

**Touchstone Exploration Inc.** 

**Management's Discussion and Analysis** 

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

TSX / LSE: **TXP** 

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This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of operations of Touchstone Exploration Inc. ("Touchstone", "we", "our", "us" or the "Company") for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 with comparisons to the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 is dated August 12, 2024 and should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements as at and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 (the "interim financial statements"), as well as with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the "audited 2023 financial statements"), each of which are available on our SEDAR+ profile (www.sedarplus.ca) and website (www.touchstoneexploration.com). The interim financial statements have been prepared by Management in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting using accounting policies consistent with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS" or "GAAP"). The interim financial statements were approved by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"). Accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out in the notes to the audited 2023 financial statements. This MD&A should also be read in conjunction with Touchstone's MD&A for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, as disclosure which is unchanged from December 31, 2023 may not be duplicated herein.

# Unless otherwise stated, all financial amounts presented herein are rounded to thousands of United States dollars ("\$" or "US\$").

The Company may also reference Canadian dollars ("C\$") and Trinidad and Tobago dollars ("TT\$") herein, which are the functional and operational currencies of the Company's parent company and operating subsidiaries, respectively. All production volumes disclosed herein are sales volumes and are based on Company working interest before royalty burdens. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. In all cases where percentage (%) figures are provided, such percentages have generally been rounded to the nearest whole number and limited to increases or decreases of 100 percent.

Certain measures in this MD&A do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS and therefore are considered non-GAAP financial measures. Readers are cautioned that this MD&A should be read in conjunction with Touchstone's disclosure under the "Advisories" section herein which provides information on non-GAAP financial measures, forward-looking statements, oil and natural gas measures, product type disclosures and references to Touchstone.

# **About Touchstone Exploration Inc.**

Touchstone is incorporated under the laws of Alberta, Canada with its head office located in Calgary, Alberta. The Company, through its subsidiaries, is a petroleum and natural gas exploration and production company active in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago ("Trinidad"). Touchstone is currently the largest independent onshore oil and natural gas producer in Trinidad, with assets in several reservoirs that have an extensive internally estimated inventory of petroleum and natural gas development and exploration opportunities. The Company's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange under the stock symbol "TXP". Our strategy is to leverage Canadian experience and capability to our Trinidad onshore properties to create shareholder value.



# **Financial and Operational Results Overview**

	Three mo	nths ended	%	Six mo	onths ended	%
	2024	<b>June 30</b> , 2023	change	2024	<b>June 30,</b> 2023	change
Operational					2020	
Average daily production						
Crude oil <sup>(1)</sup> (bbls/d)	1,158	1,124	3	1,162	1,204	(3)
NGLs <sup>(1)</sup> (bbls/d)	101	, -	n/a	181	-	n/a
Crude oil and liquids <sup>(1)</sup> (bbls/d)	1,259	1,124	12	1,343	1,204	12
Natural gas <sup>(1)</sup> (Mcf/d)	25,036	4,215	100	29,279	4,667	100
Average daily production (boe/d)(2)	5,432	1,827	100	6,223	1,982	100
Average realized prices <sup>(3)</sup>						
Crude oil <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/bbl)	73.62	62.26	18	71.78	63.64	13
NGLs <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/bbl)	73.86	-	n/a	70.78	-	n/a
Crude oil and liquids <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/bbl)	73.64	62.26	18	71.64	63.64	13
Natural gas <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/Mcf)	2.48	2.11	18	2.47	2.12	17
Realized commodity price (\$/boe)(2)	28.50	43.19	(34)	27.08	43.64	(38)
Production mix (% of production)						
Crude oil and liquids <sup>(1)</sup>	23	62		22	61	
Natural gas <sup>(1)</sup>	77	38		78	39	
Operating netback (\$/boe)(2)						
Realized commodity price <sup>(3)</sup>	28.50	43.19	(34)	27.08	43.64	(38)
Royalties <sup>(3)</sup>	(7.25)	(12.94)	(44)	(6.41)	(12.98)	(51)
Operating expenses <sup>(3)</sup>	(4.81)	(13.25)	(64)	(4.26)	(12.61)	(66)
Operating netback <sup>(3)</sup>	16.44	17.00	(3)	16.41	18.05	(9)
Financial						
(\$000's except per share amounts)						
Petroleum and natural gas sales	14,090	7,181	96	30,674	15,657	96
Cash from operating activities	3,383	2,975	14	8,752	3,888	100
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Funds flow from operations	3,968	6	100	10,110	809	100
Net earnings (loss)	3,339	(71)	n/a	6,967	(350)	n/a
Per share – basic and diluted	0.01	(0.00)	n/a	0.03	(0.00)	n/a
Exploration capital expenditures	60	4,795	(99)	168	13,545	(99)
Development capital expenditures	5,483	340	100	17,337	609	100
Capital expenditures <sup>(3)</sup>	5,543	5,135	8	17,505	14,154	24
Working capital deficit <sup>(3)</sup>				2,674	10,913	(75)
Principal long-term bank debt				26,000	18,000	44
Net debt <sup>(3)</sup> – end of period				28,674	28,913	(1)
Share Information (000's)						
Weighted avg. shares outstanding:						
Basic	234,959	233,144	1	234,586	233,091	1
Diluted	236,364	233,144	1	236,451	233,091	1
Outstanding shares – end of period		,	•	236,307	233,428	1

#### Notes:

- (1) In the table above and elsewhere in this MD&A, references to "crude oil" refer to "light and medium crude oil" and "heavy crude oil" product types combined; references to "NGLs" refer to condensate; and references to "natural gas" refer to "conventional natural gas", all as defined in National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities ("NI 51-101"). In addition, references to "crude oil and liquids" in this MD&A include crude oil and NGLs. Refer to the "Advisories Product Type Disclosures" section of this MD&A for further information.
- (2) In the table above and elsewhere in this MD&A, references to "boe" mean barrels of oil equivalent that are calculated using the energy equivalent conversion method. Refer to the "Advisories Oil and Natural Gas Measures" section of this MD&A.
- (3) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.



# Second quarter 2024 financial and operational highlights

- Achieved average quarterly production of 5,432 boe/d (77 percent natural gas), a 23 percent decrease relative to 7,015 boe/d produced in the first quarter of 2024 (80 percent natural gas), mainly reflecting natural declines from our Cascadura field.
- Realized petroleum and natural gas sales of \$14,090,000 compared to \$16,584,000 in the first quarter of 2024, primarily attributed to a decrease in natural gas and NGL sales volumes.
  - Cascadura field production volumes in the quarter contributed \$5,168,000 of natural gas sales at an average realized price of \$2.52 per Mcf and \$680,000 of petroleum sales at an average realized price of \$73.86 per barrel.
  - Natural gas production from the Coho-1 well contributed \$483,000 of natural gas sales in the quarter at an average realized price of \$2.16 per Mcf.
  - Crude oil production contributed \$7,759,000 of petroleum sales at an average realized price of \$73.62 per barrel.
- Generated an operating netback of \$8,127,000, a 22 percent decrease from the first quarter of 2024, primarily due to decreased natural gas and NGL sales volumes.
- Achieved quarterly funds flow from operations of \$3,968,000 in the second quarter of 2024 compared to \$6,142,000 in the preceding quarter.
- Delivered net earnings of \$3,339,000 (\$0.01 per basic and diluted share) in the second quarter and \$6,967,000 (\$0.03 per basic and diluted share) on a year-to-date basis.
- \$5,543,000 in quarterly capital investments primarily focused on expenditures directed towards one CO-1 well and progressing construction on the flowline from the Cascadura C site to the Cascadura natural gas processing facility.
- In April 2024 we entered into a third amended and restated loan agreement with our existing lender providing for an additional \$13 million of bank debt capacity.
- Effective June 1, 2024 we closed an asset swap where we exchanged private San Francique leases for the Balata East block, which resulted in a \$1,535,000 gain on asset disposition.
- Exited the second quarter of 2024 with a cash balance of \$6,990,000 and a net debt position of \$28,674,000, resulting in a net debt to annual funds flow from operations ratio of 1.25 times.

# **Proposed Acquisition**

On May 1, 2024, Touchstone announced that it reached an agreement with the Board of Directors of Trinity Exploration and Production Plc ("Trinity") on the terms of a recommended all-share acquisition by which Touchstone would acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Trinity to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement (the "Proposed Acquisition"). Trinity is a crude oil exploration, development and production company with onshore and offshore assets located solely in Trinidad and is publicly listed on AIM. Under the terms of the Proposed Acquisition, Trinity shareholders would receive 1.5 common shares of Touchstone for each Trinity common share held.

Trinity's shareholders approved the Proposed Acquisition on June 24, 2024. On June 28, 2024, Trinity announced that all Trinidad regulatory and anti-trust conditions related to the Proposed Acquisition had been satisfied, and the court hearing to sanction the Proposed Acquisition was scheduled for July 31, 2024.

On August 2, 2024, Trinity announced that it reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all cash offer from a competing offeror to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement. The Board of Directors of Trinity withdrew their recommendation of the Proposed Acquisition and postponed the court hearing to sanction the Proposed Acquisition indefinitely. Touchstone will have the ability to invoke Condition 2.3 (ii) of Part A of Part Three of the scheme document published by Trinity in connection with



the Proposed Acquisition and lapse the scheme on August 22, 2024, being the 22<sup>nd</sup> day following the date of the original court hearing date of July 31, 2024, if the Company so chooses.

#### **Annual 2024 Guidance**

We continue to focus on financial discipline and value creation from our portfolio of development and exploration assets. Our principal near term strategy is to increase cash flow generation via the development of our Cascadura field in 2024. On December 19, 2023, the Company issued a news release to announce the approval of our preliminary financial and operating guidance for 2024. This guidance is summarized in the table below along with updated 2024 guidance which reflects a 15 percent reduction in the midpoint of our production forecast driven by year-to-date production levels, which reduces estimated annual funds flow from operations and increases forecasted year-end 2024 net debt.

Annual Guidanaa Summanu(1)	Updated	Previous	Variance	
Annual Guidance Summary <sup>(1)</sup>	Guidance	Guidance <sup>(2)</sup>	Amount	%
Capital expenditures(3) (\$000's)	35,000	33,000	2,000	6
Average daily production (boe/d) % natural gas % crude oil and liquids	7,700 to 8,300 82% 18%	9,100 to 9,700 82% 18%	<u>-</u>	-
Average Brent crude oil price (\$/bbl) % realized discount to Brent price	82.00 16%	75.00 18%	7.00 (2)	9 (11)
Funds flow from operations <sup>(4)</sup> (\$000's)	28,000	32,000	(4,000)	(13)
Net debt – end of year $^{(3)(4)}$ (\$000's)	28,000	25,000	3,000	12

#### Notes:

- (1) Forward-looking statement representing Management estimates. See the "Advisories Forward-looking Statements" section herein.
- (2) As announced on December 19, 2023.
- (3) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section herein for further information.
- (4) The financial performance measures provided in the Company's updated 2024 guidance are based on the midpoint of the average production forecast, being 8,000 boe/d (formerly (9,400 boe/d).

The first half of our 2024 capital program has progressed as planned, with four wells in the program successfully drilled and cased, including two Cascadura development wells and two legacy property crude oil wells. Road and pipeline construction to tie-in the two Cascadura development wells to our natural gas facility is progressing and we expect initial production from the two wells prior to the end of the third quarter of 2024.

Our original capital guidance in the fourth quarter of 2024 contemplated drilling one Coho development well and one Coho exploration well. In order to focus on the development of our Cascadura field, we have elected to postpone our Coho capital program and drill two additional Cascadura development wells from the Cascadura B site. We expect to commence Cascadura drilling operations during the fourth quarter of 2024 after site preparations are complete and the drilling rig has been mobilized from our Cascadura C site. As such, our 2024 capital budget has been revised from \$33 million to \$35 million to accommodate increased estimated Cascadura facility tie-in expenditures and the construction of the Cascadura B drilling pad. Similar to our original Coho well production guidance, associated production from the two additional Cascadura development wells is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2025 pending successful drilling, completion and tie-in operations.

Our year-to-date 2024 Cascadura field production has experienced higher declines than anticipated in our preliminary 2024 guidance. Accordingly, we have revised our midpoint forecasted 2024 average production from 9,400 boe/d to 8,000 boe/d, in addition to revising our 2024 exit production rate from 14,500 boe/d to 13,500 boe/d. The material forecasted 2024 production increase continues to be weighted to the fourth quarter of 2024 based on anticipated initial production from our two recently drilled Cascadura development wells, which have been forecasted based on the actual Cascadura-1ST1 type curve.



Based on forecasted average mid-point production of 8,000 boe/d and updates to both our 2024 average Brent crude oil price and percent realized discount to Brent benchmark pricing, we now expect to generate approximately \$28 million in funds flow from operations compared to our previous forecast of \$32 million. Our annual funds flow from operations includes an estimated \$1.5 million in transaction costs from the Proposed Acquisition, which were not incorporated into our previous guidance. In combination with the revision to our 2024 capital program, we have revised our year-end 2024 net debt guidance to \$28 million, representing a 12 percent increase from previous guidance.

For further information regarding Touchstone's updated 2024 guidance and the related advisories, refer to the Company's news release dated August 13, 2024 entitled "*Touchstone Reports Second Quarter 2024 Results*" which is available under our profile on SEDAR+ (<a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>) and on our website (<a href="www.touchstoneexploration.com">www.touchstoneexploration.com</a>).

