Western Energy Services Corp.
Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
March 31, 2015 and 2014
(Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited) (thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Note	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014			
Assets						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 61,342	\$ 62,662			
Trade and other receivables		67,942	89,817			
Other current assets		6,286	6,344			
		135,570	158,823			
Non current assets						
Property and equipment	5	841,576	827,306			
Goodwill		70,662	69,607			
Other non current assets		1,337	1,382			
		\$ 1,049,145	\$ 1,057,118			
Liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Trade payables and other current liabilities		\$ 36,506	\$ 73,671			
Dividends payable		5,593	5,615			
Current portion of provisions		139	139			
Current portion of long term debt	6	1,032	1,062			
		43,270	80,487			
Non current liabilities						
Provisions		1,786	1,819			
Long term debt	6	264,207	264,165			
Deferred taxes		117,124	109,444			
		426,387	455,915			
Shareholders' equity						
Share capital	7	422,158	423,633			
Contributed surplus		7,617	6,815			
Retained earnings		163,109	153,544			
Accumulated other comprehensive income		27,455	15,125			
Non controlling interest		2,419	2,086			
<u> </u>		622,758	601,203			
		\$ 1,049,145	\$ 1,057,118			

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

	Note		months ended March 31, 2015		months ended March 31, 2014
Revenue		\$	105,850	\$	161,416
Operating expenses			71,475		111,889
Gross profit			34,375		49,527
Administrative expenses			8,495		9,073
Finance costs	10		4,758		5,403
Other items			(594)		489
Income before income taxes			21,716		34,562
Income taxes	11		6,422		9,062
Net income			15,294		25,500
Other comprehensive income (1)					
Gain on translation of foreign operations			(6,176)		(1,873)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain on net investment in subsidiary (net of tax)			(6,154)		(1,033)
Comprehensive income		\$	27,624	\$	28,406
Net income attributable to:					
Shareholders of the Company		\$	15,158	\$	25,413
Non controlling interest			136		87
Comprehensive income attributable to:					
Shareholders of the Company		\$	27,488	\$	28,319
Non controlling interest			136		87
Net income per share:					
Basic		\$	0.20	\$	0.35
Diluted		*	0.20	*	0.34
Weighted average number of shares:					
Basic	9		74,686,828		73,506,069
Diluted	9		74,702,482		74,282,618

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

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited) (thousands of Canadian dollars)

							A	Accumulated other				Total
				Co	ntributed	Retained	cor	nprehensive	Non	controlling	sha	reholders'
	Note	Share	capital		surplus (1)	earnings		income ⁽²⁾		interest		equity
Balance at December 31, 2013		\$.	411,143	\$	6,088	\$ 139,721	\$	5,171	\$	1,302	\$	563,425
Common shares:												
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	7		2,287		-	-		-		-		2,287
Issued for cash on exercise of warrants	7		222		-	-		-		-		222
Fair value of exercised options and warrants	7		798		(798)	-		-		-		-
Stock based compensation			-		769	-		-		-		769
Dividends declared			-		-	(5,538)		-		-		(5,538)
Comprehensive income			-		-	25,413		2,906		87		28,406
Balance at March 31, 2014			414,450		6,059	159,596		8,077		1,389		589,571
Common shares:												
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	7		7,173		-	-		-		-		7,173
Issued for cash on exercise of warrants	7		5		-	-		-		-		5
Purchased under normal course issuer bid	7		(127)		-	-		-		-		(127)
Fair value of exercised options and warrants	7		2,132		(2,132)	-		-		-		-
Stock based compensation			-		2,888	-		-		-		2,888
Dividends declared			-		-	(16,838)		-		-		(16,838)
Contributions from non controlling interest			-		-	-		-		533		533
Comprehensive income			-		-	10,786		7,048		164		17,998
Balance at December 31, 2014		\$.	423,633	\$	6,815	\$ 153,544	\$	15,125	\$	2,086	\$	601,203
Common shares:												
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	7		90		-	-		-		-		90
Purchased under normal course issuer bid	7		(1,602)		-	-		-		-		(1,602)
Fair value of exercised options and warrants	7		37		(37)	-		-		-		-
Stock based compensation			-		839	-		-		-		839
Dividends declared			-		-	(5,593)		-		-		(5,593)
Contributions from non controlling interest			-		-	-		-		197		197
Comprehensive income						15,158		12,330		136		27,624
Balance at March 31, 2015		\$.	422,158	\$	7,617	\$ 163,109	\$	27,455	\$	2,419	\$	622,758

⁽¹⁾ Contributed surplus relates to stock based compensation described in Note 8.

