

REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

#### LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

May 1, 2014

#### Dear Fellow Shareholders:

We had a challenging first quarter of 2014 as transportation issues and extreme weather impacted our shipment volumes and demand for our products. As a result of transportation issues, all of our mills faced disrupted production schedules, hindering our ability to produce consistently and efficiently, and ultimately adding unnecessary cost. At the same time, North American OSB prices continued to drift with average benchmark prices nearly 50% or U.S.\$200/msf (7/16" basis) lower than the first quarter of 2013. As a result, our adjusted EBITDA of \$10.2 million for the first quarter was \$52.3 million lower than the prior year.

From an operating perspective, our production volumes for the first quarter of 408.1 million square feet (3/8" basis) were essentially unchanged from the prior year, as scheduled maintenance downtime combined with disrupted production schedules was offset by incremental production from High Level. We experienced cost increases associated with maintenance projects and other downtime, and also saw increased raw material input prices particularly for those denominated in U.S. dollars such as resin and wax.

I am pleased to report a significant improvement in our safety performance this quarter. We also made progress in ramping up our High Level mill to meet customer needs and expect further gains as we look to add a fourth shift to the mill later this quarter. With the completion of our remaining capital projects this year, the mill is uniquely positioned to efficiently manufacture a wide range of products. We are also continuing to advance our opportunities in export markets such as China for industrial applications of OSB.

While North American benchmark prices have declined significantly since early 2013, we believe that the outlook remains positive with further anticipated recovery of the U.S. housing market in 2014 as we move past the worst of the weather issues. We also expect shipment activity to improve as the backlog caused by transportation issues begins to subside. We continue to see steady growth in our traditional export market of Japan.

As previously announced, we entered into an agreement with Louisiana-Pacific Corporation ("LP") whereby LP will acquire all of Ainsworth's outstanding common shares. The transaction remains subject to various closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. While this has clearly taken more time than anticipated, we and LP continue to work with the Canadian and U.S. agencies as they conduct their regulatory reviews of the transaction.

As always, I appreciate the efforts and contributions of our employees, and the continued trust and support of our shareholders and customers.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Lake

President and Chief Executive Officer

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

This management's discussion and analysis is presented as at May 1, 2014. Financial references are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. Additional information relating to Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. (also referred to as Ainsworth, the Company, or we, or our), including our annual information form, is available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

#### **Overview**

Ainsworth is a leading manufacturer and marketer of oriented strand board ("OSB") with a focus on value-added specialty products for markets in North America and Asia.

Our strategy is to be sustainable and profitable throughout the business cycle by diversifying sales geographically, expanding our value-added product offerings and leveraging a proven track record of operational excellence, innovation and technical product development. We remain focused on prudent balance sheet management and maximizing shareholder value.

The Company has a production capacity of 2.5 billion square feet per year (3/8-inch basis) and has four wholly-owned OSB manufacturing mills located in Grande Prairie, Alberta; High Level, Alberta; 100 Mile House, British Columbia; and, Barwick, Ontario. All four mills are strategically located in terms of wood supply and access to markets in North America and Asia.

The table below summarizes the estimated annual production capacity for each of our mills (in millions of square feet "mmsf", 3/8-inch basis):

100 Mile House, BC	440
Barwick, ON	510
Grande Prairie, AB	730
High Level, AB	860
Total capacity	2,540

The High Level mill was restarted in the latter part of the third quarter of 2013 in order to meet increases in customer demand for OSB from both North American and export markets. This mill had previously been on care and maintenance since being curtailed in December 2007.

In addition, the Company continues to assess the timing and the remaining costs to complete the second production line at the Grande Prairie mill, which would further increase capacity by approximately 600 mmsf (3/8-inch basis) to over 3.1 billion square feet per year (3/8-inch basis).

All of our mills utilize flexible mill technology and can manufacture products for domestic and overseas markets. Our mills have access to low cost fibre sources, are energy efficient and have low sustaining capital requirements. Ainsworth employs an experienced, reliable workforce of approximately 730 workers. Safety and environmental responsibility is emphasized as a key value at all levels.

# **Advisory Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This document contains forward looking statements concerning future events or expectations of Ainsworth's future performance, OSB demand and pricing, financial conditions, and other expectations, beliefs, intentions and plans that are not historical fact. These forward-looking statements appear under the heading "Outlook" and in a number of other places in this report and can be identified by words such as "may", "estimates", "projects", "expects", "intends", "believes", "plans", "anticipates", "continue", "growing", "expanding", or their negatives or other comparable words. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are not promises or guarantees of future performance but are only predictions that relate to future events, conditions or circumstances or our future results, performance, achievements or developments and are subject to substantial known and unknown risks, assumptions, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results, performance or developments in our business or in our industry to differ materially from those expressed, anticipated or implied by such forwardlooking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward looking statements include, without limitation, the future demand for, and sales volumes of, Ainsworth's products, future production volumes, efficiencies and operating costs, increases or decreases in the prices of Ainsworth's products, Ainsworth's future stability and growth prospects, Ainsworth's future profitability and capital needs, including capital expenditures, and the outlook for and other future developments in Ainsworth's affairs or in the industries in which Ainsworth participates and factors detailed from time to time in Ainsworth's periodic reports filed with the Canadian Securities Administrators and other regulatory authorities. These periodic reports are available to the public at www.sedar.com. Many of these factors are beyond Ainsworth's control.

Ainsworth believes that the expectations reflected in its forward-looking information are reasonable but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and therefore any forward-looking statements included in this report should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this report. Ainsworth has no intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws. The forward-looking statements contained in this document are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

#### **Non-IFRS Measures**

In addition to IFRS measures, Ainsworth uses the non-IFRS measures "adjusted EBITDA", "adjusted EBITDA margin", and "gross profit" to make strategic decisions and to provide investors with a basis to evaluate operating performance and ability to incur and service debt. Non-IFRS measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies. Included in this report are tables calculating adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, and narrative disclosures defining gross profit.

## **Overview of the LP Transaction**

On September 4, 2013, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation ("LP") and the Company announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement (the "Arrangement Agreement") under which LP will acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Ainsworth for \$1.94 in cash plus 0.114 LP common shares per Ainsworth common share, on a fully pro-rated basis.

On October 29, 2013, the transaction was approved by approximately 99.9% of the votes cast at the Company's special meeting of shareholders. On October 31, 2013, the Supreme Court of British Columbia issued a final order approving the Arrangement Agreement. The transaction remains subject to obtaining required regulatory approvals and the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions pursuant to the Arrangement Agreement. On April 18, 2014, the outside date for completion of the transaction was extended to June 2, 2014. The Arrangement Agreement permits either party to further extend the outside date for an additional 45 day period if required to obtain certain regulatory approvals. Both Ainsworth and LP continue to work with the Canadian Competition Bureau and the U.S. Department of Justice as they conduct their regulatory reviews of the transaction.

Further information about the Arrangement Agreement is set out in Ainsworth's management proxy circular dated September 24, 2013, which is available under Ainsworth's profile on <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### Outlook

Despite a weaker quarter for OSB pricing, we are optimistic about the outlook as U.S. housing indicators continue to show overall improvement. Additionally, we continue to experience growth and stable pricing in our traditional export market of Japan. We are also continuing to advance our opportunities in export markets such as China for industrial applications of OSB. The restart of our High Level mill will allow us to meet the growing requirements of our existing North American and export customers as well as service new market segments over the longer term.

