



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND OPERATING RESULTS

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THREE-MONTH AND NINE-MONTH PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2017

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Management of ADF Group Inc. wishes to inform the reader that this document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws, in which Management's expectations regarding ADF Group Inc.'s future performance may be discussed. These forward-looking statements include information concerning ADF Group's probable or foreseeable future operating results and financial position, and involve certain risks and uncertainties with regard to their future realization. These forward-looking statements are based on currently available data in regard to competition, financial position, economic conditions and operating plans. The principal risks and uncertainties that could affect ADF Group Inc.'s results, such that those results could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements, are presented in Sections "Current Economic Environment" and "External Factors to Which the Corporation's Performance is Exposed" of the MD&A Report for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017.



## 1. GENERAL

The purpose of this Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Financial Position and Operating Results ("MD&A") is to provide the reader with an overview of the changes in the financial position of ADF Group Inc. ("ADF", "ADF Group" or "the Corporation") between February 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017. It also compares the operating results and cash flows for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017 to those for the same period of the previous year. This MD&A covers all major events that occurred between February 1, 2017 and December 6, 2017, on which date ADF Group's Board of Directors approved the consolidated financial statements, as well as the MD&A for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017. The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the comparative information have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and applicable to interim financial reports, including International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

The Corporation reports its results in Canadian dollars. All amounts in this MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars, except where otherwise indicated.

## 2. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In order to provide shareholders and potential investors with additional information regarding ADF, in particular Management's assessment of future plans and operations, certain statements in this MD&A are forward-looking statements subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause the Corporation's actual performance to differ from those expressed in or implied by these forward-looking statements.

Such factors include, but are not limited to: the impact of economic conditions in Canada and the United States; industry conditions including amendments in laws and regulations; increased competition; potential shortfall of qualified personnel or managers; availability and fluctuations in commodity prices; foreign exchange or interest rate fluctuations; stock market volatility; and the impact of accounting policies issued by Canadian, U.S. and international standard setters. Some of these factors are further discussed under Section 19 "External Factors to Which the Corporation's Performance is Exposed" in this MD&A. It should be noted that the list of factors that may affect future growth, results and performance, provided in this MD&A, is not exhaustive. The reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

The expectations expressed by the forward-looking statements are based on information available to the Corporation on the date such statements were made. However, there can be no assurance that such estimates will prove to be correct. All subsequent forward-looking statements made, whether written or verbally, by the Corporation or persons acting on its behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the caveats referred to above. Unless otherwise required by applicable securities legislation, the Corporation expressly disclaims any intention, and assumes no obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## 3. OVERVIEW

From a blacksmith shop founded in 1956, ADF Group has become over the years a North American leader in the design and engineering of connections, fabrication, including industrial coating, and installation of complex steel structures, heavy steel built-ups, as well as miscellaneous and architectural metalwork. The Corporation's products and services are intended for the following five principal segments of the non-residential construction industry: office towers and high-rises, commercial buildings and recreational venues, airport facilities, industrial complexes and transport infrastructure.

The Corporation uses the latest technologies in its industry and operates two state-of-the-art fabrication plants and two cutting-edge paint shops. ADF Group's complex located in Canada houses the Corporation's head office, the 58,530-square-meter (630,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) fabrication plant, which includes the 3,900-square-meter (42,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) paint shop. ADF's complex in the United States is home to the 9,290-square-meter (100,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) fabrication plant, the 60-acre pre-assembly yard and the 4,460-square-meter (48,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) paint shop built next to the fabrication plant.

A pioneer in the development and implementation of innovative solutions, the Corporation is recognized for its engineering expertise, its project management, its important fabrication capacity and its skills in two specialized market niches: the fabrication of steel superstructures with a high level of architectural and geometric complexity, and projects subject to fast-track schedules. ADF Group's commitment to deliver every project in accordance with the industry's highest quality standards constitutes a core aspect of the Corporation's mission.

#### 4. COMMERCIAL POSITIONING

ADF Group serves a diversified customer base in the non-residential construction market in Canada and the United States:

- General contractors;
- Project owners;
- Engineering firms and project architects;
- Structural steel erectors, and
- Other steel structure fabricators.

#### 5. MARKET TRENDS

The non-residential construction industry includes the products and services related to the construction of commercial, institutional and industrial buildings, such as office towers, commercial buildings, hotels, sports complexes, museums, recreational complexes, as well as manufacturing plants and other industrial facilities. This sector also encompasses public works, including the construction and renovation of infrastructures and buildings, notably, hydroelectric dams, airports, bridges and overpasses. It should be noted that the demand in this sector is related to business cycles. Generally, there are more private projects in a bull cycle, whereas government projects take over in a bear cycle.

According to Management, approximately half of the non-residential projects use structural steel as a structural component, while the other half primarily uses concrete. Generally, structural steel accounts for about 10% to 20% of a project's total cost, depending on the project's nature. Structural steel offers a number of advantages when compared to other materials, which explains its increasing use in the construction of complex structures. These advantages include durability, speed of installation, greater flexibility in fast-track projects, lower installation and maintenance costs, as well as its high strength/weight ratio as a result of improved alloys.

Generally, there are more complex steel structure projects in the United States than in Canada, which can result in a certain dependence of the Corporation on the U.S. market.

We have seen, over the past months, some stabilization of the markets served by ADF. As for the Canadian market, it is still moderate. According to the latest reports, the Canadian government is thinking of postponing certain of its public infrastructure investment projects. In addition, some major projects, such as the TransCanada's Energy East Pipeline project, have simply been cancelled. Although this project did not have a direct impact on our Corporation, these announcements are not such as to stimulate the Canadian economy. Meanwhile, on the U.S. side, certain indexes, such as the *Architecture Billings Index* (ABI), have declined somewhat for the first time in months. However, several other indexes, such as the unemployment rate in the construction sector, and the announcement of major projects, allow us to remain optimistic about this major market for ADF.