# **Principal Properties and Licences**

Touchstone operates Trinidad-based upstream petroleum and natural gas activities under state exploration and production licences with the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries ("MEEI"), Lease Operatorship Agreements ("LOAs") and an Enhanced Production Service Contract ("EPSC") with state owned Heritage Petroleum Company Limited ("Heritage") and private subsurface and surface leases with individual landowners.

A schedule of our Trinidad property interests as of June 30, 2024, excluding properties held for sale, is set forth below.

Property	Working interest (%)	Licence type	Gross acres <sup>(1)</sup>	Net acres <sup>(2)</sup>
Developed				
Balata East	100	EPSC	1,270	1,270
CO-1	100	LOA	1,230	1,230
WD-4	100	LOA	700	700
WD-8	100	LOA	650	650
Barrackpore	100	Private	211	211
Fyzabad	100	State and Private	564	564
Ortoire - Coho	80	State	1,317	1,054
Ortoire - Cascadura	80	State	2,377	1,902
	91		8,319	7,581
Exploratory				
Ortoire	80	State	36,950	29,560
Total	82		45,269	37,141

#### Notes:

- (1) "Gross" means the total area of properties in which we have an interest.
- (2) "Net" means the total area of properties in which we have an interest multiplied by the working interest owned by us.

Effective July 1, 2024, Touchstone's Trinidadian subsidiary entered into Exploration and Production (Public Petroleum Rights) Licences for the Cipero and Charuma blocks. The Cipero and Charuma blocks were awarded pursuant to the Trinidad and Tobago 2022 Onshore and Nearshore Competitive Bid Round. The Company has an 80 percent operating working interest under each licence, with the National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago ("NGC") holding the remaining 20 percent working interest. Similar to the Company's Ortoire licence, the licences initially have a six-year term and may be extended by an additional 19 years for areas that have a MEEI approved commercial discovery.



### **Financial and Operational Results**

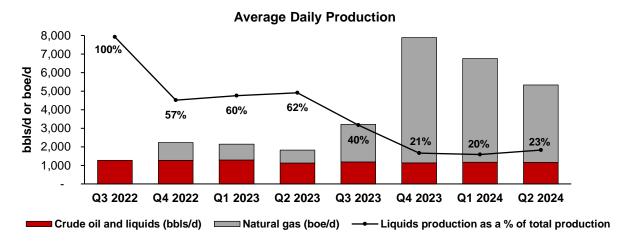
#### **Production volumes**

	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months of	ended June 30,	%
	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Production						
Crude oil (bbls)	105,390	102,320	3	211,524	217,960	(3)
NGLs (bbls)	9,207	-	n/a	33,018	-	n/á
Crude oil and liquids (bbls)	114,597	102,320	12	244,542	217,960	12
Natural gas (Mcf)	2,278,297	383,572	100	5,328,709	844,761	100
Total production (boe)	494,313	166,249	100	1,132,660	358,754	100
Average daily production						
Crude oil (bbls/d)	1,158	1,124	3	1,162	1,204	(3)
NGLs (bbls/d)	101	-	n/a	181	-	n/a
Crude oil and liquids (bbls/d)	1,259	1,124	12	1,343	1,204	12
Natural gas (Mcf/d)	25,036	4,215	100	29,279	4,667	100
Average daily production (boe/d)	5,432	1,827	100	6,223	1,982	100
Production mix						
Crude oil and liquids (%)	23	62		22	61	
Natural gas (%)	77	38		78	39	

Second quarter and year to date 2024 total and average daily production volumes increased 197 percent and 216 percent from the prior year equivalent periods, respectively, primarily reflecting incremental natural gas and liquids production volumes from our Cascadura field which was brought online in September 2023.

Crude oil production increased 3 percent in the second quarter of 2024 and decreased 3 percent for the six months ended June 30, 2024 in comparison to production reported in the corresponding 2023 periods. The recently drilled CO-374 and CO-375 wells came online in late May 2024, providing incremental production of approximately 59 bbls/d and 29 bbls/d during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively. In mid-July 2024, the Company performed optimization work on the wells, and they contributed a combined net field estimated average rate of approximately 169 bbls/d in July 2024.

Natural gas averaged net production volumes of 25.0 MMcf/d (4,173 boe/d) in the second quarter of 2024, a 494 percent increase in comparison to the 4.2 MMcf/d (703 boe/d) produced in the prior year equivalent period. For the six months ended June 30, 2024, net average natural gas production was 29.3 MMcf/d (4,880 boe/d) in comparison to 4.7 MMcf/d (778 boe/d) produced in the equivalent period of 2023. The increases were a result of the aforementioned incremental Cascadura field volumes, slightly offset by Coho-1 well natural declines.

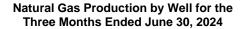




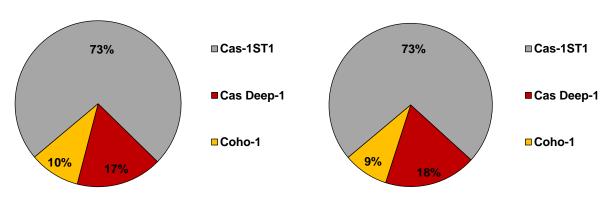
The following table summarizes crude oil and liquids production by property during the three and six months ended June 30. 2024 and 2023.

(hhla)	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
(bbls)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
CO-1	32,578	30,065	8	61,471	65,137	(6)
WD-4	41,057	36,763	12	82,640	80,500	3
WD-8	19,356	17,692	9	41,195	37,087	11
Fyzabad	5,254	6,270	(16)	10,789	13,188	(18)
Other	7,145	11,530	(38)	15,429	22,048	(30)
Cascadura	9,207	-	n/a	33,018	-	n/a
Crude oil and liquids production	114,597	102,320	12	244,542	217,960	12

The following graphs disclose natural gas production by well during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024. Natural gas production reported in the corresponding 2023 periods was solely attributed to the Coho-1 well.



# Natural Gas Production by Well for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2024



### Commodity prices

	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Avg. benchmark prices <sup>(1)</sup>						
Brent (\$/bbl)	84.68	77.99	9	83.79	79.58	5
WTI (\$/bbl)	80.57	73.99	9	78.76	75.06	5
Average realized prices(2)						
Crude oil (\$/bbl)	73.62	62.26	18	71.78	63.64	13
NGLs (\$/bbl)	73.86	-	n/a	70.78	-	n/a
Crude oil and liquids (\$/bbl)	73.64	62.26	18	71.64	63.64	13
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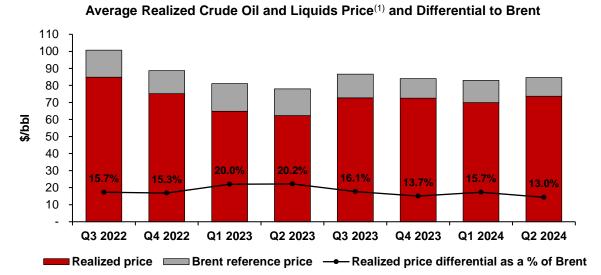
- (1) Average of the daily closing spot prices for a given product over the specified period. Source: US Energy Information Administration.
- (2) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

Our crude oil and liquids prices received are based on quality differentials and international marketing arrangements and therefore are attributed to factors that are beyond our control. Realized prices are primarily driven by the Brent benchmark price, as Trinidad crude oil and liquids are exported for refining



and classified as waterborne crude. We receive the same monthly average price for NGL and crude oil production through various marketing arrangements with Heritage.

The Dated Brent benchmark price of \$84.68 per barrel in the second quarter of 2024 represented an increase of 9 percent from the prior year comparative quarter and a 2 percent increase relative to the first quarter of 2024. On a year-to-date basis, the Dated Brent benchmark price averaged \$83.79 per barrel, a 5 percent increase from the equivalent 2023 period. The increases were primarily due to the normalization of global supply and demand balances.



Note:
(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

Touchstone realized an average crude oil and liquids price of \$73.64 per barrel in the second quarter of 2024 compared to an average of \$62.26 per barrel reported in the equivalent quarter of 2023. Relative to the second quarter of 2023, the 18 percent increase in 2024 was driven by a 9 percent increase in Brent reference pricing, combined with a narrowing of our realized crude oil and liquids price differential in relation to Brent benchmark pricing from 20.2 percent to 13.0 percent.

On a year-to-date basis, we realized an average crude oil and liquids price of \$71.64 per barrel in 2024, a 13 percent increase relative to the \$63.64 per barrel price received during the six months ended June 30, 2023. The increase from the corresponding 2023 period reflected a 5 percent increase in the average Brent reference price and a narrowing of our realized price differential in relation to Brent reference pricing from 20.0 percent to 14.5 percent.

We realized average natural gas prices of \$2.48 per Mcf and \$2.47 per Mcf during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively. In comparison to the prior year equivalent periods, the increases in our average natural gas prices were the result of higher heat values associated with natural gas production from our Cascadura field versus our Coho field, and the annual 2 percent inflation escalator in our natural gas marketing contract which came into effect on October 10, 2023. Touchstone is obligated to pay a \$0.125 per Mcf processing fee to the third-party natural gas facility operator for Coho natural gas volumes which is netted against Coho natural gas sales and the realized prices disclosed herein.



### Petroleum and natural gas sales

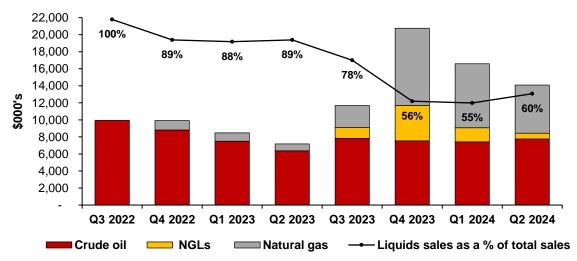
(\$000's unless otherwise	Three months	ended June 30,	ne 30, % Six months ended .		ended June 30,	%
stated)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Crude oil NGLs Natural gas	7,759 680 5,651	6,370 - 811	22 n/a 100	15,183 2,337 13,154	13,870 - 1,787	9 n/a 100
Petroleum and natural gas sales	14,090	7,181	96	30,674	15,657	96
Sales mix Crude oil and liquids (%) Natural gas (%)	60 40	89 11		57 43	89 11	

We sell all produced crude oil and NGL volumes to Heritage, with title transferring at our various sales batteries. As of June 30, 2024, we held approximately 4,639 barrels of crude oil and liquids inventory in comparison to 4,566 barrels as of December 31, 2023. We sell our Coho and Cascadura natural gas volumes to NGC, with title transferring at each facility.

Petroleum and natural gas sales in the second quarter of 2024 increased 96 percent to \$14,090,000 from \$7,181,000 in the comparative quarter of 2023. Compared to the second quarter of 2023, crude oil sales increased by \$1,389,000, with \$1,197,000 attributed to higher realized pricing and \$192,000 reflecting increased sales volumes. In the second quarter of 2024, we recorded an incremental \$680,000 in NGL sales associated with Cascadura natural gas volumes. Further, 2024 second quarter natural gas sales increased by \$4,840,000 relative to the second quarter of 2023, with \$843,000 of the variance attributed to an increase in average realized price and \$3,997,000 reflecting increased sales volumes from our Cascadura field.

For the six months ended June 30, 2024, petroleum and natural gas sales were \$30,674,000, representing a \$15,017,000 or 96 percent increase from the \$15,657,000 recognized in the equivalent 2023 period. Relative to the prior year period, 2024 year to date crude oil sales increased by \$1,313,000, with \$1,722,000 attributed to higher average realized pricing, partially offset by \$409,000 reflecting decreased sales volumes. For the six months ended June 30, 2024, natural gas sales volumes produced from our Cascadura field generated \$2,337,000 in associated NGL sales. Year to date 2024 natural gas sales increased by \$11,367,000 in comparison to the prior year equivalent period, with \$1,865,000 of the variance reflecting an increase in average prices received and \$9,502,000 attributed to increased sales volumes from our Cascadura field.

# **Petroleum and Natural Gas Sales**





# Royalties

Touchstone is obligated to pay a state royalty rate of 12.5 percent on all petroleum and natural gas production under MEEI and Heritage licences. For private leases, the Company incurs private royalties between 10 percent and 12.5 percent of crude oil sales.

In addition to state royalties, our LOAs with Heritage governing our CO-1, CO-2, WD-4 and WD-8 blocks as well as our Balata East block EPSC apply a sliding scale overriding royalty ("ORR") structure indexed to the average price of crude oil realized in a production month. Base ORR rates are applicable to pre-defined monthly base production levels which decline by 2 percent per annum over the specific licence. For any monthly volumes sold in excess of base production levels, the Company incurs reduced enhanced ORR rates. For any production in excess of defined enhanced production levels, we incur super enhanced ORR rates which represent 50 percent of enhanced ORR rates. The following table sets forth royalty expenses for the periods indicated.

