Western Energy Services Corp.

Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

To the Shareholders of Western Energy Services Corp.:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management and approved by the Board of Directors of Western Energy Services Corp. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and, where appropriate, reflect management's best estimates and judgments. Management is responsible for the accuracy, integrity and objectivity of the consolidated financial statements.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the consolidated financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors, with all of its members being independent directors. The Audit Committee meets with management, as well as with the external auditors, to satisfy itself that management is properly discharging its financial reporting responsibilities and to review the consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board of Directors for consideration in approving the consolidated financial statements for presentation to the shareholders. The external auditors have direct access to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited independently by Deloitte LLP on behalf of Western Energy Services Corp. in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Their report outlines the nature of their audit and expresses their opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

"Signed"
Alex R.N. MacAusland
President &
Chief Executive Officer

"Signed"
Jeffrey K. Bowers
Senior Vice President, Finance,
Chief Financial Officer & Corporate Secretary

February 28, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of Western Energy Services Corp.

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Western Energy Services Corp., (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matter

A key audit matter is a matter that, in our professional judgment, was of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

Property and equipment - Impairment - Refer to Notes 3(h), 4(a) and 8 to the financial statements

Key Audit Matter Description

The Company's determination of whether or not an indicator of impairment or impairment reversal exists in its cash generating units (CGUs) requires management to make significant judgments, estimates, and assumptions in evaluating factors which could indicate if impairment or impairment reversal exist. This includes significant changes of operating results and the manner in which an asset is used, the carrying amount of the net assets of the entity being more than its market capitalization or significant negative industry or economic trends. There were no indicators of impairment or impairment reversal for any of the CGUs at December 31, 2023.

While there are several factors required to determine whether or not an indicator of impairment or impairment reversal exists, the judgments with the highest degree of subjectivity are the inputs to the Company's market capitalization deficiency assessment (specifically control premium, industry and company specific factors), and the impact of industry activity level expectations on the Company's earnings. Auditing these factors required a high degree of subjectivity which resulted in an increased extent of audit effort, including the involvement of fair value specialists.

How the Key Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit

Our audit procedures related to inputs to the Company's market capitalization deficiency assessment, and impact of industry activity level expectations on the Company's earnings considered in the assessment of indicators of impairment or impairment reversal included the following, among others:

- With the assistance of fair value specialists, evaluated the changes in the market capitalization deficiency, including the change in control premium, industry and company specific factors, and its impact on the Company's impairment or impairment reversal indicator analysis.
- Evaluated the reasonableness of management's assessment of the impact of industry activity level expectations on the Company's earnings by:
    - Evaluating management's ability to accurately forecast by comparing actual results to previous year forecasts.
    - Benchmarking to the industry's general economic environment and the Company's specific economic circumstances.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- The information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, in the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the 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 financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor’s report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of the auditor's report. If, based on the work we will perform on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the 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 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 GAAS 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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 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 financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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 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.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor’s report is Mr. David Langlois.

/s/ Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Calgary, Alberta
February 28, 2024.

Western Energy Services Corp.

Consolidated Balance Sheets
(thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		$ 5,930	$ 8,878
Trade and other receivables	6	37,638	47,213
Other current assets	7	7,166	5,453
		50,734	61,544
Non current assets			
Property and equipment	8	392,165	413,840
Other non current assets	7	34	324
		$ 442,933	$ 475,708
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade payables and other current liabilities	9	$ 26,562	$ 34,459
Current portion of long term debt	10	4,047	5,162
		30,609	39,621
Non current liabilities			
Long term debt	10	111,174	126,527
Deferred taxes	16	5,485	7,030
		147,268	173,178
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	11	521,603	521,549
Contributed surplus		20,371	17,664
Retained earnings (deficit)		(274,675)	(267,468)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		26,071	28,845
Non controlling interest		2,295	1,940
		295,665	302,530
		$ 442,933	$ 475,708

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

"Signed"
Ronald P. Mathison
Director, Chairman of the Board

"Signed"
John R. Rooney
Director, Chairman of the Audit Committee

Western Energy Services Corp.

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)
(thousands of Canadian dollars except share and per share amounts)

	Note	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Revenue		$ 233,451	$ 200,344
Expenses			
Operating		169,462	146,560
Administrative		16,250	13,863
Depreciation	8	42,164	40,096
Stock based compensation	12	2,761	1,985
Finance costs	14	11,397	14,416
Other items	15	(315)	603
Gain on debt forgiveness		-	(49,357)
Income (loss) before income taxes		(8,268)	32,178
Income tax recovery (expense)	16	1,383	(2,858)
Net income (loss)		(6,885)	29,320
Other comprehensive income (loss) [1]			
(Loss) gain on translation of foreign operations		(1,151)	3,352
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss) gain on net investment in subsidiary		(1,623)	1,953
Comprehensive income (loss)		$ (9,659)	$ 34,625
Net income (loss) attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		$ (7,207)	$ 28,999
Non controlling interest		322	321
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		$ (9,981)	$ 34,304
Non controlling interest		322	321
Net income (loss) per share:			
Basic		$ (0.20)	$ 1.24
Diluted		(0.20)	1.24
Weighted average number of shares:			
Basic	13	33,841,864	23,581,155
Diluted	13	33,841,864	23,581,735

(1) Other comprehensive income (loss) includes items that may be subsequently reclassified into profit and loss.

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Western Energy Services Corp.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
(thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Share capital	Contributed surplus [1]	Retained earnings (deficit)	Accumulated other comprehensive income[2]	Non controlling interest	Total shareholders' equity
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ 441,672	$ 15,762	$ (296,467)	$ 23,540	$ 1,993	$ 186,500
Common shares:						
Issue of common shares on debt to equity exchange	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Issue of common shares from rights offering	31,502	-	-	-	-	31,502
Share issue costs, net of tax	(1,734)	-	-	-	-	(1,734)
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	22	-	-	-	-	22
Issued on vesting of restricted share units	80	(80)	-	-	-	-
Fair value of exercised options	7	(7)	-	-	-	-
Stock based compensation	-	1,989	-	-	-	1,989
Distributions to non controlling interest	-	-	-	-	(374)	(374)
Comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	28,999	5,305	321	34,625
Balance at December 31, 2022	521,549	17,664	(267,468)	28,845	1,940	302,530
Common shares:						
Issued on vesting of restricted share units	54	(54)	-	-	-	-
Stock based compensation	-	2,761	-	-	-	2,761
Contributions from non controlling interest	-	-	-	-	33	33
Comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	(7,207)	(2,774)	322	(9,659)
Balance at December 31, 2023	$ 521,603	$ 20,371	$ (274,675)	$ 26,071	$ 2,295	$ 295,665

(1) Contributed surplus relates to stock based compensation described in Note 12.