⁽²⁾ At March 31, 2015, the accumulated other comprehensive income balance consists of the translation of foreign operations and unrealized foreign exchange on net investment in subsidiary.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (thousands of Canadian dollars)

·	Note	Three months ended Note March 31, 2015			Three months ended March 31, 2014			
Operating activities			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		<u> </u>			
Net income		\$	15,294	\$	25,500			
Adjustments for:								
Depreciation included in operating expenses			13,365		17,880			
Depreciation included in administrative expenses			429		445			
Non cash stock based compensation included in operating expenses	8		90		222			
Non cash stock based compensation included in administrative expenses	8		749		547			
Gain on sale of assets			(52)		(54)			
Income taxes	11		6,422		9,062			
Unrealized foreign exchange loss			18		16			
Finance costs	10		4,758		5,403			
Other			(35)		740			
Cash generated from operating activities			41,038		59,761			
Income taxes paid			(8,460)		(184)			
Change in non cash working capital			6,759		(20,943)			
Cash flow from operating activities			39,337		38,634			
Investing activities								
Additions to property and equipment	5		(17,863)		(20,129)			
Proceeds on sale of property and equipment			233		369			
Changes in non cash working capital			(5,872)		(2,904)			
Cash flow used in investing activities			(23,502)		(22,664)			
Financing activities								
Issue of common shares	7		90		2,509			
Share purchase under normal course issuer bid	7		(1,602)		-			
Repayment of long term debt			(236)		(173)			
Finance costs paid			(9,989)		(9,504)			
Dividends paid			(5,615)		(5,504)			
Contributions from non controlling interest			197		-			
Cash flow used in financing activities			(17,155)		(12,672)			
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents			(1,320)		3,298			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period			62,662		17,389			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning or period Cash and cash equivalents, end of period		Ś	61.342	Ś	20,687			
		<u> </u>	01,072		20,007			
Cash and cash equivalents:		i						
Bank accounts		\$	15,342	\$	10,687			
Short term investments			46,000		10,000			
		\$	61,342	\$	20,687			

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited) (tabular amounts are in thousands of Canadian dollars, except common share and per common share amounts)

1. Reporting entity:

Western Energy Services Corp. ("Western") is a company domiciled in Canada. The address of the registered office is 1700, 215 - 9th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta. Western is a publicly traded company that is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "WRG". These condensed consolidated financial statements as at March 31, 2015 and for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (the "Financial Statements") are comprised of Western, its divisions and its wholly owned subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Company"). The Company is an oilfield 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 well servicing operations through Western Energy Services Partnership's (the "Partnership") division, Eagle Well Servicing ("Eagle") and oilfield rental equipment services through the Partnership's division, Aero Rental Services ("Aero"). Financial and operating results for Horizon and Stoneham are included in Western's contract drilling segment, while financial and operating results for Eagle and Aero are included in Western's production services segment.

2. Basis of preparation and significant accounting policies:

Statement of compliance:

These Financial Statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. These Financial Statements have been prepared using accounting policies and judgments which are consistent with Notes 3 and 4 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 as filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and, as such, they should be read in conjunction with the said statements.

These Financial Statements were approved for issuance by Western's Board of Directors on April 30, 2015.

3. Seasonality:

The Company's operations are often weather dependent, which has a seasonal effect. During the first quarter, the environment in the field is conducive to oilfield activities including frozen conditions allowing oil and gas companies to move heavy equipment to otherwise inaccessible areas and the resulting demand for services, such as those provided by the Company, is high. The second quarter is normally a slower period in Canada due to the spring thaw and wet conditions creating weight restrictions on roads and reducing the mobility of heavy equipment, which slows activity levels in the industry. The third and fourth quarters are usually representative of average activity levels. Therefore, interim periods may not be representative of the results expected for the full year of operation due to seasonality.

4. Operating segments:

The Company operates in the Canadian and United States oilfield service industry through its contract drilling and production services segments. Contract drilling includes drilling rigs along with related ancillary equipment and provides services to oil and natural gas exploration and production companies. Production services includes well servicing rigs and related equipment, as well as oilfield rental equipment and provides services to oil and natural gas exploration and production companies and in the case of oilfield rental equipment, to other oilfield service companies as well.

The Company's President & Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer ("Senior Management") review internal management reports for these segments on at least a monthly basis.