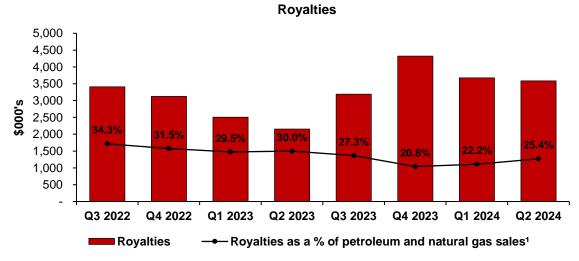
(\$000's unless otherwise stated)	Three months er 2024	nded June 30, 2023	% change	Six months 2024	ended June 30, 2023	% change
State royalties Overriding royalties Private royalties	1,750 1,784 51	843 1,247 62	100 43 (18)	3,816 3,333 113	1,843 2,674 139	100 25 (19)
Royalties  \$ per boe <sup>(1)</sup> As a % of petroleum and natural gas sales <sup>(1)</sup>	3,585 7.25 25.4	2,152 12.94 30.0	(44) (15)	7,262 6.41 23.7	4,656 12.98 29.7	(51) (20)

#### Note:

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

Relative to the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, royalty expenses increased 67 percent and 56 percent, respectively, primarily driven by increased natural gas sales and incremental NGL sales from our Ortoire concession which were only subject to the 12.5 percent state royalty. In addition, Heritage ORR increased in the current year reporting periods relative to the 2023 equivalent periods based on higher pricing received from our crude oil production.

Similarly, royalty expenses on a per boe basis and as percentage of petroleum and natural gas sales declined in comparison to the prior year comparative periods, primarily based on increased 2024 Ortoire production solely subject to the state royalty.



#### Note:

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### Operating expenses

(\$000's except per boe	Three months ended June 30,		%	Six months	%	
amounts)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Operating expenses	2,378	2,203	8	4,822	4,523	7
\$ per boe <sup>(1)</sup>	4.81	13.25	(64)	4.26	12.61	(66)

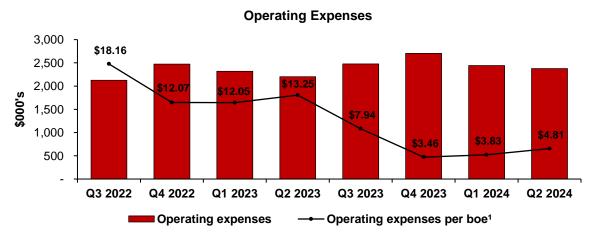
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Operating expenses include all periodic lease, field-level and transportation expenses and directly attributable employee salaries and benefits. The Company's operating expenses by product type and field are approximations prepared by Management, and a number of assumptions are required to allocate these costs.

2024 second quarter operating expenses increased by 8 percent from the prior year comparative period of 2023. Relative to the second quarter of 2023, 2024 second quarter crude oil and liquids related operating expenses increased by approximately \$53,000 mainly attributed to the incorporation of Cascadura field NGL transportation costs. Touchstone recognized an estimated \$518,000 in natural gas operating expenses during the three months ended June 30, 2024 versus \$396,000 in Coho related field operating expenses the prior year equivalent period. In comparison to the second quarter of 2023, the \$122,000 increase was primarily attributed to incremental Cascadura production, slightly offset by reduced water trucking costs from the Coho field. Operating expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2024, increased by 7 percent from the prior year comparative period. 2023 crude oil and liquids operating expenses decreased by approximately 2 percent and natural gas operating expenses increased by an estimated 59 percent from the prior year comparative period, primarily attributable to incremental Cascadura production.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, crude oil and liquids operating expenses were approximately \$16.23 and \$15.52 per barrel, respectively, reflecting an 8 percent and 13 percent decrease from the same periods of 2023. Current year estimated per barrel crude oil operating expenses were relatively consistent with expenses incurred in the corresponding 2023 periods, while estimated incremental per barrel operating costs associated with Cascadura NGLs in 2024 were significantly lower than historical crude oil operating expenses. Estimated operating expenses associated with natural gas production averaged \$1.38 per boe and \$1.14 per boe during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, a 78 percent decrease and 75 percent reduction, respectively, compared to the prior year comparative periods. The per unit decreases in comparison to the comparative 2023 periods were primarily attributed to incremental Cascadura production, which have lower associated operating costs on a per boe basis in comparison to Coho operating expenses.



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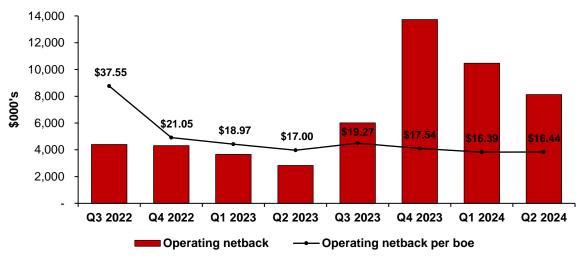
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# Operating netback

	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
(\$000's)						
Petroleum and natural gas						
sales	14,090	7,181	96	30,674	15,657	96
Royalties	(3,585)	(2,152)	67	(7,262)	(4,656)	56
Operating expenses	(2,378)	(2,203)	8	(4,822)	(4,523)	7
Operating netback <sup>(1)</sup>	8,127	2,826	100	18,590	6,478	100
(\$/boe)						
Realized commodity price <sup>(1)</sup>	28.50	43.19	(34)	27.08	43.64	(38)
Royalties <sup>(1)</sup>	(7.25)	(12.94)	(44)	(6.41)	(12.98)	(51)
Operating expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	(4.81)	(13.25)	(64)	(4.26)	(12.61)	(66)
Operating netback <sup>(1)</sup>	16.44	17.00	(3)	16.41	18.05	(9)

# Operating Netback(1)



#### Note:

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

# General and administration ("G&A") expenses

(\$000's except per boe	Three months ended June 30,		%	Six months	ix months ended June 30,	
amounts)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Gross G&A expenses Capitalized G&A expenses	2,694 (86)	2,617 (241)	3 (64)	5,128 (154)	4,970 (493)	3 (69)
G&A expenses	2,608	2,376	10	4,974	4,477	11
\$ per boe <sup>(1)</sup>	5.28	14.29	(63)	4.39	12.48	(65)

#### Note

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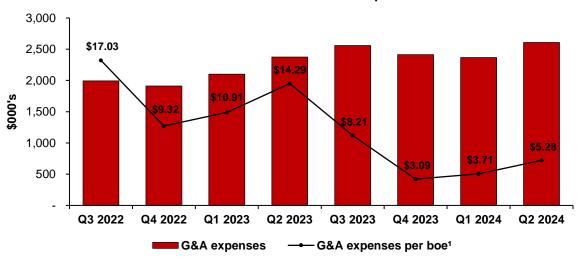
Second quarter and year to date 2024 gross G&A expenses increased by 3 percent compared to the same periods of 2023. The increase was primarily attributable to increases in insurance premiums and information technology expenses, slightly offset by decreased legal fees, public company expenses and foreign exchange variances from the translation of Canadian head office costs based on a weaker Canadian dollar throughout 2024.



Capitalized G&A expenses declined in the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the same periods of 2023 predominately from decreased employee hours allocated to capital projects.

Second quarter 2024 G&A expenses were \$5.28 per boe, representing a 63 percent decrease from the \$14.29 per boe reported in the second quarter of 2023. A 10 percent increase in second quarter 2024 G&A expenses in relation to the prior year equivalent quarter was fully offset by a 197 percent increase in production volumes on a per boe basis. Year to date 2024 G&A expenses on a per boe basis declined 65 percent from the equivalent 2023 period, as a 216 percent increase in production volumes achieved in 2024 offset an 11 percent increase in G&A expenditures.

# **General and Administration Expenses**



#### Note:

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

### Net finance expenses

(\$000's except per boe	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
amounts)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Interest income	(8)	(17)	(53)	(13)	(45)	(71)
Finance lease interest income	(7)	(12)	(42)	(15)	(24)	(38)
Lease liability interest	86	77	12	186	128	45
Bank debt interest	610	538	13	1,145	1,063	8
Accretion on bank debt	12	2	100	14	(1)	n/a
Finance expense	12	126	(90)	12	126	(90)
Other liability revaluation gain	-	(146)	(100)	-	(308)	(100)
Accretion on decommissioning liabilities	55	63	(13)	109	123	(11)
Other	1	-	n/a	2	-	n/a
Net finance expenses	761	631	21	1,440	1,062	36
Cash net finance expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	693	712	(3)	1,315	1,248	5
Non-cash net finance expenses (income) <sup>(1)</sup>	68	(81)	n/a	125	(186)	n/a
Net finance expenses	761	631	21	1,440	1,062	36
\$ per boe <sup>(1)</sup>	1.54	3.80	(59)	1.27	2.96	(57)

#### Note:

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Net finance expenses in the second quarter of 2024 were \$761,000 compared to \$631,000 recognized in the same period of 2023. For the six months ended June 30, 2024, net finance expenses were \$1,440,000, representing a \$378,000 or 36 percent increase from the \$1,062,000 recognized in the prior year comparative period.

Relative to the second quarter of 2023, 2024 second quarter cash finance expenses decreased by \$19,000. An increase in bank interest expense from higher weighted average debt balances outstanding was offset by one time debt issuance costs incurred in the second quarter of 2023.

On a year-to-date basis, 2024 cash finance expenses increased by \$67,000 from the 2023 comparative period, as the aforementioned debt issuance expense was fully offset by increased bank interest expense from higher weighted average debt balances outstanding, increased lease liability expense and decreased interest income and finance lease interest income (refer to the "Liquidity and Capital Resources - Bank Debt" section herein for further details).

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**Bank Debt and Interest Expense** 

We granted our former lender a production payment equal to 1.33 percent of petroleum and natural gas sales from Trinidad land holdings, payable quarterly through October 31, 2023. The production liability was revalued at each reporting period based on changes to internally forecasted petroleum and natural gas production and forward product pricing. During the 2023 year, the production liability was repaid and extinguished. The Company recognized revaluation gains of \$146,000 and \$308,000 in connection with the former obligation during the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, respectively.

#### Transaction costs

Pursuant to the Company's Proposed Acquisition of Trinity, the Company incurred \$840,000 and \$1,220,000 in transaction costs during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively (refer to the "*Proposed Acquisition*" section of this MD&A for further information).

# **Exploration costs**

Touchstone incurred \$76,000 and \$170,000 in exploration costs during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively (2023 - \$nil and \$nil). The costs related to ongoing lease maintenance expenditures in the Royston area of the Ortoire block.

# Foreign exchange and foreign currency translation

Touchstone's presentation currency is the United States dollar. Our parent company has a Canadian dollar functional currency while our Trinidadian subsidiaries have Trinidad and Tobago dollar functional



currencies. In each reporting period, the change in values of the C\$ and TT\$ relative to the US\$ reporting currency are recognized. The applicable foreign exchange ("FX") rates used to translate our TT\$ and C\$ denominated items are set forth in the following table.

Applicable FX rates	Three months ended June 30, 2024 2023			Six months 2024	% change	
US\$:C\$ average FX rate <sup>(1)</sup> US\$:TT\$ average FX rate <sup>(2)</sup>	1.369 6.748	1.345 6.751	2	1.359 6.749	1.349 6.752	1 -
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024		June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023	% change
US\$:C\$ closing FX rate <sup>(1)</sup> US\$:TT\$ closing FX rate <sup>(2)</sup>	1.367 6.717	1.352 6.737	1 -	1.367 6.717	1.325 6.716	3 -

#### Notes:

- (1) Source: TSX InfoSuite average daily exchange rates for the specified periods and daily exchange rates for the specified dates.
- (2) Source: Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago average daily buying and selling exchange rates for the specified periods and average daily buying and selling exchange rates for the specified dates.

The revenues and expenses of our Canadian head office and Trinidadian operations are translated to US\$ at the average monthly exchange rates relative to the date of the transactions. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the TT\$ and the US\$ and the C\$ to US\$ could have a material effect on our reported results. Refer to the "Market Risk Management - Foreign currency risk" section of this MD&A for further information.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the C\$ depreciated 2 percent and 1 percent relative to the US\$, respectively, in comparison to the corresponding average rates observed in the 2023 equivalent periods. Relative to the US\$, the TT\$ remained range bound during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. In aggregate, we recorded foreign exchange gains of \$122,00 and \$69,000 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively (2023 - loss of \$48,000 and gain of \$62,000). Foreign exchange gains and losses include amounts that are unrealized in nature and may be reversed in the future as a result of fluctuations in prevailing exchange rates.

The assets and liabilities of our parent company and subsidiaries are translated to US\$ dollars at the exchange rate on the reporting period date for presentation purposes, with all foreign currency differences recorded in other comprehensive loss. Relative to the US\$, on June 30, 2024 the C\$ closed 1 percent weaker versus March 31, 2024 and 3 percent weaker versus December 31, 2023. In comparison to the US\$, the TT\$ remained consistent over the corresponding periods. We recognized a foreign currency translation gain of \$142,000 and an aggregate foreign currency translation loss of \$155,000 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively (2023 - gains of \$207,000 and \$204,000).

#### Equity-based compensation

We have a stock option plan ("Legacy Plan") pursuant to which options to purchase common shares of the Company were granted by our Board to directors, officers, and employees. On May 11, 2023, the Board adopted an omnibus incentive compensation plan (the "Omnibus Plan"). The Omnibus Plan replaced the Legacy Plan and was adopted by the Board primarily to allow the Company the ability to award stock options, restricted share units ("RSUs") and performance share units ("PSUs") to our directors, officers, employees and consultants. No additional stock options will be granted under the Legacy Plan, and all outstanding stock options previously issued pursuant to the Legacy Plan will continue to be governed by such plan and will continue to vest in accordance with their existing vesting schedules. The Company also offers a cash settled deferred share unit plan to non-employee directors.

The maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance under the Legacy Plan and the Omnibus Plan at any time is limited to 10 percent of our issued and outstanding common shares, on a non-diluted basis. As of June 30, 2024, we had 12,234,000 stock options outstanding, which represented 5.2 percent of our issued and outstanding common shares (December 31, 2023 - 14,327,935 and 6.1 percent, respectively).



The following table sets forth equity-based compensation expenses recorded in relation to issued stock options pursuant to our equity-based compensation plans for the periods indicated.

(\$000's)	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
(\$000 S)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Gross equity-based compensation	323	294	10	736	717	3
Capitalized equity-based compensation	(14)	(42)	(67)	(26)	(104)	(75)
Equity-based compensation expense	309	252	23	710	613	16

Gross equity-based compensation expenses increased 10 percent and 3 percent in the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively, compared to the equivalent periods in 2023. The increase in gross equity-based compensation was primarily attributable to increases in the fair value of equity-based awards granted in 2023 versus previously granted awards.

Decreases in capitalized equity-based compensation for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, contributed to the 2024 increases in equity-based compensation expense compared to the equivalent periods in 2023.

On July 12, 2024, we issued 1,447,780 RSUs and 1,397,780 PSUs under our Omnibus Plan to our executive officers and key employees. The RSUs vest one third on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date and the number of share awards are fixed. The PSUs vest on July 11, 2027 and the number of share awards are variable based on the performance of the Company relative to predefined performance measures set by the Board. Each award may, in the Board's sole discretion, entitle the holder to be issued the number of Touchstone common shares designated in the award or receive a payment in cash. We also issued 977,332 cash settled DSUs to our non-employee directors on July 12, 2024. The DSUs fully vest on the grant date but are only available for redemption when the director ceases to be a member of the Board.

Further information regarding our equity-based compensation plans and expenses are included in Note 11 "Shareholders' Capital" and in Note 18 "Subsequent Events" of our interim financial statements.

# Depletion and depreciation expense

(\$000's except per boe	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
amounts)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Depletion expense	1,558	943	65	3,271	2,025	62
Depreciation expense	224	98	100	763	393	94
Depletion and depreciation expense	1,782	1,041	71	4,034	2,418	67
Depletion expense per boe <sup>(1)</sup>	3.15	5.67	(44)	2.89	5.64	(49)

#### Note:

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, depletion expense associated with our petroleum and natural gas development assets included in property, plant and equipment ("PP&E") increased by 65 percent and 62 percent, respectively, compared to the same periods of 2023. The increases in depletion expenses in 2024 in relation to 2023 primarily reflected additional production volumes and additional reserves from our Cascadura field.

On a per boe basis, the Company's second quarter and year to date 2024 depletion expenses decreased by 44 percent and 49 percent, respectively, in comparison to the equivalent prior year periods, primarily based on incremental Cascadura production volumes.



The increases in depreciation expense reported during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 relative to the equivalent 2023 periods reflected higher net asset carrying values associated with lease right-of-use assets as a result of increased lease liability carrying values, as well as an increase in depreciation of drilling rig mobilization expenses which were recorded when the associated drilling rig was in use in the first quarter of 2024.

## Impairment of non-financial assets

Exploration and evaluation ("E&E") asset impairment

We recognized a net E&E asset impairment reversal of \$22,000 in the second quarter of 2024 and a net E&E asset impairment expense of \$28,000 on a year-to-date basis. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recognized E&E asset impairment expenses of \$10,000 and \$69,000, respectively, related to capital expenses incurred in the Royston area of the Ortoire block. The impairment expenses were offset by impairment reversals of \$32,000 and \$41,000 recorded in the second quarter and year to date periods of 2024, reflecting changes in long-term inflation estimates that decreased corresponding decommissioning liabilities related to previously impaired assets.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, we recognized E&E asset impairments of \$14,000 and \$29,000 predominately related to our Cory Moruga exploration property, respectively. 2023 impairment expenses reflected licence financial obligations, partially offset by changes in long-term inflation estimates that decreased corresponding decommissioning liabilities.

### PP&E impairment

We performed an impairment test on our CO-2 property prior to transferring the assets and related liabilities to held for sale on March 31, 2024. The impairment test determined that the fair value of the property's associated net assets was not sufficient to support its carrying value, which resulted in a pre-tax impairment expense of \$474,000 recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2024 (refer to the "Capital Acquisitions and Dispositions" section of this MD&A for further information).

On June 30, 2024 and 2023, we evaluated our petroleum and natural gas development assets included in PP&E for indicators of any potential impairment or reversal. As a result of these assessments, no indicators were identified.

#### Other expenses

In the fourth quarter of 2022 we filed a claim through our general and pollution liability policy relating to a crude oil spill in June 2022. Touchstone received partial insurance proceeds of \$440,000 in the second quarter of 2023 from this claim.

### Income taxes

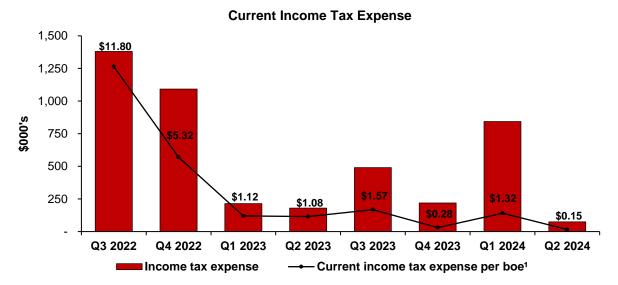
(\$000's except per boe	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six months	ended June 30,	%
amounts)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Supplemental petroleum tax	-	-	-	-	4	(100)
Petroleum profits tax	(200)	103	n/a	199	229	(13)
Unemployment levy	(81)	41	n/a	77	91	(15)
Other taxes	356	36	100	643	71	100
Current income tax expenses	75	180	(58)	919	395	100
\$ per boe <sup>(1)</sup>	0.15	1.08	(86)	0.81	1.10	(26)

#### Note

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.



During the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company recognized current income tax expenses of \$75,000 and \$919,000, respectively, compared to \$180,000 and \$395,000 in the equivalent periods of 2023. Relative to the corresponding period of 2023, the decrease in second quarter 2024 current income tax expenses was based on a decrease in Trinidad-based net taxable profits, partially offset by withholding taxes associated with intercompany transactions. On a year-to-date basis, the 2024 current income tax increase from the prior year comparative period was predominantly a result of increased withholding taxes incurred.



Note:

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

# Deferred income tax

Our \$20,739,000 net deferred income tax liability balance represented the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective income tax bases as at June 30, 2024 (December 31, 2023 - \$21,433,000). The deferred income tax balance remained in a liability position mainly from the discrepancy between the financial statement carrying values and the income tax values of the Company's petroleum and natural gas development assets included within PP&E.

During the three months ended June 30, 2024, we recognized a deferred income tax expense of \$50,000 due to the usage of non-capital carry forward losses, partially offset by a decrease in the variance between our PP&E carrying amounts and their underlying income tax basis from March 31, 2024 to June 30, 2024 (2023 - recovery of \$383,000).

On a year-to-date basis, we recognized a \$690,000 deferred income tax recovery due to a decrease in the variance between our PP&E carrying amounts and their underlying income tax basis from December 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024, partially offset by reduction in deductible interest reserves (2023 - recovery of \$830,000).

Further information regarding our current and deferred income taxes is included in Note 10 "*Income Taxes*" of our interim financial statements.

# Net earnings (loss)

We recorded net earnings of \$3,339,000 (\$0.01 per basic and diluted share) in the second quarter of 2024 compared to a net loss of \$71,000 (\$0.00 per basic share) in the prior year equivalent quarter.



Net earnings for the six months ended June 30, 2024 was \$6,967,000 (\$0.03 per basic and diluted share), representing a \$7,317,000 increase from the \$350,000 net loss (\$0.00 per basic share) recognized in the corresponding 2023 period.

The following table sets forth details of the change in net (loss) earnings from the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 to the three and six months ended June 30, 2024.

(\$000's)	Three months ended June 30,	Six months ended June 30,
Net loss – 2023	(71)	(350)
Cash items	· ·	
Funds flow from operations	3,962	9,301
Decommissioning expenditures	(18)	(18)
Cash variances	3,944	9,283
Non-cash items		
Non-cash finance expenses	(149)	(311)
Gain on asset dispositions	735	`73Ś
Unrealized foreign exchange	75	(64)
Equity-based compensation expense	(57)	(97)
Depletion and depreciation expense	(741)	(1,616)
Impairment	36	(473)
Deferred income tax	(433)	(140)
Non-cash variances	(534)	(1,966)
Net earnings – 2024	3,339	6,967

# Cash from operating activities

The following table details the change in cash from operating activities from the three and six months ended June 30, 2023 to the three and six months ended June 30, 2024.

(\$000's)	Three months ended June 30,	Six months ended June 30,
Cash from operating activities – 2023	2,975	3,888
Change in funds flow from operations	3,962	9,301
Net change in non-cash working capital	(3,554)	(4,437)
Cash from operating activities – 2024	3,383	8,752

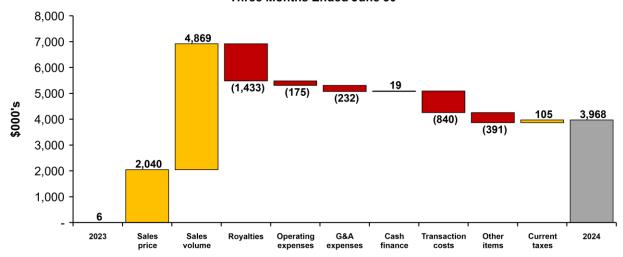
# Funds flow from operations

Funds flow from operations is included in the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows. Touchstone considers funds flow from operations to be a key measure of operating performance as it demonstrates the Company's ability to generate the funds necessary to finance capital expenditures and repay debt. Management believes that by excluding the temporary impact of changes in non-cash operating working capital, funds flow from operations provides a useful measure of the Company's ability to generate cash that is not subject to short-term movements in non-cash operating working capital.

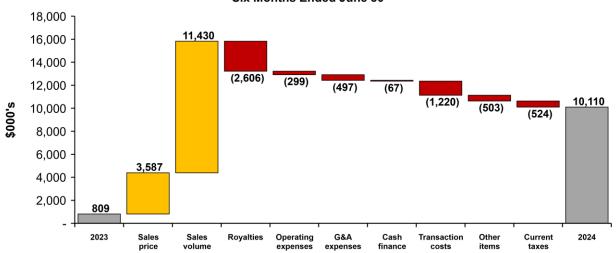
We generated funds flow from operations of \$3,968,000 in the second quarter of 2024, a \$3,962,000 increase from the \$6,000 reported in the prior year comparative quarter. On a year-to-date basis, we recognized funds flow from operations of \$10,110,000 in 2024 compared to \$809,000 in the same period of 2023. Relative to the corresponding 2023 periods, current year operating netbacks increased substantially during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, reflecting incremental Cascadura natural gas and NGL production volumes, which were slightly offset by transaction costs incurred in the current year.



# Change in Funds Flow From Operations Three Months Ended June 30



# Change in Funds Flow From Operations Six Months Ended June 30



# **Capital Expenditures**

# E&E asset expenditures

E&E asset expenditures include asset additions in areas that have been determined to be in the exploration phase. Touchstone's core exploration property is the Ortoire block. E&E asset expenditures during the respective periods are summarized in the following table.

(\$000's)	Three months	ended June 30,	%	Six month	s ended June 30,	%
(\$000 S)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Licence financial obligations	50	72	(31)	99	146	(32)
Drilling, completions and well testing	10	1,976	(99)	69	7,343	(99)
Equipment and facilities	-	2,534	(100)	-	5,540	(100)
Capitalized G&A	-	150	(100)	-	315	(100)
Other	-	63	(100)	-	201	(100)
E&E asset expenditures	60	4,795	(99)	168	13,545	(99)



Second quarter and year to date 2024 E&E asset expenditures were \$60,000 and \$168,000, respectively, as we conducted minimal exploration activity.

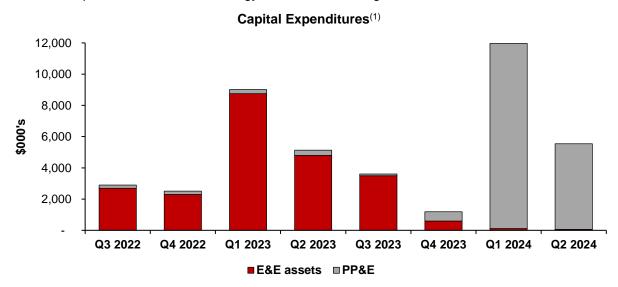
Our 2023 capital program remained heavily focused on exploration activities on the Ortoire property, as we invested \$4,795,000 and \$13,545,000 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, respectively. Second quarter 2023 investments included two production tests on the Royston-1X sidetrack well drilled in the first quarter of 2023. Second quarter and year to date 2023 expenditures were also invested in constructing the Cascadura natural gas and liquids facility. The Cascadura investments in E&E were transferred to PP&E upon first production from the field in September 2023.