# **Summary of Operating and Financial Results from Continuing Operations**

	Q1-14	Q4-13	Q3-13	Q2-13	Q1-13	Q4-12	Q3-12	Q2-12
(in millions, except volume, un	less otherw	ise noted)						
Sales	\$ 107.8	\$ 104.4	\$ 114.3	\$ 127.5	\$ 141.8	\$ 117.9	\$ 115.6	\$ 90.5
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	10.2	11.3	24.4	50.7	62.5	42.0	37.0	16.9
Adjusted EBITDA margin (2)	9.5%	10.8%	21.3%	39.8%	44.1%	35.6%	32.0%	18.7%
Shipment volume (mmsf 3/8")	404.2	408.6	422.3	380.4	397.0	398.2	422.9	393.8
Production volume (mmsf 3/8")	408.1	420.2	396.9	398.7	408.1	406.4	419.1	398.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA, a non-IFRS financial measure, is defined as net income (loss) from continuing operations before amortization, gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, cost of curtailed operations, stock option expense (recovery), finance expense, foreign exchange (gain) loss on long-term debt, other foreign exchange loss (gain), interest income earned on investments, income tax (recovery) expense and non-recurring items. See the detailed calculation of adjusted EBITDA by quarter on page 12. As a result of adopting the amendment to IAS19 – Employee Benefits (see "Changes in Accounting Standards"), adjusted EBITDA for each quarter of 2012 has been restated to reflect the increase in pension expense. Adjusted EBITDA for all quarters presented has also been restated to exclude interest income earned on investments.

#### Review of Financial Results

Q1-14	Q1-13
\$ 107.8 \$	141.8
93.8	75.4
(14.5)	36.5
(15.3)	36.3
10.2	62.5
9.5%	44.1%
404.2	397.0
\$	\$ 107.8 \$ 93.8 (14.5) (15.3) 10.2 9.5%

The table below shows the calculation of adjusted EBITDA:

	Q1-14	Q1-13
(in millions)		
Net (loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (14.5) \$	36.5
Add (deduct):		
Foreign exchange loss on long-term debt	13.6	7.6
Amortization of property, plant and equipment	7.3	6.4
Finance expense	6.7	6.9
Costs related to LP acquisition	2.4	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	0.2	-
Income tax expense	(0.4)	13.5
Other	(1.1)	(2.0)
Gain on derivative financial instrument	(4.0)	(8.1)
Stock-based compensation expense	-	0.1
Cost of curtailed operations	-	1.6
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 10.2 \$	62.5

<sup>(2)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA margin, a non-IFRS financial measure, is defined as adjusted EBITDA divided by sales.

# **Ainsworth** First Quarter 2014

Net loss from continuing operations in the first quarter of 2014 was \$14.5 million compared to net income of \$36.5 million in the first quarter of 2013. The \$51.0 million decrease in net income included a \$52.5 million decrease in gross profit (sales less cost of products sold (exclusive of amortization)), a \$6.0 million increase in foreign exchange loss on long-term debt, a \$4.1 million decrease in the gain on derivative financial instrument, a \$2.1 million increase in selling and administration expense, and a total \$1.7 million increase in expenses related to items including amortization expense, foreign exchange gain/loss on operations and other income. These decreases in net income were partially offset by a \$13.8 million variation in income tax expense and a \$1.6 million decrease in costs of curtailed operations.

#### Adjusted EBITDA

In the first quarter of 2014, adjusted EBITDA was \$10.2 million compared to \$62.5 million in the first quarter of 2013. Adjusted EBITDA margin on sales was 9.5% compared to 44.1% in the same period of 2013. The decrease was largely related to the \$52.5 million decrease in gross profit.

#### Sales

Sales of \$107.8 million in the first quarter of 2014 were \$34.0 million lower than sales of \$141.8 million for the same period in 2013. The decrease in sales was mainly due to a 25.3% decrease in realized pricing. During the first quarter of 2014, the average U.S. benchmark price for the North Central and Western Canada regions decreased by 47% and 48%, respectively, compared to the same period in 2013. Export pricing remained stable quarter over quarter. The impact of the U.S. benchmark declines on our realized pricing was moderated by the effect of a weaker Canadian dollar relative to the first quarter of 2013 combined with a 1.8% increase in sales volumes due to additional production from High Level (mill was previously curtailed until the latter part of the third quarter of 2013). The increase in volume from High Level was partially offset by transportation issues during the first quarter of 2014.

The average benchmark F.O.B. mill prices reported by Random Lengths for the last eight quarters are shown in the table below:

U.S. dollars	(	21-14	(	Q4-13	(	23-13	(	Q2-13	(	Q1-13	(	24-12	(	23-12	(	Q2-12
North Central (7/16" basis)	\$	219	\$	245	\$	252	\$	347	\$	417	\$	332	\$	313	\$	235
Western Canada (7/16" basis)		219		219		230		328		419		331		310		232

#### **Costs of Products Sold (Exclusive of Amortization)**

In the first quarter of 2014, costs of products sold were \$93.8 million, an \$18.4 million increase over the same period in 2013. The increase in costs of products sold was primarily due to higher unit costs associated with the ramp up phase of operations at High Level, combined with higher resin and wood pricing, and additional costs related to maintenance and other downtime taken during the quarter. In addition, shipment volumes increased due to production from High Level.

## Selling and Administration

Selling and administration expense increased by \$2.1 million from \$4.1 million in the first quarter of 2013 to \$6.3 million in the first quarter of 2014. The increase is primarily related to additional costs incurred with respect to the LP transaction.

#### Amortization of Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets

Amortization expense for the first quarter of 2014 includes a \$754 thousand write-down of intangible assets with respect to certain private wood contracts. Excluding the write-down, amortization expense of \$6.5 million was not significantly different from \$6.4 million in the first quarter of 2013.

#### **Costs of Curtailed Operations**

Costs of curtailed operations are comprised of costs directly attributable to our High Level, Alberta mill, prior to restarting operations during the third quarter of 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, all costs attributable to the High Level mill were classified as costs of products sold rather than costs of curtailed operations.

#### Finance Expense

Finance expense decreased from \$6.9 million in the first quarter of 2013 to \$6.7 million in the first quarter of 2014. This reduction was due to a lower principal balance of long-term debt following the 10% principal repayment of our 7.5% Senior Secured Notes (the "Notes") during the third quarter of 2013. The reduction was partially offset by the foreign exchange effect of a weaker Canadian dollar, on average, relative to the U.S. dollar.

#### Foreign Exchange Loss on Long-Term Debt

The unrealized foreign exchange loss on long-term debt in the first quarter of 2014 was \$13.6 million compared to \$7.6 million in the first quarter of 2013. The majority of our debt is denominated in U.S. currency and is therefore subject to fluctuations in the exchange rate. The strengthening of the Canadian dollar, relative to the U.S. dollar, results in a foreign exchange gain, whereas a weakening of the Canadian dollar, relative to the U.S. dollar, results in a foreign exchange loss.

Management estimates that a one cent change of the Canadian dollar results in an after tax increase/decrease in foreign exchange loss/gain on our U.S. dollar debt of \$3.1 million on an annual basis.

#### Gain on Derivative Financial Instrument

The derivative financial asset is revalued quarterly based on the market value of the Notes, the risk-free rate, current interest rates and the credit spread (see "Financial Instruments"), and changes in the value of this derivative financial asset are reflected in operations.

The derivative financial asset embedded in the Notes was revalued at March 31, 2014, resulting in a gain of \$4.0 million in the first quarter of 2014, compared to \$8.1 million in the first quarter of 2013.

