding	104,824,973	104,824,973	104,824,973		104,273,508		
Cash flow per share	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.63	\$	1.35		





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



# Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Mullen Group Ltd.

## Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mullen Group Ltd. and its subsidiaries (together, the Company) as at December 31, 2019 and 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

## What we have audited

The Company's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2019 and 2018;
- the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of changes in equity for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

## Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Chairman's Message and the information, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the annual financial review.

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Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements,
whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and
obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk
of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from





error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Khurram Asghar.

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Pricewaterhouse Coopers U.P.

Calgary, Alberta February 12, 2020



## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

		December 31	December 31
(thousands)	Note	2019	2018
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	\$ 79,023	\$ 3,916
Trade and other receivables	7	211,209	218,089
Inventory	8	33,015	33,878
Prepaid expenses		15,461	11,838
Current tax receivable		10,623	4,404
		349,331	272,125
Non-current assets:			
Property, plant and equipment	9	954,604	965,683
Right-of-use assets	10	36,799	_
Goodwill	11	268,707	265,277
Intangible assets	12	48,456	50,270
Investments	13	38,491	36,269
Deferred tax assets	18	8,070	9,187
Derivative financial instruments	14	41,375	42,211
Other assets	15	3,459	4,830
		1,399,961	1,373,727
Total Assets		\$ 1,749,292	\$ 1,645,852
Liabilities and Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Bank indebtedness	6, 21	\$ _	\$ 30,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16	90,028	99,276
Dividends payable	17	5,241	5,241
Current tax payable		44	5,905
Lease liabilities – current portion	19	10,711	
Zodob nabilities - Sarron portion		106,024	140,422
Non-current liabilities:  Convertible debentures – debt component	20	108,764	_
Long-term debt	21	467,392	482,185
Lease liabilities	19	29,975	402,103
Asset retirement obligations	13	1,647	 1,044
Deferred tax liabilities	18		
Deferred tax liabilities	10	117,569 725,347	124,125 607,354
		1 20,071	007,004
Equity:			
Share capital	22	946,910	946,910
Convertible debentures – equity component	20	9,116	_
Contributed surplus		16,860	15,477
Deficit		 (54,965)	 (64,311)
		 917,921	 898,076
Total Liabilities and Equity		\$ 1,749,292	\$ 1,645,852

The notes which begin on page 97 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors on February 12, 2020, after review by the Audit Committee.

"Signed: Murray K. Mullen"

"Signed: Philip J. Scherman"

Murray K. Mullen, Director

Philip J. Scherman, Director



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

		Years ended December 31						
(thousands, except per share amounts)	Note			2018				
Revenue	24	\$	1,278,502	\$	1,260,798			
Direct operating expenses			909,911		902,813			
Selling and administrative expenses			167,679		168,970			
Operating income before depreciation and amortization			200,912		189,015			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	9		80,476		72,050			
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	10		11,710		_			
Impairment of goodwill	11		_		100,000			
Amortization of intangible assets	12		19,305		15,439			
Finance costs	26		23,625		20,027			
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	14		(14,140)		8,537			
Other (income) expense	28		(201)		(445)			
Income (loss) before income taxes			80,137		(26,593)			
Income tax expense	18		7,896		17,194			
Net income (loss) and total comprehensive income (loss)		\$	72,241	\$	(43,787)			
Earnings (loss) per share:	23	4		_				
Basic		\$	0.69	\$	(0.42)			
Diluted		\$	0.69	\$	(0.42)			
Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding:	23							
Basic			104,825		104,274			
Diluted			104,825		104,274			

The notes which begin on page 97 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

(thousands)	Note	ı	Share capital	Convertible debentures - equity component	Contributed surplus	Deficit	Total
Balance at January 1, 2019		\$	946,910	\$ _	\$ 15,477	\$ (64,311)	\$ 898,076
Total comprehensive income for the period			_	_	_	72,241	72,241
Convertible debentures issued	20		_	12,403	_	_	12,403
Deferred tax on convertible debentures			_	(3,287)	_	_	(3,287)
Stock-based compensation expense			_	_	1,383	_	1,383
Dividends declared to common shareholders	17		_	_	_	(62,895)	(62,895)
Balance at December 31, 2019		\$	946,910	\$ 9,116	\$ 16,860	\$ (54,965)	\$ 917,921

(thousands)	Note	Share capital	Convertible debentures - equity component	Contributed surplus	Retained earnings (deficit)	Total
Balance at January 1, 2018		\$ 933,303	\$ 550	\$ 13,807	\$ 42,071	\$ 989,731
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period		_	_	_	(43,787)	(43,787)
Common Shares issued on conversion of convertible debentures		11,607	(550)	_	_	11,057
Common shares issued on acquisition	5	2,000	_	_	_	2,000
Stock-based compensation expense		_	_	1,670	_	1,670
Dividends declared to common shareholders	17	_	_	_	(62,595)	(62,595)
Balance at December 31, 2018		\$ 946,910	\$ _	\$ 15,477	\$ (64,311)	\$ 898,076

The notes which begin on page 97 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended December 31 2019 (thousands) Note 2018 Cash provided by (used in): Cash flows from operating activities: \$ \$ Net income (loss) 72,241 (43,787)Adjustments for: Depreciation and amortization 111,491 87,489 Impairment of goodwill 11 100,000 Finance costs 26 23,625 20,027 Stock-based compensation expense 1,383 1,670 Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cross-currency swaps 836 14 (16,584)24,255 Foreign exchange (gain) loss (14,396)Change in fair value of investments 28 (15)3,135 28 2,667 Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment 281 Earnings from equity investments 28 (2,870)(3,875)Accretion on asset retirement obligations 28 17 14 Income tax expense 18 7,896 17,194 Cash flows from operating activities before non-cash working capital items 202,875 189,819 Changes in non-cash working capital items from operating activities 33 (466)(26,452)Cash generated from operating activities 202,409 163,367 Income tax paid (31,756)(22,657)Net cash from operating activities 170.653 140.710 Cash flows from financing activities: Net proceeds of convertible debentures 20 119,797 Cash dividends paid to common shareholders (62,895)(60,464)Interest paid (23,962)(21,499)Repayment of long-term debt and loans 21 (5,767)(78, 152)30,000 Proceeds from bank credit facility Repayment of bank credit facility (30,000)Repayment of lease liabilities 19 (12, 133)Repayment of convertible debentures (1,545)Changes in non-cash working capital items from financing activities 33 (112)187 (15,072)(131,473)Net cash used in financing activities Cash flows from investing activities: Acquisitions net of cash (bank indebtedness) acquired 5 (15,699)(45,836)(2,975)Purchase of intangible assets (360)Purchase of property, plant and equipment (75,022)(99,709)Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment 6,548 12,227 Proceeds on sale (purchases) of investments 663 (2,000)Interest received 2.377 2.131 Net investment in finance leases 1,238 Dividends from equity investees 226 315 Other assets (5,272)Changes in non-cash working capital items from investing activities 33 46 488 Net cash used in investing activities (79,894)(140,720)Change in cash and cash equivalents 75,687 (131,483)Cash and cash equivalents at January 1 3,916 134,533 Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held (580)866 \$ Cash and cash equivalents at December 31 6 \$ 79,023 3,916

The notes which begin on page 97 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



## NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

(Tabular amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

#### 1. Reporting Entity

Mullen Group Ltd. ("Mullen Group" and/or the "Corporation") was incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of Alberta and is a publicly-traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol 'MTL'. The Corporation maintains its registered office in Okotoks, Alberta, Canada. The business of Mullen Group is operated through wholly-owned (either directly or indirectly) subsidiaries and limited partnerships ("Business Units"). The business of Mullen Group is a diversified transportation and oilfield service organization with its activities divided into two distinct operating segments, namely Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services. These consolidated financial statements ("Annual Financial Statements") include the accounts of the Corporation, its subsidiaries and its limited partnerships.

## 2. Basis of Presentation

#### (a) Statement of Compliance

These Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance to and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), which include the International Accounting Standards ("IAS") and the interpretations developed by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

## (b) Basis of Measurement

These Annual Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investments (excluding investments accounted for by the equity method), and derivative financial instruments ("Derivatives"), which are measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

#### (c) Functional and Presentation Currency

These Annual Financial Statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the functional currency of the Corporation and each of its Business Units. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand except for per share amounts.

## (d) Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of these Annual Financial Statements in accordance with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates, judgements and assumptions. The carrying amount of assets, liabilities, accruals, provisions, other financial obligations, as well as the determination of fair values, contingent liabilities, reported income and expense in these Annual Financial Statements depends on the use of estimates, judgements and assumptions. In the process of applying the Corporation's accounting policies management takes into consideration existing circumstances and estimates at the date of these Annual Financial Statements, which affects the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting periods. Given the uncertainty inherent in determining these factors, actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Assessments about whether line items are sufficiently material to warrant separate presentation in the primary financial statements and, if not, whether they are sufficiently material to warrant separate presentation in the notes to the financial statements.

This section contains the Corporation's estimates and judgements that relate to the financial statements as a whole. When an estimate, judgement or accounting policy is acceptable to a specific note to the financial statements, the estimate, judgement or policy and related disclosures are provided within that note as identified in the table below:

Note	Topic	Page	Note	Торіс	Page
6	Cash and cash equivalents	106	16	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	115
7	Trade and other receivables	107	18	Income taxes	115
8	Inventory	108	20	Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures	119
9	Property, plant and equipment	108	23	Earnings per share	121
11	Goodwill	110	27	Share-based compensation plans	124
12	Intangible assets	113	34	Operating segments	132
14	Derivative Financial Instruments	113			

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Significant items impacted by such estimates and judgements are outlined below. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive and other items may also be affected by estimates and judgements.

#### <u>Judgements</u>

#### (i) Impairment Tests

Mullen Group assesses, at the end of each reporting period, whether there is an indication that an asset group may be impaired. If any indication of impairment exists, Mullen Group determines the recoverable amount of the asset group. External triggering events include, for example, changes in customer or industry dynamics, drilling and other technologies and economic declines, including the decline in the value of Mullen Group's Common Share price. Internal triggering events for impairment include, for example, lower profitability or planned restructuring.



#### Estimates

## (i) Acquisitions

The acquired assets, assumed liabilities (other than deferred taxes) and contingent consideration are recognized at fair value on the date Mullen Group effectively obtains control. The measurement of the assets and liabilities acquired in each business combination is based on the information available on the acquisition date. The estimate of fair value of the acquired intangible assets (including goodwill), property, plant and equipment and other assets and the liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition as well as the useful lives of the acquired intangible assets and property, plant and equipment is based on assumptions. The measurement is largely based on projected cash flows, discount rates and market conditions at the date of acquisition. Contingent consideration is based on the likelihood of various outcomes of specified future events. For more information, refer to Note 5.

## (ii) Impairment Tests

Mullen Group's impairment tests compare the carrying amount of the asset or cash generating unit ("CGU") to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD") and value in use ("VIU"). FVLCD is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset or CGU in an arms-length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties, less the costs of disposal. VIU is the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continuing use of an asset or CGU and from the disposal at the end of its useful life. The determination of VIU requires the estimation and discounting of cash flows which involves key assumptions that consider all information available on the respective testing date. Management uses estimates, considering past and actual performance as well as expected developments in the respective markets and in the overall macro-economic environment and economic trends to model and discount future cash flows. For more information, refer to Notes 11 and 12.

## 3. Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these Annual Financial Statements.

#### (a) Basis of Consolidation

These Annual Financial Statements include the accounts of Mullen Group, its subsidiaries and its limited partnerships. The financial statements of such subsidiaries and limited partnerships controlled by Mullen Group are included in these Annual Financial Statements from the date that control commenced until the date that control ceases. Control is achieved when the Corporation is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its subsidiaries and limited partnerships and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct their activities. The accounting policies of subsidiaries and limited partnerships are the same as those of the Corporation. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the scope of consolidation for these Annual Financial Statements encompassed 85 entities, of which four were a first time consolidation. The first time consolidations were a result of the acquisitions of Argus Carriers Ltd. ("Argus"), Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd. ("Inter-Urban") and Jen Express Inc. ("Jen Express"). During 2019 three entities ceased existence due to internal corporate reorganizations.

#### (b) Changes in Accounting Policies

IFRS 16 - Leases

Effective January 1, 2019, Mullen Group adopted IFRS 16 – Leases using the modified retrospective method. Under the modified retrospective method, comparative financial information is not restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The modified retrospective method does not require restatement of prior period financial information as it recognizes the cumulative effect as an adjustment to opening retained earnings (deficit).

Under IFRS 16 – Leases, the Corporation has recognized lease liabilities in relation to leases which were previously classified as "operating leases" under the principles of IAS 17 – Leases. Mullen Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of the contract. For contracts entered into before January 1, 2019, it was determined whether the arrangement was or contained a lease. As lease liabilities are recognized, there is a corresponding right-of-use asset recorded at the date of which the asset becomes available for use. As lease payments are made there is a reduction to the principal portion of the lease liability as well as an amount allocated to finance costs. The finance cost is expensed within the consolidated statement of comprehensive income over the lease term. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight line basis.

The Corporation uses a single discount rate for a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics. The Corporation is using the following practical expedients permitted under the new standard:

- (i) Leases with a remaining lease term of less than twelve months as at January 1, 2019 as short-term leases;
- (ii) Leases of low dollar value will continue to be expensed as incurred; and
- (iii) The Corporation will not apply any grandfathering practical expedients.

Effective January 1, 2019, Mullen Group adopted IFRS 16 – Leases which resulted in the initial recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of approximately \$42.2 million.



#### Judgements:

Mullen Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of the contract. For contracts entered into before January 1, 2019, it was determined whether the arrangement was or contained a lease. This assessment involves the exercise of judgement about whether it depends on a specified asset, whether Mullen Group obtains substantially all the economic benefits from the use of that asset, and whether Mullen Group has the right to direct the use of the asset. Furthermore, Mullen Group assesses and reassess the likelihood of it exercising renewal options.

#### Estimates:

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, Mullen Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, Mullen Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate, which is estimated at the inception of the lease. At transition, lease liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted at Mullen Group's incremental borrowing rate as at January 1, 2019. Mullen Group's incremental borrowing rate is estimated using prevailing interest rates, market precedents and Mullen Group's credit rating.