#### 6. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2017

On August 17, 2017, the Corporation rebalanced its foreign exchange contracts on hand at that date. In order to adjust the net currency exchange risk, the Corporation cashed out all of its foreign exchange contracts on that date and immediately entered into new foreign exchange contracts expiring over the next 18 months. Pursuant to this transaction, the Corporation cashed \$2.4 million from the difference between the exchange rate at the time of the transaction and the average rate of the foreign exchange contracts the Corporation had on that date. This transaction had little impact on the Corporation's results, other than on its liquidities, since these financial instruments were recorded at their fair value as at July 31, 2017, and therefore foreign exchange gains (or losses) were already recorded in earnings.

On September 13, 2017, the Corporation's Board of Directors approved a semi-annual dividend of \$0.01 per subordinate and multiple voting shares, paid on October 17, 2017, to shareholders of record as at September 29, 2017.

#### 7. EXCHANGE RATE

The Corporation is subject to foreign currency fluctuations from the translation of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of its foreign operations and from commercial transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Average monthly rates (considered a reasonable approximation to actual rates at the date of transactions) are used to translate revenues (except for forward foreign exchange contracts) and expenses for the periods mentioned, while closing rates translate assets and liabilities.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, as well as during each of the last four quarters, the Corporation used the following exchange rates between the Canadian and U.S. dollars:

(CA\$/US\$)	Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income (Loss)		Statements of Financial Position
	Quarterly	Cumulative	
Third quarter (October 31, 2016)	1.3112	1.3110	1.3411
Fourth quarter (January 31, 2017)	1.3327	1.3161	1.3012
First quarter (April 30, 2017)	1.3317	1.3317	1.3662
Second quarter (July 31, 2017)	1.3214	1.3264	1.2485
<b>Third quarter (October 31, 2017)</b>	<b>1.2503</b>	<b>1.3009</b>	<b>1.2893</b>

Despite the recent downward trend, the Canadian dollar has gained value against the U.S. dollar during the quarter ended October 31, 2017, compared with the exchange rates during the previous quarter ended July 31, 2017 and during the comparable quarter ended October 31, 2016. This increase in the Canadian currency resulted in a \$0.3 million foreign exchange loss during the quarter ended October 31, 2017.

For the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, taking into account the foreign exchange gain resulting from the rebalancing of the exchange contracts (see Section 6 "Significant Events of the Three-Month Period Ended October 31, 2017"), the exchange rate variation yielded a \$0.5 million exchange gain.

These variations in the exchange rate had an unfavorable impact of \$0.5 million on the Corporation's gross margin during the quarter ended October 31, 2017, and an unfavorable impact of \$0.2 million during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017.

## 8. NON-GAAP MEASURES

The financial information in this MD&A has been prepared in accordance with IFRS, with the exception of certain financial indicators that do not have standardized meaning as prescribed by IFRS and therefore are considered non-generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). When such indicators are used, they are defined and the reader is informed. The Corporation uses the following non-GAAP indicators to measure its operating performance and the achievement of objectives:

	9-Month Periods Ended October 31,		12-Month Periods Ended January 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Working capital (in thousands of dollars)	<b>\$29,808</b>	\$24,048	\$24,769	\$20,961
Current ratio	<b>1.69:1</b>	2.15:1	1.77:1	1.96 :1
Long-term debt to shareholders' equity ratio	<b>0.31:1</b>	0.22:1	0.30:1	0.14:1
Total debt, net of liquidities (in thousands of dollars)	<b>\$32,662</b>	\$23,321	\$31,716	\$12,842
Total cash and cash equivalents, net of credit facilities and the long-term debt, to shareholders' equity ratio	<b>(0.31):1</b>	(0.22):1	(0.30):1	(0.12):1
Liabilities to shareholders' equity ratio	<b>0.65:1</b>	0.40:1	0.50:1	0.36:1
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) (in thousands of dollars) <sup>(a)</sup>	<b>\$5,651</b>	\$6,149	\$8,462	\$7,244
EBITDA margin (as a percentage of revenues) <sup>(a)</sup>	<b>4.3%</b>	9.3%	8.2%	7.4%
Book value per share (in dollars)	<b>\$3.26</b>	\$3.26	\$3.24	\$3.30
Return on shareholders' equity	<b>1.7%</b>	2.2%	1.4%	1.6%

For the definition of the financial indicators in the above table, except for article a) below, see Section 10 "Non-GAAP Measures" of the Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Financial Position and Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2017.

### a) EBITDA and EBITDA Margin

EBITDA shows the extent to which the Corporation generates profits from operations, without considering the following items:

- Financial revenues and financial expenses;
- Income tax expense;
- Foreign exchange gains or losses, and
- Depreciation and amortization of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

Net income is reconciled with EBITDA in the table below:

Periods Ended October 31,	3 Months		9 Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net income	<b>(698)</b>	36	<b>1,583</b>	1,246
Income tax (recovery) expense	<b>(621)</b>	9	<b>36</b>	396
Financial revenues	<b>(2)</b>	(2)	<b>(28)</b>	(45)
Financial expenses	<b>412</b>	243	<b>1,190</b>	667
Amortization	<b>1,107</b>	1,181	<b>3,321</b>	3,559
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	<b>270</b>	(30)	<b>(451)</b>	326
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>468</b>	1,437	<b>5,651</b>	6,149
— As a % of revenues	<b>1.3%</b>	6.8%	<b>4.3%</b>	9.3%

9. **ANALYSIS OF OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE THREE-MONTH AND NINE-MONTH PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2017**

a) **Revenues and Gross Margin**

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	<b>2017</b>	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>37,212</b>	21,089	16,123	76.4
Cost of goods sold	<b>34,793</b>	17,836	16,957	95.1
Gross margin	<b>2,419</b>	3,253	(834)	(25.6)
— As a % of revenues	<b>6.5%</b>	15.4%		(8.9)

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	<b>2017</b>	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>131,128</b>	66,390	64,738	97.5
Cost of goods sold	<b>119,194</b>	54,013	65,181	120.7
Gross margin	<b>11,934</b>	12,377	(443)	(3.6)
— As a % of revenues	<b>9.1%</b>	18.6%		(9.5)

**Revenues**

Revenues during the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, totalled \$37.2 million, compared with \$21.1 million for the same period ended October 31, 2016. Revenues during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, totalled \$131.1 million, up by \$64.7 million compared with the same period of the 2017 fiscal year.