#### Other Items

Other items include gains/losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment and other income. A \$233 thousand loss resulted from the disposal of property, plant and equipment during the first quarter of 2014. Excluding the loss, other income of \$360 thousand for the first quarter of 2014 was not significantly different than \$352 thousand in the first quarter of 2013.

#### **Income Taxes**

Income tax recovery in the first quarter of 2014 was \$0.4 million on loss before income taxes of \$14.8 million, compared with an income tax expense of \$13.5 million on income before income taxes of \$50.0 million in the first quarter of 2013. The majority of the income tax expense was related to temporary differences that increased the deferred income tax liability on the statement of financial position. Certain permanent differences, such as the non-taxable portion of the foreign exchange loss on our debt and expenses not deductible for tax purposes, impacted the resulting income tax expense.

As a result of the discontinuation of our U.S. OSB operations, U.S. tax losses and the resulting valuation allowance are excluded from the temporary timing differences disclosed in the financial statements.

The Company has benefited Canadian non-capital tax loss carry-forwards of approximately \$155 million for financial statement purposes at December 31, 2013. The Company has U.S. net operating tax loss carry-forwards that are not benefited for financial statement purposes because the 2008 recapitalization resulted in a restriction of these loss carry-forwards. The Company also has unrecognized deferred tax assets of \$4.5 million (December 31, 2013: \$2.8 million) relating to foreign exchange loss on long-term debt.

Tax filings are subject to the review, audit and assessment of applicable taxation authorities in Canada and the United States. Tax laws and regulations are subject to interpretation and inherent uncertainty; therefore, our assessments involve judgments, estimates and assumptions about current and future events. Although we believe these estimates and assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, the final determination could be materially different than that which is reflected in our provision for income taxes and recorded tax assets and liabilities.

#### **Net Loss from Discontinued Operations**

Net loss from discontinued operations includes expenses, such as pension and actuarial costs, associated with the OSB mills in Minnesota, as well as from the plywood and veneer operations in Lillooet and Savona that were disposed in 2009.

#### Capital Resources and Liquidity

As of March 31, 2014, our working capital was \$166.5 million, compared to \$170.9 million as at December 31, 2013. Our working capital requirements in the short term are to fund any potential future shortfalls from operations, interest payments, debt principal repayments and essential capital expenditures.

At March 31, 2014, Ainsworth's available liquidity, consisting of cash and cash equivalents, was \$115.5 million, a reduction of \$21.9 million since December 31, 2013 resulting from our seasonal log inventory build and capital expenditures. Ainsworth is also permitted under the terms of the Notes to borrow at least an additional U.S.\$170 million of senior secured and unsecured debt subject to the limitations set forth in the indenture.

Our cash flows for the guarter ended March 31, 2014 were as follows:

	Q1-14	Q1-13
(in millions)		
Cash provided by operating activities before interest, taxes and working capital	\$ 9.0	\$ 61.4
Cash used for interest payments	(0.1)	(0.1)
Income taxes received (paid)	1.6	(0.5)
Cash used in w orking capital	(27.4)	(25.5)
Cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (16.9)	\$ 35.3
Cash used in financing activities	\$ (0.9)	\$ (8.0)
Cash used in investing activities	\$ (4.7)	\$ (1.4)

In the first quarter of 2014 cash inflows from operating activities before interest and taxes paid and working capital requirements were \$9.0 million compared to \$61.4 million in the first quarter of 2013. Decreases in OSB pricing and cost increases resulted in lower cash generated by operations quarter over quarter. The increase in cash used in working capital in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 was due primarily to an increase in inventories of logs, particularly at High Level, partially offset by the timing of accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Cash used in financing activities for all periods presented includes repayment of equipment financing loans and capital lease obligations. Our debt principal repayments are scheduled to total \$9.5 million for the remaining nine months of 2014.

Cash used in investing activities increased in the first quarter of 2014 compared with the same period in 2013, due to an increase in capital spending, partially offset by a net \$2.4 million reduction in restricted cash primarily attributable to the release of certain letters of credit. Capital spending during the first quarter of 2013 was partially offset by \$1.0 million of proceeds received on the sale of non-core property located in Savona, British Columbia.

Capital spending of \$6.7 million in the first quarter of 2014 included expenditures associated with the restart of our High Level mill, as well as maintenance and other capital projects at our operating mills.

# **Outstanding Share Data**

The issued share capital of the Company at March 31, 2014 is as follows:

		Value
	Shares	(in millions)
Common shares	240,906,309	\$ 583

# **Outstanding Stock Options**

The following table presents the exercise prices and expiry dates for the 1,965,676 stock options outstanding at March 31, 2014:

	Number of Options		
Grant Date	Outstanding	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
November 14, 2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	400,000	1.16	November 14, 2018
March 5, 2010	175,000	1.53	March 5, 2020
March 15, 2010	25,000	1.63	March 15, 2020
May 13, 2010	72,376	2.99	May 13, 2020
May 21, 2010	50,000	2.76	May 21, 2020
June 14, 2010	100,000	2.19	June 14, 2020
August 5, 2010	6,300	1.93	August 5, 2020
August 13, 2010	25,000	1.81	August 13, 2020
March 4, 2011	250,000	2.19	March 4, 2021
September 9, 2011	200,000	1.29	September 9, 2021
March 9, 2012	100,000	1.03	March 9, 2022
March 13, 2012	112,000	1.03	March 13, 2022
March 15, 2013	450,000	3.73	March 15, 2023

<sup>(1)</sup> These stock options were deemed to be granted on May 13, 2009 when the stock option plan was approved by the shareholders.

#### **Financial Instruments**

Ainsworth does not use derivatives or participate in hedging activities. However, our Notes include call options which have been identified as embedded derivatives whereby we have the right to repurchase the Notes. A derivative financial asset was recorded at fair value at issuance of the Notes and is revalued at each reporting period based on the market value of the Notes, the current interest rates, and the credit spread. Changes in the value of this derivative financial asset are reflected in operations as "Gain (loss) on derivative financial instrument". Management estimates that, had interest rates been 1% higher at March 31, 2014 and all other variables were constant, the value of the derivative financial asset would have increased by \$2.5 million. At March 31, 2014, the derivative financial asset had a value of \$23.6 million (December 31, 2013; \$19.6 million).

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company does not have any significant off-balance sheet arrangements other than letters of credit in the amount of \$2.7 million (December 31, 2013: \$5.1 million), for which restricted cash is held as collateral. Further, there are no off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or resources.

# **Related Party Transactions**

The Company is controlled by Brookfield Capital Partners Ltd. ("BCP"), which beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over approximately 54.4% of the issued and outstanding common shares.

The Company periodically sells goods to BCP affiliates. There were no such sales during the three months ended March 31, 2014 (three months ended March 31, 2013: \$2.3 million).

The following table includes amounts that were paid to other related parties:

	Q1-14	Q1-13
(in thousands)		
Legal fees (1)	\$ 242	\$ 60
Other services (2)	83	83
Key management compensation (3)	816	868

- (1) Legal fees were paid to a law firm of which one of the Company's directors is also a partner.
- (2) Includes amounts paid to BCP and its affiliates for services provided to the Company.
- (3) Key management compensation includes total compensation for the Board of Directors and the executive management team. No person on the Board of Directors or the executive management team had any material interest during the period in a contract of significance (except as disclosed above with respect to a service contract for legal services rendered) with the Company or any subsidiary company.

Sales to overseas markets are handled by Interex Forest Products Ltd. ("Interex"), a cooperative sales company over which Ainsworth, as a shareholder, has significant influence. At March 31, 2014, \$6.0 million was included in trade receivables with respect to Interex (December 31, 2013: \$2.9 million).