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

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4. Operating segments (continued):

The following is a summary of the Company's results by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Contract	Р	roduction		In	ter-segment	
Three months ended March 31, 2015	Drilling		Services	Corporate		Elimination	Total
Revenue	\$ 79,112	\$	26,960	\$ -	\$	(222)	\$ 105,850
Operating earnings (loss)	24,538		4,112	(1,807)		-	26,843
Finance costs	-		-	4,758		-	4,758
Depreciation	10,179		3,370	245		-	13,794
Additions to property and equipment (1)	15,029		2,910	25		-	17,964
	Contract	Р	roduction		In	ter-segment	
Three months ended March 31, 2014	Contract Drilling		Production Services	Corporate	In	ter-segment Elimination	Total
Three months ended March 31, 2014	Drilling		Services	Corporate	In	· ·	Total
Three months ended March 31, 2014 Revenue	\$			\$ Corporate	In	Elimination	\$ Total 161,416
,	\$ Drilling		Services	\$ '		Elimination	\$
Revenue	\$ Drilling 123,303		Services 38,379	\$ -		Elimination	\$ 161,416
Revenue Operating earnings (loss)	\$ Drilling 123,303		Services 38,379	\$ (1,712)		Elimination	\$ 161,416 41,223

⁽¹⁾ Additions include the purchase of property and equipment and finance lease additions.

	Contract	Production	
Goodwill	Drilling	Services	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 55,527 \$	33,183 \$	88,710
Impairment of goodwill	-	(22,668)	(22,668)
Foreign exchange adjustment	1,851	-	1,851
Adjustments: IROC acquisition (1)	-	1,714	1,714
Balance at December 31, 2014	57,378	12,229	69,607
Foreign exchange adjustment	1,055	-	1,055
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ 58,433 \$	12,229 \$	70,662

⁽¹⁾ On April 22, 2013, Western acquired all of the issued and outstanding common shares of IROC Energy Services Corp. ("IROC").

Total assets and liabilities of the reportable segments are as follows:

	Contract Production
As at March 31, 2015	Drilling Services Corporate Total
Total assets	\$ 773,810 \$ 204,851 \$ 70,484 \$ 1,049,145
Total liabilities	129,745 40,068 256,574 426,387
	Contract Production
As at March 31, 2014	Drilling Services Corporate Total
Total assets	\$ 748,836 \$ 242,813 \$ 27,543 \$ 1,019,192
Total liabilities	116.965 42.820 269.836 429.621

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4. Operating segments (continued):

A reconciliation of operating earnings to income before income taxes is as follows:

		Contract	Producti	on			
Three months ended March 31, 2015		Drilling	Servio	es	Corporate		Total
Operating earnings	\$	24,538	\$ 4,11	2 6	(1,807)	ċ	26,843
Add (deduct):	Ş	24,336	4,11	2 4	(1,607)	Ş	20,643
Stock based compensation		(217)	(0	0)	(656)		(963)
Finance costs		(217)	(3	- -	(4,758)		(4,758)
Other items		_		_	594		594
Income before income taxes	\$	24,321	\$ 4,02	2 \$	(6,627)	\$	21,716
		Contract	Producti	on			
Three months ended March 31, 2014		Drilling	Servio	es	Corporate		Total
Operating earnings Add (deduct):	\$	35,743	\$ 7,19	2 \$	(1,712)	\$	41,223
Stock based compensation		(209)	(16	9)	(391)		(769)
Finance costs		-	•	_	(5,403)		(5,403)
Other items		-		-	(489)		(489)
Income before income taxes	\$	35,534	\$ 7,02	3 \$	(7,995)	\$	34,562

Segmented information by geographic area is as follows:

As at and for the period ended March 31, 2015	Canada	Total		
Revenue	\$	91,766	\$ 14,084 \$	105,850
Property and equipment		720,259	121,317	841,576
Total assets		901,878	147,267	1,049,145

As at and for the period ended March 31, 2014	Canada	Canada United States					
Revenue	\$	150,263	\$	11,153 \$	161,416		
Property and equipment		685,499		102,387	787,886		
Total assets		906,904		112,288	1,019,192		

Significant Customers:

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had one significant customer comprising 11.7% and 12.2% respectively, of the Company's total revenue. The trade receivable balance related to this customer as at March 31, 2015 represented 9.8% of the Company's total trade and other receivables. This customer is a publicly traded company with a market capitalization in excess of \$35 billion at March 31, 2015.