The increase in revenues during both the quarter and the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, when compared with the same periods ended October 31, 2016, is explained, among others, by the higher level of business volume from one period to the other, and therefore, the increase in the costs incurred on projects underway.

As a reminder, revenues are determined on the basis of the costs incurred on the various projects executed by the Corporation during the period.

In terms of economic dependency, 86% of the Corporation's revenues during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, were realized with three (3) customers for respective amounts of \$27.9 million, \$29.6 million and \$55.0 million all from the United States (during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, 84% of the revenues were realized with four (4) customers for respective amounts of \$21.4 million from Canada and the United States, \$20.0 million and \$6.6 million from the United States and \$7.6 million from Canada), and therefore each customer accounted for more than 10% of the Corporation's revenues concentration.

Although the Corporation attempts to limit the concentration of its revenues, given the nature of its activities and market, its revenues are likely to remain concentrated among a restricted number of customers in upcoming quarters.

**Gross Margin**

The gross margin in dollar value, totalling \$2.4 million during the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, is \$0.8 million lower than during the same period a year ago. As a percentage of revenues, the gross margin went from 15.4% during the three-month period ended October 31, 2016 to 6.5% for the same period ended October 31, 2017.

This decrease as a percentage of revenues during the quarter ended October 31, 2017, when compared with the same quarter ended October 31, 2016, is mostly attributable to the costs related to the completion of projects, including demobilization costs. The Corporation expects to recover some of these costs. However, because no agreement has been concluded as of the date hereof, no revenues from these items have been recorded.

During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, the gross margin in dollar value stood at \$11.9 million or 9.1% of revenues, compared with \$12.4 million or 18.6% of revenues a year ago. In addition to the abovementioned factors, these decreases are also explained by the lower prices on recently awarded contracts and contracts underway. It should be noted that the gross margin for the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, also benefited from a \$1.0 million non-recurrent adjustments resulting from the sale of steel scrap and occupational health and safety costs.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, revenues included 53% and 41% respectively of fabrication hours, including industrial coating, compared with 71% and 72% respectively for the same periods a year ago. As previously explained, fabrication activity is not only the Corporation's core business, it is also the most value-added activity.

Increases or decreases in raw material (mainly steel) prices do not generally have a material impact on the gross margin since in most cases the customers supply the steel to be transformed by ADF, whereas protection clauses with regard to price changes are usually included in contracts where ADF supplies the steel. In addition, the natural hedge attributable to revenues and the purchase of raw materials in U.S. dollars mitigate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations.

b) **Selling and Administrative Expenses**

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Selling and administrative expenses</b>	<b>3,058</b>	2,997	61	2.0
— As a % of revenues	<b>8.2%</b>	14.2%		(6.0)

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Selling and administrative expenses</b>	<b>9,604</b>	9,787	(183)	(1.9)
— As a % of revenues	<b>7.3%</b>	14.7%		(7.4)

During the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, selling and administrative expenses amounted to \$3.1 million, which is almost at the same level as the corresponding quarter ended October 31, 2016. For the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, selling and administrative expenses amounted to \$9.6 million, posting a \$0.2 million decrease over the same period ended October 31, 2016.

Selling and administrative expenses, as a percentage of revenues, decreased by 6.0% and 7.4% respectively during the comparative three-month and nine-month periods. Standing at 7.3% of revenues for the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, the selling and administrative expenses are now at a more acceptable level and in line with the current revenue level.

c) **Amortization**

In accordance with IFRS standards, amortization expense is included in cost of goods sold and selling and administrative expenses (see Note 11 "Classification of Expenses per Nature" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements as at October 31, 2017, included in this MD&A). However, Management considers it appropriate to continue separately commenting on the trend in amortization expense since it is considered a significant, although non-cash, component in the analysis of the Corporation's profit margins.

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Amortization</b>	<b>1,107</b>	1,181	(74)	(6.3)
— As a % of revenues	<b>3.0%</b>	5.6%		(2.6)

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Amortization</b>	<b>3,321</b>	3,559	(238)	(6.7)
— As a % of revenues	<b>2.5%</b>	5.4%		(2.9)

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Amortization expense included in cost of goods sold	<b>849</b>	912	(63)	(6.9)
Amortization expense included in selling and administrative expenses	<b>258</b>	269	(11)	(4.1)
<b>Total amortization</b>	<b>1,107</b>	1,181	(74)	(6.3)

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
Amortization expense included in cost of goods sold	<b>2,558</b>	2,777	(219)	(7.9)
Amortization expense included in selling and administrative expenses	<b>763</b>	782	(19)	(2.4)
<b>Total amortization</b>	<b>3,321</b>	3,559	(238)	(6.7)

The amortization expense during the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, were respectively \$74,000 and \$238,000 less than during the same periods ended October 31, 2016, respectively representing decreases of 6.3% and 6.7%. These variations result from the impact of recently commissioned equipment, which was more than offset by the impact of equipment that were either entirely amortized or disposed of.

d) **Financial Revenues and Financial Expenses**

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Financial revenues</b>	(2)	(2)	—	—
<b>Financial expenses</b>	412	243	169	69.5
— As a % of revenues	1.1%	1.1%	169	70.1