(2) At December 31, 2023, the accumulated other comprehensive income balance consists of the translation of foreign operations and unrealized foreign exchange on the net investment in subsidiary.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Western Energy Services Corp.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Note	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Operating activities			
Net income (loss)		$ (6,885)	$ 29,320
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	8	42,164	40,096
Non cash stock based compensation	12	2,761	1,989
Finance costs	14	11,397	14,416
Gain on debt forgiveness		-	(49,357)
Income tax (recovery) expense	16	(1,383)	2,858
Other		882	612
Change in non cash working capital		2,417	(11,393)
Cash flow from operating activities		51,353	28,541
Investing activities			
Additions to property and equipment	8	(22,622)	(34,228)
Proceeds on sale of property and equipment		1,368	416
Repayment of promissory note	7	225	217
Contributions from (distributions to) non controlling interest		33	(374)
Change in non cash working capital		(4,457)	5,017
Cash flow used in investing activities		(25,453)	(28,952)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from rights offering		-	31,502
Share issue costs		-	(2,285)
Finance costs paid		(10,796)	(9,286)
Principal repayment of second lien facility	10	(8,080)	(11,615)
Second lien facility issue costs	10	-	(1,783)
Principal repayment of lease obligations	10	(2,659)	(2,494)
Draw on (repayment of) credit facilities	10	(2,000)	(1,000)
Principal repayment of HSBC facility	10	(5,313)	(1,250)
Issue of common shares	11	-	22
Cash flow (used in) from financing activities		(28,848)	1,811
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,948)	1,400
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		8,878	7,478
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		$ 5,930	$ 8,878

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

1. Reporting entity:

Western Energy Services Corp. ("Western") is a company domiciled in Canada. The address of the head office is 1700, 215 - 9th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta. Western is a publicly traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "WRG". These consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 (the "Financial Statements") are comprised of Western, its divisions and its wholly owned subsidiary (together referred to as the "Company"). The Company is an energy service company providing contract drilling services through its division, Horizon Drilling ("Horizon") in Canada, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Stoneham Drilling Corporation ("Stoneham") in the United States. Western provides production services in Canada through its division Eagle Well Servicing ("Eagle") which provides well servicing and its division Aero Rental Services ("Aero") which provides rental equipment services. Financial and operating results for Horizon and Stoneham are included in the contract drilling segment, while financial and operating results for Eagle and Aero are included in the production services segment.

2. Basis of preparation:

(a) Statement of compliance:

These Financial Statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Preparation of these Financial Statements in accordance with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity and areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to these Financial Statements are disclosed in Note 4.

These Financial Statements were approved for issuance by Western's Board of Directors on February 28, 2024.

(b) Basis of measurement:

The consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared using the historical cost basis except as described in the Company's accounting policies in Note 3.

(c) Functional and presentation currency:

These Financial Statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is Western's functional currency.

3. Material accounting policies:

The material accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these Financial Statements, unless otherwise indicated.

(a) Basis of consolidation:

These Financial Statements include the accounts of Western and its wholly owned subsidiary, Stoneham. The financial results of Stoneham are prepared for the same period as Western, using consistent accounting policies. Inter-company balances and transactions, and any income and expenses arising from inter-company transactions, have been eliminated in these Financial Statements.

Subsidiaries are entities over which Western has control. Control exists when Western has the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the relevant activities of an entity to obtain benefit from its activities. The financial results of Western's subsidiaries are included in the Financial Statements from the date that control commenced until the date that control ceases.

A portion of the Company's operations are conducted through arrangements where the Company and a third party each have a 50% interest. Based on the criteria outlined in IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company determined that, for financial reporting purposes, the Company has control of these arrangements. As a result, the Company fully consolidates the arrangements and has recorded a non-controlling interest in equity and net income (loss).

3. Material accounting policies (continued):

(b) Foreign currency transactions and operations:

The Canadian dollar is Western's functional and presentation currency. The Company's subsidiary's functional currency is determined individually and items included in the financial statements of the subsidiary are measured using that functional currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Western and its subsidiary at exchange rates in effect on the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate in effect on the balance sheet date with any resulting foreign exchange gain or loss recognized in net income (loss). Non-monetary items measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate in effect on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency gains and losses on transactions are reported on a net basis and recognized in other items within net income (loss).

The Company's foreign operations are conducted through Stoneham, which has a US dollar functional currency. For the purposes of presenting the Financial Statements, the assets and liabilities of this foreign operation are translated to Canadian dollars using exchange rates in effect on the balance sheet date. Income and expenses are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. Exchange differences arising from this translation are recognized in other comprehensive income (loss).

(c) Business combinations:

The Company uses the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The Company 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. When the excess is negative, a gain on acquisition is recognized immediately in net income (loss).

Goodwill is allocated as of the date of the business combination to the Company's operating segments that are expected to benefit from the business combination and represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes, which can be no higher than the operating segment level. Goodwill is not amortized and is tested for impairment annually. Additionally, goodwill is reviewed at each reporting date to determine if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired, in which case an impairment test is performed. Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Transaction costs, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Company incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred and recognized in other items within net income (loss).

(d) Financial instruments:

All financial instruments are measured at fair value upon initial recognition of the transaction. Measurement in subsequent periods is dependent on whether the instrument is classified as "amortized cost", "fair value through profit or loss" or "fair value through other comprehensive income".

The Company derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual right to the cash flows from the asset expires, or it transfers the right to receive the contractual cash flows from the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. The Company derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the balance sheet when the Company 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.

The Company has the following financial assets and liabilities recognized at amortized cost:

Cash and cash equivalents are initially recognized at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost with changes therein recognized in net income (loss).

(tabular amounts are in thousands of Canadian dollars, except common share and per common share amounts)

3. Material accounting policies (continued):

The Company's trade and other receivables are classified under the amortized cost category and are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are recognized initially at fair value, adjusted for any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, trade and other receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Trade payables and other current liabilities, lease obligations, the Second Lien Facility, the HSBC Facility, and Credit Facilities are classified under the amortized cost category. Financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value net of any directly attributable transaction costs. Financial liabilities, including the Second Lien Facility and the HSBC Facility are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Transaction costs incurred with respect to the Credit Facilities are deferred and amortized using the straight line method over the term of the facility. The asset is recognized in other assets on the balance sheet while the amortization is included in finance costs within net income (loss). Transaction costs related to undrawn term loans are recognized in deferred charges until the term loan is drawn. Subsequent to drawing on the term loan, transaction costs are netted against the term loan and amortized using the effective interest method.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents:
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash balances held at financial institutions.

(f) Property and equipment:
Property and equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset and bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour as well as any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to a working condition for their intended use.

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are included in the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially available for their intended use. All other borrowing costs are recognized in net income (loss) in the period incurred.

The cost of replacing a part of an item of property and equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Company, and its cost can be measured reliably. Costs associated with certifications and overhauls of drilling and well servicing rigs are capitalized and depreciated over the anticipated period between certifications, while the carrying amount of a replaced part, previous certification or overhaul is derecognized and recorded as a loss in net income (loss) as incurred. The costs of day-to-day servicing of property and equipment (i.e. repairs and maintenance) are recognized in net income (loss) as incurred.

Property and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis. A summary of the expected life and residual values for the Company's property and equipment as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	Expected Life	**Residual values**
Buildings	25 years	-
Drilling rigs and related equipment:		
Drilling rigs	8 to 25 years	10%
Drill pipe	5 to 8 years	-
Recertifications	3 to 5 years	-
Well servicing rigs and related equipment	12 to 25 years	10%
Ancillary drilling and well servicing equipment	5 to 15 years	-
Rental equipment	1 to 30 years	-
Shop and office equipment	1 to 10 years	-
Vehicles	3 years	20%

3. Material accounting policies (continued):

Depreciation is calculated based on the cost of the asset, less its estimated residual value. Depreciation is recognized in net income (loss) on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of each class of asset. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their estimated useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Company will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term, in which case, the estimated useful life of the asset is used. Land is not depreciated. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at least annually and adjusted if appropriate.