All transactions with related parties were measured and recorded at the exchange amount which is equivalent to fair value. Fair value is defined as the transaction amount with unrelated parties under similar terms and conditions.

# **Selected Quarterly Financial Information**

		Q1-14		Q4-13	Q3-13	Q2-13	Q1-13	Q4-12	Q3-12	Q2-12
(in millions, except per share date	ta, unles	s other	wise	noted)						
Sales and earnings (loss)										
Sales	\$	107.8	\$	104.4	\$ 114.3	\$ 127.5	\$ 141.8	\$ 117.9	\$ 115.6	\$ 90.5
Operating income (loss)		0.5		2.4	10.0	36.2	54.4	33.6	29.7	10.2
Foreign exchange (loss) gain										
on long-term debt		(13.6)		(10.9)	7.6	(13.1)	(7.6)	(7.6)	18.4	(10.5)
Net (loss) income from										
continuing operations		(14.5)		(10.6)	10.7	2.8	36.5	6.7	32.5	(11.4)
Net loss from discontinued										
operations		(8.0)		-	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)	-	-	(0.2)
Net (loss) income		(15.3)		(10.7)	10.6	2.6	36.3	6.7	32.5	(11.5)
Adjusted EBITDA (3)		10.2		11.3	24.4	50.7	62.5	42.0	37.0	16.9
Basic and diluted earnings (lo	ss) per	comm	on	share						
Net (loss) income										
continuing operations (1)		(0.06)		(0.04)	0.04	0.01	0.15	0.06	0.32	(0.11)
Net (loss) income (1)		(0.06)		(0.04)	0.04	0.01	0.15	0.06	0.32	(0.11)
Balance sheet										
Total assets		890.8		882.0	892.5	911.0	898.8	835.2	812.7	781.1
Total long-term debt (2)		356.1		343.3	334.8	379.1	368.3	361.4	519.0	532.3

- (1) Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share. As at March 31, 2014, the Company had 240,906,309 issued common shares outstanding. For all periods presented the Company has not paid or declared any cash dividends.
- (2) Total long-term debt includes the current portion of long-term debt.
- (3) As a result of adopting the amendment to IAS19 Employee Benefits (see "Accounting Policy Adoption"), adjusted EBITDA for each quarter of 2012 has been restated to reflect the increase in pension expense. Adjusted EBITDA for all quarters presented has also been restated to exclude interest income earned on investments.

# **Ainsworth** First Quarter 2014

OSB demand and product pricing were the main factors causing fluctuations in our sales and adjusted EBITDA over the past eight quarters. North American OSB prices began to recover in the third quarter of 2011 and this trend accelerated in late 2012 and into 2013, although prices have since moderated. OSB shipment volumes have varied in the past eight quarters depending on production disruptions, maintenance requirements and product mix. Shipment volumes also reflect the start up of the High Level mill in the third quarter of 2013.

Net income (loss) fluctuated as a result of changes in operating income and was also impacted by items such as unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on long-term debt caused by changes in the strength of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar, gain (loss) on derivative financial asset related to changes in the value of the call option embedded in our Senior Notes, and changes in capital structure and related costs.

# **Segmented Information**

Our geographic distribution of sales revenue was as follows:

	Thre	e months	ended	March 31
		2014		2013
(in millions)				
United States	\$	80.9	\$	109.5
Canada		7.6		20.8
Japan		14.9		11.1
Overseas - other		4.4		0.4
	\$	107.8	\$	141.8

Our geographic distribution of sales volume was as follows:

	Three months ende	d March 31
	2014	2013
(mmsf 3/8")		
United States	290.5	289.4
Canada	30.6	58.5
Japan	60.8	47.6
Overseas - other	22.4	1.5
	404.3	397.0

Property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and other assets are located within Canada.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including those described in the 2013 Annual Management Discussion and Analysis, which can be found on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>. Any of the risks and uncertainties described in the above-mentioned document could have a material adverse effect on our results and financial position and cash flows and, accordingly, should be carefully considered when evaluating the Company's results.

# **Significant Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

Management has made certain estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts and other disclosures in our financial statements. These estimates and judgments are described in our 2013 audited consolidated financial statements, which can be found on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

# **Changes in Accounting Standards**

Effective January 1, 2014, the Company has adopted the following new and amended accounting standards. The changes in accounting standards have been made in accordance with their transitional provisions.

#### IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities ("IAS 32")

The Company adopted the amendments to IAS 32 effective January 1, 2014. The amendments clarify existing application issues relating to the offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities, and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014. These amendments had minimal impact on the Company's results and financial position.

#### IFRIC 21 Levies ("IFRIC 21")

IFRIC 21 provides guidance on when to recognize a liability to pay a levy imposed by government that is accounted for in accordance with *IAS 37 Provisions*, *Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*. This standard was applied by the Company effective January 1, 2014 and did not have any effect on its results and financial position.

# Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The President and Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, together with other members of management, have designed the Company's disclosure controls and procedures in order to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries would have been known to them, and by others, within those entities. Management has also designed internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS. There has been no material change in the design of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, that would materially affect, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting and management has determined that there were no material weaknesses in the Company's internal control over financial reporting for the period in which the interim filings are being prepared. Management's evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting is based on the provisions of the 1992 Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

While the officers of the Company have designed the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, they expect that these controls and procedures may not prevent all errors and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

# **Ainsworth** First Quarter 2014

# AINSWORTH LUMBER CO. LTD. Other Information

	N	larch 31, 2014	December 31, 2013		
Selected Financial Data (\$000's)					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	115,469	\$	137,444	
Restricted cash		2,720		5,109	
Working capital		166,568		170,905	
Total assets		890,843		881,957	
Total long-term debt		356,116		343,298	
Shareholders' equity		413,395		428,567	

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted EBITDA

(in millions)	(	Q 1- 14	Q4-13	Q3-13	Q2-13	Q 1- 13	Q4-12	Q3	-12	Q	2-12	(	Q 1- 12
Net (Loss) Income from Continuing													
Operations	\$	(14.5)	\$ (10.6)	\$ 10.7	\$ 2.8	\$ 36.5	\$ 6.7	\$	32.5	\$	(11.4)	\$	0.6
Add (deduct):													
Amortization of property,													
plant and equipment		7.3	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.9		6.4		6.1		6.2
Loss (gain) on disposal of property,													
plant and equipment		0.2	0.1	0.4	-	-	0.2		(0.1)		-		-
Write-down of property, plant and													
equipment, intangibles and other		-	-	-	3.8	-	1.5		-		-		-
Costs of curtailed operations		-	-	5.6	3.5	1.6	1.1		0.9		0.7		1.1
Stock-based compensation expense		-	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.5		0.1		-		0.2
Finance expense		6.7	6.5	6.7	7.4	6.9	11.3		13.3		13.1		13.1
Loss on early repayment of long-term													
debt		-	-	3.1	-	-	22.9		-		-		-
Income tax expense (recovery)		(0.4)	0.2	0.7	6.6	13.5	2.5		7.0		(2.0)		(1.7)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)													
on long-term debt		13.6	10.9	(7.6)	13.1	7.6	7.6		(18.4)		10.5		(10.0)
(Gain) Loss on derivative financial instrument		(4.0)	(3.8)	(3.7)	7.5	(8.1)	(18.3)		(5.4)		(0.2)		-
Costs related to LP acquisition		2.4	1.9	1.7	-	-	-		-		-		-
Other		(1.1)	(0.9)	0.2	(1.2)	(2.0)	(0.9)		0.7		0.1		0.1
Adjusted EBITDA (Note 1)	\$	10.2	\$ 11.3	\$ 24.4	\$ 50.7	\$ 62.5	\$ 42.0	\$	37.0	\$	16.9	\$	9.6

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA, a non-IFRS financial measure, is defined as net income (loss) from continuing operations before amortization, gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, cost of curtailed operations, stock option expense (recovery), finance expense, foreign exchange (gain) loss on long-term debt, other foreign exchange loss (gain), interest income earned on investments, income tax (recovery) expense and non-recurring items. As a result of adopting the amendment to IAS19R, adjusted EBITDA for each quarter of 2012 has been restated to reflect the increase in pension expense that is included in cost of products sold, and selling and administrative expense. Adjusted EBITDA for all quarters presented has also been restated to exclude interest income earned on investments.