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Financial revenues</b>	(28)	(45)	17	37.8
<b>Financial expenses</b>	1,190	667	523	78.4
— As a % of revenues	0.9%	0.9%	540	86.8

The increase in net financial expenses during the quarter and the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, when compared with the corresponding periods a year ago, is largely explained by the increase in the higher average balances of the Corporation's debts, including the use of the credit facilities (See Section 11 "Cash Flows and Financial Position").

e) **Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain)**

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31 (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Foreign exchange loss (gain)</b>	270	(30)	300	Pos.
— As a % of revenues	0.7%	(0.1)%		0.8

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31 (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Foreign exchange loss (gain)</b>	(451)	326	(777)	Neg.
— As a % of revenues	(0.3)%	0.5%		(0.8)

The foreign exchange loss recorded during the quarter ended October 31, 2017, included a \$1.6 million foreign exchange gain on ongoing operations and a \$1.8 million realized and not realized foreign exchange loss relating to the fair value of financial derivatives. During the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, a \$1.1 million foreign exchange gain on the translation of foreign subsidiaries was recorded in comprehensive income (loss).

The foreign exchange gain recorded during the quarter ended October 31, 2016, included a \$0.6 million foreign exchange gain on ongoing operations and a \$0.6 million realized and not realized foreign exchange loss relating to the fair value of financial derivatives. During the three-month period ended October 31, 2016, a \$1.0 million foreign exchange gain on the translation of foreign subsidiaries was recorded in comprehensive income.

The foreign exchange gain recorded during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, included a \$0.7 million foreign exchange loss on ongoing operations and a \$1.1 million realized and not realized foreign exchange gain relating to the fair value of financial derivatives. During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, a \$0.4 million foreign exchange loss on the translation of foreign subsidiaries was recorded in comprehensive income (loss).

The foreign exchange loss recorded during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, included a \$0.5 million foreign exchange loss on ongoing operations and a \$0.2 million realized and not realized foreign exchange gain relating to the fair value of financial derivatives. During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, a \$1.7 million foreign exchange loss on the translation of foreign subsidiaries was recorded in comprehensive income (loss).

The Corporation is exposed to exchange rate fluctuations between the Canadian and U.S. dollars since a significant portion of its revenues is usually generally recorded in U.S. dollars. During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, the portion of revenues realized in U.S. dollars was 91% (64% and 63% during the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2016, respectively, and 72% during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017). Considering the improvement in U.S. markets and our facilities in Great Falls, Montana, the Corporation expects that the percentage of its revenues in U.S. dollars should remain at a fairly high level in the fiscal year ending January 31, 2018.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, in line with its hedging policy and given the increase in its net risk between future U.S. denominated cash inflows and outflows, the Corporation used the derivative financial instruments, which are classified as held-for-trading and measured at their fair value at the end of each period, since they are not designated as part of an effective hedging relationship.

The detail of the derivative financial instruments on hand as at October 31, 2017, was as follows:

	At October 31, 2017			
	In thousands of US\$ <sup>(1)</sup>			
<b>Foreign exchange contracts</b>	<b>8,143</b>	<b>10,437</b>	<b>1.2818</b>	<b>November 30, 2017</b>
	<b>15,000</b>	<b>18,979</b>	<b>1.2653</b>	<b>January 31, 2018</b>
	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>1.2646</b>	<b>April 30, 2018</b>
	<b>500</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>1.2632</b>	<b>October 31, 2018</b>
	<b>6,300</b>	<b>7,946</b>	<b>1.2613</b>	<b>January 31, 2019</b>

(1) A positive amount represents the sale of U.S. dollars, whereas a negative amount represents the purchase of U.S. dollars.

Based on the balance of the Corporation's financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies, as at October 31, 2017, a 10% fluctuation in the exchange rate between the Canadian and the U.S. dollars (all other variables remaining constant) would have had an immaterial impact in net income before income tax, and in comprehensive income (loss) before income tax. However, this information only applies to financial instruments based on period-end balances and does not take into account the impact of foreign exchange fluctuations on revenues and other miscellaneous expenses for a complete fiscal year.

f) **Income Tax (Recovery) Expense**

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Income tax (recovery) expense</b>	<b>(621)</b>	9	(630)	Neg.
— As a % of revenues	<b>(1.7)%</b>	0.0%		(1.7)

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in percentages)	2017	2016	Changes 2017/2016	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<b>Income tax (recovery) expense</b>	<b>36</b>	396	(360)	(90.9)
— As a % of revenues	<b>0.0%</b>	0.6%		(0.6)

For the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, the income tax recovery represented an average effective tax rate of 47%, compared with an average effective tax rate of 20% for the same period of the 2017 fiscal year. For the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, the income tax expense represented an average effective tax rate of 2% compared with 24% for the same period a year ago. The difference between these rates and the Corporation's Canadian effective rate (27%) is mainly explained by the breakdown of income before income tax (profits or losses) from U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions which use different income tax rates. This impact is amplified, especially when analyzing the rate for the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, given the low level of income before income tax.

A balance of \$2.3 million relating to net deferred income tax assets remained available as at October 31, 2017. This amount will have a favourable impact on the future cash outflows of the Corporation, which will not have to pay future income taxes until the full amount of available tax attributes has been used in the different jurisdictions where the Corporation executes contracts. Once these future tax attributes are fully used in a given jurisdiction, the Corporation will be required to resume paying income taxes in that jurisdiction.

g) **Net Income, Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share**

Three-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in dollars per share)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>(698)</b>	36
— As a % of revenues	<b>(1.9)%</b>	0.2%
Total basic earnings per share	<b>(0.02)</b>	0.00
Total diluted earnings per share	<b>(0.02)</b>	0.00

Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars and in dollars per share)	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>1,583</b>	1,246
— As a % of revenues	<b>1.2%</b>	1.9%
Total basic earnings per share	<b>0.05</b>	0.04
Total diluted earnings per share	<b>0.05</b>	0.04

The increase in net income during the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, compared with the same periods a year ago is for the most part explained by the previously described reasons.