### PP&E expenditures

(\$000'a)	Three months ended June 30,		%	% Six months ended June 3		%
(\$000's)	2024	2023	change	2024	2023	change
Drilling and completions	1,797	155	100	10,963	209	100
Equipment and facilities	3,162	-	n/a	4,991	-	n/a
Capitalized G&A	86	91	(5)	154	178	(13)
Corporate and other	438	94	100	1,229	222	100
PP&E expenditures	5,483	340	100	17,337	609	100

Second quarter and year to date PP&E expenditures were \$5,483,000 and \$17,337,000, respectively, as our capital program continued to remain focused predominately on development activities within our Cascadura field. Second quarter investments included the continued construction of the flowline from the Cascadura C surface location to the Cascadura natural gas processing facility, as well as drilling one CO-1 development well. The Company also performed one recompletion on the Cascadura Deep-1 well at the end of the quarter. In the first quarter of 2024, Touchstone drilled two Cascadura development wells and one CO-1 development well.

Second quarter and year to date 2023 expenditures on PP&E were minimal given our prior year capital program focused on Ortoire exploration activities. We performed four development well recompletions and invested in corporate information technology infrastructure during the six months ended June 30, 2023.



#### Note

(1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.



### **Capital Acquisitions and Dispositions**

# Acquisition

On May 31, 2024, the Company closed an asset swap transaction with a third party. Touchstone swapped its 100 percent working interest in a non-core privately leased San Francique property for the counterparty's 100 percent working interest in a licence with Heritage governing the Balata East block. The acquisition was not considered a business combination under IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*. In connection with the transaction, Touchstone recorded a \$1,535,000 gain on acquisition during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, which represented the excess of the \$338,000 total identifiable net assets acquired over the \$1,197,000 net liabilities of the assets disposed.

# **Dispositions**

In March 2024 we executed a definitive sales and purchase agreement with a third party to dispose our interest in the CO-2 block for aggregate consideration of approximately \$1,069,000. Touchstone considers the property to be non-core due to limited economics, operating expenses that were higher than our corporate average and extensive work obligations required throughout the licence term. The property generated estimated operating netbacks of \$158,000 and contributed average crude oil sales of 53 bbls/d during the six months ended June 30, 2024 (2023 - approximately \$148,000 and 59 bbls/d, respectively). On March 31, 2024, the carrying values of our CO-2 block assets and associated liabilities were reclassified to held for sale. A pre-tax impairment expense of \$474,000 was recorded on March 31, 2024 as a result of the required impairment test performed prior to the transfer (refer to the "Financial and Operational Results - Impairment of non-financial assets" section herein). The disposition closed effective August 1, 2024.

In May 2024, we entered into a sales and purchase agreement to dispose of our non-operated interest in a previously impaired E&E property with the third-party operator for the counterparty's assumption of approximately \$794,000 in aggregate decommissioning and accrued liabilities. The disposition is currently awaiting customary regulatory approvals to close.

Further information regarding asset acquisitions and dispositions is included in Note 5 "*Property, Plant and Equipment*" of our interim financial statements.

# **Decommissioning Liabilities and Abandonment Fund**

Our decommissioning and reclamation liabilities relate to future site restoration and well abandonment costs including the costs of production equipment removal and land reclamation based on current Trinidad environmental regulations. The estimates are reviewed at least quarterly and adjusted as new information regarding the liability is determined and include assumptions in respect of actual costs to abandon wells and facilities and reclaim a property, the time frame in which such costs will be incurred, historical well production and annual inflation factors.

Pursuant to production and exploration licences with the MEEI and various operating agreements with Heritage, we are obligated to remit \$0.25 per boe sold into various escrow accounts. As of June 30, 2024 we reported \$2,544,000 of accrued or paid contributions into MEEI and Heritage abandonment funds as long-term abandonment fund assets (December 31, 2023 - \$2,081,000).

Touchstone estimated the net present value of the cash flows required to settle decommissioning liabilities to be \$9,650,000 at June 30, 2024 compared to \$9,733,000 as of December 31, 2023. June 30, 2024 decommissioning liabilities were estimated using a weighted average long-term risk-free rate of 5.3 percent and a long-term inflation rate of 2.0 percent (December 31, 2023 - 5.3 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively). \$178,000 of decommissioning liabilities associated with our CO-2 and Cory Moruga blocks were reclassified to liabilities associated with assets held for sale (refer to the "Capital Acquisitions and Dispositions" section herein) during the 2024 year to date period. \$55,000 and \$109,000 of accretion expenses were recognized during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, respectively, to reflect

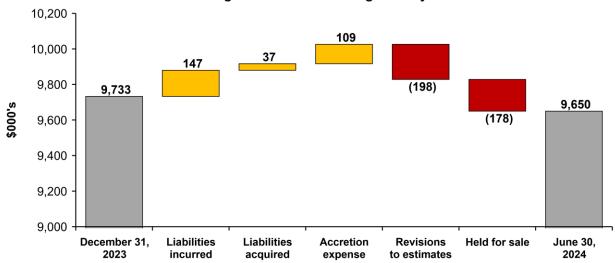


the increase in decommissioning liabilities associated with the passage of time (2023 - \$63,000 and \$123,000).

Decommissioning liability details as at and during the six months ended June 30, 2024, excluding those classified as held for sale, are summarized in the table and graph below.

Number of well locations (net)	Number of facility locations (net)	Undiscounted balance (\$000's)	Inflation adjusted balance (\$000's)	Discounted balance (\$000's)
579.6	3.6	12,476	14,731	9,650

# **Change in Decommissioning Liability**



Environmental stewardship is a core value at Touchstone, and abandonment and reclamation activities are made in a prudent, responsible manner with the oversight of the Board and in accordance with local regulations. Decommissioning liabilities are considered critical accounting estimates. There are significant uncertainties related to future decommissioning expenditures, and the impact on our consolidated financial statements could be material. The eventual timing of and costs for these expenditures could differ from current estimates. Further information regarding decommissioning liabilities is included in Note 9 "Decommissioning Liabilities and Abandonment Fund" of our interim financial statements.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### Liquidity

Our policy is to maintain a strong capital base to preserve investor, creditor, and market confidence and to sustain the future development of our business. We consider our capital structure to include shareholders' equity, working capital and bank debt. Touchstone's capital management objective is to fund current period decommissioning and capital expenditures necessary for the replacement of production declines using only funds flow from operations. Exploration and development activities are anticipated to be financed with a combination of funds flow from operations and other sources of capital. We use shareholders' equity and bank debt as our primary sources of capital.

As at June 30, 2024, we had a cash balance of \$6,990,000, a working capital deficit of \$2,674,000 and a principal long-term bank debt balance of \$32,000,000. As at June 30, 2024, we continued to have a working capital deficit, primarily from first half 2024 Cascadura field drilling and infrastructure related capital investments. As a result of these capital investments, we anticipate an increase in production and cash flows from operations in fourth quarter of 2024 once the wells are tied into our Cascadura natural gas



facility. In addition, we had \$6,000,000 in borrowing capacity under our revolving loan (refer to the "Bank Debt" section below) as at June 30, 2024.

The following table summarizes our changes in cash during the specified periods.

(\$000\n)	Three	Three months ended		
(\$000's)	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	change	
Net cash from (used in):				
Operating activities	3,383	5,369	(37)	
Investing activities	(11,066)	(2,015)	100	
Financing activities	5,170	(2,080)	n/a	
Change in cash	(2,513)	1,274	n/a	
Cash, beginning of period	9,537	8,186		
Impact of FX on cash balances	(34)	77	n/a	
Cash, end of period	6,990	9,537	(27)	

Our principal near term strategy is to increase cash flow generation via the development of our Cascadura field in 2024. We will continue to take a measured approach to future developmental and exploration capital expenditures to manage financial liquidity while proceeding with this plan (refer to the "Annual 2024 Guidance" section of this MD&A for further details).

#### Bank debt

On April 18, 2024, the Company and its Trinidad based lender executed a third amended and restated loan agreement, (the "Amended Bank Loan"), providing for a new \$10 million five-year non-revolving term loan facility ("term loan facility 2") and an increase to the existing revolving loan facility borrowing capacity from \$7 million to \$10 million. In addition, the revolving loan was extended by a two-year period through May 31, 2026 and may be renewed by additional two-year periods by agreement between the parties. The Company withdrew the full amount of the \$10 million term loan facility 2 on May 1, 2024.

As at June 30, 2024, the Company had \$32 million in aggregate principal bank debt outstanding, with \$6 million classified as short term on the consolidated balance sheet (December 31, 2023 - \$28 million and \$13 million, respectively). Details of the facilities pursuant to the Amended Bank Loan are set forth below.

Facility	Term loan facility 1	Term loan facility 2	Revolving loan
Amount	\$30,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Maturity date	June 15, 2027	April 30, 2029	May 31, 2026 - the parties have the option to extend by additional two-year periods
Interest rate	7.85 percent per annum	7.49 percent through April 2025 - reset annually	7.23 percent through May 2025 - reset annually
Interest payments	Payable quarterly in arrears	Payable monthly in arrears	Payable monthly in arrears
Principal payments	Twenty \$1.5 million quarterly payments from September 15, 2022 to June 15, 2027; additional principal may be repaid with no penalty	Sixteen \$625,000 quarterly payments from July 31, 2025 to April 30, 2029; additional principal may be repaid with a 1 percent penalty during the initial three years	Principal may be repaid at any time, on or before the maturity date without penalty and any amounts repaid may be redrawn at any time
June 30, 2024 principal balance	\$18,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$4,000,000
June 30, 2024 available credit capacity	\$nil	\$nil	\$6,000,000



The Amended Bank Loan is principally secured by a pledge of equity interests and fixed and floating security interests over all present and after acquired assets of our two Trinidad upstream oil and gas subsidiaries. The Amended Bank Loan contains industry standard representations and warranties, undertakings, events of default, and financial covenants assessed on an annual basis. Pursuant to the Amended Bank Loan, a failure of any covenant constitutes an event of default, upon where the lender can declare the principal balance and any accrued interest immediately due and payable. As of June 30, 2024, the Company was compliant with all covenants provided for in the Amended Bank Loan.

We routinely review all operational and financial covenants based on actual and forecasted results and can amend development and exploration plans to comply with the covenants. We are committed to having an adaptable capital expenditure program that can be adjusted to a tightening of liquidity sources if necessary.

At all times, we must maintain a cash reserves balance of not less than the equivalent of two subsequent quarterly interest payments related to the two term loan facilities. Accordingly, Touchstone classified \$1,042,000 of cash as long-term restricted on the consolidated balance sheet as at June 30, 2024 (December 31, 2023 - \$785,000).

Further information regarding the loan arrangement is included in Note 8 "Bank Debt" of our interim financial statements, and copies of the loan agreement and amendments may be accessed online on our SEDAR+ profile (www.sedarplus.ca).

# Shareholders' equity

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of voting common shares without nominal or par value. From time to time, we may access capital markets to meet our additional financing needs and to maintain flexibility in funding our capital programs. The following table summarizes our outstanding common shares and equity-based awards as at the date of this MD&A, June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023.

	August 12, 2024	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Common shares outstanding	236,425,661	236,306,661	234,212,726
Stock options outstanding	12,115,000	12,234,000	14,327,935
RSUs outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	1,447,780	-	-
PSUs outstanding <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1,397,780	-	-
	251,386,221	248,540,661	248,540,661

#### Notes

- (1) The RSUs and PSUs may be settled in cash or Company common shares upon vesting at the discretion of the Board.
- (2) Assuming a performance multiplier of one.

Relative to December 31, 2023, our common shares increased in the first half of 2024 as a result of 2,093,935 stock options exercised which were originally granted in 2019 in accordance with our Legacy Plan.

Further information regarding our shareholders' capital and equity-based compensation is included in the "Financial and Operational Results - Equity-based compensation" section herein and in Note 11 "Shareholders' Capital" of our interim financial statements.

# Capital management

When evaluating our capital structure, Management's long-term strategy is to maintain net debt to trailing twelve-month funds flow from operations at or below a ratio of two times in a normalized commodity price environment. This ratio may increase at certain times as a result of increased capital expenditures or low commodity prices. We also monitor our capital management through the net debt to managed capital ratio. Our strategy is to utilize more equity than debt, thereby targeting net debt to managed capital at a ratio of less than 0.4 to 1.



The following table details our internal capital management calculations for the periods specified.

(\$000's)	Target measure	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Net debt <sup>(1)</sup> Shareholders' equity		28,674 67,675	22,581 59,766
Managed capital <sup>(1)</sup>		96,349	82,347
Trailing twelve-months funds flow from operations <sup>(2)</sup>		23,031	13,730
Net debt to funds flow from operations ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	At or < 2.0 times	1.25	1.64
Net debt to managed capital ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	< 0.4 times	0.30	0.27

#### Notes

- (1) Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.
- (2) Trailing twelve-months funds flow from operations as at June 30, 2024 includes the sum of funds flow from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2024 and funds flow from operations for the July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 interim period.

Refer to the "Market Risk Management - Liquidity risk" section herein for further details regarding our approach to managing liquidity.

# **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

We have contractual obligations in the normal course of business which include minimum work obligations under various operating agreements with Heritage, exploration commitments under our Ortoire block exploration and production licence with the MEEI, and various lease commitments. The following table outlines our estimated minimum contractual payments as at June 30, 2024 (excluding commitments attributed to assets held for sale).