# **About Ainsworth**

Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. is a leading manufacturer and marketer of oriented strand board ("OSB") with a focus on value-added specialty products for markets in North America and Asia. Ainsworth's four OSB manufacturing mills, located in Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, have a combined annual capacity of 2.5 billion square feet (3/8-inch basis). Ainsworth is a publicly traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ANS.

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# **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

(In thousands of Canadian dollars) (Unaudited)

	March 31	D	ecember 31
	2014		2013
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 115,469	\$	137,444
Restricted cash	2,720		5,109
Trade and other receivables	26,576		23,680
Inventories (Note 3)	79,239		52,471
Prepaid expenses	5,625		5,414
Total Current Assets	229,629		224,118
Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 4)	628,934		628,701
Intangible Assets	6,420		7,601
Other Assets	25,860		21,537
Total Assets	\$ 890,843	\$	881,957
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	\$ 50,955	\$	42,133
Income taxes payable	2,347		805
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	9,542		10,001
Liabilities related to discontinued operations	217		274
Total Current Liabilities	63,061		53,213
Accrued Pension Benefit Liability	7,541		7,542
Reforestation Obligation	4,981		4,390
Long-term Debt (Note 5)	346,574		333,297
Deferred Income Tax Liabilities	52,974		52,719
Liabilities Related to Discontinued Operations	2,317		2,229
Total Liabilities	477,448		453,390
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	,		,
Capital Stock	582,738		582,738
Contributed Surplus	2,117		2,030
Deficit	 (171,460)		(156,201)
Total Shareholders' Equity	413,395		428,567
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 890,843	\$	881,957

The accompanying Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

#### **Commitments (Note 6)**

**Contingencies (Note 7)** 

Approved by the Board on May 1, 2014

/s/ Peter Gordon /s/ Gordon Lancaster DIRECTOR DIRECTOR

# **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income**

(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except share and per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31						
		2014		2013			
Sales (Note 19)	\$	107,818	\$	141,844			
Costs and Expenses							
Costs of products sold (Note 9)		93,796		75,365			
Selling and administration (Note 9)		6,255		4,130			
Amortization of property, plant and equipment and							
intangible assets (Note 4)		7,252		6,393			
Costs of curtailed operations (Note 13)		-		1,592			
Total Costs and Expenses		107,303		87,480			
Income from Operations		515		54,364			
Finance Expense (Note 10)		(6,731)		(6,901)			
Foreign Exchange Loss (Note 11)		(12,732)		(5,921)			
Gain on Derivative Financial Instrument (Note 12)		3,972		8,077			
Other Items (Note 14)		127		358			
(Loss) Income Before Income Taxes		(14,849)		49,977			
Income Tax Recovery (Expense) (Note 16)		352		(13,489)			
(Loss) Income from Continuing Operations		(14,497)		36,488			
Net Loss from Discontinued Operations		(762)		(192)			
Net (Loss) Income and Total Comprehensive (Loss) Income	\$	(15,259)	\$	36,296			
Basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share (Note 17)							
Continuing operations	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.16			
Discontinued operations	Ψ	0.00	Ψ	0.00			
Basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.16			
	•	40,906,309	<u> </u>				
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - basic  Effect of dilutive stock options on continuing operations		40,300,303		240,834,188			
<u> </u>	_	-		723,612			
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - diluted	2	40,906,309		241,557,800			

The accompanying Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

# Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(In thousands of Canadian dollars)

(Unaudited)

			Contributed		Sh	Total areholders'
	C	apital Stock	Surplus	Deficit		Equity
Balance, January 1, 2013	\$	582,626	\$ 1,808	\$ (199,160)	\$	385,274
Net income and total comprehensive income		-	-	36,296		36,296
Share-based payments (Note 8)		-	(104)	-		(104)
Stock options exercised (Note 8)		5	(2)	-		3
Balance, March 31, 2013	\$	582,631	\$ 1,702	\$ (162,864)	\$	421,469

			Contributed	SI	Total nareholders'
	Ca	apital Stock	Surplus	Deficit	Equity
Balance, January 1, 2014	\$	582,738	\$ 2,030	\$ (156,201) \$	428,567
Net loss and total comprehensive loss		-	-	(15,259)	(15,259)
Share-based payments (Note 8)		-	87	-	87
Balance, March 31, 2014	\$	582,738	\$ 2,117	\$ (171,460) \$	413,395

The accompanying Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

# **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(In thousands of Canadian dollars)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 3					
		2014		2013		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Net (Loss) Income	\$	(15,259)	\$	36,296		
Items not affecting cash						
Amortization of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 4)		7,252		6,393		
Finance expense (Note 10)		6,731		6,901		
Share-based payments (Note 8)		24		119		
Foreign exchange loss on long-term debt (Note 11)		13,581		7,565		
Gain on derivative financial instrument (Note 12)		(3,972)		(8,077)		
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment (Note 14)		233		(6)		
Change in non-current reforestation obligation		591		372		
Deferred taxes		255		13,164		
Pension and other		(444)		(1,300)		
Cash flows from operating activities before working capital, interest and income taxes		8,992		61,427		
Change in non-cash operating working capital (Note 18)		(27,439)		(25,518)		
Interest paid		(84)		(118)		
Income taxes received (paid), net		1,590		(518)		
Cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(16,941)		35,273		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Repayment of long-term debt (Note 5)		(747)		(683)		
Proceeds from issue of shares (Note 8)		-		3		
Reduction in finance lease obligations (Note 5)		(129)		(140)		
Cash used in financing activities		(876)		(820)		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Decrease in restricted cash		2,389		1,189		
Additions to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 4)		(6,744)		(3,636)		
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		25		1,006		
(Increase) decrease in other assets		(350)		38		
Cash used in investing activities		(4,680)		(1,403)		
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		522		1,353		
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW		(21,975)		34,403		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		137,444		106,777		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	115,469	\$	141,180		
Cash		11,845		20,036		
Cash equivalents		103,624		121,144		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	115,469	\$	141,180		

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#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. ("the Company") is a manufacturer and marketer of oriented strand board ("OSB") with a focus on value-added specialty products for markets in North America and Asia. The Company owns four Canadian OSB manufacturing facilities in Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario. The Company's registered address is 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Suite 3194, Bentall 4, P.O. Box 49307, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7X 1L3.

Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. is a publicly listed company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia. The Company's shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ANS.

#### Pending Transaction

On September 4, 2013, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation ("LP") and the Company announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement (the "Arrangement Agreement") under which LP will acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Ainsworth for \$1.94 in cash plus 0.114 LP common shares per Ainsworth common share, on a fully pro-rated basis.