An item of property and equipment is derecognized when it is either disposed of or it is determined that no further economic benefit is expected from the item's future use or disposal and as such is decommissioned. Losses realized on decommissioned assets are recognized in net income (loss) upon derecognition. Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal, less associated costs of disposal, with the carrying amount of property and equipment, and are recognized in other items within net income (loss).

(g) Inventory:

Inventory is primarily comprised of operating spare parts and is measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Inventory is charged to operating expenses as items are consumed using the weighted average cost method.

(h) Impairment:

(i) Financial assets:
Financial assets are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is evidence that they are impaired. A financial asset is impaired if evidence indicates a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of the asset that can be estimated reliably.

(ii) Non-financial assets:
The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication of impairment. If an indication exists, then the asset's carrying amount is assessed for impairment.

For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit" or "CGU"). An impairment is recognized in net income (loss) if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing fair value less costs to sell, the Company must estimate the price that would be received to sell the asset or CGU less any incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated cash flows are discounted to their present value using an appropriate discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

Impairments recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for indications that the impairment has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount and the decrease in impairment can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized. An impairment 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 had been recognized. Such reversal is recognized in net income (loss).

(i) 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 short-term cash bonus plans if the Company has 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 estimated reliably.

3. Material accounting policies (continued):

(ii) Stock based compensation awards:
Stock based compensation expense relates to stock options as well as cash and equity settled restricted share units (“RSUs”). The grant date fair values of stock option and equity settled RSUs granted are recognized as an expense, with a corresponding increase in contributed surplus in equity, over the vesting period.

The amount recognized as an expense is based on the estimate of the number of awards expected to vest, which is revised if subsequent information indicates that actual forfeitures are likely to differ from the estimate. Upon exercise of stock options, the consideration paid by the holder is included in share capital and the related contributed surplus associated with the stock options exercised is reclassed into share capital. Upon vesting of equity settled RSUs, the related contributed surplus associated with the RSU is reclassified into share capital.

For cash settled RSUs, the fair value of the RSUs is recognized as stock based compensation expense, with a corresponding increase in accrued liabilities over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is based on the estimate of the number of RSUs expected to vest. Cash settled RSUs are measured at their fair value at each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis. Upon vesting of the cash settled RSUs, the liability is reduced by the cash payout.

(j) Revenue:
A portion of the Company’s revenue is generated from contracts with its customers. Long term contracts, as well as short term contracts, are common in the contract drilling segment, whereas the Company’s production services segment typically does not have long term contracts. In the production services segment, master service agreements may be signed with Western’s customers, however there typically is no commitment for a specific term or number of service rig hours. Long term contracts are those contracts with an initial term greater than one year. Segmented disclosures are included in Note 5, disaggregating revenue by geographic area and by operating segment.

Similar to revenue on short term or spot market contracts, the Company satisfies its performance obligations related to its long term contracts as the Company provides its services on a per billable day or hourly basis. As days are worked on the customer’s contract, the Company satisfies its performance obligation to the customer and recognizes revenue. The Company has elected to use the practical expedient under IFRS 15, paragraph B16, as the Company invoices its customers on a per day or per hour basis that directly corresponds with the value received by the customer. Revenue is therefore recognized on a per day or per hour basis, for both drilling and rig mobilization days. Should the customer terminate a long term drilling contract early, the Company may be entitled to shortfall commitment revenue on the contract. The Company recognizes shortfall commitment revenue when payment from the customer is certain. At the inception of a contract, an estimate for shortfall commitment revenue is not recognized, as the Company expects the customer to use its services for the full term of the contract. As a result, determining when to recognize shortfall commitment revenue requires judgment to ensure that revenue is recognized when the performance obligation has been satisfied and collectability assured.

(k) Lease assets and obligations:
Lease assets:
The Company has lease agreements for items including office space, vehicles, shops and office equipment which qualify as leased assets under IFRS 16, Leases.

At the inception of an arrangement, the Company determines whether such an arrangement is or contains a lease under IFRS 16. An agreement which results in the Company having the right to control the use of an asset over a period of time with set payments is considered a lease. Lease assets, or right of use assets, are capitalized at the date the lease commences and are comprised of the initial lease liability, less any lease incentives received. Depreciation is calculated based on the initial cost of the asset and recognized in net income (loss) on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the lease. The lease assets are included in property and equipment on the consolidated balance sheets and segregated in Note 8.

3. Material accounting policies (continued):

Lease obligations:

IFRS 16 requires the Company to make judgments that affect the valuation of lease obligations and the corresponding lease assets, including whether a contract falls within the scope of IFRS 16, the term of the lease, and determining the interest rate used for discounting future cash flows. The lease obligations, and the corresponding lease assets, at inception of the agreement are measured at the present value of the fixed lease payments, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at the inception of the agreement.

Finance costs are allocated to each period during the lease term using the effective interest rate method. Lease modifications, where the scope increases in exchange for additional corresponding consideration, are accounted for as a separate lease. For a lease modification that is not a separate lease or where the increase in consideration is not correlated with a change in the scope of the lease, at the effective date of the lease modification, the Company will remeasure the lease liability using the Company's incremental borrowing rate, with a corresponding adjustment to the right of use asset. The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease agreement and periods covered by any option to renew, where it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

(l) Finance income and finance costs:

Finance income comprises interest income on cash and cash equivalent balances. Interest income is recognized as it accrues in net income (loss).

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings and costs associated with securing debt instruments. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of a qualifying asset are recognized in net income (loss) when incurred.

(m) Income tax:

Income tax expense is comprised of current and deferred income taxes. Income tax is recognized in net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss) except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in equity on the consolidated balance sheets.

Current income tax is calculated using tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to taxation authorities.

Deferred income taxes are recognized, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the respective entity's financial statements.

Deferred income taxes are determined using tax rates which are enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized, or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the deductible balances can be utilized. All deferred tax assets are analyzed at each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the asset will be recovered.

3. Material accounting policies (continued):

(n) Earnings per share:

The Company presents basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS") data for its common shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the Company's net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the Company's net income and the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the effects of all potentially dilutive common shares, which comprise equity settled RSUs and in-the-money stock options. Diluted EPS is calculated using the treasury stock method where the deemed proceeds from the exercise of stock options and the associated unrecognized stock based compensation expense are considered to be used to reacquire common shares at the average common share price for the reporting period. The average market value of Western's common shares for purposes of calculating the dilutive effect of stock options is based on quoted market prices for the period during which the options were outstanding in the reporting period.

(o) Operating segment reporting:

An operating segment is a component of the Company that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Company's other operating segments. All operating segments' results are reviewed regularly by the Company's President & Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer & Corporate Secretary ("Executive Management"), to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the operating segment and assess its performance.

Operating segment results that are reported to Executive Management include items directly attributable to an operating segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. The Company's operating segments are defined in Note 5.

(p) New interpretations and amendments not yet adopted:

A number of interpretations and amendments are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have not been applied in preparing these Financial Statements. The following new interpretations and amendments have been issued, but are not yet effective until financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The Company does not expect these changes to have a material impact on its financial statements.

IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements, is amended to clarify the classification of liabilities between current or non-current. The amendment specifically clarifies that the classification of a liability between current or non-current is based on the rights to defer settlement of the liability at the reporting date and is not impacted by subsequent events that could impact the classification had they been present at the reporting date. The amendment also introduces additional disclosure requirements regarding circumstances that could result in a liability classified as non-current being required to be settled within twelve months from the reporting date.

IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements, is amended to clarify the appropriate treatment in the case of a loss of control of a subsidiary for which an investment is retained. Under the amendment when an entity loses control of a subsidiary, any gain recognized on remeasurement is only recognized through profit or loss to the extent of an unrelated investors' interest in the former subsidiary; the remaining unrecognized gain is eliminated against the carrying value of the investment retained in the former subsidiary.

IFRS 16 – Leases, is amended to clarify the subsequent measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability in a sale and leaseback transaction. The amendment clarifies that a seller-lessee would account for the right-of-use asset and lease liability in a manner that would not give rise to any gain or loss relating to the asset retained by the seller-lessee except in a situation where the lease was terminated.

IFRS S1 and S2 – Sustainability-related Financial Information and Climate-related Disclosures were released by the ISSB in 2023. IFRS S1 requires companies to disclose information about all sustainability-related risks and opportunities that could affect its cash flows, access to financing or to the cost of capital in the short, medium, and long-term. IFRS S2 requires a company to disclose information about its climate-related risks and opportunities including physical risks, transitional risks, such as regulatory changes, and climate related opportunities, such as new technology. These disclosure requirements are intended to give users of the financial statements additional information on the sustainability-related environment in which the company operates. These standards are under review by the Canadian Securities Administrators who are consulting with industry to determine the effective date of adoption and what modifications may be necessary prior to implementation.

4. Critical accounting estimates:

The preparation of the Financial Statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies (described in Note 3) and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require key assumptions concerning the future and other estimates that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities or disclosures within the next fiscal year. Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability. The critical accounting estimates and judgments set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these Financial Statements.

(a) Impairment:

An evaluation of whether or not an asset is impaired involves consideration of whether indicators of impairment exist. Factors which could indicate impairment exists include: significant underperformance of an asset relative to historical or projected operating results, significant changes in the manner in which an asset is used or in the Company's overall business strategy, the carrying amount of the net assets of the entity being more than its market capitalization or significant negative industry or economic trends. In some cases, these events are clear. However, in many cases, a clearly identifiable event indicating possible impairment does not occur. Instead, a series of individually insignificant events occur over a period of time leading to an indication that an asset may be impaired. Events can occur in these situations that may not be known until a date subsequent to their occurrence. Management continually monitors the Company's operating segments, the financial and commodity markets, and the business environment, and makes judgments and assessments about conditions and events in order to conclude whether there are indications of impairment.

When there is an indicator of impairment, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the amount of impairment, if any. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the CGU to which the asset belongs. A CGU is the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets. The determination of CGUs is based on management judgment.

The recoverable amount for property and equipment is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing fair value less costs to sell, the Company must estimate the price that would be received to sell the asset or CGU less any incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated cash flows are discounted to their present value using an appropriate discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. Arriving at the estimated future cash flows involves significant judgments, estimates and assumptions, including those associated with the future cash flows of the CGU, determination of the CGU and discount rates.

If indicators conclude that the asset is no longer impaired or that its impairment has decreased, the Company will reverse impairments on assets 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 on goodwill are not reversed. Similar to determining if an impairment exists, judgment is required in assessing if a reversal of an impairment is required.

(b) Property and equipment:

Property and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset to the asset's estimated residual value as determined by management. All estimates of useful lives and residual values are set out in Note 3 (f). Assessing the reasonableness of the estimated useful life, residual value and the appropriate depreciation methodology requires judgment and is based on management's experience and knowledge of the industry. Additionally, when determining whether to decommission an asset, future utilization and economic conditions are considered based on management's judgement, experience and knowledge of the industry.

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4. Critical accounting estimates (continued):

(c) Income taxes:

Preparation of the Financial Statements involves determining an estimate of, or provision for, income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which the Company operates. The process also involves making an estimate of taxes currently payable and taxes expected to be payable or recoverable in future periods, referred to as deferred taxes. Deferred taxes result from the effects of temporary differences due to items that are treated differently for tax and accounting purposes. The tax effects of these differences are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets as deferred tax assets and liabilities.

An assessment must also be made to determine the likelihood that the Company's future taxable income will be sufficient to permit the recovery of deferred income tax assets. To the extent that such recovery is not probable, recognized deferred tax assets must be reduced. Judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes and recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities. Management must also exercise judgment in its assessment of continually changing tax interpretations, regulations and legislation, to ensure deferred tax assets and liabilities are complete and fairly presented. The effects of differing assessments and applications could be material.

5. Operating segments:

The Company provides energy services primarily to oil and natural gas exploration companies through its contract drilling and production services segments in both Canada and the United States. Contract drilling includes drilling rigs along with related ancillary equipment. Production services includes well servicing rigs and related equipment, as well as rental equipment.

The Company's Executive Management review internal management reports for these operating segments on at least a monthly basis.

Information regarding the results of the operating segments is included below. Performance is measured based on operating earnings (loss), as included in internal management reports. Operating earnings (loss) is used to measure performance as management believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of certain operating segments relative to other entities that operate within these industries. Operating earnings (loss) is calculated as revenue less operating expenses, administrative expenses, and depreciation.

The following is a summary of the Company's results by operating segment for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Year ended December 31, 2023	Contract Drilling	Production Services	Corporate	Inter-segment Elimination	Total
Revenue	$ 164,628	$ 69,205	$ -	$ (382)	$ 233,451
Operating earnings (loss)	2,522	8,815	(5,762)	-	5,575
Finance costs	-	-	11,397	-	11,397
Depreciation	31,393	8,941	1,830	-	42,164
Additions to property and equipment	19,699	2,412	511	-	22,622

Year ended December 31, 2022	Contract Drilling	Production Services	Corporate	Inter-segment Elimination	Total
Revenue	$ 129,521	$ 71,278	$ -	$ (455)	$ 200,344
Operating earnings (loss)	(4,610)	9,452	(5,017)	-	(175)
Finance costs	-	-	14,416	-	14,416
Gain on debt forgiveness	-	-	(49,357)	-	(49,357)
Depreciation	29,189	9,252	1,655	-	40,096
Additions to property and equipment	31,453	2,757	18	-	34,228

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5. Operating segments (continued):

Total assets and liabilities by operating segment are as follows:

As at December 31, 2023	Contract Drilling	Production Services	Corporate	Total
Total assets	$ 356,606	$ 80,229	$ 6,098	$ 442,933
Total liabilities	48,419	26,240	72,609	147,268

As at December 31, 2022	Contract Drilling	Production Services	Corporate	Total
Total assets	$ 380,649	$ 85,646	$ 9,413	$ 475,708
Total liabilities	58,287	23,987	90,904	173,178

A reconciliation of operating earnings (loss) to income (loss) before income taxes by operating segment is as follows:

Year ended December 31, 2023	Contract Drilling	Production Services	Corporate	Total
Operating earnings (loss)	$ 2,522	$ 8,815	$ (5,762)	$ 5,575
Add (deduct):				
Stock based compensation	(721)	(183)	(1,857)	(2,761)
Finance costs	-	-	(11,397)	(11,397)
Other items	-	-	315	315
Income (loss) before income taxes	$ 1,801	$ 8,632	$ (18,701)	$ (8,268)