#### Impact of Adoption:

Lease payments on short-term leases with lease terms of less than twelve months or low value leases are accounted for as expenses within the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. The value of lease liabilities includes the net present value of fixed payments, the value of any options to extend a lease where the Corporation is reasonably certain to do so, payments of penalties for terminating a lease, less any lease incentives received. The Corporation uses the cost model whereby right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made before the commencement date, any initial direct costs and restoration costs. The cost of the right-of-use assets is adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability and is less any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

The impact of adopting IFRS 16 – Leases as at January 1, 2019, is as follows:

Consolidated Statement of	As reported at December 31, 2018		E	Effect of adopting		Restated balance at		
Financial Position Adjustments			IFRS 16 – Leases			January 1, 2019		
Assets								
Current Assets:								
Trade and other receivables(1)	\$	218,089	\$	1,000	\$	219,089		
		218,089		1,000		219,089		
Non-current Assets:								
Right-of-use assets(1), (2), (3)		_		38,176		38,176		
Other assets <sup>(1)</sup>		4,830		2,088		6,918		
		4,830		40,264		45,094		
Total Assets		222,919		41,264		264,183		
Liabilities and Equity								
Current liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities(3)		99,276		(914)		98,362		
Lease liabilities – current portion(2)		_		10,283		10,283		
		99,276		9,369		108,645		
Non-current liabilities:								
Lease liabilities(2)		_		31,895		31,895		
		_		31,895		31,895		
Total Liabilities	\$	99,276	\$	41,264	\$	140,540		

<sup>(1)</sup> This adjustment is to record \$3.1 million of net investment in finance leases, which mainly related to subleases on real property with an offsetting amount recorded against right-of-use assets.



<sup>(2)</sup> This adjustment is to record \$42.2 million of the initial lease liabilities with a corresponding amount recorded in right-of-use assets.

<sup>(3)</sup> This adjustment is to reclassify \$0.9 million of lease inducements on real property leases that were previously recognized within accounts payable and accrued liabilities

On adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, Mullen Group recognized lease liabilities in relation to all lease arrangements measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments from commitments disclosed as at December 31, 2018. Certain contracts were adjusted by commitments in relation to service contracts, short-term and low-value leases, reviewing renewal and purchase options, and discounted using the Corporation's incremental borrowing rate of 3.2 percent as of January 1, 2019:

Operating lease commitments, disclosed as at December 31, 2018	\$ 46,140
Contract adjustments	137
Net lease liabilities	46,277
Discounted	(4,099)
Lease liabilities as at January 1, 2019	\$ 42,178

#### IFRIC 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments

IFRIC 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments specifies how to reflect uncertainty in accounting for income taxes and is mandatory for the accounting period beginning on January 1, 2019. There was no impact on the measurement of taxes as a consequence of this adoption.

#### Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards

On December 12, 2017, the IASB issued narrow-scope amendments to three standards as part of its annual improvements process. The amendments are effective on or after January 1, 2019. Each of the amendments has its own specific transition requirements. Amendments were made to the following standards:

- IFRS 3 Business Combinations and IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements to clarify how an entity accounts for increasing its interest in a
  joint operation that meets the definition of a business;
- IAS 12 Income Taxes to clarify that all income tax consequences of dividends are recognized consistently with the transactions
  that generated the distributable profits; and
- IAS 23 Borrowing Costs to clarify that specific borrowings i.e. funds borrowed specifically to finance the construction of a qualifying asset should be transferred to the general borrowings pool once the construction of the qualifying asset has been completed. They also clarify that an entity includes funds borrowed specifically to obtain an asset other than a qualifying asset as part of general borrowings.

Mullen Group has adopted these amendments in its financial statements effective January 1, 2019. The extent of the impact of adoption of the amendments is not material.

#### (c) New Standards and Interpretations Not Yet Adopted

Mullen Group has reviewed new and revised standards and interpretations that have been approved by the IASB. There have been no new standards or interpretations issued during 2019 that significantly impact Mullen Group.

## (d) Investment Properties

Investment properties consist of real property that are held to earn rental income and are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition or the development of real property held to earn rental income. Subsequent to initial measurement, investment properties are measured using the cost model and are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is recorded annually on the buildings included within real property held to earn rental income on the declining balance basis at a rate of 2.5 percent per annum.

## (e) Foreign Currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to Canadian dollars, Mullen Group's functional currency, at the exchange rate on the date of the transactions. At each reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortized cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortized cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the reporting period. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

## (f) Impairment of Assets

Assets are assessed at the end of each reporting period to determine if any indication of impairment exists. If any such indication exists, Mullen Group estimates the recoverable amount of the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets. Recoverability is measured by comparing the carrying amount of the asset or the CGU to which the asset belongs to the higher of its FVLCD and its VIU. VIU is calculated using the estimated discounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset or its CGU. Mullen Group estimates FVLCD based upon current market prices for similar assets. If the carrying amount of the asset, or its respective CGU, exceeds its estimated recoverable amount, the difference is recognized as an impairment charge.

Impairment losses are recognized in net income. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is irreversible. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indication that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An



impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized. Impairment losses recognized in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amounts of any goodwill allocated to the CGU and then to reduce the carrying amount of other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

Mullen Group's corporate assets, which do not generate separate cash inflows, are allocated to the CGUs on a reasonable basis for impairment testing purposes.

## (g) Financial Instruments

(i) Mullen Group has adopted IFRS 9 (2010) Financial Instruments as it relates to classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities in advance of its effective date. During 2013, the IASB removed the mandatory effective date, which was for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015. The new mandatory effective date is January 1, 2018. Mullen Group early adopted IFRS 9 (2010) as it is consistent with Mullen Group's objective and approach to managing its financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### (ii) Non-Derivative Financial Assets

Financial Assets	Initial Measurement	Subsequent Measurement
Cash and cash equivalents	Fair value	Amortized cost
Trade and other receivables	Fair value	Amortized cost
Investments	Fair value	FVTPL
Investments – equity method	Fair value	Equity method
Other assets	Fair value	Amortized cost

Cash and cash equivalents are recognized initially at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial assets are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Mullen Group initially recognizes trade and other receivables and other assets on the date that they originate. Impairment of trade and other receivables is recognized in selling and administrative expenses when evidence of impairment arises. If in a subsequent period the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss, or a portion of such is reversed. The amount of the impairment loss reversed may not exceed the original impairment amount.

Mullen Group initially measures investments at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial assets are measured at FVTPL at the end of each reporting period. The purchase and sale of investments are recognized at the trade date of such transaction. When control of a Business Unit is lost, any retained interest is re-measured to its fair value with any resulting gain or loss being recognized within the statement of comprehensive income. As such, a gain or loss is recognized on the portion retained in addition to the gain or loss on the portion no longer owned.

Mullen Group initially recognizes equity investments at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial assets are measured using the equity method. Mullen Group uses the equity method to account for investments in which it has significant influence or joint control. Under the equity method, Mullen Group recognizes its share of profits or losses of the investee within the statement of comprehensive income. Dividends received from equity investments are recognized as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, Mullen Group has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Mullen Group derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by Mullen Group is recognized as a separate asset or liability.

### (iii) Non-Derivative Financial Liabilities

Financial Liabilities	Initial Measurement	Subsequent Measurement
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities(1)	Fair value	Amortized cost
Dividends payable	Fair value	Amortized cost
Long-term debt	Fair value	Amortized cost
Convertible debentures – debt component	Fair value	Amortized cost

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Includes contingent consideration which is subsequently measured at fair value.

Financial liabilities are recognized initially on the trade date at which Mullen Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities that are not designated at FVTPL are initially measured at fair value plus or minus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest



method. Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, Mullen Group has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Mullen Group derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities and dividends payable are recognized initially at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Mullen Group initially recognizes debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date that they originate. Mullen Group's long-term debt is comprised of a series of unsecured debt as follows: U.S. \$117.0 million of Series G Notes, U.S. \$112.0 million of Series H Notes, CDN. \$30.0 million of Series I Notes, CDN. \$30.0 million of Series K Notes and CDN. \$80.0 million of Series L Notes (collectively, the "Private Placement Debt").

In June 2019, Mullen Group issued an aggregate principal amount of \$125.0 million of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2019 Debentures"). The component parts of the 2019 Debentures issued by the Corporation were classified separately as financial liabilities and equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument. At the date of issue, the fair value of the debt component was estimated using the prevailing market interest rate for similar non-convertible instruments. This amount was recorded as a liability on an amortized cost basis using the effective interest method until extinguished upon conversion or at the instrument's maturity date.

The fair value of the conversion option (labelled Convertible debentures – equity component) was determined at issue date by deducting the amount of the liability component from the fair value of the compound instrument as a whole. This conversion option is recognized net of income tax effects as equity and is not subsequently re-measured. In addition, the conversion option remain in equity until the conversion option is exercised, in which case, the balance recognized in equity is transferred to share capital. No gain or loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income upon conversion or expiration of the conversion option. As such, a proportionate amount of any unamortized debt issuance costs and accretion related to the 2019 Debentures converted into Common Shares is transferred to share capital on the conversion date.

#### (iv) Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivatives consist of financial contracts that derive their value from underlying changes in foreign exchange rates, interest rates, credit spreads or other financial measures. Mullen Group uses Derivatives such as Cross-Currency Swaps (as hereafter defined on page 113) as part of its foreign exchange risk management strategy. Derivatives are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, Derivatives are measured at FVTPL and are recorded in the statement of comprehensive income. Mullen Group has not designated any Derivatives as hedges for accounting purposes.

## (v) Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be incurred to remediate, reclaim and abandon the Corporation's disposal wells and related facilities in future periods. The Corporation uses an estimated inflation rate and a risk-free interest rate in the measurement of the present value of its asset retirement obligations. The associated asset retirement cost is capitalized within property, plant and equipment and is amortized over its estimated useful life. Any revisions to the estimated timing, amount of cash flows, inflation rate or risk-free interest rate are recognized as a change in the asset retirement obligation and the asset retirement cost. Accretion expense is recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income within other (income) expense. The estimated future costs of the Corporation's asset retirement obligations are reviewed and adjusted as required at the end of each reporting period.

## (vi) Equity

Common Shares are presented in share capital within equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of Common Shares and share options are recognized as a deduction from share capital, net of any tax effects. When share capital recognized as equity is repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, which includes directly attributable costs net of any tax effects, is recognized as a deduction from share capital. When Common Shares are repurchased and cancelled, the stated value is deducted from share capital and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is recorded against the retained earnings within equity.

## (h) Provisions

A provision is recognized in the financial statements when Mullen Group has a material obligation, whether existing or potential, as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the obligation is determined to be material, then the estimated amount of the provision is determined by discounting the expected future cash outflows.



#### (i) Finance costs

Finance costs encompass interest expense on financial liabilities and accretion expense on debt and are recognized as an expense in the period in which they are incurred. Finance costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalized as part of the cost of that purchase.

## (j) Employee Benefits

## (i) Short-Term Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognized for the amount expected to be paid under Mullen Group's profit share plans when a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be reliably estimated.

#### (k) Acquisitions

Acquisitions of businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. Acquired assets and assumed liabilities are recognized at their fair values at the acquisition date. For those acquisitions that include a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition date fair value and subsequent changes in such fair value amounts are recognized in net income. Acquisition-related costs are recognized in net income as incurred.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, Mullen Group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted retrospectively during the measurement period to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognized as of that date.

#### 4. Determination of Fair Values

A number of Mullen Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in Note 2 and in notes specific to that asset or liability.

Financial instruments measured at fair value on the statement of financial position require classification into one of the following levels of the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The fair value hierarchy level at which a fair value measurement is categorized is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

#### (a) Trade and Other Receivables

The fair value of trade and other receivables is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. This fair value is determined for disclosure purposes.

#### (b) Property, Plant and Equipment

The fair value of property, plant and equipment recognized as a result of a business combination is based on fair values at date of acquisition. The fair value of items of property, plant and equipment is based on market or cost approaches using quoted market prices for similar items when available and replacement cost when appropriate.

## (c) Intangible Assets

The fair value of customer relationships acquired in a business combination is determined using the multi-period excess earnings method, whereby the subject asset is valued after deducting a fair return on all other assets that are part of creating the related cash flows.

The fair value of other intangible assets is based on the discounted cash flows expected to be derived from the use and eventual sale of the assets.

## (d) Investments

The fair value of financial assets designated as measured at fair value, is determined by reference to their quoted closing price at the reporting date. Other than investments accounted for by the equity method, the fair value of all of Mullen Group's investments were determined using Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### (e) Derivative Financial Instruments

The fair value of Derivatives is determined using Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Level 2 fair values are determined by referencing observable market data, including future foreign currency curves, interest rates, credit spreads and other financial measures. Transaction costs are recognized in net income as incurred.



## (f) Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

The fair value of accounts payable and accrued liabilities is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. This fair value is determined for disclosure purposes.

## (g) Non-Derivative Financial Liabilities

Fair value is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

## (h) Private Placement Debt

The fair value of Private Placement Debt is determined using Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Level 2 values are determined by referencing observable market data, including changes to interest rates and foreign exchange fluctuations.

## (i) Convertible debentures – debt component

The fair value of convertible debentures – debt component is determined using Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Level 1 values are determined using quoted prices in active markets.