On October 29, 2013, the transaction was approved by approximately 99.9% of the votes cast at the Company's special meeting of shareholders. On October 31, 2013, the Supreme Court of British Columbia issued a final order approving the Arrangement Agreement. The transaction remains subject to obtaining required regulatory approvals and the satisfaction or waiver of other conditions pursuant to the Arrangement Agreement. On April 18, 2014, the outside date for completion of the transaction was extended to June 2, 2014. The Arrangement Agreement permits either party to further extend the outside date for an additional 45 day period if required to obtain certain regulatory approvals.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Statement of compliance

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. Accordingly, certain disclosures included in the audited consolidated annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), have been condensed or omitted. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The accounting policies applied in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are consistent with those applied and disclosed in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company's interim results are not necessarily indicative of its results for a full year.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements were authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Company on May 1, 2014.

#### b) Basis of consolidation

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company and all of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, which are the entities over which the Company has control. Control exists when the Company has power over an investee, when the Company is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from the investee and when the Company has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. The Company's principal subsidiaries include Ainsworth Corp. and Ainsworth Engineered Canada Limited Partnership. Intercompany balances, transactions, revenues, and expenses, between subsidiaries are eliminated upon consolidation.

The accounting policies of its subsidiaries are consistent with the policies adopted by the Company.

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#### 3. INVENTORIES

The carrying value of logs and panel products, valued at lower of cost and net realizable value, and materials, supplies and spares, valued at lower of cost and replacement cost, is summarized below:

	March 31	December 31
	2014	2013
Logs	\$ 42,046	\$ 18,690
Panel products	18,009	16,032
Materials, supplies and spares	19,184	17,749
	\$ 79,239	\$ 52,471

All inventories are pledged as security for the 7.5% Senior Secured Notes due in 2017 (the "Notes").

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$75.0 million (three months ended March 31, 2013: \$59.7 million) of inventory was charged to costs of products sold.

There were no inventory write-downs or recoveries of previous write-downs during the three months ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013.

#### 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

			Machinery and	Assets under Finance	Other	 nstruction Progress	
Cost	Land	Building	Equipment	Lease	Assets (1)	(2)	Total (3)
Cost, December 31, 2013	\$2,135	\$224,249	\$ 460,230	\$ 2,077	\$10,385	\$ 62,726	\$ 761,802
Additions	-	-	-	-	87	6,657	6,744
Disposals	-	-	(327)	-	-	-	(327)
Transfers	-	-	2,733	-	289	(3,022)	-
Cost, March 31, 2014	\$2,135	\$224,249	\$ 462,636	\$ 2,077	\$10,761	\$ 66,361	\$ 768,219
Accumulated Amortization	n						
Accumulated amortization,							
December 31, 2013	\$ -	\$ (33,666)	\$ (94,412)	\$(1,622)	\$ (3,401)	\$ -	\$(133,101)
Amortization for the period	-	(1,763)	(4,047)	(142)	(326)	-	(6,278)
Disposals	-	-	94	-	-	-	94
Accumulated amortization,							
March 31, 2014	\$ -	\$ (35,429)	\$ (98,365)	\$(1,764)	\$ (3,727)	\$ -	\$(139,285)
Carrying amount							
Balance, Dec. 31, 2013	\$2,135	\$190,583	\$ 365,818	\$ 455	\$ 6,984	\$ 62,726	\$ 628,701
Balance, Mar. 31, 2014	2,135	188,820	364,271	313	7,034	66,361	628,934

<sup>(1)</sup> Other assets includes office equipment, computer hardware, computer software, vehicles, forklifts, loaders and skidders, roads and storage, prepaid roads, leasehold improvements and plantations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in construction in progress is \$52.1 million related to our second production line at Grande Prairie, which is currently curtailed. No interest has been capitalized in construction in progress for the periods presented as construction has been put on hold indefinitely.

<sup>(3)</sup> All property, plant and equipment are pledged as security for the Notes.

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#### 5. LONG-TERM DEBT

	March 31	De	cember 31
	2014		2013
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 343,298	\$	361,436
Repayments	(876)		(43,817)
Amortization of bond premium, transaction costs and			
consent fees (Note 10)	113		460
Cost of early repayment of long-term debt	-		1,297
Unrealized foreign exchange loss on long-term debt (Note 11)	13,581		23,922
Balance, end of period	\$ 356,116	\$	343,298
Current portion	(9,542)		(10,001)
Long-term portion	\$ 346,574	\$	333,297

#### 6. COMMITMENTS

At March 31, 2014, the Company had contractual commitments to purchase property, plant and equipment of approximately \$6.8 million (December 31, 2013: \$4.5 million). The Company has certain long-term purchase contracts with minimum fixed payment commitments. All contracts are at market prices and on normal business terms.

#### 7. CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of its business activities, the Company is subject to claims and legal actions that may be made by its customers, suppliers and others. While the final outcome with respect to actions outstanding or pending as at March 31, 2014 cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company believes the resolution will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position, financial performance, or cash flows.

#### 8. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

#### Stock Option Plan

The Company has a single stock option plan designed to provide equity-based compensation to directors, executives and key senior management. The stock options granted vest evenly over a three to five year period. The plan provides for the issuance of options to acquire a maximum of 9,000,000 common shares with terms of up to 10 years. The fair value of options granted is calculated using the Black-Scholes model on the date of grant.

No options were granted during the three months ended March 31, 2014. The table below outlines the significant assumptions used during the three months ended March 31, 2013 to estimate the fair value of options granted during that period:

Risk-free interest rate	1.26%
Expected volatility <sup>(1)</sup>	50.00%
Dividend yield	0%
Expected option life (years)	4.00
Share price	\$4.17

<sup>(1)</sup> Expected volatility is based on the historical share price volatility over the past four years, taking into consideration the volatility of similar entities over a comparable period.

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## 8. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

The table below outlines the status of the Company's stock option plan:

	Three months ended March 31								
	20		20	)13	1				
			Weighted						
	Number of		Average			Weighted			
	Share		Exercise	Number of		Average			
	Options		Price	Share Options	Exe	ercise Price			
Outstanding at beginning of period	1,990,676	\$	2.11	1,588,676	\$	1.60			
Granted during the period	-		-	500,000		3.73			
Exercised during the period (1)	-		-	(3,000)		1.03			
Forfeited during the period (2)	(25,000)		3.73	-					
	1,965,676		2.09	2,085,676		2.11			
Options exercisable at end of period	1,256,676			1,014,340					
Weighted average fair value per option									
granted during the period	n/a			\$ 1.81					

No stock options were exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

The following table summarizes the weighted average exercise prices and weighted average remaining contractual life of the stock options outstanding at March 31, 2014:

	Options O	utstanding Weighted Average			Options Ex	erc	isable
Panga of	Number of	Remaining Contractual Life		Weighted	Number of		Weighted
Range of Exercise Prices	Options	(yrs)	Ex	Average ercise Price	Options	Ex	Average ercise Price
\$0 - 2	1,043,300	6.15	\$	1.25	794,300	\$	1.28
2.01 - 4	922,376	7.74		3.03	462,376		2.68
-	1,965,676	6.89	\$	2.09	1,256,676	\$	1.80

The following table outlines the Company's share-based compensation expense with respect to the stock option plan:

	Three months ended March 31				
	2014		2013		
Stock option expense (recovery)	\$ 87	\$	(104)		

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, \$5 was credited to capital stock with respect to stock options that were exercised. This includes \$3 consideration received on exercise, plus \$2 representing the vested fair value of the stock options.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$22 was reversed from contributed surplus with respect to unvested options forfeited. No stock options were forfeited during the three months ended March 31, 2013.