#### 10. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE LAST EIGHT QUARTERS

The trends observed in the analysis of quarterly results do not necessarily represent those of the future results of the Corporation. ADF's activities are not, as such, subject to seasonal fluctuations. However, the non-residential construction market in which the Corporation is active goes through upward and downward cycles.

Overall, quarterly fluctuations in the following indicators result mainly from the changes in the revenue mix and the costs recognized on different projects underway and for each given period, together with the lags between the recognition of costs and revenues, where appropriate, that could result from the use of estimates based on the percentage-of-completion method.

More specifically, and in light of the results for the last eight (8) quarters presented below, the variations from one quarter to the other are mostly explained by the respective fabrication schedules of the various projects announced by the Corporation. Considering that revenues are established based on incurred costs on these different projects carried out by the Corporation, revenues and operating results can differ significantly from quarter to quarter because of these execution schedules.

Fiscal Years	2018			2017				2016
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (10.31.2017)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (07.31.2017)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (04.30.2017)	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (01.31.2017)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (10.31.2016)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (07.31.2016)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (04.30.2016)	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (01.31.2016)
Three-Month Periods Ended								
(In thousands of dollars and in dollars per share)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	<b>37,212</b>	45,278	48,638	36,456	21,089	19,861	25,440	29,084
Gross margin	<b>2,419</b>	4,289	5,226	4,833	3,253	2,990	6,134	4,063
— As a % of revenues	<b>7%</b>	9%	11%	13%	15%	15%	24%	14%
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>468</b>	2,102	3,081	2,313	1,437	1,669	3,043	2,083
— As a % of revenues	<b>1%</b>	5%	6%	6%	7%	8%	12%	7%
Income before income tax expense (recovery)	<b>(1,319)</b>	2,315	623	871	45	251	1,346	1,521
— As a % of revenues	<b>(4)%</b>	5%	1%	2%	0%	1%	5%	5%
Net income	<b>(698)</b>	1,927	354	253	36	245	965	1,138
— Basic per share	<b>(0.02)</b>	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03
— Diluted per share	<b>(0.02)</b>	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03

(1) See Section 8 "Non-GAAP Measures" for the definition of EBITDA.

#### 11. CASH FLOWS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The Corporation posts an adequate financial position and is on a solid footing to address its financial needs. Taking into account its cash and cash equivalents position, its credit facilities and the level of planned capital spending, the Corporation does not expect any liquidity risk in a foreseeable future.

As at October 31, 2017, the Corporation had \$5.3 million in cash and cash equivalents, which is \$5.0 million higher compared with January 31, 2017. Concomitantly, and as at October 31, 2017, the Corporation has drawn \$14.2 million from its short-term credit facilities, \$0.8 million more than as at January 31, 2017. As explained in the previous MD&A's, and although this situation has been somewhat alleviated over the last few months, the Corporation's liquidities are currently under pressure with the start of new major projects, in particular the Salt Lake City Airport project.

However, management believes that these available funds, considering the available credit facilities, will allow it to support the execution of its order backlog on hand on October 31, 2017, and to meet its expected financial commitments for the 2018 fiscal year.

Furthermore, the Corporation continually appraises the opportunities to use part of its liquidities to finance certain projects that could provide additional long-term competitive advantages. It also looks at opportunities for accelerated payments discounts negotiated with suppliers.

a) **Operating Activities**

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, the Corporation used cash flows from its operating activities and assigned them as follows:

Periods Ended October 31,	3 Months		9 Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(In thousands of dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net income adjusted for non-cash items	<b>3,139</b>	1,939	<b>7,549</b>	7,370
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items:				
Accounts receivable	<b>(11,519)</b>	(5,322)	<b>(18,443)</b>	(2,000)
Holdbacks on contracts	<b>(1,444)</b>	(839)	<b>(1,682)</b>	(1,267)
Work in progress	<b>7,687</b>	(1,307)	<b>7,911</b>	(891)
Inventories	<b>294</b>	(185)	<b>1,168</b>	(542)
Prepaid expenses and others current assets	<b>132</b>	(5)	<b>(802)</b>	68
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	<b>(473)</b>	3,518	<b>5,423</b>	(4,832)
Deferred revenues	<b>(448)</b>	1,346	<b>2,636</b>	(241)
	<b>(5,771)</b>	(2,794)	<b>(3,789)</b>	(9,705)
	<b>(2,632)</b>	(855)	<b>3,760</b>	(2,335)
Income tax recovery (paid)	<b>661</b>	(191)	<b>661</b>	(1,128)
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities	<b>(1,971)</b>	(1,046)	<b>4,421</b>	(3,463)

The Corporation recorded a net income adjusted for non-cash items of \$3.1 million during the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, which is \$1.2 million higher than the corresponding period ended October 31, 2016. This increase results mainly from the unrealized loss on derivative financial instruments, net of the non-cash foreign exchange gain.

The net income adjusted for non-cash items for the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, increased by \$0.2 million compared with the same period ended October 31, 2016. This increase results from the increase in net income from one period to the other.

During the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, the change in non-cash operating working capital items used cash flows of \$5.8 million. This cash outflow is largely attributable to the increase in accounts receivable (\$11.5 million), and holdbacks on contracts (\$1.4 million), net of the decrease in work in progress (\$7.7 million).

During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, the change in non-cash operating working capital items used cash flows of \$3.8 million, which is mostly explained by the increase in accounts receivable (\$18.4 million), net of the decrease in work in progress (\$7.9 million) and the increase in accounts payable and other current liabilities (\$5.4 million).