## Fair Values Versus Carrying Amounts

The following tables compare the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities to its corresponding carrying amount as presented in the consolidated statement of financial position:

December 31, 2019 Financial Instrument	Car	rying Amount		Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	79,023	\$	79,023
Trade and other receivables	,	211,209	•	211,209
Investments (excluding investments accounted for by using the equity method)		2,154		2,154
Other assets		3,459		3,459
Total financial assets	\$	295,845	\$	295,845
Bank indebtedness	\$	_	\$	_
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		90,028		90,028
Dividends payable		5,241		5,241
Private Placement Debt		467,392		408,836
Convertible debentures - debt component		108,764		112,240
Total financial liabilities	\$	671,425	\$	616,345
December 31, 2018 Financial Instrument	Car	rying Amount		Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,916	\$	3,916
Trade and other receivables		218,089		218,089
Investments (excluding investments accounted for by using the equity method)		2,803		2,803
Other assets		4,830		4,830
Total financial assets	\$	229,638	\$	229,638
Bank indebtedness	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		99,276		99,276
Dividends payable		5,241		5,241
Private Placement Debt		482,185		384,041
Total financial liabilities	\$	616,702	\$	518,558



## 5. Acquisitions

## 2019 Acquisitions

Argus Carriers Ltd. and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd. – On July 1, 2019, Mullen Group acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Argus and Inter-Urban for total cash consideration of \$20.0 million. Mullen Group recorded \$14.2 million of cash used to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Argus and Inter-Urban on its consolidated statement of cash flows, which consists of \$20.0 million of total consideration less \$5.8 million allocated to the repayment of shareholder loans. Both Argus and Inter-Urban provide transportation and logistics services in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Mullen Group acquired Argus and Inter-Urban as part of our strategy to invest in transportation and logistics companies that have a strong regional less-than-truckload ("LTL") presence centrally located to serve consumers in large urban centres. Argus and Inter-Urban have been integrated into the operations of Tenold Transportation Ltd. ("Tenold"), whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

Jen Express Inc. – On May 1, 2019, Mullen Group acquired the business and assets of Jen Express for cash consideration of \$1.5 million. Included in this amount is \$0.3 million of contingent consideration. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the vendor may receive cash consideration of up to \$0.3 million for achieving certain financial targets over the two year period ending May 1, 2021. Mullen Group has estimated the fair value of this contingent consideration to be \$0.3 million. The funds to settle this liability have been set aside in an escrow account, which have been presented within cash and cash equivalents. Located in Stettler, Alberta, Jen Express offers LTL services and has been integrated into the operations of the Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies ("Hi-Way 9"), whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

## 2018 Acquisitions

Number 8 Freight Ltd. – Effective August 1, 2018, Mullen Group acquired the business and assets of 1007474 B.C. Ltd. doing business as Number 8 Freight, which were contributed to a newly formed corporation named Number 8 Freight Ltd. ("Number 8") for cash consideration of \$5.0 million. Mullen Group recorded \$5.0 million of cash used to acquire Number 8 on its consolidated statement of cash flows. Mullen Group acquired the business and assets of Number 8 as part of its strategy to invest in the transportation sector in western Canada. Number 8 operates a fleet of approximately 80 owner operators that provides same day LTL, full load and expedited transportation services to the greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley regions of British Columbia. Number 8 operates out of a facility located in Chilliwack, British Columbia and has been integrated into the operations of Tenold, whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

Canadian Hydrovac Ltd. – Effective July 1, 2018, Mullen Group acquired Canadian Hydrovac Ltd. ("Canadian Hydrovac") for total consideration of \$11.9 million consisting of \$9.9 million of cash consideration and \$2.0 million of Common Shares of the Corporation by issuing 133,334 Common Shares. Mullen Group recorded \$4.6 million of cash used to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Canadian Hydrovac on its consolidated statement of cash flows, which consists of \$9.9 million of total cash consideration less \$5.3 million allocated to the repayment of long-term debt. Canadian Hydrovac is headquartered in Edmonton, Alberta and operates a fleet of approximately 50 pieces of specialized equipment including: hydrovacs, vacuum trucks, combo units and various other pieces of support equipment. Mullen Group acquired Canadian Hydrovac as part of its strategy to invest in the energy sector and its financial results were included in the Oilfield Services segment.

AECOM's Canadian Industrial Services Division – On June 25, 2018, Mullen Group acquired the business and assets of AECOM's Canadian Industrial Services Division ("AECOM ISD") for cash consideration of \$25.9 million. Mullen Group recorded \$25.9 million of cash used to acquire AECOM ISD on its consolidated statement of cash flows. Mullen Group acquired the business and assets of AECOM ISD as part of its strategy to invest in the energy sector. AECOM ISD provides specialized oilfield services and operates largely within the heavy oil and oil sands regions of Alberta and has been integrated into the operations of Cascade Energy Services L.P., E-Can Oilfield Services L.P. and Heavy Crude Hauling L.P., whose financial results were included in the Oilfield Services segment.

Dacota Freight Services Ltd. – Effective April 1, 2018, Mullen Group acquired Dacota Freight Services Ltd. ("Dacota") for cash consideration of \$2.4 million, comprised of \$2.1 million for all of the issued and outstanding shares and \$0.3 million for the repayment of debt. Included in this amount is \$0.2 million of contingent consideration. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the vendor may receive cash consideration of up to \$0.2 million for achieving certain financial targets over the two year period ending March 31, 2020. Mullen Group has estimated the fair value of this contingent consideration to be \$0.2 million, which was based on management's best estimate of Dacota's pro forma operating results. The funds to settle this liability have been set aside in an escrow account, which have been presented within cash and cash equivalents. Mullen Group recorded \$2.1 million of cash used to acquire Dacota on its consolidated statement of cash flows, which consists of \$2.4 million of total cash consideration less \$0.3 million allocated to the repayment of long-term debt. Dacota is headquartered in Cranbrook, British Columbia and provides transportation and logistics services primarily in western Canada. Mullen Group acquired Dacota as part of its strategy to invest in the transportation sector in western Canada. Dacota has been integrated into the operations of Hi-Way 9, whose financial results were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

DWS Logistics Inc. – On February 9, 2018, Mullen Group acquired DWS Logistics Inc. ("DWS") for cash consideration of \$10.1 million, comprised of \$8.3 million for all of the issued and outstanding shares and \$1.8 million for the repayment of debt. Included in this amount is \$1.0 million of contingent consideration. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the vendors could receive cash consideration of up to \$1.0 million for achieving certain financial targets for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2018. Mullen Group initially estimated the fair value of this contingent consideration to be \$1.0 million, which was based on management's best estimate of DWS' pro forma operating results. The funds to settle this liability have been set aside in an escrow account, which have been presented within cash and cash equivalents. DWS achieved the financial targets for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2018. Mullen Group recorded \$8.3 million of cash used to acquire DWS on its consolidated statement of cash flows, which consists of \$10.1 million of total cash consideration less \$1.8 million allocated to the repayment of long-term debt. DWS is headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario and provides value-added warehousing and distribution services which includes warehousing, distribution, order fulfilment, cross docking and transloading, all of which are supported by a proprietary inventory management system. DWS has over 500,000 square feet of warehousing space situated in four distribution centres in the greater Toronto area and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Mullen Group acquired



DWS as part of its strategy to invest in the transportation and e-commerce sectors in Canada. The financial results from DWS' operations were included in the Trucking/Logistics segment.

These acquisitions have been accounted for by the acquisition method, and results of operations have been included in these Annual Financial Statements from the dates of acquisition. The goodwill acquired in these acquisitions primarily relates to the assembled workforce and the synergies from the integration of the acquired businesses.

	 Argus / Inter-Urban	 Jen Express	 2019	2018
Assets:				
Non-cash working capital items	\$ 745	\$ 27	\$ 772	\$ 2,152
Property, plant and equipment	3,626	37	3,663	34,334
Right-of-use assets	1,852	679	2,531	_
Intangible assets	15,725	1,406	17,131	22,125
Goodwill (not deductible for tax purposes)	3,430	_	3,430	1,927
	25,378	2,149	27,527	60,538
Assumed liabilities:				
Lease liabilities	1,852	679	2,531	_
Long-term debt	_	_	_	7,113(1
Due to shareholder	5,767	_	5,767	259
Deferred income taxes	3,530	_	3,530	5,330
	11,149	679	11,828	12,702
Net assets before cash and cash equivalents	14,229	1,470	15,699	47,836
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)	(95)	_	(95)	(1,769)
Net assets	14,134	1,470	15,604	46,067
Consideration:				
Cash	14,134	1,170	15,304	42,917
Share consideration	_	_	_	2,000
Contingent consideration	_	300	300	1,150
	\$ 14,134	\$ 1,470	\$ 15,604	\$ 46,067

<sup>(1)</sup> In 2018 long-term debt consisted of \$5.1 million of bank debt and \$2.0 million of finance leases.

## 6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

**Policy:** Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash and highly liquid short-term investments originally maturing within three months or less, net of bank indebtedness used for operational purposes. Bank indebtedness is repayable on demand and forms an integral part of the Corporation's cash management and is therefore included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows.

## Supporting information:

	December 31		December 31		
	2019		2018		
Cash	\$ 79,023(1)	\$	3,916(1)		
Bank indebtedness	_		(30,000)		
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness)	\$ 79,023	\$	(26,084)		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$0.8 million (2018 – \$1.2 million) of cash held in escrow. For more information refer to Note 5.

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash and bank indebtedness held at Canadian financial institutions that are rated AA- and A-1 S&P Credit Rating as at December 31, 2019. Mullen Group has a \$150.0 million revolving demand unsecured credit facility (the "Bank Credit Facility"). As at December 31, 2019, there were no amounts drawn on this facility.



#### 7. Trade and Other Receivables

**Policy:** The Corporation applies an expected credit loss approach in determining provisions for financial assets (other than equity instruments) carried at amortized cost or fair value through net income and total comprehensive income. The approach that the Corporation has taken for trade receivables is a provision matrix approach whereby lifetime expected credit losses are recognized based on aging characterization and credit worthiness of customers. Specific provisions may be used where there is information that a specific customer's expected credit losses has increased. On transition to the amendments made to the standard, there was not a material change in the amount of provision recognized.

**Estimates:** The Corporation calculates the expected credit losses on accounts receivable using a provision matrix which is based on the Corporation's historical credit loss experience for accounts receivable to estimate the lifetime expected credit losses. The provision matrix specifies fixed provision rates depending on the number of days that a trade receivable is past due.

### Supporting information:

	December 31	December	
	2019		2018
Trade receivables	\$ 182,023	\$	190,150
Other receivables <sup>(1)</sup>	26,907		27,289
Net investment in finance leases <sup>(2)</sup>	788		_
Contract assets	1,491		650
	\$ 211,209	\$	218,089

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$11.2 million (2018 – \$9.3 million) of amounts due from related parties. Mullen Group has entered into \$11.2 million (2018 – \$13.7 million) of debenture agreements with Thrive and PCX (as hereafter defined on page 113). At December 31, 2019, there was \$11.0 million (2018 – \$12.1 million) drawn on these debentures. These debentures mature in 2020 and have therefore been classified as a current asset.

A contract asset is recognition of Mullen Group's right to consideration in exchange for goods or services we have transferred to a customer that is conditional on something other than the passage of time. For Mullen Group, the majority of the contract assets consists of amounts recognized on a transportation contract that has been partially transported but not yet delivered to destination at period end.

The classification between current and non-current assets in respect of trade and other receivables was as follows:

	December 31		December 31
	2019		2018
Current	\$ 211,209	\$	218,089
Non-current	\$ _	\$	_

The aging of trade receivables and allowance for doubtful accounts was as follows:

	December 31	December 31
	2019	2018
Current 0-30 days	\$ 94,931	\$ 101,313
Past due 31-60 days	56,728	57,744
Past due 61-90 days	17,689	18,105
More than 90 days	20,485	18,899
	189,833	196,061
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(7,810)	(5,911)
Total trade receivables (net of impairment)	\$ 182,023	\$ 190,150



<sup>(2)</sup> Net investment in finance leases includes amounts owing within 12 months or less and mainly consist of the net investment in subleases on real property where the Business Unit has entered into the head lease.

The change in the allowance for doubtful accounts in respect of trade and other receivables during the year was as follows:

	2019	2018
Balance at January 1	\$ 5,911	\$ 4,435
Acquired during the year	7	177
Bad debts recognized	(1,193)	(430)
Allowance for doubtful accounts recorded	3,641	1,970
Allowance for doubtful accounts reversed	(556)	(241)
Balance at December 31	\$ 7,810	\$ 5,911

The expected credit loss allowance calculated as at December 31, 2019, was \$7.8 million, which represents an increase of \$1.9 million as compared to the allowance calculated in the prior year.

#### 8. Inventory

Inventory consists primarily of repair parts, fuel and items for resale.

**Policy:** Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. The cost of inventory is accounted for on a weighted average basis and includes expenditures incurred in acquiring the inventory, and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated selling expenses.

### Supporting information:

	December 31 2019	December 31 2018
Inventory of repair parts and fuel	\$ 24,128	\$ 27,648
Inventory for resale	8,887	6,230
	\$ 33,015	\$ 33,878

### 9. Property, Plant and Equipment

**Estimates:** Depreciation and amortization are calculated using a systematic and rational basis, which are based upon an estimate of each assets useful life and residual value. The estimated useful life and residual value chosen are Mullen Group's best estimate of such and are based on industry norms, historical experience, market conditions and other estimates that consider the period and distribution of future cash inflows.

**Judgements:** Mullen Group's depreciation and amortization methods for trucks and trailers as well as other property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are based on management's judgement in selecting methods that most accurately match the pattern of economic benefits consumed by the Corporation from the use of such assets. These judgements are based upon industry norms and Mullen Group's historical experience.

**Policy:** Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to a working condition for their intended use, the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and borrowing costs on qualifying assets.

When the cost of a part of an item of property, plant and equipment is significant in relation to the total cost of an item and the parts have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment. The costs of day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognized in direct operating expenses. Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount and are recognized net within other (income) expense. Depreciation of additions and disposals is prorated from the month of purchase or disposal. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate. Except for leasehold improvements, depreciation is recorded annually over the estimated useful lives of the assets on the declining balance basis at the following depreciation rates:

Buildings	2.5 - 8%
Trucks and trailers	10 - 20%
Equipment, satellite communication equipment, furniture and fixtures, automobiles, computer hardware	e and
systems software ("Miscellaneous Equipment")	20 - 30%



### Supporting information:

	Land and buildings	Trucks and trailers	Miscellaneous Equipment	Drilling equipment	Total
Cost					
Balance at January 1, 2019	\$ 552,696	\$ 780,052	\$ 269,792	\$ 30,150	\$ 1,632,690
Additions(1)	18,805	39,867	20,643	_	79,315
Disposals	(72)	(32,065)	(9,780)	_	(41,917)
Balance at December 31, 2019	571,429	787,854	280,655	30,150	1,670,088
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance at January 1, 2019	68,449	396,323	187,246	14,989	667,007
Depreciation expense	7,896	54,241	16,817	1,522	80,476
Disposals	(51)	(24,464)	(7,484)	_	(31,999)
Balance at December 31, 2019	76,294	426,100	196,579	16,511	715,484
Net book value at December 31, 2019	\$ 495,135	\$ 361,754	\$ 84,076	\$ 13,639	\$ 954,604

	Land and buildings	Trucks and trailers	Miscellaneous Equipment	Drilling equipment	Total
Cost					
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$ 528,154	\$ 731,381	\$ 259,724	\$ 30,150	\$ 1,549,409
Additions(1)	24,542	83,534	26,025	_	134,101
Disposals	_	(34,863)	(15,957)	_	(50,820)
Balance at December 31, 2018	552,696	780,052	269,792	30,150	1,632,690
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance at January 1, 2018	60,643	374,854	184,474	13,298	633,269
Depreciation expense	7,806	45,497	17,057	1,691	72,051
Disposals	_	(24,028)	(14,285)	_	(38,313)
Balance at December 31, 2018	68,449	396,323	187,246	14,989	667,007
Net book value at December 31, 2018	\$ 484,247	\$ 383,729	\$ 82,546	\$ 15,161	\$ 965,683

<sup>(1)</sup> Additions include property, plant, and equipment purchased by way of business acquisitions of \$3.7 million (2018 - \$34.3 million).

