

## FROM THE DESK OF INGRAM GILLMORE, PRESIDENT & CEO

We regularly include the following data populated with estimated monthly results:

<b>Capital *</b>									
<i>(\$k CAD)</i>									
	Q1 18	Q2 18	Q3 18	Q4 18	2018	19-Jan	19-Feb	19-Mar	Q1 19
Drill & Complete	3,624	3,451	14,936	5,596	<b>27,607</b>	623	3,912	1,576	6,112
Facilities	3,742	2,742	3,490	5,137	<b>15,110</b>	608	640	1,428	2,676
Land & Seismic	2,766	282	39	34	<b>3,121</b>	104	54	514	671
A&D	390	10	65,471	301	<b>66,172</b>	-3	25	-1,059	-1,038
Other	-889	-90	285	-1,285	<b>-1,979</b>	28	99	-334	-207
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,633</b>	<b>6,395</b>	<b>84,220</b>	<b>9,783</b>	<b>110,032</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>8,214</b>

<b>Production (boe/d) *</b>									
Sales	<b>6,522</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>6,747</b>	<b>6,847</b>	<b>6,786</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>6,983</b>	<b>6,731</b>	<b>6,877</b>
Field	6,810	6,532	6,729	7,030	6,776	6,547	6,664	6,737	6,649

\* Estimates based on field data, actuals will vary from estimates due to accruals and adjustments. Such variances may be material.

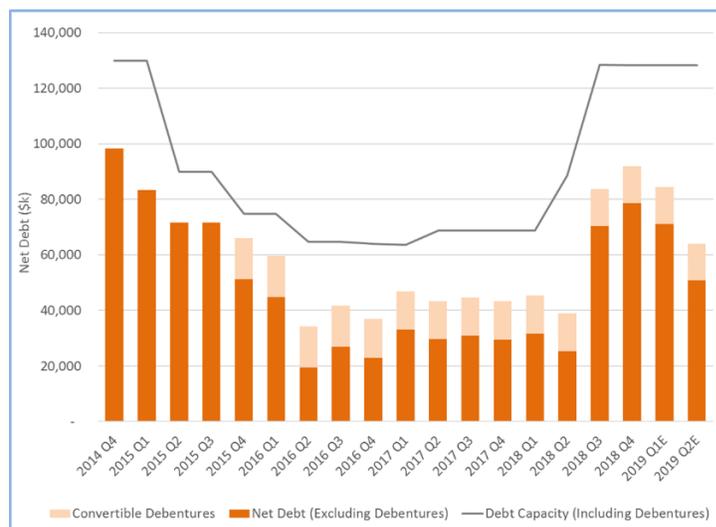
Gear Energy attended the Scotiabank CAPP Energy Symposium in Toronto last week, presenting alongside approximately 60 other energy focused organizations. It was a diverse slate of presenters with companies ranging from market capitalization values of a few million dollars, all the way up to multi-billion dollar integrated multi-nationals. Interestingly, the themes were relatively consistent, with discussions of significantly improved fundamentals, forecasts of potential free cash flow and an overarching observation that equity values have not yet adjusted to improved commodity prices.

Individual companies' strategic plans for free cash flow varied but were mostly revolving around similar actions; a huge focus on improving balance sheets to protect against volatility, discussions of implementing or potentially inclining dividends, and the contemplation of an extension or adoption of share repurchase programs. The one usual theme that did not get much airtime was talk of aggressive growth. The last point is not a big surprise considering the ongoing uncertainty with future pricing as it relates to the timing and scale of Canadian egress solutions.

The Gear presentation essentially contained the same general themes as outlined above. Despite Gear's strengthening fundamentals and deep inventory of economic growth opportunities, our current top priority remains to protect the company from external challenges and volatility by adopting an aggressive debt reduction strategy for the first half of 2019.

One of the highlights of the Gear presentation is the chart forecasting net debt by quarter. The chart was built using actual prices to date, the forward strip price predictions as of April 5, 2019, and corporate guidance for the remainder of the first half of 2019. The key forecasted outcome is an estimated 30% reduction in net debt from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019. This result should reduce the Gear net debt well below the forecasted year end 2018 value of \$71 million, guided back in July of 2018 upon announcement of the Steppe Resources light oil acquisition.

In addition, the second quarter (and first half) annualized net debt to funds from operations ratios are forecasted to be back below one times, similar to the same July 2018 guidance.



From the chart you can see that the biggest reduction in net debt is planned for the second quarter of 2019. The main driver here being that there is only an approximate \$2 million of capital spending forecast to be spent in the second quarter to reach the current guidance of \$10 million for the first half of 2019. In addition to low capital spending, the forecasted debt reduction should be supported by continued strong prices, an easing of egress restrictions and the addition of new production from Tableland.

If current pricing expectations remain stable through the second quarter and into the rest of the year, Gear should be well positioned by the end of June to start considering a more ambitious capital investment plan for the second half of the year.

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