The above variations are mainly attributable to the increase in the level of business activity since January 31, 2017, which has somewhat stabilized during the quarter ended October 31, 2017.

During the three-month period ended October 31, 2016, the change in non-cash operating working capital items used cash outflows of \$2.8 million, which was mostly explained by the increase in accounts receivable (\$5.3 million) and in work in progress (\$1.3 million), net of the increase in accounts payable and other current liabilities (\$3.5 million), and the increase in deferred revenues (\$1.3 million).

During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, the change in non-cash operating working capital items used cash outflows of \$9.7 million, which is mostly explained by the increase in accounts receivable (\$2.0 million), the increase in holdbacks on contracts (\$1.3 million) and the decrease in accounts payable and other current liabilities (\$4.8 million).

b) **Investing Activities**

The Corporation's investing activities are summarized as follows:

Periods Ended October 31,	3 Months		9 Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(In thousands of dollars)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net acquisition of property, plant and equipment	<b>(880)</b>	(561)	<b>(3,026)</b>	(5,854)
Acquisition of intangible assets	<b>(140)</b>	(90)	<b>(533)</b>	(295)
Decrease (increase) in other non-current assets	<b>9</b>	2	<b>(27)</b>	(7)
Revenues from disposals of property, plant and equipment	—	—	<b>125</b>	—
Interest received	<b>2</b>	—	<b>28</b>	43
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities	<b>(1,009)</b>	(649)	<b>(3,433)</b>	(6,113)

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, liquidities of \$1.0 million and \$3.4 million were used respectively, mostly for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2016, \$0.6 million and \$6.1 million in liquidities were used respectively, mostly for the construction of the paint shop at ADF's Complex in Terrebonne, as well as for certain fabrication equipment required for the new Champlain bridge project in Montreal.

The Corporation estimates capital expenditures for fiscal 2018 at approximately \$5.0 million, which will primarily be used to maintain the fabrication equipment current at both of ADF's plants in Terrebonne, Quebec, and Great Falls, Montana.

c) **Financing Activities**

The Corporation's financing activities were as follows:

Periods Ended October 31, (In thousands of dollars)	3 Months		9 Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Issuance of long-term debt	—	—	5,702	5,000
Variation in the credit facilities	(1,480)	(762)	841	4,738
Repayment of long-term debt	(245)	(200)	(693)	(607)
Issuance of subordinate voting shares	—	—	17	6
Dividend paid	(327)	(326)	(653)	(652)
Interest paid	(413)	(241)	(1,190)	(667)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities	(2,465)	(1,529)	4,024	7,818

During the three-month period ended October 31, 2017, financing activities used liquidities of \$2.5 million, compared with a cash outflow of \$1.5 million for the comparative period a year ago.

During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, financing activities generated liquidities of \$4.0 million. This cash inflow comes from the issuance of two new loans. On May 19, 2017, a subsidiary of the Corporation contracted a new loan to finance the purchase of equipment for its fabrication plant in Great Falls, Montana. This US\$520,000 loan from a U.S. bank has a 5-year term and bears an annual 3.84% fixed interest rate.

In addition, on June 27, 2017, the Corporation has drawn a \$5.0 million tranche from a loan obtained during the third quarter of the 2016 fiscal year. The Corporation obtained this long-term loan, which could reach \$20.0 million, from a government corporation to finance, among others, its working capital. The initial \$5.0 million tranche was received at the issuance of the loan in August 2015, whereas the second \$5.0 million tranche was received in February 2016. The \$5.0 million balance will be issued, when appropriate, at the Corporation's request.

During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, financing activities generated liquidities of \$7.8 million stemming from the second tranche of \$5.0 million drawn during the first quarter ended April 30, 2016, under the new debt concluded during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2016, and the \$4.7 million variation in the credit facilities.

During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, the Corporation issued 7,664 subordinate voting shares for a cash consideration of \$17,000 (6,000 shares issued during the nine-month period ended October 31, 2016, for \$6,000 cash consideration).

d) **Payment of Rents and Interest and Payment of Principal on Debt**

The Corporation pays interest on its long-term loans. The interest rates on these loans were between 1.98% and 4.15% as at October 31, 2017. The Corporation is making total monthly principal repayments of US\$0.1 million on these loans. Other rent payments are described under Note 24 "Commitments and Guarantees" of the Notes to the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2017.

e) **Debt Covenants**

As at October 31, 2017, the Corporation respected all of the covenants with its lenders, and still did at the date hereof. Management expects it will continue to respect its commitments during the fiscal year 2018.

f) **Commitments Related to Letters of Credit as at October 31, 2017**

The Corporation contracted letter of credits, the balance of which was \$4.4 million as at October 31, 2017, compared with \$4.6 million as at October 31, 2016 and \$4.5 million as at January 31, 2017.

12. **CAPITAL STOCK**

Information on the outstanding shares, including stock options:

(In thousands of dollars, and in number of shares and options)	Subordinate Voting Shares		Multiple Voting Shares <sup>(1)</sup>		Total Outstanding Shares		Stock Options <sup>(2)</sup>
	Number	\$	Number	\$	Number	\$	Number
As at January 31, 2016	18,278,435	52,076	14,343,107	16,001	32,621,542	68,077	461,664
Issued on exercise of stock options	6,000	11	—	—	6,000	11	(6,000)
Granted (forfeited)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(72,000)
As at January 31, 2017	18,284,435	52,087	14,343,107	16,001	32,627,542	68,088	383,664
Issued on exercise of stock options	7,664	32	—	—	7,664	32	(7,664)
<b>As at October 31, 2017</b>	<b>18,292,099</b>	<b>52,119</b>	<b>14,343,107</b>	<b>16,001</b>	<b>32,635,206</b>	<b>68,120</b>	<b>376,000</b>

(1) These shares carry 10 votes per share.