At December 31, 2019, land and buildings include \$32.0 million (2018 – \$32.4 million) of investment properties held to earn rental income. The total cost and accumulated depreciation associated with investment properties was \$35.5 million (2018 – \$35.5 million) and \$3.5 million (2018 – \$3.1 million), respectively. Mullen Group generated \$2.6 million of rental income (2018 – \$2.6 million) from investment properties. At December 31, 2019, the fair market value of investment properties was \$55.0 million (2018 – \$39.2 million).

Property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or conditions indicate that their net carrying amount may not be recoverable. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Corporation recorded an impairment loss of \$7.3 million that was recorded as additional depreciation. This impairment loss related mainly to specialty equipment within the Oilfield Services segment after an assessment of current market conditions for such equipment. During the year ended December 31, 2018, there was no impairment loss recorded on property, plant and equipment.



<sup>►</sup> For more information refer to Note 5.

#### 10. Right-of-Use Assets

	Real Property	Operating Equipment	Total
Cost			
Balance at January 1, 2019(1)	\$ 39,462	\$ 2,716	\$ 42,178
Additions	5,126	5,980	11,106
Subleases <sup>(2)</sup>	(3,484)	(20)	(3,504)
Disposals <sup>(3)</sup>	(1,978)	_	(1,978)
Balance at December 31, 2019	39,126	8,676	47,802
Accumulated Depreciation			
Balance at January 1, 2019	_	_	_
Depreciation expense	9,316	2,394	11,710
Disposals	(707)	_	(707)
Balance at December 31, 2019	8,609	2,394	11,003
Net book value at December 31, 2019	\$ 30,517	\$ 6,282	\$ 36,799

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$42.2 million of the initial lease liabilities with a corresponding amount recorded in right-of-use assets.

#### 11. Goodwill

In general terms, goodwill represents the future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired in a business combination that are not individually identified and separately recognized.

**Estimates:** The recoverability of Goodwill that involves estimating future cash flows involving Mullen Group's best estimate of the set of economic conditions that are expected to exist over the forecast period, considering past and actual performance as well as expected developments in the perspective markets and in the overall macro-economic environment, forecasted changes in drilling activity and the Business Unit's respective markets. The fair value of each CGU was determined using Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Judgements: Estimating future cash flows requires judgement, considering past and actual performance as well as expected developments in the respective markets and in the overall macro-economic environment. In addition, the allocation of shared corporate and administrative assets to our CGU's requires certain judgements. Key assumptions are detailed below. For more information, refer to Note 11 (b).

**Policy:** Mullen Group measures goodwill as the fair value of the consideration transferred, less the net recognized amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed, all measured as of the acquisition date. Transaction costs, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that Mullen Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

For the purpose of calculating goodwill, fair values of acquired assets, assumed liabilities and contingent liabilities are determined by reference to market values or by discounting expected future cash flows to present value. This discounting is either performed using market rates or by using risk free interest rates and risk adjusted expected future cash flows.

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment annually at December 31, or more frequently if there are indications that impairment may have occurred. Goodwill impairment is tested at the CGU level and is determined based upon the recoverable amount of each CGU compared to the CGU's respective carrying amount. At Mullen Group, the CGUs consist of each of its Business Units. The recoverable amount is the higher of FVLCD and the VIU. If the impairment loss exceeds the carrying amount of goodwill, the goodwill is written off completely. Any impairment loss left over is allocated to the remaining assets of the CGU. Impairment losses in respect of goodwill are irreversible.

# Supporting information:

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are shown below:

	2019	2018
Gross amount of goodwill	\$ 1,263,277	\$ 1,261,350
Accumulated impairment	998,000	898,000
Balance at January 1	\$ 265,277	\$ 363,350
Goodwill acquired during the year	3,430	1,927
Impairment of goodwill	_	(100,000)
Balance at December 31	\$ 268,707	\$ 265,277



<sup>(2)</sup> Includes \$3.5 million of net investment in finance leases, which mainly related to subleases on real property.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes \$0.9 million of lease inducements on real property.

At December 31, 2019, the Trucking/Logistics segment had a carrying value of \$190.4 million of goodwill in 2019 as compared to \$187.0 million in 2018. This \$3.4 million increase was a result of recognizing goodwill on the Argus and Inter-Urban acquisitions. The Oilfield Services segment had a carrying value of \$78.3 million of goodwill, which is consistent with the amount recorded in 2018. For more information, refer to Note 5.

The following table summarizes the significant carrying amounts of goodwill:

	December 31	December 31
	2019	2018
Cash Generating Unit		
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership	\$ 79,875	\$ 79,875
Kleysen Group Ltd.	34,099	34,099
Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies	23,902(1)	20,981
Tenold Transportation Ltd.	18,791(1)	15,361
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P.	16,989	16,989
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.	12,094	12,094
Canadian Dewatering L.P.	11,674	11,674
Other CGUs	71,283	74,204
Total Goodwill	\$ 268,707	\$ 265,277

<sup>(</sup>f) In 2019, the increase in the carrying amount of goodwill within Hi-Way 9 and Tenold resulted from combining the operations of Bernard Transport Ltd. into Hi-Way 9 on January 1, 2019, and from the acquisition of Argus and Inter-Urban being integrated into Tenold.

### (a) Impairment Testing for Cash Generating Units Containing Goodwill

At December 31, 2019, Mullen Group performed its annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that there was no impairment of goodwill in any of its CGUs as the recoverable amount for these CGUs was higher than their respective carrying amount.

At December 31, 2018, ("Valuation Date") Mullen Group performed its annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that there was impairment of goodwill within certain CGUs in the Oilfield Services segment as the recoverable amount for these CGUs was lower than their respective carrying amount. Mullen Group recognized a \$100.0 million impairment of goodwill in 2018 using the following discount and terminal value growth rates within each respective CGU: The impairment of goodwill within these CGUs resulted from the deterioration of the oil and natural gas industry in the fourth quarter of 2018, which led to Mullen Group revising its projected future cash flows. After recognizing this impairment of goodwill, the recoverable amount of these CGUs equaled its carrying amount. The recording of this impairment of goodwill is recognized as an expense and reduces book equity and net income but it does not impact cash flows.

	lı	npairment of Goodwill	Discount Rate	Terminal Value Growth Rate
Cash Generating Unit				
Formula Powell L.P.	\$	45.6	11.5%	2.5%
Cascade Energy Services L.P.		37.6	12.0%	2.0%
Mullen Oilfield Services L.P.		5.8	12.0%	2.0%
Spearing Service L.P.		5.0	12.0%	2.0%
R. E. Line Trucking (Coleville) Ltd.		3.0	12.0%	2.5%
Withers L.P.		3.0	12.0%	2.0%
Total impairment of goodwill	\$	100.0		



### (b) Recoverable Amount

Mullen Group determines the recoverable amount for its CGUs based on the higher of the FVLCD and VIU. The recoverable amount was determined using a discounted cash flow approach for all CGUs. The recoverable value was determined by discounting the future cash flows generated from Mullen Group's continuing use of the CGU. The discounted cash flow model employed by the Corporation reflects the specifics of each CGU and its business environment. The model calculates the present value of the estimated future earnings of each CGU.

Estimating future earnings requires judgement, considering past and actual performance as well as expected developments in the respective markets and in the overall macro-economic environment. The calculation of the recoverable amount using the discounted cash flow approach was based on the following key assumptions:

	Discou	nt rate	Terminal value	growth rate
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Cash Generating Unit				
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership	10.5%	10.5%	2.0%	2.0%
Kleysen Group Ltd.	10.5%	10.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies	11.0%	11.0%	2.5%	2.5%
Tenold Transportation Ltd.	11.0%	11.0%	0.0%	2.5%
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P.	12.0%	12.0%	2.0%	2.0%
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.	12.0%	12.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Canadian Dewatering L.P.	12.0%	12.0%	2.5%	2.5%
Other	11.0% - 12.0%	11.0% - 12.0%	2.0% - 2.5%	2.0% - 2.5%

- (i) Cash flows were projected based on past experience, actual operating results and the one year business plan for the immediate year. Cash flows for a further four year period were extrapolated using constant growth rates of between 2.0 to 2.5 percent with adjustments reflecting an expectation of changes in the general economy, forecasted changes in drilling activity and the Business Unit's respective markets, and represents the Corporation's best estimate of the set of economic conditions that are expected to exist over the forecast period.
- (ii) The terminal value growth rate is based on management's best estimate of the long-term growth rate for its CGUs after the forecast period, considering historic performance and future economic forecasts.
- (iii) Each CGU's discount rate reflects their individual size, risk profile and circumstance and is based on past experience and industry average weighted average cost of capital.

The Corporation believes that the following changes in the key assumptions would result in a recoverable amount equal to the carrying value of the CGU, with any additional change in the assumptions causing goodwill to become impaired.

	Change in discount rate		Change in terminal value growth rate		
	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	
	2019 2018		2019	2018	
Cash Generating Unit					
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership	4.1%	5.0%	(6.1)%	(8.6)%	
Kleysen Group Ltd.	6.4%	8.3%	(10.3)%	(16.4)%	
Hi-Way 9 Group of Companies	12.8%	12.7%	(29.2)%	(34.4)%	
Tenold Transportation Ltd.	6.5%	11.3%	(8.4)%	(26.9)%	
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P.	3.5%	1.3%	(5.4)%	(1.9)%	
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P.	3.0%	2.4%	(4.4)%	(2.8)%	
Canadian Dewatering L.P.	8.9%	7.8%	(17.5)%	(14.5)%	



#### 12. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are mainly comprised of customer relationships and non-competition agreements acquired through business combinations. In 2019, Mullen Group acquired \$17.1 million and \$0.4 million by virtue of acquisitions and from purchasing a customer list, respectively. Intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis over a period of five years.

**Policy:** Intangible assets acquired as part of acquisitions are capitalized at fair value as determined at the date of acquisition and are subsequently stated at that capitalized cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

### Supporting information:

	Opening balance at January 1 2018	Additions (Amortization)	Closing balance at December 31 2018	Additions (Amortization)	Closing balance at December 31 2019
Cost	\$ 264,616	\$ 25,100	\$ 289,716	\$ 17,491	\$ 307,207
Amortization	(224,007)	(15,439)	(239,446)	(19,305)	(258,751)
Carrying amount	\$ 40,609		\$ 50,270		\$ 48,456

#### 13. Investments

	December 31		December 31
	2019		2018
Investments	\$ 2,154	\$	2,803
Investments – equity method	36,337		33,466
	\$ 38,491	\$	36,269

### (a) Investments

Mullen Group periodically invests in certain private and public corporations. Mullen Group did not purchase any investments in 2019 or 2018. During 2019, Mullen Group sold \$0.7 million of investments. There were no investments sold in 2018.

### (b) Investments accounted for by the equity method

In 2019 Mullen Group did not purchase or sell any equity investments. In 2018 Mullen Group invested \$2.0 million to acquire a 40.0 percent equity interest in Pacific Coast Express Limited ("PCX"), a regional LTL company operating out of a number of facilities in western Canada. Mullen Group made this equity investment as part of its strategy to invest in the transportation sector in western Canada. The Corporation granted the majority shareholder of PCX an irrevocable option to sell all of the remaining shares of PCX to Mullen Group at a price to be agreed upon by both parties once certain financial targets have been achieved. In 2017, Mullen Group invested \$0.2 million to acquire a 30.0 percent equity interest in Thrive Fluid Management Corp., a fluid management company operating in the Grande Prairie, Alberta region. On December 31, 2018, Thrive Fluid Management Corp. changed its name to Thrive Management Group Ltd. ("Thrive"). Mullen Group made this equity investment as part of its strategy to invest in the energy sector. In 2014, Mullen Group acquired a 30.0 percent interest in Kriska Transportation Group Limited ("Kriska Transportation"). Kriska Transportation is a growth oriented transportation and logistics company based in Prescott, Ontario. At December 31, 2019, the Corporation had a carrying value of \$28.6 million (2018 – \$27.3 million) related to its equity investment in Kriska Transportation. Mullen Group uses the equity method to account for investments from the date in which it obtains significant influence. In 2019, the aggregate amount of Mullen Group's share of net income and total comprehensive income from its investments accounted for by the equity method was \$2.9 million (2018 – \$3.8 million). In 2019, revenue and operating income before depreciation and amortization on the Corporation's equity investments was \$275.1 million (2018 – \$234.6 million) and \$42.6 million (2018 – \$26.8 million), respectively. For more information refer to Note 28.

### 14. Derivative Financial Instruments

On July 25, 2014, Mullen Group entered into two cross-currency swap contracts with a Canadian bank to swap \$117.0 million U.S. dollars and \$112.0 million U.S. dollars into Canadian dollars (collectively, the "Cross-Currency Swaps") at foreign exchange rates of \$1.1047 and \$1.1148 that mature on October 22, 2024 and October 22, 2026, respectively. These Cross-Currency Swaps hedge the principal amount of the Series G and Series H Notes. At December 31, 2019, the carrying value of these Cross-Currency Swaps was \$41.4 million (2018 – \$42.2 million) and was recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position within derivative financial instruments.

**Estimates:** Mullen Group utilizes Derivatives such as Cross-Currency Swaps to manage its exposure to foreign currency risks relating to its U.S. dollar debt. The fair value of Derivatives fluctuate depending on the estimate of certain underlying financial measures. The estimated fair value of Derivatives are based on observable market data, including foreign currency curves, interest rates and credit spreads.

Policy: Mullen Group adopted IFRS 9 (2010) – Financial Instruments as it relates to classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities in advance of its effective date. ▶ For more information refer to Note 3(g).