(\$000'a)		Estimated payments due by year					
(\$000's)	Total	2024	2025	2026	Thereafter		
Operating agreement commitments							
Balata East block	3,643	150	116	1,537	1,840		
CO-1 block	4,670	1,406	1,484	<sup>2</sup> 55	1,725		
WD-4 block	4,741	1,421	1,475	47	1,798		
WD-8 block	4,715	1,419	1,472	43	1,781		
Fyzabad block	671	77	79	81	434		
Coho area of Ortoire block	56	6	6	3	41		
Cascadura area of Ortoire block	101	12	11	5	73		
Ortoire exploration block	11,765	179	5,166	5,282	1,138		
Office and equipment leases	583	91	206	194	92		
Minimum payments	30,945	4,761	10,015	7,247	8,922		

Under the terms of our Heritage operating agreements, we are obligated to fulfill minimum work commitments on an annual basis over the specific licence term. As of the date of this MD&A, three development wells are required to be drilled prior to December 31, 2024. As of June 30, 2024, we are obligated to drill two exploration wells on our Ortoire field prior to the end of the July 31, 2026 licence term.

The Company is a party to lease arrangements for a drilling rig, office facilities, vehicles and equipment. As of June 30, 2024, we recognized \$3,476,000 in aggregate lease liabilities, of which \$2,620,000 was classified as long-term on the consolidated balance sheet (December 31, 2023 - \$4,328,000 and \$2,888,000, respectively).

### **Market Risk Management**

We are exposed to normal financial risks inherent in the international oil and natural gas industry including, but not limited to, commodity price risk, foreign exchange rate risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity



risk. The risk exposures are proactively reviewed, and Management seeks to mitigate these risks through various business processes and internal controls.

Management has overall responsibility for the establishment of risk management strategies and objectives. Our risk management policies are designed to identify the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits, and to monitor adherence to risk limits. Risk management policies are reviewed and revised regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and our operating activities. Management of cash flow variability is an integral component of our business strategy. Changing business conditions are monitored regularly and, where material, reviewed with the Board to establish risk management guidelines to be used by Management.

# Commodity price risk

Our operational results and financial condition are dependent on the commodity prices received for our crude oil, NGL and natural gas production. We are a party to a long-term fixed price natural gas contract for our Ortoire natural gas production. However, movements in crude oil and liquids pricing could affect our cash from operating activities, the value of our development properties, the level of capital expenditures and our ability to meet financial obligations as they come due.

Crude oil prices have fluctuated widely in recent years due to global and regional factors including supply and demand fundamentals, ongoing geopolitical factors, inventory levels, weather, and economic factors. Further, our realized crude oil and liquids prices are based on quality differentials and international marketing arrangements and therefore are attributed to factors that are beyond our control. Our long-term fixed price natural gas sales agreement with NGC contains options for price negotiations on each fifth anniversary of our initial October 2022 production date. The price of natural gas in Trinidad is predominately based on domestic supply and demand, with demand largely from domestic power generation and petrochemical facilities. There can be no guarantee that we may be able to negotiate future price increases for natural gas, and a material decline in natural gas sales prices will result in a reduction of the Company's cash from operating activities and financial position.

Touchstone does not currently hedge our commodity price given that a minimum of 50 percent of our forecasted petroleum and natural gas sales is expected to be derived from natural gas production governed by a fixed price contract through October 2027. The Company will continue to monitor forward commodity prices and may enter future commodity-based risk management contracts to reduce the volatility of crude oil and liquids sales and protect future development and exploration capital programs. Additionally, we continually review our capital program and implement initiatives to adapt to such price changes.

# Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency exchange risk arises from changes in foreign exchange rates that may affect the fair value or future cash flows of our financial assets or liabilities. Touchstone does not hedge its foreign exchange risk. As we primarily operate in Trinidad, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the TT\$ and the US\$ could have a significant effect on financial results. Although the sales prices of crude oil production are determined by reference to US\$ denominated benchmark prices, the majority of the invoices for such sales are paid in TT\$, exposing the Company to foreign exchange risk. To mitigate this risk, we attempt to match revenues received in TT\$ by entering into contracts denominated and payable in TT\$ when possible. We also attempt to limit our exposure to foreign currency risk through collecting and paying foreign currency denominated balances in a timely fashion. In addition, we have further foreign exchange risk regarding our US\$ denominated debt and related interest payments. These risks are mitigated by the fact that the TT\$ is informally pegged to the US\$ and all NGL and natural gas sales are denominated and payable in US\$.

Touchstone has further foreign exchange exposure on cash balances denominated in C\$ and pounds sterling, head office costs denominated and payable in C\$, and costs denominated and payable in pounds sterling required to maintain our AIM listing. Any material movements in the C\$ to US\$ and the pounds sterling to US\$ exchange rates may result in unanticipated fluctuations or have a material effect on our reporting results.



Refer to the "Financial and Operational Results - Foreign exchange and foreign currency translation" section of this MD&A for further information.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from changes in market interest rates that may affect comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows. The Company's term loan facility 2 and revolving loan facility are subject to interest rate risk given the applicable annual interest rates are reset on an annual basis in relation to the one-year term secured overnight financing rate. The current annual interest rates under our term loan facility 2 and revolving facility are 7.49 and 7.23 percent, respectively.

### Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that Touchstone may incur a loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its obligation in accordance with the agreed terms. We may be exposed to third-party credit risk through our contractual arrangements with current or future joint operation partners, marketers of our commodities and other parties. Credit risk is considered to be low for the Company's accounts receivable, as Touchstone's credit exposure typically pertains to monthly commodity sales and joint interest billings due from Trinidad government owned petroleum and natural gas entities, and value added taxes ("VAT") due from the Trinidad government.

However, the Company historically has aged accounts receivables owing for VAT. In comparison to December 31, 2023, our past due VAT accounts receivable balance increased by \$447,000 as of June 30, 2024. \$1,504,000 in past due VAT was collected in the first half of 2024, which was offset by increased VAT outstanding from capital and operational expenditures. Although ultimate collection is erratic and therefore the timing thereof cannot be estimated with any certainty, Management believes that the VAT accounts receivable balances are ultimately collectable as we have not experienced any past collection issues. The following table details the composition and aging of our accounts receivable as of June 30, 2024.

		Balance due	Balance due	Accounts receivable aging		
Composition	Counterparty	(\$000's)	(%)	Current (\$000's)	Over 90 days (\$000's)	
Crude oil and liquids sales	Heritage	1,840	17	1,840	-	
Natural gas sales	NGC	2,067	19	2,067	-	
Joint interest billings	Heritage and NGC	1,108	9	1,108	-	
VAT	Trinidad government	5,752	52	1,004	4,748	
Finance leases	Third-party lessees	50	-	50	-	
Other	Various	305	3	244	61	
Accounts receivable		11,122	100	6,313	4,809	

Touchstone is currently a party to an arrangement to lease oilfield service rigs to a third-party contractor. We have determined that the credit risk related to the associated receivable balance is negligible, as the assets are secured by the underlying equipment, with ownership transferring to the counterparty upon receipt of the final lease payment. As of June 30, 2024, our finance lease receivable balance was \$263,000, of which \$213,000 was included in long-term other assets on the consolidated balance sheet (December 31, 2023 - \$350,000 and \$295,000, respectively).

Further details relating to our financial assets and credit risk can be found in Note 3 "Financial Assets and Credit Risk" of our interim financial statements.

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that we will not be able to meet our obligations associated with our financial liabilities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable



price. Management believes that future cash flows will be adequate to settle financial obligations as they come due.

Our approach to managing liquidity is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due, under both normal and unusual conditions without incurring unacceptable losses or jeopardizing our business objectives. Stewardship of our capital structure and liquidity risk is managed through our financial and operating forecast process. The forecast of our future cash flows is based on estimates of petroleum and natural gas production, crude oil and liquids forward prices, capital expenditures, royalty expenses, operating expenses, G&A expenses, income tax expenses and other investing and financing activities. The forecast is regularly updated based on changes in commodity prices, capital expenditures, production expectations, income tax and royalty regulations, and other factors that in our view would impact cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities.

The following table sets forth estimated undiscounted cash outflows and financial maturities of our financial liabilities as at June 30, 2024.

Recognized in		Undiscounted	Financial maturity by period				
(\$000's)	financial statements	cash outflows <sup>(1)</sup>	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	Thereafter		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	Yes – liability	15,016	15,016	-	-		
Income taxes payable	Yes – liability	355	355	-	-		
Lease liabilities(3)	Yes – liability	4,569	1,111	1,609	1,849		
Bank debt principal	Yes – liability	32,000	6,000	21,000	5,000		
Bank debt interest <sup>(4)</sup>	No – recognized as incurred	4,958	2,255	2,345	358		
Financial liabilities	•	56,898	24,737	24,954	7,207		

#### Notes:

- (1) The undiscounted cash outflows equal their financial statement carrying values, with the exception of lease liabilities and bank debt principal.
- (2) Excludes the \$856,000 current portion of lease liabilities.
- (3) Includes the notional interest and principal payments.
- (4) Based on current interest rates, where two of the Company's three loan facility interest rates are reset on an annual basis.

To manage our capital structure, we may reduce our fixed cost structure, adjust capital and exploration spending, issue new equity or seek additional sources of debt financing. We actively monitor our liquidity to ensure that cash flows, potential credit facility capacity and working capital are adequate to support our current and future financial liabilities, as well as the Company's capital programs and future work commitments.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Our Corporate Secretary and former director is a senior partner of our Canadian legal counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, \$706,000 and \$1,095,000 in legal fees and disbursements charged by Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP were incurred, respectively (2023 - \$106,000 and \$167,000). \$353,000 was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as at June 30, 2024 (2023 - \$107,000).

Our Trinidad-based director is a member of the board of directors of a private Trinidad engineering services company that provides oilfield supplies to Touchstone. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, \$24,000 and \$49,000 in products were purchased, respectively (2023 - \$4,000 and \$8,000). As at June 30, 2024, \$16,000 was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities (2023 - \$4,000).

#### **Subsequent Events**

On August 2, 2024, Trinity announced that it reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all cash offer from a competing offeror to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement. The Board of



Directors of Trinity withdrew their recommendation of the Proposed Acquisition and postponed the court hearing to sanction the Proposed Acquisition indefinitely. Refer to the "*Proposed Acquisition*" section of this MD&A for further details.

On July 12, 2024, the Company issued RSUs and PSUs to our executive officers and key employees as well as DSUs to our non-employee directors pursuant to our long-term compensation plans (see the "Financial and Operational Results - Equity-based compensation" section herein for further details).

# **Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption**

There were no changes in accounting policies during the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 that had a material effect on the reported comprehensive loss or net assets of the Company.

### Standards Issued but Not Yet Effective

There are no standards or interpretations issued, but not yet adopted, that are anticipated to have a material effect on the reported comprehensive income or net assets of the Company.

# **Off-balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company did not enter into any off-balance sheet arrangements during the six months ended June 30, 2024, other than normal course guarantees entered into in the form of parent guarantees to support work commitments on exploration and production licences. Touchstone does not believe it has any guarantees or off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or capital expenditures, other than the commitments disclosed in the "Contractual Obligations and Commitments" section herein.

### Significant Accounting Estimates, Judgements and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires Management to make estimates, judgements, and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results may differ from estimates, and those differences may be material. The estimates, judgements and assumptions used are subject to updates based on experience and the application of new information. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis, and any revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised.

A full list of the significant estimates and judgements made by Management in the preparation of the interim financial statements and the audited 2023 financial statements is included in Note 4 "*Use of Estimates, Judgements and Assumptions*" of our audited 2023 financial statements.

The Company believes it has hired individuals and consultants who have the skills required to make such estimates and ensures that individuals or departments with the most knowledge of the activity are responsible for the estimates. Furthermore, past estimates are reviewed and compared to actual results, and actual results are compared to budgets to make more informed decisions on future estimates.

#### **Business Risks**

As a participant in the international oil and natural gas industry, we are exposed to a variety of risks including, but not limited to, political, operational, financial, and environmental risks. As discussed in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" and "Market Risk Management" sections of this MD&A, we are exposed to normal financial risks inherent in the international oil and natural gas industry including, among others, commodity price risk, foreign exchange rate risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

Please refer to our 2023 Annual Information Form dated March 20, 2024 for a full understanding of risks that affect Touchstone, which can be found on our SEDAR+ profile (<a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>) and website



(<u>www.touchstoneexploration.com</u>). Refer to the "*Advisories - Forward-looking Statements*" section in this MD&A for additional information regarding the risks to which Touchstone and our business operations are subject to.

#### **Control Environment**

Touchstone is required to comply with National Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the period beginning on April 1, 2024 and ended June 30, 2024 that had materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

# **Summary of Quarterly Results**

The following is a summary of our unaudited quarterly results for the eight most recently completed fiscal quarters.

