



Athabasca Minerals Inc. Announces Q2 2018 Financial Results

August 24, 2018 EDMONTON, ALBERTA. Athabasca Minerals Inc. (“Athabasca” or the “Corporation”) (TSX Venture: ABM) announces its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2018. The Corporation’s financial statements and management’s discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Athabasca Minerals Inc. website at www.athabascaminerals.com.

2018 Q2 Highlights

- Corporation sold surplus equipment for \$2,922,623 with a portion of proceeds used to repay lease obligation of \$273,913.
- Susan Lake Closure Plan is under review with Alberta Environment and Parks (“AEP”). Milestones for progressively closing the Susan Lake gravel pit will continue into 2019. Revised dates will be confirmed once the Susan Lake Closure Plan is approved;
- Susan Lake gravel pit remains operational under Overholding Tenancy status. Athabasca’s volume-based pit management fees increased by 17% to \$1.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018.
- Athabasca’s wholly owned subsidiary AMI Silica Inc. (“AMI Silica”) submitted its Development Permit application in late July for review and approval by the Town of Mayerthorpe and is working on a long-term lease agreement with the property owner and actively having discussions with capital firms with respect to financing of the Firebag frac sand project;
- AMI Silica site selection and wash/dry plant design activities have been substantially completed;
- Operating loss improved by 63% and 36% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 to \$0.4 million and \$1.4 million respectively (three and six months ended June 30, 2017: \$1.0 million and \$2.3 million respectively);
- General and administrative expense decreased by 16% and 9% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 to \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million respectively (three and six months ended June 30, 2017: \$0.8 million and \$1.4 million respectively);
- Working capital of \$6.6 million; current lease obligation of \$0.07 million; non-current lease obligation \$nil;

- Debt to equity ratio of 0.26; total liabilities of \$3.9 million; total shareholders' equity of \$14.9 million;

Financial Highlights

(\$ thousands of CDN, except per share amounts and tonnes sold)	<u>Three Months Ended June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Three Months Ended June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Six Month Ended June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Six Month Ended June 30, 2017</u>
Aggregate management fees - net	\$1,125	\$714	\$1,232	\$1,051
Aggregate sales revenue	\$248	\$564	\$254	\$703
Revenue	\$1,372	\$1,278	\$1,486	\$1,754
Gross profit	\$494	\$34	\$50	\$(235)
Total loss and comprehensive loss	\$(55)	\$(673)	\$(795)	\$(1,527)
Total aggregate tonnes sold (MT)	617,759	608,219	713,065	877,611
Loss per share, basic and fully diluted (\$ per share)	\$(0.002)	\$(0.020)	\$(0.024)	\$(0.046)

2018 Operational Outlook

Over the next 12 months, the Corporation is actively addressing and working on various strategic and operational initiatives relating to the following:

- Resolution of the Syncrude lawsuit;
- Conclude the Susan Lake Management Renewal Contract and execute the closure program of the Susan Lake Gravel Pit (still pending approval by AEP);
- Secure financing for AMI Silica's development project;
- Develop strategic trucking partnership to optimize logistics operating cost for AMI Silica;
- Conclude long-term lease agreements for land positioning in Mayerthorpe, AB for AMI Silica;
- Obtain pre-orders for year one of planned AMI Silica production;
- Sell existing stockpiled inventories of sand and gravel from Athabasca corporate pits;
- Selectively pursue conventional aggregate companies for potential acquisition; and
- Further develop the Aggregates Marketing arm to broker sales of 3rd party inventories to a larger market and expanded customer base in Western Canada.

About Athabasca Minerals

The Corporation is a resource company involved in the management, exploration and development of aggregate projects. These activities include contracts works, aggregate pit management, aggregate production and sales from corporate-owned pits, new aggregate development and acquisitions of sand and gravel operations. The Corporation also has industrial mineral land holdings for the purpose of locating and developing sources of industrial minerals and aggregates essential to high growth economic development.

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