**Supporting information:** For the year ended December 31, 2019, Mullen Group recorded a net foreign exchange (gain) loss of \$(14.1) million (2018 – \$8.5 million). This was due to the impact of the change over the period in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar on the Corporation's U.S. dollar debt and from the change in the fair value of its Cross-Currency Swaps as summarized in the table below:



Net Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss	CDN. \$ Equivalent					
	Years ended December 31					
		2019		2018		
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. \$ debt	\$	(14,976)	\$	25,121		
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps		836		(16,584)		
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	\$	(14,140)	\$	8,537		

For the year ended December 31, 2019, Mullen Group recorded a foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. dollar debt of \$(15.0) million (2018 – \$25.1 million) as summarized in the table below:

Foreign Exchange (Gain) Loss on U.S. \$ Debt	Years ended December 31						
		2019		2018			
(\$ thousands, except exchange rate amounts)	U.S. \$ Debt	Exchange Rate	CDN. \$ Equivalent	U.S. \$ Debt	Exchange Rate	CDN. \$ Equivalent	
Ending – December 31	229,000	1.2988	297,426	229,000	1.3642	312,402	
Beginning – January 1	229,000	1.3642	312,402	229,000	1.2545	287,281	
Foreign exchange (gain) loss on U.S. \$ debt			(14,976)			25,121	

For the year ended December 31, 2019, Mullen Group recorded a foreign exchange loss (gain) on its Cross-Currency Swaps of \$0.8 million (2018 – \$(16.6) million). This was due to the change over the period in the fair value of these Cross-Currency Swaps as summarized in the table below:

Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps	Years ended December 31						
		2019	2018				
	U.S. \$ Swaps	CDN. \$ Change in Fair Value of Swaps	U.S. \$ Swaps	CDN. \$ Change in Fair Value of Swaps			
Cross-Currency Swap maturing October 22, 2024	117,000	1,153	117,000	(9,116)			
Cross-Currency Swap maturing October 22, 2026	112,000	(317)	112,000	(7,468)			
Foreign exchange loss (gain) on Cross-Currency Swaps		836		(16,584)			

### 15. Other Assets

	December 31,	December 31,
	2019	2018
Debentures – equity investee	\$ _	\$ 3,200
Promissory notes	767	1,037
Net investment in finance leases <sup>(1)</sup>	2,284	_
Other	408	593
	\$ 3,459	\$ 4,830

<sup>(1)</sup> Net investment in finance leases includes amounts owing after 12 months and mainly consists of the net investment in subleases on real property where the Business Unit has entered into the head lease.

At December 31, 2019, Mullen Group has entered into \$8.0 million (2018 – \$10.5 million) of debenture agreements with Thrive of which there was \$7.8 million (2018 – \$8.9 million) drawn on these debentures. These debentures mature in 2020 and have therefore been classified as a current asset. Mullen Group has entered into a \$3.2 million debenture agreement with PCX. This debenture matures in 2020 and has therefore been classified as a current asset. For more information refer to Note 7. Mullen Group has a general security interest in all of PCX's assets.



#### 16. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

**Policy:** Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been purchased in the normal course of business and are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

### Supporting information:

	December 31	December 31
	2019	2018
Trade payables	\$ 30,322	\$ 33,160
Amounts due to related parties	17	20
Non-trade payables and accrued liabilities	59,689	66,096
	\$ 90,028	\$ 99,276

### 17. Dividends Payable

For the year ended December 31, 2019, Mullen Group declared monthly dividends of \$0.05 per Common Share totalling \$0.60 per Common Share (2018 – \$0.60 per Common Share). On February 12, 2020, Mullen Group announced its intention to pay annual dividends of \$0.60 per Common Share (\$0.05 per Common Share on a monthly basis) for 2020. At December 31, 2019, Mullen Group had 104,824,973 Common Shares outstanding and a dividend payable of \$5.2 million (December 31, 2018 – \$5.2 million), which was paid on January 15, 2020. Mullen Group also declared a dividend of \$0.05 per Common Share on January 22, 2020, to the holders of record at the close of business on January 31, 2020.

### 18. Income Taxes

**Estimates:** The realization of deferred tax assets depends on the future taxable income of the respective Mullen Group subsidiaries. The continued recognition of deferred tax assets is based on estimates of internal projections of future earnings, tax deductions and anticipated income tax rates.

**Policy:** Income tax expense for the period consists of current and deferred tax. Tax is recognized in net income, except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Taxable income differs from net income as reported in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. As a result, current tax is the expected tax due on taxable income less adjustments to prior periods using tax rates enacted, or substantively enacted as at the reporting date in jurisdictions where Mullen Group operates.

In general, deferred income taxes are recognized based on temporary differences arising between the tax value of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Annual Financial Statements. Deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill and are not accounted for if they arise from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable income. Deferred income taxes are calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted as at the reporting date and apply to when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent it is probable that future taxable income will be generated and available to use against the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits. Current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to settle on a net basis and when such assets and liabilities relate to income taxes imposed by the same taxation authority.

The provision for income tax expense differs from the amounts that would be obtained by applying the expected Canadian statutory tax rates enacted or substantively enacted as at the respective reporting dates.



# Supporting information:

Deferred tax assets totalling \$8.1 million (2018 – \$9.2 million) consist mainly of the temporary differences arising from the purchase of goodwill on asset acquisitions, intangible assets and from loss carry forward balances. Recognized deferred tax assets and liabilities consist of the following:

December 31, 2019	Assets	Liabilities	Net
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 149	\$ (100,452)	\$ (100,303)
Goodwill – asset acquisitions	5,891	(2,002)	3,889
Intangible assets	910	(9,763)	(8,853)
Investments	_	(1,852)	(1,852)
Loss carry-forwards	778	_	778
Financing fees	148	_	148
Holdbacks and deferred interest	_	(448)	(448)
Convertible debentures	_	(2,660)	(2,660)
Right-of-use assets	194	(392)	(198)
	\$ 8,070	\$ (117,569)	\$ (109,499)

December 31, 2018	Assets	Liabilities	Net
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 96	\$ (109,866)	\$ (109,770)
Goodwill – asset acquisitions	6,908	(2,051)	4,857
Intangible assets	690	(11,085)	(10,395)
Investments	_	(933)	(933)
Loss carry-forwards	844	_	844
Financing fees	649	_	649
Holdbacks and deferred interest	_	(190)	(190)
	\$ 9,187	\$ (124,125)	\$ (114,938)

The analysis of the components of net deferred tax is as follows:

	Years ended December 31			
	 2019		2018	
Deferred tax to be settled within 12 months	\$ (7,457)	\$	(6,726)	
Deferred tax to be settled after more than 12 months	(102,042)		(108,212)	
	\$ (109,499)	\$	(114,938)	



The following tables summarize the movement of temporary differences during the period:

	Balance January 1 2019	Recognized in net income	Acquired in business combinations	Recognized directly in equity	Balance December 31 2019
Property, plant and equipment	\$ (109,770)	\$ 9,337	\$ 130	\$ _	\$ (100,303)
Goodwill – asset acquisitions	4,857	(968)	_	_	3,889
Intangible assets	(10,395)	5,203	(3,661)	_	(8,853)
Investments	(933)	(919)	_	_	(1,852)
Loss carry-forwards	844	(66)	_	_	778
Financing fees	649	(501)	_	_	148
Holdbacks	(190)	(258)	_	_	(448)
Debentures	_	627	_	(3,287)	(2,660)
Right-of-use assets	_	(198)	_	_	(198)
	\$ (114,938)	\$ 12,257	\$ (3,531)	\$ (3,287)	\$ (109,499)

	Balance January 1 2018	Recognized in net income	Acquired in business combinations	Recognized directly in equity	Balance December 31 2018
Property, plant and equipment	\$ (112,337)	\$ 3,564	\$ (997)	\$ _	\$ (109,770)
Goodwill – asset acquisitions	(184)	5,041	_	_	4,857
Intangible assets	(9,797)	3,735	(4,333)	_	(10,395)
Investments	(833)	(100)	_	_	(933)
Loss carry-forwards	164	680	_	_	844
Financing fees	1,085	(436)	_	_	649
Debt financing costs	355	(355)	_	_	_
Holdbacks	(496)	306	_	_	(190)
Debentures	(11)	9	_	2	_
	\$ (122,054)	\$ 12,444	\$ (5,330)	\$ 2	\$ (114,938)

Income tax expense of \$7.9 million (2018 – \$17.2 million) is comprised of current and deferred tax as follows:

	Years ended December 31			
	 2019		2018	
Current	\$ 20,153	\$	29,638	
Deferred	(12,257)		(12,444)	
	\$ 7,896	\$	17,194	

The combined statutory tax rate was approximately 27.0 percent in 2019 (2018 – 27.0 percent). The reconciliation of the effective tax rate is as follows:

	Years ended December 31				
	2019		2018		
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 80,137	\$	(26,593)		
Combined statutory tax rate	27%		27%		
Expected income tax	21,637		(7,180)		
Add (deduct):					
Impairment of goodwill	_		21,388		
Non-deductible (taxable) of net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(1,874)		1,152		
Non-deductible (taxable) of the change in fair value of investments	(2)		423		
Stock-based compensation expense	367		451		
Decrease in income tax due to changes in income tax rates	(9,469)		_		
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax asset	(1,874)		1,152		
Other	(889)		(192)		
Income tax expense	\$ 7,896	\$	17,194		

### 19. Lease Liabilities

	Year ende	ed December 31, 2019
Beginning – January 1, 2019	\$	42,178
Additions		11,105
Disposals		(464)
Lease payments		(13,512)
Interest expense		1,379
Ending balance – December 31, 2019		40,686
Less:		
Lease liabilities – current portion		10,711
Lease liabilities	\$	29,975

The following are the contractual maturities of lease liabilities, including the value of any options to extend a lease where Mullen Group is reasonably certain to do so:

	December 31, 2019
Twelve months or less	\$ 12,125
2021 – 2022	16,615
2023 – 2024	7,381
Thereafter	7,633
Contractual cash flows	\$ 43,754
Carrying amount	\$ 40,686

Mullen Group's lease liabilities mainly relate to real property leases that are utilized by the Business Units within their operations. Certain Business Units have also entered into leases pertaining to various pieces of operating equipment including rail cars, trucks and trailers. Leases are entered into and terminated when they meet specific business requirements. The Corporation has recognized these lease liabilities, which are measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at an average incremental borrowing rate of 3.2 percent.

On adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases, the Corporation has recognized lease liabilities in relation to all lease arrangements measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments from commitments disclosed as at December 31, 2018, adjusted by commitments in relation to arrangements not containing leases, service contracts, short-term and low-value leases, and discounted using the Corporation's incremental borrowing rate as of January 1, 2019. The associated right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liabilities on January 1, 2019, adjusted by the amount of any lease inducements and subleases relating to the lease recognized in the statement of financial position immediately before the date of transition, with no impact on retained earnings (deficit). There was no impact to lessor accounting from the adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, Mullen Group incurred variable lease payments, short-term and low dollar value lease expense of \$4.2 million, \$6.0 million and \$0.07 million, respectively. The Corporation also recognized \$0.05 million of sublease income during the period.

### 20. Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures

In June 2019, Mullen Group issued convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2019 Debentures") at a price of \$1,000 per 2019 Debenture. The 2019 Debentures mature on November 30, 2026 and are publicly-traded and listed on the TSX under the symbol 'MTL.DB'. The 2019 Debentures bear interest at a rate of 5.75% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 31 and November 30 of each year, with the first interest payment on November 30, 2019. The November 30, 2019 interest payment will represent accrued interest from the closing to, but excluding, November 30, 2019. Mullen Group may elect to satisfy its interest obligation on any interest payment date by issuing and delivering, subject to regulatory approval, Common Shares to debenture holders. Each \$1,000 2019 Debenture is convertible into 71.4286 Common Shares of Mullen Group (or a conversion price of \$14.00) at any time at the option of the holders of the 2019 Debentures. As at the date of issuance, an aggregate of 8,928,575 Common Shares would be issued if all holders converted their principal amount. In the event that a holder of the 2019 Debentures exercises their conversion right, such holder will be entitled to receive accrued and unpaid interest, in addition to the applicable number of Common Shares to be received on conversion, for the period from the date of the last interest payment to the date of conversion.

The 2019 Debentures shall not be redeemable by the Corporation prior to November 30, 2023. On or after November 30, 2023 and prior to November 30, 2025, the 2019 Debentures may be redeemed by the Corporation, in whole or in part from time to time, on not more than 60 days and not less than 40 days prior notice at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, up to but excluding the date set for redemption, provided that the arithmetic average of the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 20 consecutive trading days ending five trading days prior to the date on which notice of redemption is provided is at least 125.0 percent of the conversion price. On or after November 30, 2025 and prior to the maturity date, the 2019 Debentures may be redeemed in whole or in part at the option of the Corporation on not more than 60 days and not less than 40 days prior notice at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if any, up to but excluding the date set for redemption.

The 2019 Debentures are comprised of both a debt and equity component. The debt component represents the total discounted present value of both the semi-annual interest obligations and the principal payment due at maturity, using the rate of interest that would have been applicable to a non-convertible debt instrument of comparable term and risk at the date of issue. In the event the 2019 Debentures are converted prior to maturity, the difference between the carrying amount of such 2019 Debentures and their face value would be charged to interest expense. The remaining equity component of the 2019 Debentures represents the difference between the face value of the 2019 Debentures (namely, \$125.0 million) and the accounting value assigned to the debt component of the 2019 Debentures at the date of issue (namely, \$112.6 million). Subject to the impact of the 2019 Debentures being converted, this equity component amount will remain constant over the term of the 2019 Debentures. Upon conversion of the 2019 Debentures into common shares, a proportionate amount of both the debt and equity components are transferred to Shareholders' capital. Accretion and interest expense on the 2019 Debentures are reflected as finance costs in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

The transaction costs associated with the 2019 Debentures were \$5.2 million and are being amortized over the term of the 2019 Debentures. If the holders of the 2019 Debentures convert the principal portion to Common Shares prior to maturity, the unamortized transaction costs would be expensed at that time.

As subordinated debt, the accounting value assigned to the 2019 Debentures including any related interest expense is excluded from our financial covenant calculations under our Private Placement Debt.

The details of the 2019 Debentures are as follows:

		 December 31, 2019			 Decer	nber 31, 2	018
Year of Maturity	Interest Rate	 Face Value		Carrying Amount	Face Value		Carrying Amount
2026	5.75%	\$ 125,000	\$	108,764	\$ _	\$	_



The cumulative carrying amount of the 2019 Debentures is as follows:

	Cumulative as	at December 31, 2019
Proceeds from issue of the 2019 Debentures	\$	125,000
Debt issuance costs		(5,203)
Net proceeds		119,797
Amount classified as equity		(12,403)
Accretion on debt		1,370
Carrying amount of the 2019 Debentures	\$	108,764

### 21. Long-Term Debt and Credit Facility

In 2019, Mullen Group repaid \$5.8 million of debt and shareholder loans assumed on acquisitions (2018 – \$78.2 million). In 2018, Mullen Group used cash to repay \$70.0 million of Series D Notes that matured on June 30, 2018. Mullen Group also repaid \$7.4 million of debt and shareholder loans assumed on acquisitions in 2018.