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5. Property and equipment:

								Vehicles	
				Contract	F	Production	Office and	under	
				drilling		services	shop	finance	
	Land	Buildings	6	equipment	6	equipment	equipment	leases	Total
Cost:									
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 5,089	\$ 4,048	\$	779,921	\$	196,564	\$ 12,540	\$ 3,840	\$ 1,002,002
Additions	-	-		15,025		2,718	120	-	17,863
Finance lease additions	-	-		-		-	-	101	101
Disposals	-	-		(871)		(320)	(46)	(99)	(1,336)
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-		11,993		-	52	34	12,079
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ 5,089	\$ 4,048	\$	806,068	\$	198,962	\$ 12,666	\$ 3,876	\$ 1,030,709
Accumulated depreciation:									
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ -	\$ 637	\$	143,807	\$	23,918	\$ 5,261	\$ 1,073	\$ 174,696
Depreciation for the period	-	46		9,966		3,140	423	219	13,794
Disposals	-	-		(863)		(187)	(11)	(94)	(1,155)
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-		1,754		-	32	12	1,798
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ -	\$ 683	\$	154,664	\$	26,871	\$ 5,705	\$ 1,210	\$ 189,133
Carrying amounts:									
At December 31, 2014	\$ 5,089	\$ 3,411	\$	636,114	\$	172,646	\$ 7,279	\$ 2,767	\$ 827,306
At March 31, 2015	\$ 5,089	\$ 3,365	\$	651,404	\$	172,091	\$ 6,961	\$ 2,666	\$ 841,576

Included in property and equipment at March 31, 2015 are assets under construction of \$45.3 million (December 31, 2014: \$36.8 million) which includes three drilling rig builds and one slant well servicing rig build, as well as ancillary drilling and well servicing equipment.

6. Long term debt:

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

	Marc	h 31, 2015	December 31, 2014			
Current:						
Other long term debt - current portion (1)	\$	1,032	\$	1,062		
Total current portion of long term debt		1,032		1,062		
Non current:						
Senior Notes		265,000		265,000		
Less: net unamortized premium and issue costs on Senior Notes		(1,995)		(2,122)		
Other long term debt - non current portion (1)		1,202		1,287		
Total non current portion of long term debt		264,207		264,165		
Total long term debt	\$	265,239	\$	265,227		

⁽¹⁾ Other long term debt consists of finance lease obligations and a note payable.

Credit facilities:

On December 18, 2014, the Company amended its credit facilities to increase its revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Facility") to \$175.0 million, from \$125.0 million previously, with a maturity date extension to December 17, 2018 and increased the Company's operating demand revolving loan (the "Operating Facility") to \$20.0 million, from \$10.0 million previously. The syndicate of banks providing the Revolving Facility was also expanded as a result of these amendments. The Revolving Facility requires interest to be paid monthly with no scheduled principal repayments unless the Revolving Facility is not extended by the maturity date. The Operating Facility principal balance is due on demand with interest paid monthly.

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6. Long term debt (continued):

Credit facilities (continued):

Amounts borrowed under the Operating and Revolving Facilities bear interest at the bank's Canadian prime rate, US base rate, LIBOR, 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 relevant agreement. The credit facilities are secured by the assets of Western and its subsidiaries. As at March 31, 2015, the Company had \$175.0 million in available credit under the Revolving Facility and \$20.0 million under the Operating Facility.

The Company's credit facilities are subject to the following financial covenants:

	Covenant
Maximum Consolidated Senior Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio (1)(2)	2.5:1.0 or less
Maximum Consolidated Debt to Consolidated Capitalization Ratio (3)	0.6:1.0 or less
Minimum Consolidated EBITDA to Consolidated Interest Expense Ratio	2.0:1.0 or more

⁽¹⁾ In the event of a material acquisition during any fiscal quarter, the ratio shall increase by 0.50 until (and including) the end of the second full fiscal quarter after the material acquisition.

As at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company was in compliance with all covenants related to its credit facilities.

Senior Notes:

The Company has \$265.0 million 7%% senior unsecured notes (the "Senior Notes") outstanding which are due on January 30, 2019. The Senior Notes contain certain early redemption options under which the Company has the option to redeem all or a portion of the Senior Notes at various redemption prices, which include the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 30 and July 30. The Senior Notes are unsecured, ranking equal in right of payment to all existing and future unsecured indebtedness, and have been guaranteed by the Company's current and future subsidiaries. The Senior Notes indenture contains certain restrictions relating to items such as making restricted payments and incurring additional debt.