Year ended December 31, 2022	Contract Drilling	Production Services	Corporate	Total
Operating earnings (loss)	$ (4,610)	$ 9,452	$ (5,017)	$ (175)
Add (deduct):				
Stock based compensation	(502)	(186)	(1,297)	(1,985)
Finance costs	-	-	(14,416)	(14,416)
Gain on debt forgiveness	-	-	49,357	49,357
Other items	-	-	(603)	(603)
Income (loss) before income taxes	$ (5,112)	$ 9,266	$ 28,024	$ 32,178

Segmented information by geographic area is as follows:

As at December 31, 2023	Canada	United States	Total
Property and equipment	$ 310,360	$ 81,805	$ 392,165
Total assets	354,641	88,292	442,933

As at December 31, 2022	Canada	United States	Total
Property and equipment	$ 324,861	$ 88,979	$ 413,840
Total assets	372,265	103,443	475,708

	Canada	United States	Total
Revenue - Year ended December 31, 2023	187,970	45,481	233,451
Revenue - Year ended December 31, 2022	167,022	33,322	200,344

Revenue from long term contracts:

For the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, the Company had no revenue from long term contracts in the contract drilling or production services segments.

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5. Operating segments (continued):

Significant customers:

For the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, the Company had no customers comprising 10.0% or more of the Company's total revenue.

6. Trade and other receivables:

The Company's trade and other receivables as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Trade receivables	$ 33,073	$ 35,590
Accrued trade receivables	5,562	11,562
Other receivables	779	1,911
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,776)	(1,850)
Total	$ 37,638	$ 47,213

The Company's exposure to credit risk related to trade and other receivables is disclosed in Note 18.

7. Other assets:

The Company's other assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Current:		
Prepaid expenses	$ 2,981	$ 633
Inventory	3,579	4,066
Deposits	321	446
Promissory note	203	226
Deferred charges	82	82
Total current portion of other assets	7,166	5,453
Non current:		
Promissory note	-	207
Deferred charges	34	117
Total non current portion of other assets	34	324
Total other assets	$ 7,200	$ 5,777

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8. Property and equipment:

The following table summarizes the Company's property and equipment:

	Land	Buildings	Contract drilling equipment	Production services equipment	Office and shop equipment	Finance lease assets	Total
Cost:							
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ 5,089	$ 4,396	$ 800,198	$ 199,682	$ 12,713	$ 13,019	$ 1,035,097
Additions	-	-	31,453	2,731	44	-	34,228
Lease additions	-	-	-	-	6	162	168
Disposals	-	-	(4,038)	(1,506)	(959)	(52)	(6,555)
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-	11,895	-	64	58	12,017
Balance at December 31, 2022	$ 5,089	$ 4,396	$ 839,508	$ 200,907	$ 11,868	$ 13,187	$ 1,074,955
Additions to property and equipment	-	61	19,434	2,288	839	-	22,622
Lease additions	-	-	-	-	-	1,692	1,692
Disposals	-	-	(10,151)	(1,860)	(30)	(1,127)	(13,168)
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-	(4,517)	-	(14)	(19)	(4,550)
Balance at December 31, 2023	$ 5,089	$ 4,457	$ 844,274	$ 201,335	$ 12,663	$ 13,733	$ 1,081,551
Accumulated depreciation:							
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ -	$ 2,970	$ 475,787	$ 123,034	$ 11,568	$ 6,493	$ 619,852
Depreciation	-	134	28,888	8,761	520	1,793	40,096
Disposals	-	-	(2,700)	(1,503)	(955)	(42)	(5,200)
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-	6,241	-	63	63	6,367
Balance at December 31, 2022	$ -	$ 3,104	$ 508,216	$ 130,292	$ 11,196	$ 8,307	$ 661,115
Depreciation	-	134	30,973	8,375	729	1,953	42,164
Disposals	-	-	(8,594)	(1,714)	(30)	(997)	(11,335)
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-	(2,535)	-	(13)	(10)	(2,558)
Balance at December 31, 2023	$ -	$ 3,238	$ 528,060	$ 136,953	$ 11,882	$ 9,253	$ 689,386
Carrying amounts:							
At December 31, 2022	$ 5,089	$ 1,292	$ 331,292	$ 70,615	$ 672	$ 4,880	$ 413,840
At December 31, 2023	$ 5,089	$ 1,219	$ 316,214	$ 64,382	$ 781	$ 4,480	$ 392,165

Assets under construction:

Included in property and equipment at December 31, 2023 are assets under construction of $3.3 million (December 31, 2022: $7.1 million) which includes ancillary drilling and well servicing equipment.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company reviewed for indicators of impairment and determined no such indicators existed.

9. Trade payables and other current liabilities:

Trade payables and current liabilities as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Trade payables	$ 11,469	$ 21,967
Accrued trade payables and expenses	15,093	12,492
Total	$ 26,562	$ 34,459

The Company's exposure to foreign exchange and liquidity risk related to trade payables and other current liabilities is disclosed in Note 18.

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10. Long term debt:

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Company's long term debt instruments.

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Current:		
Second Lien Facility	$ 1,080	$ 1,080
HSBC Facility	-	1,250
Lease obligations (1)	2,465	2,424
PPP Loan	995	904
Less: unamortized issue costs	(493)	(496)
Total current portion of long term debt	4,047	5,162
Non current:		
Second Lien Facility	98,261	106,340
HSBC Facility	5,938	10,000
Lease obligations (1)	1,898	2,911
Revolving Facility	5,000	7,000
PPP Loan	768	1,466
Less: unamortized issue costs	(691)	(1,190)
Total non current portion of long term debt	111,174	126,527
Total long term debt	$ 115,221	$ 131,689

(1) Lease obligations include leases capitalized under IFRS 16. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company expensed $0.3 million related to leases of low value assets or leases with a term of less than one year.

Credit Facilities:

As at December 31, 2023, the Company's credit facilities consisted of a $35.0 million syndicated revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Facility") and a $10.0 million committed operating facility (the "Operating Facility" and together the "Credit Facilities") which mature on May 18, 2025.

Amounts borrowed under the Credit Facilities bear interest at the bank's Canadian prime rate, or the banker's acceptance rate plus an applicable margin depending, in each case, on the ratio of Consolidated Debt to Consolidated EBITDA as defined by the Credit Facilities agreement. The Credit Facilities are secured by the assets of the Company.

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10. Long term debt (continued):

As at December 31, 2023, the Company's Credit Facilities are subject to the following financial covenants:

	Covenant	December 31, 2023
Maximum Consolidated Senior Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio (1)(2)	3.0:1.0 or less	0.0:1.0
Maximum Consolidated Debt to Consolidated Capitalization Ratio (3)(4)	0.5:1.0 or less	0.3:1.0
Minimum Debt Service Coverage Ratio(5)	1.15:1.0 or greater	Not applicable

(1) Consolidated Senior Debt in the Credit Facilities is defined as indebtedness under the Credit Facilities and vehicle lease obligations, reduced by unrestricted cash.

(2) Consolidated EBITDA in the Credit Facilities is defined on a trailing twelve month basis as consolidated net income (loss), plus interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and any other non-cash items or extraordinary or non-recurring losses, less gains on sale of property and equipment and any other non-cash items or extraordinary or non-recurring gains that are included in the calculation of consolidated net income.