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#### 8. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

#### Deferred Share Unit Plan

The Company has a Deferred Share Units ("DSU") plan for directors. Under the DSU plan, directors may elect to receive up to 100% of their fees in the form of DSUs. The number of DSUs awarded is determined by dividing the dollar portion of the fees by the volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of the Company's common shares for the five business days prior to the grant date. DSUs must be retained until the director leaves the Board, at which time the cash value of the DSUs is paid out.

The initial fair value of the DSUs is the amount of fees payable to the director, and is recognized immediately. The liability is subsequently re-measured to fair value using the VWAP for the last five business days of each reporting period until settlement. The initial fair value of amounts granted and any subsequent changes in fair value are recorded within compensation expense in the period.

The table below outlines the status of the Company's DSU plan:

	Three months ended March 31					
	201	4		2013		
	Number of			Number of		
	DSUs		Fair Value	DSUs		Fair Value
Outstanding at beginning of period	494,022	\$	2,045	415,958	\$	485
Granted during the period	-		-	18,149		32
Change in value			(133)			191
Outstanding at end of period	494,022	\$	1,912	434,107	\$	708

#### 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The table below summarizes the employee benefits included in cost of products sold, and selling and administration expenses:

	Three months ended March 31					
		2014		2013		
Short-term employee benefits	\$	15,748	\$	13,072		
Long-term employee benefits		3,462		3,446		
Share-based payments		24		119		
	\$	19,234	\$	16,637		

#### 10. FINANCE EXPENSE

		Three months ended March 31				
		2014		2013		
Cash interest	\$	(6,608)	\$	(6,759)		
Interest on finance leases		(10)		(25)		
Amortization of bond premium, transaction costs and consent fees		(113)		(117)		
	\$	(6,731)	\$	(6,901)		

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#### 11. FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSS

	Three months ended March 31				
		2014		2013	
Foreign exchange loss on long-term debt	\$	(13,581)	\$	(7,565)	
Other foreign exchange gain		849		1,644	
	\$	(12,732)	\$	(5,921)	

#### 12. GAIN ON DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

The Notes issued on November 27, 2012 have embedded call options, whereby the Company has the right to repurchase 10% of the original principal of the Notes each year in the first two years, and the right to redeem the Notes after two years. The derivative financial asset was recorded at fair value at issuance of the Notes and is revalued at each reporting period based on the market value of the Notes, the current interest rates, and the credit spread. The fair value of this instrument is included in other assets on the consolidated statement of financial position. Changes in the fair value are reflected in net income.

Changes in the market value of the Notes, the risk-free rate, the credit spread and the cash interest rate resulted in an \$4.0 million gain on the derivative financial asset for the three months ended March 31, 2014 (three months ended March 31, 2013: \$8.1 million gain).

#### 13. COSTS OF CURTAILED OPERATIONS

Costs of curtailed operations primarily include costs associated with the High Level OSB facility up until the Company restarted production at this mill in the latter part of the third quarter of 2013.

#### 14. OTHER ITEMS

	Three months ended March 31			
		2014		2013
(Loss) Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	\$	(233)	\$	6
Other income		360		352
	\$	127	\$	358

#### 15. PENSION EXPENSE

The Company maintains two defined benefit pension plans for certain salaried and hourly employees in British Columbia and Minnesota. The Minnesota pension plan is included in discontinued operations. Pension expense and contributions related to the Company's defined benefit pension plans during the period were as follows:

	Three months ended March 3			
	2014		2013	
Continuing Operations:				
Pension expense	\$ 538	\$	841	
Contributions	2,033		714	
Discontinued Operations:				
Pension expense	84		76	
Contributions	123		79	

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## 15. PENSION EXPENSE (continued)

The table below outlines the Company's total defined contribution plan cost:

	Three	Three months ended March 31				
	:	2014		2013		
Defined contribution plan cost	\$	230	\$	122		

#### 16. TAXATION

Certain permanent differences, such as the non-taxable portion of the foreign exchange gain on debt and expenses not deductible for tax purposes, impact the resulting income tax expense (recovery).

The Company has benefited Canadian non-capital tax loss carry-forwards of approximately \$155 million for financial statement purposes at December 31, 2013. The Company has U.S. non-capital tax loss carry-forwards that are not benefited for financial statement purposes because the 2008 recapitalization resulted in a restriction of these loss carry-forwards. The Company also has unrecognized deferred tax assets of \$4.5 million (December 31, 2013: \$2.8 million) relating to foreign exchange loss on long-term debt.

Tax filings are subject to the review, audit and assessment of applicable taxation authorities in Canada and the United States. Tax laws and regulations are subject to interpretation and inherent uncertainty; therefore, management's assessments involve judgments, estimates and assumptions about current and future events. Although management believes these estimates and assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, the final determination could be materially different than that which is reflected in the Company's provision for income taxes and recorded current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities.

#### 17. EARNINGS PER SHARE

At March 31, 2014, no stock options (March 31, 2013: 500,000) have been taken into account in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because their effect was anti-dilutive.

#### 18. CHANGES IN NON-CASH OPERATING WORKING CAPITAL

	Т	Three months ended March 31					
		2014		2013			
Inventories	\$	(26,562)	\$	(20,827)			
Trade and other receivables		(2,921)		(6,421)			
Prepaid expenses		(219)		1,116			
Income taxes payable		(48)		325			
Trade and other payables		2,311		289			
	\$	(27,439)	\$	(25,518)			

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#### 19. SEGMENTED REPORTING

The Company operates principally in one operating segment, oriented strand board. Sales from continuing operations attributed to geographic areas based on location of customer are as follows:

	Three months ended March 31				
	2014		2013		
United States	\$ 80,895	\$	109,453		
Canada	7,630		20,848		
Japan	14,889		11,095		
Overseas - other	4,404		448		
	\$ 107,818	\$	141,844		

Property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and other assets are located in Canada.

#### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS

#### Management of capital

The Company's objectives for managing capital (defined as working capital, long-term debt and equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income) are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Company manages capital by adjusting the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, purchasing shares for cancellation pursuant to normal issuer bids, issuing new shares and warrants, issuing new debt, and/or issuing new debt to replace existing debt with different characteristics. Under its existing debt indentures, the Company is restricted in managing capital and must conform to the indentures' provisions, which govern capital components such as dividends, asset sales and debt incurrence. At March 31, 2014, the Company is in compliance with the provisions of these indentures.

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#### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (Continued)

The accounting classification of each category of financial instruments, and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which they have been classified are set out below:

	Fair Value			
	Hierarchy	March 31	December 3	
	Level	2014		2013
FINANCIAL ASSETS Held for trading Cash and cash equivalents	Level 1	\$ 115,469	\$	137,444
Loans and receivables  Trade and other receivables (1)	n/a	26,576		23,680
Derivative financial asset (2)	Level 2	23,604		19,632
		\$ 165,649	\$	180,756
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES Other financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables (1)	n/a	\$ 50,955	\$	42,133
Long-term debt, including current portion	n/a	355,767		342,819
		\$ 406,722	\$	384,952

<sup>(1)</sup> The carrying value of trade and other receivables and trade and other payables approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these items.

The Company's policy for determining the timing of transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy is based on the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers between level 1 and level 2 for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2013. There were no financial instruments classified as level 3 at March 31, 2014 or December 31, 2013.

#### Financial risk factors

The Company's activities result in exposure to a number of financial risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing these risks are described below.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause a financial loss. The Company is exposed to credit risk on trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is the gross carrying amount of these assets net of any allowance for doubtful accounts or impairment loss as reflected in these consolidated financial statements. At March 31, 2014, the amount of accounts receivable past due or impaired was nominal.