At March 31, 2015, the fair value of the Senior Notes was approximately \$261.0 million (December 31, 2014: \$250.4 million).

⁽²⁾ Consolidated Senior Debt in the credit facilities is defined as Consolidated Debt, which includes indebtedness under the Revolving Facility, Operating Facility, unsecured debt, and finance leases; reduced by cash on hand in excess of \$20 million and outstanding principal on unsecured debt (including the Company's Senior Notes).

Consolidated EBITDA in the credit facilities is defined 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 Capitalization in the credit facilities is defined as the aggregate of Consolidated Debt and total shareholders` equity as shown on the consolidated balance sheet.

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7. 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, 2013	73,386,191	\$ 411,143
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	1,394,976	9,460
Issued for cash on exercise of warrants	108,261	227
Shares purchased under normal course issuer bid	(23,400)	(127)
Fair value of exercised stock options and warrants	-	2,930
Balance at December 31, 2014	74,866,028	423,633
Issued for cash on exercise of stock options	15,800	90
Shares purchased under normal course issuer bid	(303,700)	(1,602)
Fair value of exercised stock options	-	37
Balance at March 31, 2015	74,578,128	\$ 422,158

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company declared dividends of \$5.6 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$5.5 million in dividends were declared, and for the year ended December 31, 2014, \$22.4 million in dividends were declared. The Company had dividends payable of \$5.6 million as at March 31, 2015 (December 31, 2014: \$5.6 million).

On December 15, 2014, Western initiated a normal course issuer bid (the "Bid"), which has been filed with and accepted by the TSX. Pursuant to the Bid, Western may purchase for cancellation up to 5,550,000 common shares of the Company. The Bid commenced on December 17, 2014 and will terminate on the earlier of: (i) December 16, 2015; and (ii) the date on which the maximum number of Common Shares are purchased pursuant to the Bid. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, 303,700 common shares for a total cost of \$1.6 million were repurchased, cancelled, and charged to share capital. In total, since the Bid was initiated, 327,100 common shares for a total cost of \$1.7 million have been repurchased, cancelled, and charged to share capital.

8. 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.

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

	Stock options	ted average	
	outstanding	exe	ercise price
Balance at December 31, 2013	4,425,598	\$	7.02
Granted	2,495,566		9.46
Exercised	(1,394,976)		6.78
Forfeited	(432,216)		7.62
Balance at December 31, 2014	5,093,972		8.23
Granted	13,600		6.01
Exercised	(15,800)		5.70
Forfeited	(472,371)		8.54
Expired	(164,233)		5.70
Balance at March 31, 2015	4,455,168	\$	8.29

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8. Stock based compensation (continued):

Stock options (continued):

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, no stock options were cancelled under the plan. As at March 31, 2015, Western had 1,240,221 (December 31, 2014: 1,204,091) exercisable stock options outstanding at a weighted average exercise price equal to \$7.42 (December 31, 2014: \$7.12) per stock option.

Restricted share unit plan:

In August 2014, the Company implemented a restricted share unit ("RSU") plan for eligible directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company so that they may participate in the growth and development of Western. Although the TSX has accepted the adoption of the RSU plan, the RSU plan and RSUs granted thereunder prior to the receipt of shareholder approval of the RSU plan remain subject to shareholder ratification, which will be sought at the Company's next annual meeting. Under the terms of the RSU plan, the RSUs awarded will vest in three equal portions on the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date and will be settled in equity or cash at the discretion of the Company.

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 grant. The RSU plan allows the Board of Directors to issue up to 1% of the Company's outstanding common shares as RSUs, provided that, when combined, the maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance under all other 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 Western's outstanding RSUs:

	Equity settled	Cash settled	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	-	-	-
Granted	176,351	136,444	312,795
Issued as a result of dividends	3,987	2,822	6,809
Forfeited	(3,000)	(12,267)	(15,267)
Balance at December 31, 2014	177,338	126,999	304,337
Granted	-	6,950	6,950
Issued as a result of dividends	1,659	1,258	2,917
Forfeited	(16,002)	(8,556)	(24,558)
Balance at March 31, 2015	162,995	126,651	289,646

Stock based compensation expense is comprised of the following:

	Three months ended			ree months ended
	N	Narch 31, 2015		March 31, 2014
Stock options	\$	640	\$	769
Restricted share units - equity settled grants		199		-
Total equity settled stock based compensation expense		839		769
Restricted share units - cash settled grants		124		-
Total stock based compensation expense	\$	963	\$	769