(3) Consolidated Debt in the Credit Facilities is defined as Consolidated Senior Debt plus the HSBC Facility, Second Lien Facility, and PPP loan less unrestricted cash.

(4) Consolidated Capitalization in the Credit Facilities is defined as the aggregate of Consolidated Debt and total shareholders` equity as reported on the consolidated balance sheet.

(5) The Debt Service Coverage Ratio is defined as the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA to the total of all regularly scheduled debt payments, including interest, paid on a trailing twelve month basis. It is only applicable if the Company has more than $25.0 million drawn on its Credit Facilities, or if the net book value of property and equipment is less than $250.0 million. As at December 31, 2023, the Company had $5.0 million drawn on its Credit Facilities and the net book value of its property and equipment was greater than $250.0 million, therefore the covenant was not applicable.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants related to its Credit Facilities.

Second Lien Facility:

At December 31, 2023, the Company had $99.3 million outstanding on the second lien secured term loan facility with Alberta Investment Management Corporation (the "Second Lien Facility"). Interest is payable semi-annually, at a rate of 8.5% per annum, on January 1 and July 1 each year or the next applicable business day. Amortization payments equal to 1.0% of the initial principal amount of $108.0 million are payable annually, in quarterly installments, with the balance due on May 18, 2026.

On May 18, 2022, as part of its recapitalization and debt restructuring transaction (the "Restructuring Transaction"), the Company converted $100.0 million of the principal amount outstanding under the Second Lien Facility into 16,666,667 common shares (the "Debt Exchange"). The Second Lien Facility was amended to, among other things, extend its maturity date from January 31, 2023 to May 18, 2026. As part of the Restructuring Transaction, Western completed a $31.5 million rights offering (the "Rights Offering"), as further described in the Company's December 31, 2022 annual consolidated financial statements.

HSBC Facility:

At December 31, 2023, the Company had $5.9 million outstanding related to its committed term non-revolving facility (the "HSBC Facility"). The HSBC Facility bears interest at a floating rate that is payable monthly. On September 29, 2023 the Company prepaid all monthly principal amounts for the remaining term of the loan, with the remaining balance due upon maturity on December 31, 2026.

US Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP Loan"):

At December 31, 2023, the Company had US$1.3 million outstanding related to the PPP Loan. Interest and principal amounts are payable over the term of the loan, at a rate of 1% per annum, with the balance due upon maturity on August 7, 2025.

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11. Share capital:

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares. The following table summarizes Western's common shares:

	Issued and outstanding shares		Amount
Balance at December 31, 2021	764,220	$	441,672
Issued on Debt Exchange	16,666,667		50,000
Issued for cash - May 18, 2022 rights offering	16,407,229		31,502
Issuance costs, net of deferred tax	-		(1,734)
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	725		22
Issued on vesting of restricted share units	2,451		80
Issued on Share Consolidation for fractional shares	26		-
Fair value of exercised stock options	-		7
Balance at December 31, 2022	33,841,318	$	521,549
Issued on vesting of restricted share units	1,691		54
Balance at December 31, 2023	33,843,009	$	521,603

In 2022, the Company completed the Restructuring Transaction as described in Note 10. Subsequently, on August 2, 2022 the Company completed a consolidation of the issued and outstanding common shares (the "Share Consolidation") at a ratio of one post-consolidation common share for every 120 pre-consolidation common shares as further described in the Company's December 31, 2022 annual consolidated financial statements.

12. Stock based compensation:

Stock options:

The Company's stock option plan provides for stock options to be issued to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company so that they may participate in the growth and development of Western. Subject to the specific provisions of the stock option plan, eligibility, vesting period, terms of the options and the number of options granted are to be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of grant. The stock option plan allows the Board of Directors to issue up to 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares as stock options, provided that, when combined, the maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance under all stock based compensation arrangements of the Company does not exceed 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares.

The following table summarizes the movements in the Company's outstanding stock options:

	Stock options outstanding		Weighted average exercise price
Balance at December 31, 2021	49,373	$	66.23
Granted	3,085,135		4.74
Exercised	(724)		30.17
Forfeited	(18,896)		20.29
Expired	(5,398)		165.26
Balance at December 31, 2022	3,109,490	$	5.33
Granted	20,000		2.95
Forfeited	(64,720)		4.55
Expired	(12,070)		103.71
Balance at December 31, 2023	3,052,700	$	4.95

For the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022 no stock options were cancelled. The average fair value of the stock options granted in 2023 was $1.58 per stock option (2022: $2.85 per stock option).

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12. Stock based compensation (continued):

The following table summarizes the details of the Company's outstanding stock options:

As at December 31, 2023 Exercise Price ($/share)	Number of options outstanding	Weighted average contractual life remaining (years)	Number of options exercisable
2.76-4.31	110,774	3.89	22,693
4.32-14.40	2,916,515	3.40	735,115
14.41-29.10	9,657	0.64	9,657
29.11-30.60	191	0.75	191
30.61-43.20	15,563	1.64	15,557
	3,052,700	3.40	783,213

As at December 31, 2023, Western had 783,213 (December 31, 2022: 32,455) vested and exercisable stock options outstanding at a weighted average exercise price equal to $5.58 (December 31, 2022: $57.64) per stock option.

The accounting fair value of the Company's stock options as at the date of grant is calculated in accordance with a Black Scholes option pricing model using the following average inputs:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Risk-free interest rate	4.6%	2.6%
Average forfeiture rate	5.1%	9.9%
Average expected life	2.0 years	2.0 years
Maximum life	5.0 years	5.0 years
Average vesting period	2.0 years	2.0 years
Expected share price volatility	102.0%	99.1%

Restricted share unit plan:

The Company's Restricted Share Unit ("RSU") plan provides RSUs to be issued to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company so that they may participate in the growth and development of Western. Subject to the specific provisions of the RSU plan, eligibility, vesting period, terms of the RSUs and the number of RSUs granted are to be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the grant. The RSU plan allows the Board of Directors to issue up to 5% of the Company's outstanding common shares as equity settled RSUs, provided that, when combined, the maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance under all stock based compensation arrangements of the Company does not exceed 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares.

The following table summarizes the movements in the Company's outstanding RSUs:

	Equity settled	Cash settled	Total
Balance at December 31, 2021	4,949	460	5,409
Exercised	(2,454)	(387)	(2,841)
Forfeited	(764)	(73)	(837)
Balance at December 31, 2022	1,731	-	1,731
Exercised	(1,691)	-	(1,691)
Forfeited	(27)	-	(27)
Balance at December 31, 2023	13	-	13

The Company did not grant any equity or cash settled RSUs during the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022.