On October 24, 2018, Mullen Group entered into an agreement with its lender to amend the amount available to be borrowed on its credit facility (the "Bank Credit Facility"). The amount available to be borrowed on the Bank Credit Facility was increased by \$50.0 million to \$125.0 million. On June 21, 2019, the amount available to be borrowed on the Bank Credit Facility was increased by \$25.0 million to \$150.0 million. Interest on the Bank Credit Facility is payable monthly and is based on either the bank prime rate plus 0.50 percent or bankers' acceptance rates plus an acceptance fee of 1.50 percent. As at December 31, 2019, no amounts were drawn on this facility. All other terms under the Bank Credit Facility remain the same. This facility does not have any financial covenants, however, Mullen Group cannot be in default of its Private Placement Debt and it must be in compliance with certain reporting and general covenants. Mullen Group is in compliance with all of these reporting and general covenants.

Mullen Group has \$3.9 million of letters of credit outstanding, which were issued to guarantee certain performance and payment obligations. These letters of credit reduce the amount available under the Bank Credit Facility.

Mullen Group's long-term debt is mainly comprised of Private Placement Debt, the details of which are set forth below:

Notes	Principal amount	Maturity	Interest Rate(1)
Series G	\$ 117,000 U.S.	October 22, 2024	3.84%
Series H	\$ 112,000 U.S.	October 22, 2026	3.94%
Series I	\$ 30,000 CDN.	October 22, 2024	3.88%
Series J	\$ 3,000 CDN.	October 22, 2026	4.00%
Series K	\$ 58,000 CDN.	October 22, 2024	3.95%
Series L	\$ 80,000 CDN.	October 22, 2026	4.07%

<sup>(1)</sup> Interest is payable semi-annually.

Mullen Group's unamortized debt issuance costs of \$1.0 million related to its Private Placement Debt have been netted against its carrying value at December 31, 2019 (December 31, 2018 – \$1.2 million). Mullen Group has certain financial covenants that must be met under its unsecured Private Placement Debt, which include a total net debt to operating cash flow ratio and a total earnings available for fixed charges to total fixed charges ratio. Mullen Group's total net debt cannot exceed 3.5 times operating cash flow calculated using the trailing twelve months financial results normalized for acquisitions. The term "total net debt" means all debt including the Private Placement Debt, lease liabilities, the Bank Credit Facility and letters of credit less any unrealized gain on Cross-Currency Swaps plus any unrealized loss on Cross-Currency Swaps, as disclosed within Derivatives on the consolidated statement of financial position. The term "operating cash flow" means, for any quarterly period, the trailing twelve month consolidated net income adjusted for all amounts deducted in the computation thereof on account of (i) taxes imposed on or measured by income or excess profits, (ii) depreciation and amortization taken during such period, (iii) total interest charges, including interest on the Debentures and lease liabilities; and (iv) non-cash charges. Mullen Group cannot have a fixed charge coverage ratio less than 1.75:1 calculated using the trailing twelve months financial results. Mullen Group is in compliance with all the Private Placement Debt financial covenants.

Mullen Group entered into Cross-Currency Swaps to swap the Series G and Series H Notes into Canadian dollars at foreign exchange rates of \$1.1047 and \$1.1148 that mature on October 22, 2024 and October 22, 2026, respectively. For more information, refer to Note 14.



The following table summarizes the Corporation's total debt:

	De	December 31, 2018	
Current liabilities:			
Private Placement Debt	\$	_	\$ —
Lease liabilities – current portion		10,711	_
Bank Credit Facility		_	30,000
		10,711	30,000
Non-current liabilities:			
Private Placement Debt		467,392	482,185
Lease liabilities		29,975	_
		497,367	482,185
	\$	508,078	\$ 512,185

The details of long-term debt, as at the date hereof, are as follows:

			December	31, 2019	Decembe	r 31, 2018
	Year of Maturity	Interest Rate	Face Value	Carrying Amount	Face Value	Carrying Amount
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank Credit Facility	_	Variable	_	_	30,000	30,000
Lease liabilities	2020 - 2028	3.20%	43,754	40,686	_	_
Private Placement Debt	2024 - 2026	3.84% - 4.07%	468,425	467,392	483,402	482,185
			512,179	508,078	513,402	512,185

# 22. Share Capital

The authorized share capital of Mullen Group consists of an unlimited number of no par value Common Shares and an unlimited number of Preferred Shares, issuable in series.

The number of, and the specific rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to any series of Preferred Shares shall be determined by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Mullen Group prior to the creation and issuance thereof. With respect to the payment of dividends and distribution of assets in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Mullen Group, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the Preferred Shares are entitled to preference over the Common Shares and any other shares ranking junior to the Preferred Shares from time to time and may also be given such other preferences over the Common Shares and any other shares ranking junior to the Preferred Shares as may be determined at the time of creation of such series. As at the date hereof, no series of Preferred Shares had been created.

All of the issued Common Shares of Mullen Group have been paid in full.

		# of Common Shares				
	Note	2019	2018			
Issued Common Shares at January 1		104,824,973	103,654,316			
Common Shares issued on acquisition	5	_	133,334			
Common Shares issued on conversion of 2009 Debentures <sup>(1)</sup>	20	_	1,037,323			
Issued Common Shares at December 31		104,824,973	104,824,973			

<sup>(1)</sup> On May 1, 2009, Mullen Group issued convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2009 Debentures") at a price of \$1,000 per 2009 Debenture. The 2009 Debentures matured on July 1, 2018, and were either converted into Common Shares of the Corporation or repaid with cash.

### 23. Earnings per Share

**Policy:** Basic per share amounts are calculated using the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding during the period. Diluted per share amounts are calculated considering the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. Mullen Group's dilutive potential ordinary shares assumes dilutive stock options are exercised and that the proceeds obtained on the exercise of dilutive stock options would be used to purchase Common Shares at the average market price during the period. The weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding is then adjusted accordingly.



### Supporting information:

### (a) Basic Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated as net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for the period. Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2019, was \$72.2 million (2018 – \$(43.8) million). The weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 was calculated as follows:

		Years ended Dece	mber 31
	Note	2019	2018
Issued Common Shares at beginning of period	22	104,824,973	103,654,316
Effect of Common Shares issued	5	_	66,484
Effect of stock options exercised		_	_
Effect of the 2009 Debentures converted	20	_	552,708
Weighted average number of Common Shares at end of period - b	pasic	104,824,973	104,273,508

#### (b) Diluted Earnings per Share

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders and the basic weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding by the effects of all potentially dilutive transactions to existing common shareholders. In calculating diluted earnings per share, net income (loss) was adjusted as follows:

	Years ended December 31				
		2019		2018	
Net income (loss)	\$	72,241	\$	(43,787)	
Effect of the 2019 Debentures		_		_	
Effect on finance costs from conversion of the 2009 Debentures (net of tax)		_		_	
Net income (loss) – adjusted	\$	72,241	\$	(43,787)	

The diluted weighted average number of Common Shares was calculated as follows:

	Years ended December 31		
	2019	2018	
Weighted average number of Common Shares – basic	104,824,973	104,273,508	
Effect of "in the money" stock options	_	_	
Effect of the 2019 Debentures	_	_	
Effect of conversion of the 2009 Debentures	_	_	
Weighted average number of Common Shares at end of period – diluted	104,824,973	104,273,508	

For the year ended December 31, 2019, 3,280,000 stock options (2018 – 3,462,500) were excluded from the diluted weighted average number of Common Shares calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive. The average market value of the Corporation's Common Shares for the purposes of calculating the dilutive effect of stock options was based on quoted market prices for the periods ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the 8,928,575 Common Shares that would be issued upon conversion of the 2019 Debentures were excluded in the calculation as their effect was anti-dilutive. For more information on Debentures and stock options, refer to Notes 20 and 27, respectively.



#### 24. Revenue

**Policy**: Mullen Group's services are provided based upon orders and contracts with customers that include fixed or determinable prices and are based upon daily, hourly or contracted rates. Contract terms do not include the provision of post-service obligations. Mullen Group recognizes the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised services or goods to customers. Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer on either an "over time" or "point in time" basis.

Mullen Group's primary service offering is the transportation of goods. The transportation of goods involves the physical process of transporting commodities and goods from point of origin to destination using company equipment and contracted owner operators. Each individual Business Unit offers published rates or signed master service agreements with specific customers that dictate future services it is to perform for a customer at the time a bill of lading or service request is received. Each bill of lading represents a separate distinct performance obligation that the company is obligated to satisfy. The transaction price is generally in the form of a fixed fee determined at the inception of the bill of lading. Transportation services revenue is recognized using the "over time" method.

Mullen Group's second highest revenue stream is logistics services. Logistics services involves the planning, implementing, and controlling the efficient, effective forward and reverse transport of goods. These services are governed by contract law. Mullen Group uses Subcontractors to perform the work. Subcontractors have their own insurance and operating authorities. When Mullen Group hires a Subcontractor, it remains the primary obligor, have the ability to set prices, retain the risk of loss in the event of a cargo claim and bear the credit risk of customer default. As such, Mullen Group acts as the principal of the arrangement and recognize revenue on a gross basis. Logistics services revenue is recognized using the "point in time" method.

The business of Mullen Group is operated through its Business Units, which are divided into two distinct operating segments for reporting purposes – Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services. The segments are differentiated by the type of service provided, equipment requirements and customer needs. Mullen Group provides the capital and financial expertise, technology and systems support, shared services and strategic planning (the "Corporate Office") for the Business Units. The Corporate Office also invests in certain public and private corporations. In addition, the Corporate Office, through its subsidiary MT Investments Inc. ("MT"), owns a network of real estate holdings and facilities that are leased primarily to the Business Units. Such properties are leased by MT to the Business Units on commercially reasonable terms. The day to day management of the Business Units is conducted at the subsidiary level.

At December 31, 2019, the Trucking/Logistics segment consisted of 14 Business Units, offering a diversified range of truckload and LTL general freight services to customers in Canada and the United States. The primary service offering of the Trucking/Logistics segment is transportation services. These services include transporting a wide range of goods including general freight, specialized commodities such as cable, pipe and steel, over-dimensional loads such as heavy equipment, compressors and over-sized goods and dry bulk commodities such as cement and frac sand. In addition, the Trucking/Logistics segment provides logistics, warehousing and distribution, transload and intermodal services primarily in western Canada, as well as road construction and the production, excavation and transportation of various aggregate products.

At December 31, 2019, the Oilfield Services segment consisted of 17 Business Units that utilize their highly trained personnel and equipment to provide specialized transportation services, drilling, well-servicing and dewatering services to the oil and natural gas industry. The primary service offering of the Oilfield Services segment is transportation services. The Oilfield Services segment provides services including the transporting of oversize and overweight shipments, conductor pipe setting, core drilling, casing setting, the transportation, handling, storage and computerized inventory management of oilfield fluids, tubulars and drilling mud, pipe stockpiling and stringing, a broad range of services related to the processing and production of heavy oil, including well servicing and handling, transportation and disposal of fluids, as well as frac support, dredging, water management, dewatering, pond reclamation services, hydrovac excavation and drilling rig relocation services.

### Disaggregation of revenue:

The following table details Mullen Group's revenue by type of service and timing of the transfer of goods or services by segment:

Year ended December 31, 2019	Trucking/ Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate	Intersegment eliminations	Total
Revenue by service line			•		
Transportation	\$ 670,560	\$ 217,197	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 887,757
Logistics	114,238	4,764	_	_	119,002
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	108,671	181,567	3,881	_	294,119
Eliminations	(11,845)	(3,392)	_	(7,139)	(22,376)
	\$ 881,624	\$ 400,136	\$ 3,881	\$ (7,139)	\$ 1,278,502
Timing of revenue recognition					
Over time	\$ 699,863	\$ 272,416	\$ 2,585	\$ _	\$ 974,864
Point in time	193,606	131,112	1,296	_	326,014
Eliminations	(11,845)	(3,392)	_	(7,139)	(22,376)
	\$ 881,624	\$ 400,136	\$ 3,881	\$ (7,139)	\$ 1,278,502

<sup>(1)</sup> Included within other revenue is \$40.1 million of rental revenue comprised of \$33.1 million, \$4.4 million and \$2.6 million recorded in the Oilfield Services segment, the Trucking/Logistics segment and Corporate, respectively.



Year ended December 31, 2018	Trucking/ Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate	Intersegment eliminations	Total
Revenue by service line					
Transportation	\$ 671,250	\$ 224,876	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 896,126
Logistics	119,312	6,739	_	_	126,051
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	94,319	161,738	5,071	_	261,128
Eliminations	(11,544)	(3,419)	_	(7,544)	(22,507)
	\$ 873,337	\$ 389,934	\$ 5,071	\$ (7,544)	\$ 1,260,798
Timing of revenue recognition					
Over time	\$ 694,333	\$ 280,757	\$ 4,446	\$ _	\$ 979,536
Point in time	190,548	112,596	625	_	303,769
Eliminations	(11,544)	(3,419)	_	(7,544)	(22,507)
	\$ 873,337	\$ 389,934	\$ 5,071	\$ (7,544)	\$ 1,260,798

<sup>(1)</sup> Included within other revenue is \$46.3 million of rental revenue comprised of \$37.6 million, \$4.4 million and \$4.3 million recorded in the Oilfield Services segment, Corporate and the Trucking/Logistics segment, respectively.

During the year, 93.9 percent of revenue was from the rendering of services, 4.2 percent of revenue was from the sale of goods and 1.9 percent was from construction contracts as compared to 93.4 percent, 3.9 percent, and 2.7 percent, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2018.

#### 25. Personnel Costs

	Years ended December 31				
	 2019		2018		
Wages, salaries and benefits	\$ 383,186	\$	371,437		
Stock-based compensation expense	1,383		1,670		
	\$ 384,569	\$	373,107		

In 2019 personnel costs of \$271.8 million (2018 – \$263.8 million) were recognized within direct operating expenses and \$112.8 million (2018 – \$109.3 million) were recognized within selling and administrative expenses.

### 26. Finance Costs

	 Years ended December 31				
	 2019		2018		
Interest expense on financial liabilities measured at amortized cost	\$ 24,449	\$	21,917		
Accretion on debt	1,553		241		
Finance expense	26,002		22,158		
Less: Interest income from cash and cash equivalents	(2,377)		(2,131)		
Finance costs	\$ 23,625	\$	20,027		

#### 27. Share-Based Compensation Plans

Mullen Group grants stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of Mullen Group or its affiliates under its stock option plan ("Stock Option Plan"). Options under the Stock Option Plan are normally granted at the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares of Mullen Group for the five consecutive trading days immediately preceding the day of grant of the stock option. Stock options vest in the manner determined by the Board at the time of the grant. The term of an option is five to ten years from the date of grant.