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9. Earnings per share:

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

	Three months ended	Three months ended
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Issued common shares, beginning of period	74,866,028	73,386,191
Effect of shares (purchased) issued	(179,200)	119,878
Weighted average number of common shares (basic)	74,686,828	73,506,069
Dilutive effect of equity securities	15,654	776,549
Weighted average number of common shares (diluted)	74,702,482	74,282,618

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, 4,385,465 stock options (three months ended March 31, 2014: 1,355,666) were excluded from the diluted weighted average number of common shares calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

10. Finance costs:

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

•	Three month	Three months ended		
	March 3	March 31, 2014		
Interest expense on long term debt	\$	5,385	\$	5,315
Amortization of debt financing fees and provisions		129		164
Interest income		(97)		(13)
Total finance costs before capitalized interest		5,417		5,466
Capitalized interest		(659)		(63)
Total finance costs	\$	4,758	\$	5,403

The Company had an effective interest rate of 8.4% on its borrowings for the three months ended March 31, 2015 (three months ended March 31, 2014: 8.4%).

11. Income taxes:

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

	Three months ended	Three months ended			
	March 31, 2015	March	n 31, 2014		
Current tax expense	\$ (1,485)	\$	2,820		
Deferred tax expense	7,907		6,242		
Total income taxes	\$ 6,422	\$	9,062		

As at March 31, 2015, the Company has gross loss carry forwards equal to approximately \$2.9 million in Canada, which expire between 2026 and 2034. In the United States, the Company has approximately US\$49.6 million gross loss carry forwards which expire between 2028 and 2034.

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12. Costs by nature:

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

	Three months ended	Three months ended
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Depreciation of property and equipment (Note 5)	\$ 13,794	\$ 18,325
Employee benefits: salaries and benefits	45,705	65,474
Employee benefits: stock based compensation (Note 8)	963	769
Repairs and maintenance	3,673	8,070
Third party charges	4,892	11,789

13. Financial risk management and financial instruments:

The Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade payables and other current liabilities, derivatives and long term debt instruments such as the credit facilities and the Senior Notes. Cash and cash equivalents and derivatives are carried at fair value. The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables, trade payables, and other current liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short term nature. The credit facilities bear interest at rates that approximate market rates and therefore their carrying values approximate fair values. The Senior Notes are recorded at their amortized cost. Fair value disclosure of the Senior Notes is based on the trading price on March 31, 2015.

The Company's areas of financial risk management and risks related to financial instruments remained unchanged from December 31, 2014.

Financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the condensed consolidated balance sheets are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value.

Hierarchical levels based on the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs in the fair value determination of these assets and liabilities are as follows:

Level I — Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

Level II – Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level I) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instrument's anticipated life.

Level III – Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and the risk inherent in the inputs to the model.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents balance and derivatives are the only financial assets or liabilities measured using fair value. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are categorized as Level I as there are quoted prices in an active market for these instruments. The estimated fair value of derivatives and the Senior Notes is based on Level II inputs as the inputs are directly observable through correlation with market data.

Capital management:

The capital structure of the Company at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is as follows:

	Note	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014			
Other long term debt	6	\$ 2,234	\$ 2,349			
Senior Notes	6	265,000	265,000			
Total debt		267,234	267,349			
Shareholders' equity		622,758	601,203			
Less: cash and cash equivalents		(61,342)	(62,662)			
Total capitalization		\$ 828,650	\$ 805,890			

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14. Commitments:

As at March 31, 2015, the Company has total commitments which require payments based on the maturity terms as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Т	hereafter	Total
Senior Notes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,000	\$	-	\$ 265,000
Senior Notes interest	10,434	20,869	20,869	20,869	10,434		-	83,475
Trade payables and other current liabilities	36,506	-	-	-	-		-	36,506
Dividends payable	5,593	-	-	-	-		-	5,593
Operating leases	4,092	3,375	2,530	2,377	2,329		11,839	26,542
Purchase commitments	8,032	-	-	-	-		-	8,032
Other long term debt	926	814	574	31	-		-	2,345
Total	\$ 65,583	\$ 25,058	\$ 23,973	\$ 23,277	\$ 277,763	\$	11,839	\$ 427,493

15. Subsequent event:

On April 30, 2015, the Board of Directors of Western declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.075 per share, payable on July 16, 2015, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 30, 2015. The dividends will be eligible dividends for Canadian income tax purposes.