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12. Stock based compensation (continued):

Stock based compensation expense recognized in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) is comprised of the following:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Stock options	$ 2,748	$ 1,947
Restricted share units – equity settled expense	13	42
Total equity settled stock based compensation expense	2,761	1,989
Restricted share units – cash settled expense	-	(4)
Total stock based compensation expense	$ 2,761	$ 1,985

13. Earnings per share:

The weighted average number of common shares is calculated as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Issued common shares, beginning of period	33,841,318	764,220
Weighted average number of common shares issued	546	22,816,935
Weighted average number of common shares (basic)	33,841,864	23,581,155
Dilutive effect of equity securities	-	580
Weighted average number of common shares (diluted)	33,841,864	23,581,735

For the year ended December 31, 2023, 3,052,700 stock options (December 31, 2022, 3,109,490 stock options) and 13 equity settled RSUs (December 31, 2022, 1,151 equity settled RSUs), were excluded from the diluted weighted average number of common shares calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

14. Finance costs:

Finance costs recognized in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) are comprised of the following:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Interest expense on long term debt	$ 10,943	$ 13,706
Amortization of debt financing fees	82	148
Accretion expense on Second Lien Facility	446	560
Accretion expense on HSBC Facility	56	59
Interest income	(130)	(57)
Total finance costs	$ 11,397	$ 14,416

The Company had an effective interest rate on its borrowings of 8.6% for the year ended December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: 8.0%).

15. Other items:

Other items recognized in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) are comprised of the following:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Loss on sale of fixed assets	$ 465	$ 939
Realized foreign exchange gain	(1,207)	(11)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	427	(319)
Other income	-	(6)
Total other items	$ (315)	$ 603

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16. Income taxes:

Income taxes recognized in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) are comprised of the following:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Current tax expense	$ (97)	$ (8)
Deferred tax recovery (expense)	1,480	(2,850)
Total income tax recovery (expense)	$ 1,383	$ (2,858)

The following table summarizes the income taxes recognized directly into equity, related to the Rights Offering in 2022:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Share issue costs	$ -	$ 551

The following provides a reconciliation of income (loss) before income taxes to total income taxes recognized in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss):

		Year ended December 31, 2023		Year ended December 31, 2022
Income (loss) before income taxes		$ (8,268)		$ 32,178
Federal and provincial statutory rates	23.9%	(1,976)	23.6%	7,594
Loss taxed at higher rates		(94)		(16)
Stock based compensation		660		447
Non controlling interest		(254)		(77)
Non-deductible expenses		193		151
Change in effective tax rate on temporary differences		(239)		594
Unrecognized tax asset		-		(6,173)
Return to provision adjustment		131		357
Other		196		(19)
Total income tax expense (recovery)		$ (1,383)		$ 2,858

The following table details the nature of the Company's temporary differences:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Property and equipment	$ (76,648)	$ (79,446)
Deferred charges and accruals	72	70
Long term debt	1,038	1,234
Share issue costs	328	431
Other tax pools	1,278	1,621
Tax loss carry forwards	68,447	69,060
Net deferred tax liabilities	$ (5,485)	$ (7,030)

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16. Income taxes (continued):

Movements of the Company's temporary differences for the year ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Balance Dec 31, 2022	Recognized in equity	Recognized in net income (loss)	Impact of foreign exchange	Balance Dec 31, 2023
Property and equipment	$ (79,446)	$ -	$ 2,304	$ 494	$ (76,648)
Deferred charges and accruals	70	-	3	(1)	72
Long term debt	1,234	-	(194)	(2)	1,038
Share issue costs	431	-	(103)	-	328
Other tax pools	1,621	-	(335)	(8)	1,278
Tax loss carry forwards	69,060	-	(195)	(418)	68,447
Net deferred tax liabilities	$ (7,030)	$ -	$ 1,480	$ 65	$ (5,485)

Movements of the Company's temporary differences for the year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	Balance Dec 31, 2021	Recognized in equity	Recognized in net income (loss)	Impact of foreign exchange	Balance Dec 31, 2022
Property and equipment	$ (82,545)	$ -	$ 4,520	$ (1,421)	$ (79,446)
Deferred charges and accruals	50	-	17	3	70
Long term debt	1,589	-	(355)	-	1,234
Share issue costs	-	551	(120)	-	431
Other tax pools	1,278	-	287	56	1,621
Tax loss carry forwards	81,311	-	(13,380)	1,129	69,060
Unrecognized tax asset	(6,173)	-	6,173	-	-
Net deferred tax liabilities	$ (4,490)	$ 551	$ (2,858)	$ (233)	$ (7,030)

As at December 31, 2023, the Company has loss carry forwards in Canada equal to approximately $213.7 million, which will expire between 2036 and 2043. In the United States, the Company has approximately US$51.1 million loss carry forwards, some of which expire between 2028 and 2038, and others that have an indefinite expiry.

17. Costs by nature:

The Company presents certain expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) by function. The following table presents significant expenses by nature:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Employee salaries and benefits	$ 106,330	$ 89,677
Repairs and maintenance	26,019	20,043
Third party charges	11,013	11,962

18. Financial risk management:

Interest rate risk:

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on certain debt instruments, such as the Credit Facilities and the HSBC Facility, to the extent the prime interest rate changes and/or the Company's interest rate margin changes. For the Credit Facilities and the HSBC Facility, a one percent change in interest rates would have had a $0.1 million impact on interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: $0.2 million). Other long term debt, such as the Second Lien Facility, PPP loan and the Company's lease obligations, have fixed interest rates, however they are subject to interest rate fluctuations relating to refinancing.

Inflation risk:

The general rate of inflation impacts the economies and business environments in which Western operates. Increased inflation and any economic conditions resulting from governmental attempts to reduce inflation, such as the imposition of high interest rates could negatively impact Western's borrowing costs, which could, in turn, have a material adverse effect on Western's cash flow and ability to service obligations under the Credit Facilities, HSBC Facility and the Second Lien Facility.

Foreign exchange risk:

The Company is exposed to foreign currency fluctuations in relation to its US dollar capital expenditures and operations. At December 31, 2023, portions of the Company's cash balances, trade and other receivables, trade payables and other current liabilities were denominated in US dollars and subject to foreign exchange fluctuations which are recorded within net income (loss). In addition, Stoneham, Western's US subsidiary, is subject to foreign currency translation adjustments upon consolidation, which is recorded separately within other comprehensive income (loss). For the year ended December 31, 2023, the increase or decrease in net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss) for each one percent change in foreign exchange rates between the Canada and US dollar is estimated to be less than $0.1 million and $0.6 million, respectively (December 31, 2022: less than $0.1 million and $0.6 million, respectively).

Credit risk:

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents held with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposure to customers in the form of outstanding trade and other receivables. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying amount of the financial assets which reflects management's assessment of the credit risk.

The Company's trade receivables are with customers in the energy industry and are subject to industry credit risk. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the volatility in global demand for crude oil as a result of the war in Ukraine, Israel-Palestine conflict in the Middle East and economic volatility as countries navigate in a post-pandemic environment, have an impact on commodity prices. These factors are expected to have an impact on companies and their related credit risk. The Company's practice is to manage credit risk by performing a thorough analysis of the credit worthiness of new customers before credit terms are offered.

Additionally, the Company continually evaluates individual customer trade receivables for collectability considering payment history and aging of the trade receivables.

In accordance with IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, the Company evaluates the collectability of its trade and other receivables and its allowance for doubtful accounts at each reporting date. The Company records an allowance for doubtful accounts if an account is determined to be uncollectable. The allowance for doubtful accounts could materially change as a result of fluctuations in the financial position of the Company's customers.

The Company reviews its historical credit losses as part of its impairment assessment. The Company has had low historical impairment losses on its trade receivables, due in part to its credit management processes. As such, the Company assesses impairment losses on an individual customer account basis, rather than recognize an impairment loss allowance on all outstanding trade and other receivables. Subsequent to December 31, 2023, the Company has collected 72% of its trade and other receivables that were outstanding at December 31, 2023.