**Estimates:** Mullen Group estimates the fair value of its stock options using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. This requires the estimation of certain variables including: the expected risk-free interest rate, the expected life of the stock option, the forfeiture rate, the expected dividend yield of Mullen Group's Common Shares and expected share price volatility.

Judgement: The estimation of certain variables within the Black-Scholes model require judgement. The risk-free interest rates used were the Canadian Treasury zero-coupon rates for bonds matching the expected term of the option on the date of grant. In determining the expected term of the option grants, Mullen Group has observed the actual terms of prior grants with similar characteristics and the actual vesting schedule of the grant. The expected forfeiture rate was determined based on the Corporation's prior historical forfeiture rates on the date of grant. This estimate is adjusted to reflect the actual experience. The expected dividend yield of Mullen Group's Common Shares over the expected term of the option was determined based on the Corporation's dividend policy on the date of grant. The expected stock price volatility at the time of the particular stock option grant, Mullen Group relies on observations of historical volatility trends.

**Policy:** Mullen Group accounts for stock-based compensation using the fair-value method of valuing any stock options granted using the Black-Scholes model. Under the fair value method, the fair value of options is calculated at the date of grant and that value is recorded as compensation expense over the vesting periods of those grants, with a corresponding increase to contributed surplus less an estimated forfeiture rate. The forfeiture rate is



based on past experience of actual forfeitures. When options are exercised, the proceeds received by Mullen Group, along with the amount in contributed surplus, will be credited to share capital.

### Supporting information:

On May 3, 2017, Mullen Group's shareholders approved a resolution to amend the Stock Option Plan. The amendment increases the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance by 4,000,000. As such, 3,487,500 (2018 – 3,305,000) options are available to be issued under the Stock Option Plan as at December 31, 2019. Each stock option will entitle the option-holder to acquire one Common Share of Mullen Group. Under the Stock Option Plan, the exercise price of a stock option granted shall be as determined by the Board when the stock option is granted subject to any limitations imposed by any relevant stock exchange or regulatory authority, and shall be an amount at least equal to the weighted average trading price of the Common Shares of Mullen Group for the five consecutive trading days immediately preceding the day of grant of the stock option. These options vest in one to five years and expire in five to ten years.

Volatility was determined on the basis of the daily closing prices over a historical period corresponding to the expected term of the options.

Stock Option Plan:	Options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding December 31, 2017	3,587,500	\$ 19.20
Granted	80,000	16.28
Exercised	_	_
Forfeited	(205,000)	(19.00)
Outstanding December 31, 2018	3,462,500	\$ 19.15
Granted	_	_
Exercised	_	_
Forfeited	(182,500)	(17.91)
Outstanding December 31, 2019	3,280,000	\$ 19.22
Stock options exercisable December 31, 2018	2,422,490	\$ 20.21
Stock options exercisable December 31, 2019	2,794,981	\$ 19.66

The range of exercise prices for options outstanding at December 31, 2019 was as follows:

		Options Outstanding					Exercisable Options			
Range of Exercise Prices	Number	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)		Weighted average exercise price	Number		Veighted average exercise price			
\$16.15 to \$16.72	1,527,500	7.22	\$	16.67	1,042,481	\$	16.67			
\$16.73 to \$20.77	1,207,500	4.19		20.35	1,207,500		20.35			
\$20.78 to \$28.07	545,000	3.18		23.85	545,000		23.85			
\$16.15 to \$28.07	3,280,000	5.44	\$	19.22	2,794,981	\$	19.66			

There were no stock options issued in 2019. The following weighted average assumptions were used to determine the fair value of options issued in 2018 under the Stock Option Plan on the date of grant:

	2019	2018
Fair value		2.65
Risk-free interest rate	_	2.15%
Expected life	_	5 years
Forfeiture rate	_	5.0% per annum
Expected dividend	_	\$0.60 per share per annum
Expected share price volatility	_	26.4



### 28. Other (Income) Expense

	Years ended December 31				
	2019		2018		
Change in fair value of investments	\$ (15)	\$	3,135		
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	2,667		281		
Earnings from equity investments	(2,870)		(3,875)		
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	17		14		
Other (income) expense	\$ (201)	\$	(445)		

### 29. Contingent Liabilities

Mullen Group is involved in various claims and actions arising in the course of its operations and is subject to various legal actions and possible claims. Although the outcome of these claims cannot be predicted with certainty, Mullen Group does not expect these matters to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, cash flows or results from operations. Accruals for litigation, claims and assessments are recognized if Mullen Group determines that the loss is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If an unfavorable outcome were to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on Mullen Group's consolidated net earnings in the period in which the outcome is determined.

### 30. Capital Commitments

Capital expenditures approved and committed to but not provided for in these accounts at December 31, 2019, amounted to \$12.0 million. The majority of these capital expenditure commitments will be completed in fiscal 2020.

### 31. Financial Instruments

Mullen Group's operating activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. These financial risks consist of certain credit, liquidity, and market risks associated with Mullen Group's financial assets and financial liabilities. Mullen Group has established and follows certain policies and procedures to mitigate these risks and continually monitors its exposure to all significant risks to assess the impact on its operating activities. Mullen Group does not hold or use any derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The following details Mullen Group's exposure to credit, liquidity, and market risks.

### (a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the possibility of a financial loss to Mullen Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial asset fails to meet its contractual obligations. This risk arises predominately from Mullen Group's trade and other receivables from its customers. The carrying amount of financial assets represents Mullen Group's maximum credit risk exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was as follows:

		December 31	December 31
Carrying amount	Note	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	6	\$ 79,023	\$ 3,916
Trade and other receivables	7	211,209	218,089
Derivative financial instruments	14	41,375	42,211
Other assets	15	3,459	4,830
		\$ 335,066	\$ 269,046

Credit risk related to trade and other receivables is initially managed by each Business Unit. Each Business Unit is responsible for reviewing the credit risk for each of their customers before standard payment and delivery terms and conditions are offered. The Business Units review consists of external ratings, when available, and in some cases bank and trade references. Management has established a credit policy under which new customers are analyzed for creditworthiness before Mullen Group extends credit. Mullen Group monitors its trade and other receivables aging on an ongoing basis as part of its process in managing its credit risk. Mullen Group also manages credit risk related to trade and other receivables on a consolidated basis whereby the aggregate exposure to individual customers is reviewed and their credit quality is assessed. In the unlikely event of default by its customers, Mullen Group secures a security interest for items in possession prior to commencing work and registers liens when appropriate. Further, the federal *Bill of Lading Act*, its provincial counterparts and various other acts afford Mullen Group further protection in the event of default. Mullen Group also attends industry forums to assess credit worthiness of customers related predominately to the oil and natural gas industry. No customer accounted for more than ten percent of Mullen Group's consolidated revenue for the fiscal years ended 2019 and 2018.



Impairment losses arise when trade receivables are written off directly against the financial asset, which results from customers who cannot pay their outstanding balance. In 2019 an impairment loss of \$1.2 million (2018 – \$0.4 million) was recognized which related to customers that were not able to pay their outstanding balances, mainly due to the customer having insufficient cash or other financial assets. During the period, the impairment loss as a percentage of consolidated revenue was less than 0.09 percent (2018 – 0.04 percent). Mullen Group establishes, on a specific account basis, an allowance for impairment loss that represents its estimate of potential losses in respect of trade receivables. For more information refer to Note 7.

### (b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Mullen Group will not be able to satisfy its obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are to be settled by delivering cash as they become due. Mullen Group's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to satisfy its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to Mullen Group's reputation. Typically, Mullen Group ensures that it has sufficient cash or available credit facilities to meet expected operational expenses; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters. Mullen Group manages liquidity risk by preparing, monitoring and approving annual operating budgets to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational requirements, and to ensure its ongoing compliance with its Private Placement Debt covenants. The Board also considers liquidity risk when approving Mullen Group's annual net capital expenditure budget and when declaring dividends to shareholders. Mullen Group's surplus cash is invested in short-term highly liquid term deposits. At December 31, 2019, Mullen Group did not have any amounts drawn on its \$150.0 million Bank Credit Facility. For more information refer to Note 21.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, excluding the impact of any option to purchase equipment at the end of the term:

December 31, 2019	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	Twelve months or less	2021 - 2022	2023 - 2024	Thereafter
Private Placement Debt*	\$ 467,392	\$ 468,425	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 239,960	\$ 228,465
Interest on Private Placement Debt*	3,526	110,203	18,398	36,795	36,795	18,215
2019 Debentures	108,764	125,000	_	_	_	125,000
Interest on the 2019 Debentures	599	49,714	7,188	14,375	14,375	13,776
Lease liabilities	40,686	43,754	12,125	16,615	7,381	7,633
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	85,903	85,903	85,903	_	_	_
Dividends payable	5,241	5,241	5,241	_	_	_
Total	\$ 712,111	\$ 888,240	\$ 128,855	\$ 67,785	\$ 298,511	\$ 393,089

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes a U.S. dollar foreign exchange rate of \$1.2988.

<sup>(1)</sup> Accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$85,903 plus \$3,526 of interest on Private Placement Debt and \$599 of interest on the 2019 Debentures agrees to the \$90,028 of accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

			Twelve			
December 31, 2018	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	months or less	2020 - 2021	2022 - 2023	Thereafter
Private Placement Debt*	\$ 482,185	\$ 483,402	\$ _	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 483,402
Interest on Private Placement Debt*	3,638	132,672	18,980	37,960	37,960	37,772
Bank indebtedness	30,000	30,000	30,000	_	_	_
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities(1)	95,638	95,638	95,638	_	_	_
Dividends payable	5,241	5,241	5,241	_	_	_
Total	\$ 616,702	\$ 746,953	\$ 149,859	\$ 37,960	\$ 37,960	\$ 521,174

<sup>\*</sup> Assumes a U.S. dollar foreign exchange rate of \$1.3642.

All of the above amounts relate to non-derivative financial instruments.

### (c) Market Risk

Market risk is the potential for adverse changes associated with fluctuations in foreign exchanges rates, interest rates and equity prices and their corresponding impact on the fair value or future cash flows of Mullen Group's financial instruments. The objective of management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.



<sup>(1)</sup> Accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$95,638 plus \$3,638 of interest on Private Placement Debt agrees to the \$99,276 of accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

#### (i) Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange risk arises as Mullen Group enters into commercial transactions that are not denominated in its functional currency. Mullen Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk, primarily with respect to the U.S. dollar which mainly arises from its U.S. \$229.0 million Senior Guaranteed Unsecured Notes ("U.S. Notes"). These U.S. Notes mature in 2024 (U.S. \$117.0 million) and in 2026 (U.S. \$112.0 million). Mullen Group has mitigated its foreign exchange risk with respect to the principal portion of its U.S. Notes by entering into the Cross-Currency Swaps. Annual interest of U.S. \$8.9 million is payable on these U.S. Notes which also exposes Mullen Group to foreign exchange risk. This foreign exchange risk is mitigated as some of Mullen Group's Business Units generate a portion of their revenue in U.S. dollars in excess of their U.S. dollar expenses. At December 31, 2019, Mullen Group had U.S. dollar cash of \$12.5 million (2018 – \$7.4 million), U.S. dollar trade receivables of \$5.1 million (2018 – \$6.4 million) and U.S. dollar accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$2.9 million (2018 – \$2.3 million). Mullen Group does not hedge any of its U.S. dollar denominated commercial and financing transactions.

All of the amounts expressed in the following table are in U.S. dollars and set forth Mullen Group's exposure to foreign currency risk:

	December 31	December 31
	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,452	\$ 7,443
Trade and other receivables	5,149	6,419
Derivative financial instruments	31,857	30,942
Private Placement Debt	(229,000)	(229,000)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,858)	(2,338)
Net exposure	\$ (182,400)	\$ (186,534)

At December 31, 2019, assuming all other variables were held constant, a \$0.01 strengthening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar would have increased income before income taxes by approximately \$1.8 million. Similarly, a \$0.01 weakening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar at December 31, 2019 would have had the equal but opposite effect on income before income taxes.

### (ii) Interest Rate Risk and Fair Value Sensitivity Analysis for Fixed Rate Instruments

Interest rate risk arises on borrowings issued at variable rates which exposes risk to future cash flows if interest rates were to rise. This risk would be partially offset by cash held at variable rates. Mullen Group's Private Placement Debt and the 2019 Debentures are issued at fixed rates while the Bank Credit Facility is issued at variable rates. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose Mullen Group to fair value interest rate risk. Mullen Group is susceptible to the opportunity costs associated with interest rate decreases as the interest rate on the majority of its borrowings is at fixed interest rates. Assuming all other variables were held constant, if interest rates increase by 1.0 percent on the contractual cash flows of \$593.4 million of Mullen Group's Private Placement Debt and the 2019 Debentures, Mullen Group would incur additional annual interest expense of approximately \$5.9 million. Mullen Group does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL. Mullen Group does not hedge interest rates or have any interest rate swaps.

#### (iii) Price Risk

Price risk arises from changes in quoted prices on investments in equity securities that impact the underlying value of investments. Mullen Group has investments measured at fair value with an initial cost of \$11.5 million. A \$15,000 increase in the fair value of these investments was recorded in 2019 as compared to a \$3.1 million decrease in 2018. Mullen Group recorded a \$9.3 million decrease in the fair value of these investments on a cumulative basis. Assuming all other variables were held constant, a 1.0 percent increase in the value of the investments would have increased income before income taxes by approximately \$22,000. Similarly, a 1.0 percent decrease in the value of investments would have an equal but opposite effect on income before income taxes.

### (d) Capital Management

Mullen Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, and manage capital that will maintain compliance with its financial covenants so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to provide an adequate return to shareholders by pricing products and services commensurately with the level of risk. Mullen Group manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, Mullen Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new debt, sell assets to reduce debt, or issue new shares.