(2) The weighted average exercise price of the current stock option is \$2.99 per unit as at October 31, 2017.

As at October 31, 2017, the Corporation had 32,635,206 shares outstanding (32,627,542 as at January 31, 2017). During the nine-month period ended October 31, 2017, the Corporation did not grant stock options and issued 7,664 subordinate voting shares, under its Stock Options Plan (no stock options issued during the three-month period ended October 31, 2017). During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2016, no stock options were granted and 6,000 subordinate voting shares were issued. At the date hereof, being December 6, 2017, the number of shares outstanding remained practically unchanged.

On October 31, 2017, a total of 376,000 stock options were issued and outstanding. These options, which had a weighted average life of 3.07 years before maturity, had a weighted average exercise price of \$2.99 (see Note 8 "Capital Stock" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, 2017).

### 13. DEFERRED SHARE UNITS PLAN

#### a) External Directors

This deferred compensation plan allows every external director, who wants to participate, to defer in whole or in part his/her director's compensation (including fees and attendance fees), by electing to receive a percentage of this compensation in the form of DSUs, which will be bought back in cash by the Corporation on the date the external director ceases to be a director of the Corporation by reason of death, retirement or loss of function as director.

When a director elects to participate in this plan, the Corporation credits the account of the director for a number of units equal to the deferred compensation divided by the market value of the subordinate voting shares, which is established using the average closing price during the five (5) trading days preceding the date of grant. DSU are not convertible into shares of the Corporation and do not result in a dilution to shareholders.

When the Corporation pays dividends on subordinate and multiple voting shares, the accounts of the directors (and to executive officers and key employees, see paragraph 13 b) below) are credited for the amount in the form of additional units using the same basis of calculation previously described.

For every DSU awarded, as well as for the variation in fair value, the Corporation recognizes a compensation expense with the counterpart in "Accounts payable and other current liabilities" of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, the DSU compensation amounted to a negative amount of \$19,000 and a positive amount of \$97,000 respectively (positive amounts of \$13,000 and \$579,000, respectively for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2016).

For further details, see Note 8 "Capital Stock" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017.

#### b) Executive Officers and Key Employees

As set forth in the DSU Plan (see Section 18 "Deferred Share Units Plan" of the Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Financial Position and Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2017) the Corporation may grant Executive Officers and key employees, DSUs on a discretionary basis, the vesting of which will extend over a 2-year to 5-year period, at a rate of 20% to 50% per year. The vested DSUs will be bought back in cash by the Corporation on the date its holder ceases to be an officer or employee of the Corporation by reason of death, retirement or loss of function as officer or employee. DSUs are recognized as they are vested and their costs is determined using a valuation model, and re-evaluated at each reporting period.

The share-based compensation expense, totalling respectively \$41,000 and \$113,000 (\$96,000 and \$239,000 respectively for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2016) was recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Income for the Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, 2017, and the corresponding amount was recognized in accounts payable and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

For further details, see Note 8 "Capital Stock" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, 2017.

### 14. DIVIDEND

On September 13, 2017, the Corporation's Board of Directors approved a semi-annual dividend of \$0.01 per subordinate and multiple voting shares that was paid on October 17, 2017, to shareholders of record as at September 29, 2017.

### 15. ORDER BACKLOG

ADF Group's order backlog totalled \$114.9 million on October 31, 2017, compared with \$215.8 million on the same date a year earlier and \$194.5 million on January 31, 2017. This variation, compared with January 31, 2017, is attributable to the execution of contracts and the impact of the exchange rate on U.S.-denominated contracts, net of newly awarded contracts and contractual changes finalized since that date.

As at October 31, 2017, 72% of the order backlog consisted of fabrication hours – the Corporation's core business and most value-added activity – compared with 40% on January 31, 2017. Most of the contracts on hand as at October 31, 2017, will be progressively executed between now and the end of the fiscal year ending January 31, 2019.

## 16. FINANCIAL POSITION

As at October 31, 2017, the Corporation had an adequate financial position. The Corporation's solid consolidated statement of financial position allowed it to obtain, when required, the necessary bonding for the award of large-scale contracts. This represents a major advantage for ADF within its markets.

The following table provides details on the major changes in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position between January 31, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

Sections	Changes	Explanatory Notes
	(In millions of dollars)	
Cash and cash equivalents, net of the variation in the credit facilities	<b>4.2</b>	Refer to Section 11 "Cash Flows and Financial Position" herein above.
Accounts receivable	<b>19.3</b>	Increase in billing as at October 31, 2017, in line with progress schedules.
Work in progress/Deferred revenues (net)	<b>(11.2)</b>	Net difference between the work in progress and the progressive revenues billing.
Derivative financial instruments (net)	<b>(1.3)</b>	Impact from the fluctuation in the fair values of financial instruments, and largely from the impact of the exchange rate on foreign exchange contracts on hand as at October 31, 2017.
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	—	Difference resulting from amortization (\$3.3 million), and the impact of the exchange rate (\$0.5 million), net of acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (\$3.8 million).
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	<b>5.8</b>	In line with the level of activity as at October 31, 2017 and more specifically the higher purchasing activity level during the last quarters.
Long-term debt (including current portion)	<b>5.1</b>	Variation resulting from the issuance of new debts (\$5.7 million), and the impact of the exchange rate on U.S.-denominated debts (\$0.1 million), net of the debt reimbursement (\$0.7 million).
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	<b>(0.4)</b>	Impact of the variation in the foreign exchange rates on the translation of foreign operations.

