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WELL SERVICE LTD.

First Quarter Interim Report

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 1998

Financial Summary

($millions, except per share amounts)		Three months ended March 31, 1998	1997
Revenue		**$ 14.0**	$ 4.2
Earnings before interest, income taxes and depreciation & amortization (EBITDA)		**3.4**	0.7
Net income		**1.7**	0.4
Net income per share	(basic)	**0.16**	0.05
	(fully diluted)	**0.15**	0.05
Funds from operations		**2.6**	0.7
Funds from operations per share	(basic)	**0.25**	0.08
	(fully diluted)	**0.22**	0.08

Trican Well Service Ltd. ("the Company") is pleased to release its 1998 first quarter results which show continued growth and development. During the first three months of 1998, revenue increased $ 9.9 million (237 percent), net income grew by $1.3 million (347 percent), and basic earnings per share increased $0.11 (220 percent) to $0.16 compared to $0.05 for the same period in 1997.

Industry activity in the quarter was high, although drilling activity declined moderately from the record activity levels experienced in 1997. Expanded equipment capacity, greater geographical access and expanded service lines combined with high activity levels to fuel the growth in Trican's results.

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Operational Review

The equipment expansion undertaken during 1997 is reflected in the 1998 first quarter results. Trican completed 140 percent more jobs in the 1998 first quarter as compared to the number of jobs completed in the 1997 first quarter. The Company's strategy of diversifying the services offered to its customers initiated in 1997 has also influenced the first quarter results. Revenue per job rose 40 percent reflecting the Company's strategy of evolving from being principally a cementing company to offering a full range of services including coiled tubing, acid stimulation, nitrogen pumping and hydraulic fracturing.

The Red Deer base continues to significantly contribute to the operating results accounting for 40 percent of total operations revenue and 53 percent of the total operating margin. The Red Deer base provides Trican with an important location in the central Alberta market and will provide a critical stepping stone for future expansion.

In March 1998, the Company completed a private placement of 2,000,000 special warrants for $4.50 each raising $9.0 million. The proceeds from the offering, combined with funds from operations, will be used to add additional fracturing, nitrogen, acid, cementing and coiled tubing equipment. The additional fracturing equipment will double the Company's current equipment capacity within this service line. The additional nitrogen, acid and coiled tubing equipment will increase capacity in these service lines by: 50 percent (nitrogen pumping); 100 percent (acid stimulation); and 25 percent (coiled tubing) respectively. All of this equipment is expected to be operational by the end of the year.

Financial Review

During the first quarter, Trican recorded revenue of $14.0 million, which represents an increase of $9.9 million or 237 percent compared with the same quarter last year. Net income for the period increased 347 percent to $1.7 million from $0.4 million in the 1997 first quarter. Per share earnings were $0.16 (fully diluted $0.15) as compared to $0.05 (fully diluted $0.05) for the 1997 first quarter. These increases are the result of high levels of industry activity, as well as, the continued benefit of expanded equipment capacity and greater geographical access.

Operating margins have increased this quarter as a result of increased activity in the more technical, higher margin services of coiled tubing, acid stimulation, hydraulic fracturing and nitrogen pumping.

Funds from operations of $ 2.6 million for the quarter were 286 percent higher than the funds for the first quarter of last year (1997 - $0.7 million) and reflect the stronger earnings in the period. During the quarter, the Company finalized a new loan facility to finance the equipment expansion which was ongoing at the end of 1997.

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Outlook

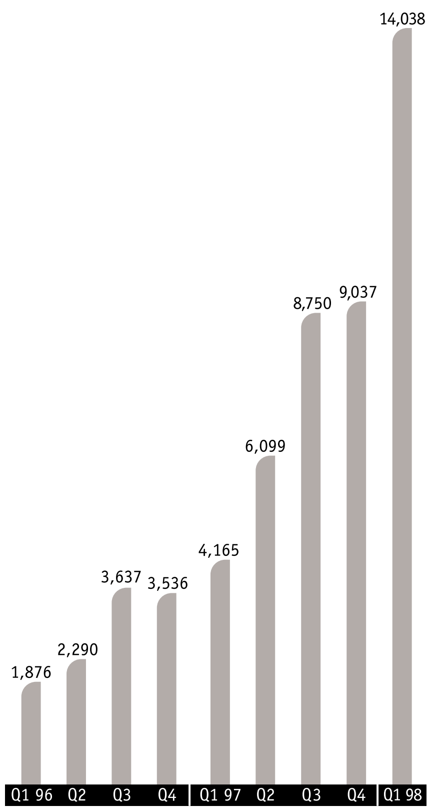
While industry activity in the first quarter was strong, the record levels of drilling activity which took place in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin during 1997 are not expected to continue for the balance of the year. Activity levels in the second quarter have experienced the spring time slow down typical for the industry, but not witnessed in recent years. Its is generally expected that overall activity levels will be lower for the balance of the year compared to recent years as industry focus shifts from heavy oil to gas. This shift to gas related exploration and development work should increase the demand for fracturing, nitrogen and coiled tubing services.

The Company intends to open a base in the northwest part of Alberta later in the year. This facility will provide a platform from which to service the gas related work expected to be undertaken in this area.