Consistent with others in the industry, Mullen Group also monitors capital on the basis of debt-to-equity and total debt to operating cash flow. The debt-to-equity ratio is calculated as total debt divided by equity. Total debt is calculated as the total of bank indebtedness, current portion of long-term debt, long-term debt and the debt component of the 2019 Debentures. Equity comprises all of the components of equity (i.e. share capital, 2019 Debentures – equity component, contributed surplus and retained earnings (deficit). Mullen Group's strategy is to maintain its debt-to-equity ratio below 1:1. The debt-to-equity ratio calculations at December 31, 2019 and at December 31, 2018 were as follows:

	December 31 2019	December 31 2018
Bank indebtedness	\$ _	\$ 30,000
Lease liabilities	40,686	_
Long-term debt	467,392	482,185
2019 Debentures – debt component	108,764	_
Total debt	616,842	512,185
Share capital	946,910	946,910
2019 Debentures – equity component	9,116	_
Contributed surplus	16,860	15,477
Retained Deficit	(54,965)	(64,311)
Equity	\$ 917,921	\$ 898,076
Debt to equity	0.67:1	0.57:1

Mullen Group also monitors capital on the basis of total debt to operating cash flow. The total debt to operating cash flow ratio is calculated as per the Private Placement Debt agreements. Other than the financial covenants under its Private Placement Debt, Mullen Group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. For more information refer to Note 21.

#### 32. Subsidiaries

The tables set forth below provide information relative to Mullen Group's significant subsidiaries and its Business Units, including each entity's name, its jurisdiction of incorporation/formation, the percentage of securities directly or indirectly owned by Mullen Group, a brief description of the entity, and the market areas served, if applicable. The percentages of ownership set forth below include the approximate one percent interest owned by the general partner of each limited partnership.

Company (Jurisdiction of Incorporation / Formation)	Percentage owned by Mullen Group (directly / indirectly)	Overview	Primary Market Area
MT Investments Inc. (Alberta)	100%	Wholly-owned subsidiary of Mullen Group Ltd. It was formed on July 1, 2005, when Mullen Transportation Inc. was amalgamated with certain other corporations pursuant to a plan of arrangement under the <i>Business Corporations Act</i> (Alberta) to form a corporation known as MT Investments Inc.	N/A
MGL Holding Co. Ltd. (Alberta)	100%	Wholly-owned subsidiary of MT Investments Inc., which was incorporated in Alberta on December 22, 2016. It is the limited partner of various Business Units.	N/A



Trucking/Logistics segment:		
Business Unit (Jurisdiction of Incorporation / Formation)	Percentage owned by Mullen Group (indirectly)	Primary Market Area
Caneda Transport Ltd. (Alberta)	100%	Canada and U.S.
Cascade Carriers L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Courtesy Freight Systems Ltd. (Ontario)	100%	Northwestern Ontario
DWS Logistics Inc. <sup>(1)</sup> (Ontario)	100%	Ontario
Gardewine Group Limited Partnership (Manitoba)	100%	Manitoba and Ontario
Grimshaw Trucking L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd. (2) (3) (4) (5) (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Jay's Transportation Group Ltd. (Saskatchewan)	100%	Saskatchewan
Kleysen Group Ltd. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Mullen Trucking Corp. (Alberta)	100%	Canada and U.S.
Payne Transportation Ltd. (Alberta)	100%	Canada and U.S.
RDK Transportation Co. Inc. (Saskatchewan)	100%	Canada and U.S.
Smook Contractors Ltd. (Manitoba)	100%	Northern Manitoba
Tenold Transportation Ltd. (6) (7) (Alberta)	100%	Canada and U.S.

<sup>(1)</sup> Acquired February 9, 2018.



<sup>(2)</sup> On January 1, 2019, the operations of Bernard Transport Ltd. were combined into Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Dacota Freight Services Ltd., which was acquired on April 6, 2018.

 $<sup>^{(4)}</sup>$  Includes Jen Express Inc., which was acquired on May 1, 2019.

<sup>(5)</sup> On January 1, 2020, the operations of Load-Way Ltd. and Streamline Logistics Inc., were integrated into Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes the business and assets contributed to Number 8 Freight Ltd., which were acquired on August 1, 2018.

<sup>(7)</sup> Includes Argus Carriers Ltd. and Inter-Urban Delivery Service Ltd., which were acquired on July 1, 2019.

Oilfield Services segment:		
Business Unit (Jurisdiction of Incorporation / Formation)	Percentage owned by Mullen Group (indirectly)	Primary Market Area
Canadian Dewatering L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Cascade Energy Services L.P. (1) (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Canadian Hydrovac Ltd. (2) (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
E-Can Oilfield Services L.P. (1) (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Envolve Energy Services Corp. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Formula Powell L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Heavy Crude Hauling L.P. (1) (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Mullen Oilfield Services L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
OK Drilling Services L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Pe Ben Oilfield Services L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Premay Equipment L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
R. E. Line Trucking (Coleville) Ltd. (Saskatchewan)	100%	Western Canada
Recon Utility Search L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
Spearing Service L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada
TREO Drilling Services L.P. (Alberta)	100%	Western Canada

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes a portion of AECOM's Canadian Industrial Services Division, which was acquired on June 25, 2018.

# 33. Changes in non-cash working capital

	Years ended December 31			
	2019		2018	
Trade and other receivables	\$ 13,335	\$	(26,186)	
Inventory	863		(3,674)	
Prepaid expenses	(3,472)		(89)	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(11,258)		4,172	
	\$ (532)	\$	(25,777)	

	 Years ended December 31					
	2019		2018			
Changes in non-cash working capital items from:						
Operating activities	\$ (466)	\$	(26,452)			
Financing activities	(112)		187			
Investing activities	46		488			
	\$ (532)	\$	(25,777)			



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Acquired July 1, 2018.

### 34. Operating Segments

**Judgements:** Judgements are made by management in applying the aggregation criteria to allow two or more operating segments to be aggregated based upon similar economic characteristic and other similarities.

**Policy:** Business Units are grouped into two distinct operating segments: Trucking/Logistics and Oilfield Services (the "**Operating Segments**"), both of which are supported by a Corporate segment. The Business Units within each of the Operating Segments share common economic characteristics and are differentiated by the type of service provided, equipment requirements and customer needs. The Operating Segments' financial results are reviewed regularly by the Corporation's chief operating decision-makers who make decisions about resource allocation and assess segment performance based on the internally prepared segment information.

## Supporting information:

Mullen Group has two operating segments. These two operating segments have been differentiated by the sector of the economy in which the businesses operate, the type of services provided, the equipment requirements and the customer needs. The Trucking/Logistics segment provides both long haul and local transportation services to customers in various industries predominantly within Canada. The Oilfield Services segment primarily provides specialized transportation, fluid hauling, waste disposal, warehousing, drilling, well-servicing and dewatering services to the oil and natural gas industry in western Canada, which includes exploration and development companies and production and natural gas transmission companies. The following tables provide financial results by segment:

				Intersegment	eliminations	_
Year ended December 31, 2019	Trucking/ Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate	Trucking/ Logistics	Oilfield Services	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	881,624	400,136	3,881	(5,596)	(1,543)	1,278,502
Income before income taxes	65,284	3,366	11,487	_	_	80,137
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	27,856	46,474	6,146	_	_	80,476
Amortization of intangible assets	15,309	3,996	_	_	_	19,305
Capital expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	44,421	18,519	17,092	(268)	(4,742)	75,022
Total assets at December 31, 2019	643,015	450,938	655,339	_	_	1,749,292

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes business acquisitions

				Intersegment	eliminations	_
Year ended December 31, 2018	Trucking/ Logistics	Oilfield Services	Corporate	Trucking/ Logistics	Oilfield Services	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	873,337	389,934	5,071	(5,777)	(1,767)	1,260,798
Income (loss) before income taxes	73,393	(90,452)	(9,534)	_	_	(26,593)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	23,502	42,212	6,336	_	_	72,050
Amortization of intangible assets	11,969	3,470	_	_	_	15,439
Capital expenditures(1)	52,034	29,011	20,574	(39)	(1,871)	99,709
Total assets at December 31, 2018	573,859	501,857	570,136	_	_	1,645,852

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes business acquisitions

Performance is measured based on segment income before income tax, as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by Mullen Group's CEO and President. Segment income is used to measure performance as management believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of segments relative to other entities that operate within these industries.

In the first quarter of 2020, we will commence with reporting our financial results in three new segments: Less-Than-Truckload; Logistics & Warehousing; and Specialized & Industrial Services. The change in the segment reporting structure more accurately reflects our strategic direction and the business of Mullen Group today and aligns with how financial information will be regularly reviewed internally for the purposes of decision making, capital allocation and assessing performance. Our results will be reported in the following segments.



#### Less-Than-Truckload

Less-Than-Truckload or LTL is often referred to as the final or last mile delivery of general freight consisting of smaller shipments, packages and parcels. Through an extensive terminal network the pickup, handling and delivery of a wide range of freight including ambient, temperature controlled and consumer goods is coordinated from regional hubs located in Ontario and western Canada. We are committed to investing in the most advanced technologies available ensuring the continued improvement in all aspects of our business, shortening delivery times and providing customers with visibility, via tracking and tracing, to their shipments during transit. The segment will initially be comprised of eight Business Units.

### **Logistics & Warehousing**

The Logistics & Warehousing segment provides shippers throughout North America with a wide range of trucking and logistics service offerings including full truckload, specialized transportation, warehousing, fulfillment centres that handle e-commerce transactions, and transload facilities designed for intermodal and bulk shipments. Operations and customer service are supported by a robust suite of leading edge technology solutions including a fully integrated transportation management system, customized inventory management and warehouse systems along with our proprietary Moveitonline® and Haulistic™ technology platforms, applications that are positioning our organization for an evolving and changing supply chain. The segment currently consists of nine Business Units.

### **Specialized & Industrial Services**

The Specialized & Industrial Services segment is comprised of a wide range of unique businesses providing specialized equipment and services to the oil and natural gas, environmental, construction, pipeline, utility, telecom and civil industries. Strategically located throughout western Canada these specialty Business Units are focused on providing advanced technology solutions and leading edge service capabilities. The segment includes 17 Business Units.

The following table provides financial information that conforms to the Corporation's new segment presentation commencing in the first quarter of 2020 on a retrospective basis for comparative purposes:

					Intersegment eliminations			
Year ended December 31, 2019	Less-than- Truckload	Logistics & Warehousing	Specialized & Industrial Services	Corporate	Less-than- Truckload	Logistics & Warehousing	Specialized & Industrial Services	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	451,582	404,840	426,312	3,881	(503)	(5,808)	(1,802)	1,278,502
Income before income taxes	30,833	33,832	3,985	11,487	_	_	_	80,137
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13,351	12,281	48,698	6,146	_	_	_	80,476
Amortization of intangible assets	9,215	6,094	3,996	_	_	_	_	19,305
Capital expenditures	26,280	17,160	19,907	17,092	(7)	(670)	(4,740)	75,022
Total assets at December 31, 2019	355,764	263,161	475,028	655,339	_	_	_	1,749,292

Year ended December 31, 2018	Less-than- Truckload	Logistics & Warehousing	Specialized & Industrial Services	Corporate	Intersegment eliminations			
					Less-than- Truckload	Logistics & Warehousing	Specialized & Industrial Services	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	429,286	424,852	410,578	5,071	(525)	(6,326)	(2,138)	1,260,798
Income (loss) before income taxes	34,129	38,994	(90,182)	(9,534)	_	_	_	(26,593)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	11,597	9,465	44,652	6,336	_	_	_	72,050
Amortization of intangible assets	6,046	5,922	3,471	_	_	_	_	15,439
Capital expenditures	24,606	25,585	30,582	20,574	(47)	(138)	(1,453)	99,709
Total assets at December 31, 2018	306,309	245,555	523,852	570,136	_	_	_	1,645,852



### 35. Related Party Disclosures

### (a) Key Management Personnel Compensation

Key management personnel are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the business activities of Mullen Group, including all of its directors along with certain executives. Directors are remunerated for services rendered in their capacity as directors by way of a combination of retainer fees and meeting attendance fees. The overall compensation program for executives is comprised of base salary and benefits, annual profit share and share-based compensation payments. Executives of Mullen Group do not have formal employment contracts. Similar to the employment processes established for all Mullen Group employees, each executive's personnel file contains a memorandum outlining the basic terms of an executive's employment relationship with Mullen Group. Mullen Group has no agreement or arrangement with any executive for the payment of compensation in the case of resignation, retirement, or termination of employment, a change of control of Mullen Group or its Business Units or a change in an executive's responsibilities following a change of control. Key management personnel do not participate in a defined benefit or actuarial pension plan, however, key management personnel do participate in the Stock Option Plan. Total remuneration to key management personnel including directors' fees, salaries and benefits, annual profit share, and the value attributable to stock-based compensation expense was as follows: For more information refer to Note 27.

	Years Ended December 31				
Category		2019			
Salaries and benefits (including profit share)	\$	1,636	\$	1,569	
Share-based payments		50		61	
Total	\$	1,686	\$	1,630	

Mullen Group had no outstanding amounts owing to or amounts receivable from directors or officers at December 31, 2019, and 2018, with respect to the overall compensation program for executives. As at December 31, 2019, directors and officers of Mullen Group collectively held 5,505,008 Common Shares (2018 – 5,498,699) representing 5.3 percent (2018 – 5.3 percent) of all Common Shares of the Corporation. As at December 31, 2019, directors and officers of Mullen Group held \$4.8 million of the 2019 Debentures under the same terms and conditions as those issued to unrelated third parties. Other than these \$4.8 million of 2019 Debentures, Mullen Group has no contracts with any related party.

### (b) Related Party Transactions

During the year, Mullen Group generated revenue of \$16,070 (2018 – \$7,670) and incurred expenses of \$25,025 (2018 – \$6,300) with entities that are related by virtue of a certain member of the Board having control or joint control over the other entities. There were no (2018 – nil) accounts receivable amounts due from these related parties as at December 31, 2019.

During the year, Mullen Group generated revenue of \$4.9 million (2018 – \$3.0 million), incurred expenses of \$0.6 million (2018 – \$0.2 million) and sold nil (2018 – \$0.1 million) of property, plant and equipment with its equity investees, which are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. As at December 31, 2019, there was \$0.2 million (2018 – \$0.4 million) of accounts receivable amounts due from equity investees, excluding debentures, and there was \$16,554 (2018 – \$19,931) of accounts payable amounts due to these related party transactions. At December 31, 2019, Mullen Group had \$7.8 million (10.0 percent annual interest rate) and \$3.2 million (8.5 percent annual interest rate) of debentures owing from Thrive and PCX, respectively. The debentures with Thrive mature in October 2020, while the PCX debenture matures in December 2020.

All related party transactions were provided in the normal course of business materially under the same commercial terms and conditions as transactions with unrelated companies and recorded at the exchange amount.



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