The Company applies a Black-Scholes model for the 10% repurchase option and a standard Option-Adjusted Spread model for the remaining call options. The current bid price for the bonds of 106.75 at March 31, 2014 (December 31, 2013: 107.25) is used as the market value input.

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#### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (Continued)

#### Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk associated with cash equivalents is minimized by ensuring that the Company only invests in liquid securities and with counterparties that have a high credit rating. Credit risk associated with trade receivables is minimized through the use of pre-determined credit limits, continuous monitoring of payments, and credit insurance. The Company uses credit ratings and internal financial evaluations of counterparties to determine credit-worthiness and to set credit limits. Concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables is limited due to the dispersion of a large number of customers across many geographic areas as well as the use of credit insurance.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company encounters difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they come due. Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of operational liquidity requirements, the Company will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction on the due date; will be forced to sell financial assets at a value which is less than what they are worth; or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset at all. Liquidity risk arises from trade and other payables, long-term debt, commitments and financial guarantees. The Company continues to focus on maintaining adequate liquidity to meet cash interest and principal repayments, operating working capital requirements including seasonal log inventory builds in the first and fourth quarters, and capital expenditures.

We continue to monitor discretionary capital expenditures carefully as global debt and equity markets, as well as operating results, can be volatile. Under the terms of the Company's senior note indenture, we are permitted to borrow at least an additional U.S.\$170 million of senior secured and unsecured debt subject to the limitations set forth in the indenture. The availability of this funding, or other sources of capital, is dependent on capital markets at the time and may not be available on acceptable terms.

The contractual maturity of the Company's liabilities, long-term debt and commitments for the next five years are shown in the following table. These amounts represent the future undiscounted principal and interest cash flows and therefore do not equate to the carrying values shown in the statement of financial position.

	Less than		1 to 3 Less than		ss than	1 to 5		More than			
	1 mo	nth		months		1 year		years	ţ	years	Total
Senior Secured Notes	\$ -		\$	13,059	\$	13,059	\$42	6,585	\$	-	\$452,703
HSBC equipment loan	2	70		538		6,746		-		-	7,554
Deutsche Bank equipment loan	-			1,836		-		-		-	1,836
Finance lease obligations		57		80		147		78		-	362
Operating lease obligations		72		137		619		412		-	1,240
Trade payable and accrued liabilities	41,6	83		-		1,794		-		-	43,477
Reforestation obligation	-			-		-		4,271		710	4,981
Purchase commitments	1,0	71		2,562		4,365		4,888		1,629	14,515
	\$ 43,1	53	\$	18,212	\$	26,730	\$43	6,234	\$	2,339	\$526,668

#### Market risk

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to interest risk on its floating rate debt. Unfavourable changes in the applicable interest rates may result in an increase in interest expense. The Company manages its exposure to interest rate risk by maintaining a combination of floating rate debt and fixed rate debt. The Company does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk.

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#### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (Continued)

#### Market risk (Continued)

At March 31, 2014, if interest rates had been 50 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company's after-tax net income would decrease/increase by approximately \$35 on an annual basis (December 31, 2013: \$36).

The Company is also exposed to interest rate risk on the derivative financial instrument that arises from the call option embedded in the Notes. As the risk-free interest rate and the credit spread increase, the value of the derivative financial asset decreases. Conversely, a decrease in the risk-free interest rate and the credit spread increases the value of the derivative financial asset. Changes in the value of this derivative financial asset are reflected in operations. The value of the derivative financial instrument as at March 31, 2014 was \$23.6 million (December 31, 2013: \$19.6 million) and was included in other assets. At March 31, 2014, if interest rates had been 1% higher and all other variables were constant, the value of the derivative financial asset would increase by approximately \$2.5 million (December 31, 2013: \$2.5 million).

#### Currency risk

Currency risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial commitment, recognized asset or liability will fluctuate due to changes in foreign currency rates. The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar, but it is exposed to foreign currency risk primarily arising from U.S. dollar denominated long-term debt, cash, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables. In addition, the majority of the Company's sales are transacted in U.S. dollars.

The U.S. dollar is the only foreign currency to which the Company has significant exposure. The Company does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk.

At March 31, 2014, the impact on the after tax net income of a one cent weakening/strengthening of the Canadian dollar, all other variables remaining constant, on the revaluation of the Company's monetary assets and liabilities would be would have been \$3.1 million higher/lower on an annual basis (December 31, 2013: \$2.7 million).

#### Commodity price risk

The Company's financial performance is principally dependent on the demand for and selling prices of its products. Both are subject to significant fluctuations. The markets for panel products are cyclical and are affected by factors such as global economic conditions including the strength of the U.S. and Japanese housing markets, changes in industry production capacity, changes in world inventory levels and other factors beyond the Company's control. The Company reduces its exposure to commodity price risk through product and geographic diversification.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments, with the exception of the Notes, is estimated to approximate their carrying value at March 31, 2014 due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

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#### 20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (Continued)

The carrying values and fair values of the long-term debt are as follows:

	March 3	December 31, 2013			
	Carrying	Fair	Carrying	Fair	
	Value	Value	Value	Value	
Senior Secured Notes (1)	\$ 346,545	\$ 365,488	\$ 333,245	\$ 352,699	
Equipment financing (2)	9,222	9,222	9,574	9,574	
	\$ 355,767	\$ 374,710	\$ 342,819	\$ 362,273	

<sup>(1)</sup> Fair value is determined using quoted ask prices for the Notes. The estimated fair value may differ from the amount which could be realized in an immediate settlement.

The fair value of the call option embedded in the Notes as at March 31, 2014 was \$23.6 million (December 31, 2013: \$19.6 million).

#### 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### **Brookfield Capital Partners**

The Company is controlled by BCP, which beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over approximately 54.4% of the issued and outstanding common shares.

The Company periodically sells goods to BCP affiliates. There were no such sales during the three months ended March 31, 2014 (three months ended March 31, 2013: \$2.3 million).

#### **Subsidiaries**

Transactions with subsidiaries (listed in Note 2(b)), which have been eliminated on consolidation, are carried out in the normal course of business on an arm's length basis and are not disclosed in this note. Outstanding balances are placed on inter-company accounts with no specified credit period. Long-term loans owed to the Company by subsidiary undertakings are non-interest bearing in accordance with the inter-company loan agreements.

## Compensation of the executive management team and directors

No person on the Board of Directors of Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd. or its executive management team had any material interest during the period in a contract of significance (except as disclosed below with respect to a service contract for legal services rendered) with the Company or any subsidiary company. The total compensation for the Board of Directors and the executive management team is as follows:

	Three months ended March 31			
	2014		2013	
Short-term employee benefits	\$ 651	\$	704	
Long-term employee benefits	22		33	
Share-based payments	143		131	
	\$ 816	\$	868	

<sup>(2)</sup> Carrying value approximates fair value as the equipment financing bears floating interest rates that approximate market rates.

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## 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

#### Other

	 Three months ended March 31				
	2014		2013		
Legal fees (1)	\$ 242	\$	60		
Other services (2)	83		83		
	\$ 325	\$	143		

<sup>(1)</sup> Legal fees were paid to a law firm of which one of the Company's directors is also a partner.

Sales to overseas markets are handled by Interex Forest Products Ltd. ("Interex"), a cooperative sales company over which Ainsworth, as a shareholder, has significant influence. At March 31, 2014, \$6.1 million was included in trade receivables with respect to Interex (December 31, 2013: \$2.9 million).

All transactions with related parties were measured and recorded at fair value. Fair value is defined as the transaction amount with unrelated parties under similar terms and conditions.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes amounts paid to BCP and its affiliates for services provided to the Company.