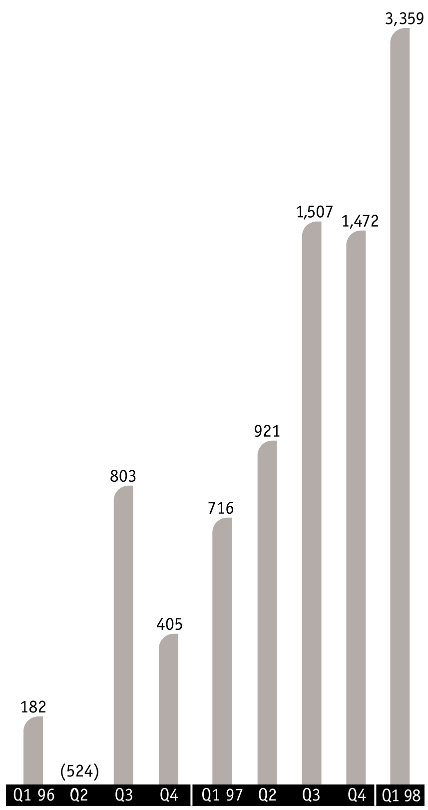
With the equipment expansion undertaken in 1997, Trican has available to it the latest and most cost effective technologies available to the industry. This, combined with the Company's commitment to maintaining lean, yet effective cost structures should allow Trican to effectively compete in a cost-sensitive market.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray L. Cobbe (signed)
President and Chief Executive Officer
May 15, 1998



Revenue ($ thousands)



EBITDA ($ thousands)

Q4 1996 amounts do not include management reorganization costs.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

	March 31, 1998	December 31, 1997
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and short-term deposits	**$ 6,722,762**	$ —
Accounts receivable	**11,572,535**	7,231,382
Prepaid expenses	**203,040**	157,921
Inventory	**927,350**	1,048,265
	19,425,687	8,437,568
Capital assets	**27,255,836**	27,343,679
Goodwill	**1,729,629**	1,775,958
	$ 48,411,152	$ 37,557,205
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Bank indebtedness	**$ —**	$ 1,450,324
Accounts payable	**7,127,478**	10,415,626
Income taxes payable	**891,937**	431,582
Current portion of long-term debt	**824,100**	129,793
	8,843,515	12,427,325
Long-term debt	**4,683,327**	735,496
Deferred income taxes	**1,423,950**	1,263,760
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	**27,086,712**	18,454,156
Retained earnings	**6,373,648**	4,676,468
	33,460,360	23,130,624
	$ 48,411,152	$ 37,557,205

Consolidated Statements of Income and Retained Earnings

	Three months ended	
	March 31, 1998	March 31, 1997
Revenue	**$14,038,351**	$ 4,165,414
Expenses		
Materials and operating	**10,162,224**	3,304,311
General and administrative	**517,587**	144,984
Interest	**48,385**	—
Depreciation and amortization	**543,453**	87,045
	11,271,649	3,536,340
Income before income taxes	**2,766,702**	629,074
Provision for income taxes	**1,069,522**	249,239
Net income	**1,697,180**	379,835
Retained earnings, beginning of period	**4,676,468**	2,446,973
Retained earnings, end of period	**$ 6,373,648**	$ 2,826,808
Basic earnings per share	**$ 0.16**	$ 0.05
Fully diluted earnings per share	**$ 0.15**	$ 0.05

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Financial Position

Three months ended	**March 31, 1998**	March 31, 1997
Cash Provided By (Used In):		
Operations		
Net income	**$ 1,697,180**	$ 379,835
Changes to income not involving cash		
Depreciation and amortization	**543,453**	87,045
Deferred income taxes	**376,917**	212,000
Funds from operations	**2,617,550**	678,880
Net change in non-cash working capital from operations	**(4,865,400)**	(485,176)
	(2,247,850)	193,704
Investments		
Purchase of capital assets	**(409,281)**	(3,214,591)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	**—**	39,372
Net change in non-cash working capital from the purchase of capital assets	**(2,227,750)**	488,905
	(2,637,031)	(2,686,314)
Financing		
Net proceeds from issuance of share capital	**8,415,830**	—
Bank loan proceeds	**4,642,137**	—
	13,057,967	—
Increase (decrease) in cash position	**8,173,086**	(2,492,610)
Cash position, beginning of period	**(1,450,324)**	5,864,445
Cash position, end of period	**$ 6,722,762**	$ 3,371,835

Cash position is defined as cash and short-term deposits, net of bank indebtedness.

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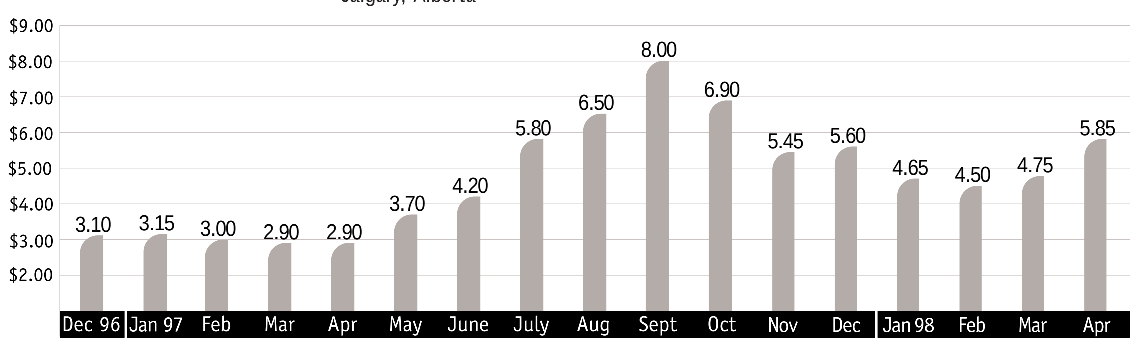

month end closing values

Share Trading ($)