## 17. CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Although the trends are improving in certain markets served by the Corporation, a degree of uncertainty remains regarding the economic context. In times of economic uncertainty, the Corporation is faced with the following challenges:

- Its business segment is strongly dependent on project owners' capacity to finance their projects. For lack of financing, certain projects can be delayed or simply abandoned. Although the Corporation strives to mitigate this risk by focusing its marketing efforts on projects whose financing is most likely to materialize, it has no control over financial market trends; and
- Certain project owners who secured financing on the start-up of projects could be forced to cease the work pursuant to the withdrawal of financing, due to a lack of capital of either the project lender or the owner. The Corporation mitigates this risk by ensuring that amounts due are diligently collected and, insofar as possible, maintaining at all times a positive cash flow for every project. Moreover, the Corporation does business with owners who are financially solid. At the date hereof, no project of the Corporation is subject to such constraints.

From a financing point of view, the Corporation has a solid financial position and currently respects all its financial covenants. It expects it will continue to do so during the next 12 months. Capital expenditures are subject to very close monitoring by Management. The Corporation does not anticipate any liquidity problems, in particular since its principal credit facility is issued by a Canadian chartered bank with a solid credit rating, and the Corporation's major customers are leaders in their respective fields. Based on the foregoing, the Corporation maintains its short-term prospects (see Section 23 "Outlook") and does not currently foresee any short-term elements that could compromise its course of business.

That being said, and in light of the fact that the Corporation does not enjoy all the visibility from which it normally benefits in its markets, the Corporation will continue to use caution and will closely monitor the situation (see Sections 18 "External Factors to Which the Corporation's Performance is Exposed" and 23 "Outlook").

## 18. EXTERNAL FACTORS TO WHICH THE CORPORATION'S PERFORMANCE IS EXPOSED

### a) Exchange Rate

The exchange rate fluctuation between the Canadian and U.S. dollars has an impact on the Corporation's results. Thus, respective foreign exchange loss of \$0.3 million and foreign exchange gain of \$0.5 million were recorded during the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017, compared with a \$30,000 foreign exchange gain and a \$0.3 million foreign exchange loss for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2016, respectively.

In order to minimize the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on its results, the Corporation implemented the following protective measures:

- When required, issuance of U.S.-denominated debts;
- When advantageous, the raw material (steel) and welding products required for fabrication are purchased in U.S. dollars; and
- Implementation of a foreign exchange policy to protect a portion of the net exchange risk between cash inflows and outflows denominated in U.S. dollars.

### b) Operating Risks and Uncertainties

ADF's markets are subject to several risk and uncertainty factors, which could have an impact on its business, financial position and operating results. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to the following factors, which are further detailed in the Section 26 "External Factors to Which the Corporation's Performance is Exposed" in the MD&A for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017:

- Indemnity agreement;
- Uncertainties relating to the world economy;
- Bonding capacity and irrevocable letters of credit; and
- Operational risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the Corporation's financial position and operating results.

## 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Many items in the Corporation's Statement of Financial Position include financial instruments. The Corporation's financial assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, holdbacks on contracts, equity investments, as well as derivative financial instruments, whose fair market value is positive. Financial liabilities include credit facilities, and accounts payable and other current liabilities, long-term debt and derivative financial instruments, whose fair market value is negative.

As at October 31, 2017, the carrying amount of these financial instruments did not significantly differ from the fair market value, either because of their forthcoming maturity date (in the case of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, holdbacks on contracts receivable, credit facilities, and accounts payable and other current liabilities), or because the Corporation believes it could obtain similar conditions and schedules (in the case of the long-term debt) or since they are re-evaluated at their fair value at the end of every period (in the case of equity investments and derivative financial instruments) (see Note 17 b) "Financial Instruments" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, 2017, included in this MD&A).

Derivative financial instruments are typically used to manage the Corporation's foreign exchange and interest rate risk exposure. They are generally comprised of foreign exchange forward contracts and/or foreign currency options, as well as interest rate swaps, the case may be.

The Corporation is mostly exposed to credit, liquidity and market risks, including exchange rate and interest rate risks, when using financial instruments. A description of how the Corporation manages these risks is included hereinabove in this MD&A, as well as in Note 17 a) "Financial Risk Management and 17 b) "Financial Instruments" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, 2017.

## 20. ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES, AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In accordance with National Instrument 52-109, Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings, disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information that must be presented in Corporation's interim and annual reports is accumulated and communicated to management on a timely basis, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding disclosure. Internal control over financial reporting has also been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures as of October 31, 2017, as well as the effectiveness of Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of the same date using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) on Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013 Framework) and have concluded that they are effective.

During the quarter ended October 31, 2017, no changes were made to internal control over financial reporting or disclosure controls and procedures that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls and procedures.

21. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The significant accounting policies applied by the Corporation in accordance with IFRS are presented in Note 2 "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" to the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2017.

A summary of the recent IFRS pronouncements not yet adopted is included in Note 3 "Recent IFRS Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted" to the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended October 31, 2017.

22. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

As at October 31, 2017, the Corporation employed a total of 652 people across its fabrication plant, paint shop and head office in Terrebonne, Quebec, its offices, fabrication plant and paint shop in Great Falls, Montana, as well as the sales office and various construction sites in the United States.

23. **OUTLOOK**

Despite the increase in revenues, the third quarter results are quite disappointing. As previously explained, certain costs related to the completion of projects have had a negative impact on our results. We are working diligently to recuperate these costs. Our recent results do not alter our growth objectives and testify to our industry's ups and downs. Our long-term outlook remains the same and we maintain our efforts to renew our order backlog.

24. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Management's discussion and analysis of changes in financial position and operating results for the three-month and nine-month periods ended October 31, 2017 has been approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors on December 6, 2017.

The Corporation regularly discloses information through press releases, quarterly and annual reports and the Annual Information Form, available on the Corporation's website at [www.adfgroup.com](http://www.adfgroup.com) and the SEDAR (System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval) website at [www.SEDAR.com](http://www.SEDAR.com).

**Ms. Marise Paschini**

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Chief Financial Officer

Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada, December 6, 2017

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