At December 31, 2023, approximately 10% (5% net of allowance for doubtful accounts) of the Company's trade receivables were more than 90 days old. The Company believes the unimpaired amounts greater than 90 days old are still collectable based on historic payment behavior and an analysis of the underlying customer's ability to pay.

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18. Financial risk management (continued):

The table below provides an analysis of the Company's trade and other receivables as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Trade receivables:		
Current	$ 16,120	$ 16,280
Outstanding for 31 to 60 days	12,332	14,074
Outstanding for 61 to 90 days	1,316	1,663
Outstanding for over 90 days	3,305	3,573
Accrued trade receivables	5,562	11,562
Other receivables	779	1,911
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,776)	(1,850)
Total	$ 37,638	$ 47,213

Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the exposure of the Company to the risk of not being able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Company manages liquidity risk through management of its capital structure, monitoring and reviewing actual and forecasted cash flows and the effect on bank covenants and maintaining unused credit facilities where possible to ensure there are available cash resources to meet the Company's liquidity needs. The Company's cash and cash equivalents, cash flow from operating activities, the Credit Facilities, the HSBC Facility, and the Second Lien Facility are expected to be greater than anticipated capital expenditures and the contractual maturities of the Company's financial liabilities.

As at December 31, 2023, liquidity was sufficient as Western had $5.9 million in cash and access to the undrawn balance on its Credit Facilities of $40.0 million. All of the Company's long term debt instruments mature in 2025 and 2026 (Note 10). This expectation could be adversely affected by a material negative change in the energy service industry, which in turn could lead to covenant breaches on the Company's Credit Facilities, which if not amended or waived, could limit, in part, or in whole, the Company's access to the Credit Facilities and the Second Lien Facility.

The table below provides an analysis of the expected maturities of the Company's outstanding obligations at December 31, 2023:

	Total	Due prior to December 31					
	amount	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Financial liabilities:							
Trade payables and other current liabilities	$ 22,066	$ 22,066	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Second Lien Facility	99,341	1,080	1,080	97,181	-	-	-
Second Lien Facility interest	4,496	4,496	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC Facility	5,938	-	-	5,938	-	-	-
Lease obligations	4,363	2,465	985	659	246	8	-
Revolving Facility	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-
PPP Loan	1,763	995	768	-	-	-	-
Total	$ 142,967	$ 31,102	$ 7,833	$ 103,778	$ 246	$ 8	$ -

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18. Financial risk management (continued):

Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters while optimizing returns.

The Company may use derivatives and also incur financial liabilities in order to manage market risks. All such transactions are carried out within the guidelines set by the Board of Directors. The Company does not apply hedge accounting in order to manage volatility within the statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

Capital management:

The overall capitalization of the Company at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 is as follows:

	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Second Lien Facility	10	$ 99,341	$ 107,420
HSBC Facility	10	5,938	11,250
Revolving Facility	10	5,000	7,000
PPP Loan	10	1,763	2,370
Lease obligations	10	4,363	5,335
Total debt		116,405	133,375
Shareholders' equity		295,665	302,530
Less: cash and cash equivalents		(5,930)	(8,878)
Total capitalization		$ 406,140	$ 427,027

Management is focused on several objectives while managing the capital structure of the Company, specifically:

- Safeguarding the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, such that it continues to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders;
- Ensuring that investor, creditor and market confidence are secured;
- Maintaining balance sheet strength, ensuring the Company's strategic objectives are met, while retaining an appropriate amount of leverage; and
- Ensuring the Company has the financing capacity to continue to execute on opportunities to increase overall market share through strategic acquisitions or organic growth that add value for the Company's shareholders.

The Company manages its capital structure based on current economic conditions, the risk characteristics of the underlying assets, and planned capital requirements within guidelines approved by its Board of Directors. Total capitalization is maintained or adjusted by drawing on existing debt facilities, issuing new debt or equity securities when opportunities are identified and through the disposition of underperforming assets to reduce debt when required.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company had $40.0 million in undrawn credit under its Credit Facilities and was in compliance with all debt covenants (see Note 10).

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19. Commitments:

As at December 31, 2023, the Company has commitments which require payments based on the maturity terms as follows:

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter	Total
Trade payables and other current liabilities[1]	$ 22,018	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 22,018
Operating commitments[2]	2,986	63	-	-	-	-	3,049
Second Lien Facility principal	1,080	1,080	97,181	-	-	-	99,341
Second Lien Facility interest	8,713	8,341	6,854	-	-	-	23,908
HSBC Facility principal	-	-	5,938	-	-	-	5,938
HSBC Facility interest	508	389	270	-	-	-	1,167
Lease obligations[3]	2,895	1,235	809	265	8	-	5,212
Revolving Facility	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
PPP Loan	1,067	771	-	-	-	-	1,838
Total	$ 39,267	$ 16,879	$ 111,052	$ 265	$ 8	$ -	$ 167,471

(1) Trade payables and other current liabilities exclude interest accrued as at December 31, 2023 on the Second Lien Facility and HSBC Facility which are stated separately.

(2) Operating commitments include purchase commitments, short term operating leases, and operating expenses associated with long term leases.

(3) Lease obligations represent the gross lease commitments to be paid over the term of the Company's outstanding long term leases.

Trade payables and other current liabilities:
The Company has recorded trade payables for amounts due to third parties which are expected to be paid within one year.

Operating commitments:
The Company has agreements in place to purchase certain capital and other operational items with third parties, as well as short term leases with a term of less than one year, and operating expenses associated with long term leases.

Second Lien Facility and interest:
The Company pays interest on the Second Lien Facility semi-annually on January 1 and July 1. The Second Lien Facility matures on May 18, 2026. On December 22, 2023, the Company made a lump sum repayment of $7.0 million, thereby reducing the total due on maturity.

HSBC Facility and interest:
The Company pays interest and principal on the HSBC Facility monthly, which matures on December 31, 2026. On September 29, 2023, the Company made a lump sum repayment of $4.1 million of all committed monthly principal amounts owing on its HSBC Facility to its maturity on December 31, 2026.

Lease obligations:
The Company has long term debt relating to leased vehicles, as well as office and equipment leases. These leases run for terms greater than one year.

Revolving Facility:
The Company’s Revolving Facility matures on May 18, 2025.

PPP Loan:
The Company has a US Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) loan obtained as part of the COVID-19 relief efforts in the US. The promissory loan has an interest rate of 1% per annum, will be repaid in equal monthly payments over the term of the loan and matures on August 7, 2025.

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20. Key management personnel:

Key management personnel are comprised of the Company's Board of Directors and Executive Management. The following table summarizes expenses related to key management personnel:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Short-term employee benefits	$ 2,258	$ 2,165
Stock based compensation [(1)]	1,387	1,077
	$ 3,645	$ 3,242

(1) The total fair value of stock options granted to key management personnel for the year ended December 31, 2023 was nil (December 31, 2022: $3.5 million), which is being recognized in net income (loss) over the stock option's vesting period.

21. Subsidiaries:

Details of the Company's material wholly owned subsidiary at the end of the reporting periods is as follows:

		Ownership interest (%)	
	Country of incorporation	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Stoneham Drilling Corporation	USA	100	100