Three months ended	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023	Sept. 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	Sept. 30, 2022
Operational								
Average daily production (boe/d)	5,432	7,015	8,504	3,391	1,827	2,139	2,229	1,272
Net wells drilled	1.0	2.6	-	-	-	0.8	-	-
Realized commodity price <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/boe)	28.50	25.98	26.53	37.44	43.19	44.03	48.36	84.85
Operating netback <sup>(1)</sup> (\$/boe)	16.44	16.39	17.54	19.27	17.00	18.97	21.05	37.55
Financial (\$000's except per share amounts)								
Petroleum and natural gas sales	14,090	16,584	20,759	11,682	7,181	8,476	9,919	9,933
Cash from (used in) operating activities	3,383	5,369	8,512	343	2,975	913	(1,189)	3,058
Funds flow from operations	3,968	6,142	10,489	2,432	6	803	691	256
Net earnings (loss) Per share – basic and diluted	3,339 0.01	3,628 0.02	(21,236) (0.09)	988 0.00	(71) (0.00)	(279) (0.00)	(1,921) (0.01)	(778) (0.00)
E&E asset expenditures PP&E expenditures	60 5,483	108 11,854	595 591	3,498 111	4,795 340	8,750 269	2,290 219	2,692 207
Capital expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	5,543	11,962	1,186	3,609	5,135	9,019	2,509	2,899
Working capital deficit (surplus) <sup>(1)</sup> Principal long-term bank loan Net debt <sup>(1)</sup> – end of period	2,674 26,000 28,674	14,121 13,500 27,621	7,581 15,000 22,581	13,419 16,500 29,919	10,913 18,000 28,913	4,383 19,500 23,883	(4,992) 21,000 16,008	4,537 22,500 27,037
Share Information (000's) Weighted average – basic Weighted average – diluted Outstanding shares – end of period	234,959 236,364 236,307	234,213 236,548 234,213	234,213 234,213 234,213	233,541 237,138 234,213	233,144 233,144 233,428	233,037 233,037 233,037	217,106 217,106 233,037	212,647 212,647 213,113

#### Note:

The oil and natural gas industry is cyclical. Our financial position, results of operations and cash flows are principally affected by production levels and commodity prices, particularly crude oil and liquids prices. Commodity price fluctuations can indirectly impact expected production by changing the amount of funds available to reinvest in exploration, development and acquisition activities in the future. Changes in commodity prices impact revenue and cash flow available for exploration and development and the economics of potential capital projects as low commodity prices can potentially reduce the quantities of reserves that are commercially recoverable. Our capital program is dependent on cash generated from operating activities and access to capital markets.



<sup>(1)</sup> Non-GAAP financial measure. See the "Advisories - Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this MD&A for further information.

The following significant items impacted our unaudited financial and operating results over the past eight fiscal quarters:

- Second quarter 2024 funds flow from operations was \$4.0 million, representing a 35 percent decrease from the \$6.1 million recorded in the preceding quarter based on a 23 percent decline in production, partially offset by a 10 percent increase in realized commodity pricing. Capital expenditures of \$5.5 million were primarily directed towards progressing the Cascadura C tie-in project and drilling one CO-1 development well. On April 16, 2024, we entered into an Amended Bank Loan with our existing lender providing for a new \$10 million five-year non-revolving term loan facility which was fully drawn on May 1, 2024.
- In the first quarter of 2024, we recorded funds flow from operations of \$6.1 million, which decreased by \$4.3 million from the previous quarter primarily based on an 18 percent decline in production and a 2 percent decline in realized commodity pricing. We invested \$12.0 million in capital expenditures primarily focused on development drilling in our Cascadura field and advancing construction for the flowline from the Cascadura C surface location to the Cascadura natural gas processing facility. As a result, our corporate net debt levels increased by 22 percent from the preceding quarter.
- We achieved record production levels and funds flow from operations in the fourth quarter of 2023, which reflected a full quarter of Cascadura field production volumes. Combined with minimal capital spending of \$1.2 million, we decreased corporate net debt levels by 25 percent from the preceding quarter. An aggregate \$28.9 million (net of income tax) of net impairment expenses mainly related to our Chinook and Royston exploration assets led to a quarterly net loss of \$21.2 million.
- In the third quarter of 2023, we generated \$2.4 million of funds flow from operations, as we brought on initial natural gas production from our Cascadura wells, thereby achieving an 86 percent increase in quarterly average production on a per boe basis from the preceding quarter. Net debt increased by \$1.0 million from the second quarter of 2023, as we invested \$3.6 million in quarterly capital investments predominately relating to final construction and commissioning of the Cascadura natural gas facility.
- We recorded negligible funds flow from operations in the second quarter of 2023, as operating
  netbacks declined by \$0.8 million from the prior quarter based on a 13 percent and a 4 percent
  decline in crude oil production and realized pricing, respectively. Touchstone entered into a \$7
  million additional revolving facility with its current lender in the quarter which was fully drawn on
  June 1, 2023. \$5.1 million in quarterly capital investments led to a \$5 million increase in net debt
  from the preceding quarter.
- First quarter 2023 funds flow from operations were \$0.8 million, relatively consistent with the preceding quarter. In the quarter we drilled the Royston-1X sidetrack well and continued constructing the Cascadura natural gas facility, incurring an aggregate \$9.0 million in capital expenditures. These investments decreased our cash and working capital balances, as we exited the quarter with \$23.9 million in net debt, a \$7.9 million increase from the previous quarter.
- In the fourth quarter of 2022, we generated \$0.7 million of funds flow from operations, as we brought on initial natural gas production from our Coho-1 well, thereby achieving a 75 percent increase in quarterly average production on a per boe basis from the preceding quarter. In addition, we completed two private placements raising net proceeds of \$12.3 million, leading to an \$11 million decrease in net debt from the previous quarter.
- In the third quarter of 2022, we recorded \$0.3 million in funds flow from operations, which decreased by \$0.8 million from the previous quarter based on a 10 percent decline in production and a 13 percent reduction in realized commodity prices, partially offset by reduced royalty and operating expenses. We invested \$2.9 million in capital expenditures, resulting in a 14 percent increase in net debt from the second quarter of 2022.



### **Advisories**

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This MD&A or documents referred to in this MD&A reference various non-GAAP financial measures, non-GAAP ratios, capital management measures and supplementary financial measures as such terms are defined in National Instrument 52-112 *Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure*. Such measures are not recognized measures under GAAP and do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers. Readers are cautioned that the non-GAAP financial measures referred to herein should not be construed as alternatives to, or more meaningful than, measures prescribed by IFRS, and they are not meant to enhance the Company's reported financial performance or position. These are complementary measures that are commonly used in the oil and natural gas industry and by the Company to provide shareholders and potential investors with additional information regarding the Company's performance, liquidity and ability to generate funds to finance its operations. Below is a description of the non-GAAP financial measures, non-GAAP ratios, capital management measures and supplementary financial measures disclosed in this MD&A.

### Operating netback

Touchstone uses operating netback as a key performance indicator of field results. The Company considers operating netback to be a key measure as it demonstrates Touchstone's profitability relative to current commodity prices and assists Management and investors with evaluating operating results on a historical basis. Operating netback is a non-GAAP financial measure calculated by deducting royalties and operating expenses from petroleum and natural gas sales. The most directly comparable financial measure to operating netback disclosed in the Company's consolidated financial statements is petroleum and natural gas revenue net of royalties. Operating netback per boe is a non-GAAP ratio calculated by dividing the operating netback by total production volumes for the period. Presenting operating netback on a per boe basis allows Management to better analyze performance against prior periods on a comparable basis. The following table presents the computation of operating netback for the periods indicated.

(\$000's unless otherwise stated)	Three months	ended June 30,	Six months	Six months ended June 30,		
(\$000 \$ unless otherwise stated)	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Petroleum and natural gas sales Less: royalties	14,090 (3,585)	7,181 (2,152)	30,674 (7,262)	15,657 (4,656)		
Petroleum and natural gas revenue, net of royalties	10,505	5,029	23,412	11,001		
Less: operating expenses	(2,378)	(2,203)	(4,822)	(4,523)		
Operating netback	8,127	2,826	18,590	6,478		
Total production (boe)	494,313	166,249	1,132,660	358,754		
Operating netback (\$/boe)	16.44	17.00	16.41	18.05		

# Cash and non-cash net finance expenses

Cash and non-cash net finance expenses are non-GAAP financial measures. Cash finance expenses are calculated as net finance expenses as determined in accordance with IFRS, less accretion on bank debt, accretion on decommissioning obligations, and other liability revaluation loss (gain), all of which are non-cash in nature. The Company discloses net finance expenses as cash or non-cash to demonstrate the true cost of finance expenses to assist Management with evaluating results on a historical basis.

### Capital expenditures

Capital expenditures is a non-GAAP financial measure that is calculated as the sum of exploration and evaluation asset expenditures and property, plant and equipment expenditures included in the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows and is most directly comparable to cash used in investing activities. Touchstone considers capital expenditures to be a useful measure of its investment in its existing asset



base. The following table presents the computation of capital expenditures and reconciles capital expenditures to cash used in investing activities for the periods indicated.

(\$000's)	Three months	ended June 30,	Six months	Six months ended June 30,		
(\$000 S)	2024	2023	2024	2023		
E&E asset expenditures	60	4,795	168	13,545		
PP&E expenditures	5,483	340	17,337	609		
Capital expenditures	5,543	5,135	17,505	14,154		
Abandonment fund expenditures	226	56	527	122		
Proceeds from asset dispositions	-	(250)	-	(250)		
Net change in non-cash working capital	5,297	4,312	(4,951)	(112)		
Cash used in investing activities	11,066	9,253	13,081	13,914		

Working capital, net debt and managed capital

Touchstone closely monitors its capital structure with the goal of maintaining a strong financial position to fund current operations and future growth. The above measures are capital management measures used by Management to steward the Company's overall debt position and assess overall financial strength.

Management monitors working capital, net debt and managed capital as part of the Company's capital structure to evaluate its true debt and liquidity position and to manage capital and liquidity risk. Working capital is calculated by subtracting current liabilities from current assets as they appear on the applicable consolidated balance sheet. Net debt is calculated by summing the Company's working capital and the principal (undiscounted) long-term amount of senior secured debt and is most directly comparable to total liabilities disclosed in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Management defines managed capital as the sum of net debt and shareholders' equity. The following table presents working capital, net debt and managed capital computations for the periods indicated.

(\$000's)	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023	June 30, 2023
Current assets Current liabilities	(20,455) 23,129	(22,570) 30,151	(17,914) 28,827
Working capital deficit	2,674	7,581	10,913
Principal long-term balance of bank debt	26,000	15,000	18,000
Net debt	28,674	22,581	28,913
Shareholder's equity	67,675	59,766	79,020
Managed capital	96,349	82,347	107,933

The following table reconciles total liabilities to net debt for the periods indicated.

(\$000's)	June 30,	December 31,	June 30,
	2024	2023	2023
Total liabilities	81,876	79,182	73,184
Lease liabilities Decommissioning liabilities	(2,620)	(2,888)	(1,662)
	(9,650)	(9,733)	(11,017)
Deferred income tax liability	(20,739)	(21,433)	(13,717)
Variance of carrying value and principal value of bank debt	262	23	39
Current assets	(20,455)	(22,570)	(17,914)
Net debt	28,674	22,581	28,913

Net debt to funds flow from operations ratio

The Company monitors its capital structure using a net debt to funds flow from operations ratio, which is a non-GAAP ratio and a capital management measure calculated as the ratio of the Company's net debt to trailing annual funds flow from operations. The net debt to funds flow from operations ratio is the desired



target Touchstone strives to achieve and maintain. This ratio may increase at certain times as a result of increased capital expenditures or low commodity prices.

Net debt to managed capital ratio

The Company further monitors its capital structure using a net debt to managed capital ratio, which is a non-GAAP ratio and capital management measure calculated as the ratio of the Company's net debt to managed capital. The Company's net debt to managed capital ratio is the desired target that the Company strives to maintain, as Management's strategy is to utilize more equity than debt.

Supplementary Financial Measures

The following supplementary financial measures are referenced herein.

Realized commodity price per boe - is comprised of petroleum and natural gas sales as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period.

Realized crude oil sales per boe - is comprised of crude oil product sales as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total crude oil production volumes for the period. Crude oil sales is a component of petroleum and natural gas sales.

Realized NGL sales per boe - is comprised of NGL product sales as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total NGL production volumes for the period. NGL sales is a component of petroleum and natural gas sales.

Realized crude oil and liquids sales per boe - is comprised of the sum of crude oil and NGL product sales as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the sum of the Company's total crude oil and NGL production volumes for the period. Crude oil and NGL sales are components of petroleum and natural gas sales.

Realized natural gas sales per boe - is comprised of natural gas product sales as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total natural gas production volumes for the period. Natural gas sales is a component of petroleum and natural gas sales.

Royalties per boe - is comprised of royalties as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period.

Royalties as a percentage of petroleum and natural gas sales - is comprised of royalties as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by petroleum and natural gas sales as determined in accordance with IFRS.

Operating expenses per boe - is comprised of operating expenses as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period.

*G&A expenses per boe* - is comprised of G&A expenses as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period.

*Net finance expenses per boe* - is comprised of net finance expenses as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period.

Depletion expense per boe - is comprised of depletion expenses as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period. Depletion expense is a component of depletion and depreciation expense as disclosed in the Company's financial statements.

Current income tax expense per boe - is comprised of current income tax expenses as determined in accordance with IFRS, divided by the Company's total production volumes for the period.



# Forward-looking Statements

Certain information provided in this MD&A, including documents incorporated by references herein, may constitute forward-looking statements and information (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable securities laws. All statements and information, other than statements of historical fact, made by Touchstone that address activities, events, or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements.

Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, forecasts, estimates, expectations and objectives for future operations that are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "intend", "maintain", "continue to", "pursue", "design", "result in", "sustain" "estimate", "potential", "growth", "nearterm", "long-term", "forecast", "contingent" and similar expressions, or are events or conditions that "will", "would", "may", "could" or "should" occur or be achieved. Readers are cautioned that the assumptions used in the preparation of such forward-looking statements, although considered reasonable at the time of preparation, may prove to be imprecise, and as such, undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements.

In particular, forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A may include, but are not limited to, the Company's internal projections, estimates or expectations with respect to the following:

- business plans, operational strategies, priorities and development plans, including the Company's updated annual 2024 guidance;
- financial condition and outlook and results of operations, including future liquidity and financial capacity and expectations of future growth, including expectations of future production levels and cash flows to be derived therefrom;
- future demand for the Company's petroleum and natural gas products and economic activity in general;
- general economic and political developments in Trinidad and globally:
- the performance characteristics of the Company's petroleum and natural gas properties, including current and future crude oil and liquids and natural gas production levels, estimated field production levels and estimated future production decline rates;
- expectations regarding the ability of the Company to raise capital and to continually add to reserves through exploration, acquisitions and development;
- future capital expenditure programs, including the anticipated timing of completion, allocation and costs thereof and the method of funding;
- future development and exploration activities to be undertaken in various areas and timing thereof, including the fulfillment of minimum work obligations and exploration commitments;
- terms and estimated future expenditures of the Company's contractual commitments and their timing of settlement;
- terms and title of exploration and production licences and the expected formal extension or execution of certain contracts;
- expectations regarding the Company's ability to fulfill the contractual obligations required to retain its rights to explore, develop and exploit any of its properties;
- receipt of anticipated and future regulatory approvals;
- access to third-party facilities and infrastructure;



- expected levels of royalties, operating expenses, G&A expenses, net finance expenses, current income tax expenses and other costs associated with the Company's business;
- treatment under current and future governmental regulatory regimes, environmental legislation, royalty regimes and tax laws enacted in the Company's areas of operations;
- current risk management strategies and the benefits to be derived therefrom, including the future
  use of commodity derivatives to manage commodity price risk;
- the foreign currency risk strategies of the Company, the benefits to be derived therefrom and the Company's ability to reverse unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses in the future;
- the Company's ability to reverse previously recognized non-financial asset impairment expenses in the future:
- credit risk assumptions and the Company's expectation to receive past due VAT amounts from the Trinidad government;
- future liquidity and future sources of liquidity and the Company's expectation to settle all current and future financial liabilities in a timely manner;
- future compliance with the Company's bank debt covenants and its ability to make future scheduled interest and principal payments;
- the potential of future acquisitions or dispositions and receiving regulatory approvals and closing currently proposed transactions, including the Proposed Acquisition;
- estimated amounts, timing and the anticipated sources of funding for the Company's decommissioning liabilities;
- effect of business and environmental risks on the Company; and
- the statements under "Significant Accounting Estimates, Judgements and Assumptions".

In addition, information and statements relating to reserves are by their nature forward-looking statements, as they involve the implied assessment, based on certain estimates and assumptions, that the reserves described exist in the quantities predicted or estimated, and can be profitably produced in the future. The recovery and reserve estimates of Touchstone's reserves that may be provided herein are estimates only, and there is no guarantee that the estimated reserves will be recovered. Consequently, actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements.

This MD&A includes a summary of the Company's updated 2024 capital budget and guidance, which includes, but is not limited to, forward looking statements relating to: the focus of Touchstone's remaining 2024 capital plan, including pursuing developmental drilling activities and optimizing existing natural gas and liquids infrastructure capacity; anticipated 2024 annual average and exit production and production by commodity; forecasted production decline rates; anticipated developmental drilling activities, including locations, the timing thereof and related production and cash flows therefrom; anticipated 2024 capital expenditures including estimations of costs and inflation incorporated therein; anticipated timing of well tie-in operations, well completion activities and production coming online; forecasted 2024 average Brent reference price and the Company's budgeted realized price in relation thereto; forecasted royalty, operating, general and administration, cash finance, income tax expenses and transaction costs; anticipated funds flow from operations and net debt; and Touchstone's future financial position, including the sufficiency of resources to fund future capital expenditures and maintain financial liquidity.

This MD&A contains future-oriented financial information and financial outlook information (collectively, "FOFI") about Touchstone's prospective results of operations and production included in its updated 2024 guidance, all of which are subject to the same assumptions, risk factors, limitations, and qualifications as set forth in the paragraphs above. The FOFI contained in this MD&A was approved by Management as of the date hereof and was provided for the purpose of providing further information about Touchstone's future business operations. This information has been provided for illustration only and, with respect to future periods, is based on budgets and forecasts that are speculative and are subject to a variety of contingencies



and may not be appropriate for other purposes. Touchstone and its Management believe that FOFI has been prepared on a reasonable basis, reflecting Management's best estimates and judgments, and represents, to the best of Management's knowledge and opinion, the Company's expected course of action. However, because this information is highly subjective, it should not be relied on as necessarily indicative of future results. Touchstone disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any FOFI contained herein, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required pursuant to applicable law. Readers are cautioned that the FOFI contained herein should not be used for purposes other than for which it is disclosed herein, and the financial outlook information contained herein is not conclusive and is subject to change. Variations in forecasted crude oil and liquids prices, differences in the amount and timing of capital expenditures, and variances in average production estimates and decline rates can have a significant impact on the key performance measures included in the guidance disclosed herein. Management does not have firm commitments for all of the costs, expenditures, prices or other financial assumptions used to prepare the financial outlook or assurance that such operating results will be achieved and, accordingly, the complete financial effects of the forecasted costs, expenditures, prices and operating results are not objectively determinable. The actual results of the Company's operations and the resulting financial results will vary from the amounts set forth in this MD&A and such variations may be material.

The Company's actual decisions, activities, results, performance, or achievement could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements and accordingly, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur or, if any of them do, what benefits that Touchstone will derive from them. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievement since such expectations are inherently subject to significant business, economic, operational, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the Company's control.

The Company is exposed to numerous operational, technical, financial and regulatory risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond its control and may significantly affect anticipated future results. The Company is exposed to risks associated with negotiating with foreign governments as well as country risk associated with conducting international activities. Operations may be unsuccessful or delayed as a result of competition for services, supplies and equipment, mechanical and technical difficulties, ability to attract and retain qualified employees on a cost-effective basis, extreme weather-related events, and commodity and marketing risk. The Company is subject to significant drilling risks and uncertainties including the ability to find petroleum and natural gas reserves on an economic basis and the potential for technical problems that could lead to well blow-outs and environmental damage. The Company is exposed to risks relating to the inability to obtain timely regulatory approvals, surface access, access to third-party gathering and processing facilities, transportation and other third-party operation risks. The Company is subject to industry conditions including changes in laws and regulations, the adoption of new environmental laws and regulations and changes in how they are interpreted and enforced. There are uncertainties in estimating the Company's reserve base due to the complexities in estimated future production, costs and timing of expenses and future capital. The Company is subject to the risk that it will not be able to fulfill the contractual obligations required to retain its rights to explore, develop and exploit any of its properties. The financial risks the Company is exposed to include, but are not limited to, the impact of global economic conditions, the impact of significant volatility in market prices for crude oil and liquids, the impact (and duration thereof) of ongoing geopolitical events and their effect on market prices for crude oil and liquids, the ability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources, changes in income tax laws, royalties and incentive programs relating to the Trinidad oil and natural gas industry, fluctuations in interest rates, and fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Company is subject to local regulatory legislation, the compliance with which may require significant expenditures and non-compliance with which may result in fines, penalties or production restrictions or the termination of licence, exploration, lease operating or joint operating rights related to the Company's interests in Trinidad. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of risk factors is not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors that could affect the Company's operations and financial results are included in reports on file with Canadian securities regulatory authorities and may be accessed online on our SEDAR+ profile (www.sedarplus.ca).



Management has included the above summary of assumptions and risks related to forward-looking statements and other information provided in this MD&A in order to provide shareholders and investors with a more complete perspective on the Company's current and future operations, and such information may not be appropriate for other purposes. Actual results, performance or achievement could differ materially from that expressed in or implied by any forward-looking statements in this MD&A, and accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement is made only as of the date of this MD&A, and Touchstone undertakes no obligation or intent to update or revise any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect information, events, results, circumstances or otherwise after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law, including applicable securities laws. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for Touchstone to predict all of such factors or to assess in advance the impact of each such factor on Touchstone's business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements and FOFI contained in this MD&A are expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

Readers are further cautioned that the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires Management to make certain judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. These estimates may change, having either a positive or negative effect on comprehensive income (loss), as further information becomes available and as the economic environment or other factors change.

### Oil and Natural Gas Measures

To provide a single unit of production for analytical purposes, natural gas production has been converted mathematically to barrels of oil equivalent. We use the industry-accepted standard conversion of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil (6 Mcf = 1 bbl). The 6:1 boe ratio is based on an energy equivalent conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip. It does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead and is not based on either energy content or current prices. While the boe ratio is useful for comparative measures and observing trends, it does not accurately reflect individual product values and might be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. As well, given that the value ratio, based on the current price of crude oil to natural gas, is significantly different from the 6:1 energy equivalency ratio, using a 6:1 conversion ratio may be misleading as an indication of value.

# **Product Type Disclosures**

This MD&A includes references to crude oil, NGLs, crude oil and liquids, natural gas, total production and average daily production volumes. Under NI 51-101, disclosure of production volumes should include segmentation by product type as defined in the instrument. In this MD&A, references to "crude oil" refer to "light crude oil and medium crude oil" and "heavy crude oil" combined product types; references to "NGLs" refer to condensate; and references to "natural gas" refer to the "conventional natural gas" product type, all as defined in the instrument. In addition, references to "crude oil and liquids" herein include crude oil and NGLs.



The Company's total and average production for the past eight quarters and references to "crude oil", "NGLs", "crude oil and liquids" and "natural gas" reported in this MD&A consist of the following product types as defined in NI 51-101 using a conversion of 6 Mcf to 1 boe where applicable.

Three months ended	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023	Sept. 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	March 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	Sept. 30, 2022
Production								
Light and medium crude oil (bbls)	100,136	100,599	98,314	103,048	96,050	108,722	111,114	110,467
Heavy crude oil (bbls)	5,254	5,535	5,966	5,831	6,270	6,918	6,126	6,592
Crude oil (bbls)	105,390	106,134	104,280	108,879	102,320	115,640	117,240	117,059
NGLs (bbls)	9,207	23,811	57,183	16,180	-	-	-	-
Crude oil and liquids (bbls)	114,597	129,945	161,463	125,059	102,320	115,640	117,240	117,059
Conventional natural gas (Mcf)	2,278,297	3,050,412	3,725,201	1,121,585	383,572	461,189	527,105	-
Total production (boe)	494,313	638,347	782,330	311,990	166,249	192,505	205,091	117,059
Average daily production								
Light and medium crude oil (bbls/d)	1,100	1,105	1,068	1,120	1,055	1,208	1,207	1,200
Heavy crude oil (bbls/d)	58	61	65	63	69	77	67	72
Crude oil (bbls/d)	1,158	1,166	1,133	1,183	1,124	1,285	1,274	1,272
NGLs (bbls/d)	101	262	622	176	-	-	-	-
Crude oil and liquids (bbls/d)	1,259	1,428	1,755	1,359	1,124	1,285	1,274	1,272
Conventional natural gas (Mcf/d)	25,036	33,521	40,491	12,191	4,215	5,124	5,729	-
Average daily production (boe/d)	5,432	7,015	8,504	3,391	1,827	2,139	2,229	1,272

The Company's total and average production for the six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 and references to "crude oil", "NGLs", "crude oil and liquids" and "natural gas" reported in this MD&A consist of the following product types as defined in NI 51-101 using a conversion of 6 Mcf to 1 boe where applicable.

	Six months ended June 30,	
	2024	2023
Production		
Light and medium crude oil (bbls)	200,735	204,772
Heavy crude oil (bbls)	10,789	13,188
Crude oil (bbls)	211,524	217,960
NGLs (bbls)	33,018	-
Crude oil and liquids (bbls)	244,542	217,960
Conventional natural gas (Mcf)	5,328,709	844,761
Total production (boe)	1,132,660	358,754
Average daily production		
Light and medium crude oil (bbls/d)	1,103	1,131
Heavy crude oil (bbls/d)	59	73
Crude oil (bbls/d)	1,162	1,204
NGLs (bbls/d)	181	-
Crude oil and liquids (bbls/d)	1,343	1,204
Conventional natural gas (Mcf/d)	29,279	4,667
Average daily production (boe/d)	6,223	1,982

# References to Touchstone

For convenience, references in this document to the "Company", "we", "us", "our", and "its" may, where applicable, refer only to Touchstone.



# **Abbreviations**

The following is a list of abbreviations that may be used in this MD&A:

Oil and n	atural gas measurement	Other	
bbl(s) bbls/d Mbbls Mcf Mcf/d MMcf MMcf/d MMBtu boe boe/d	barrel(s) barrels per day thousand barrels thousand cubic feet thousand cubic feet per day million cubic feet million cubic feet per day million British Thermal Units barrels of oil equivalent barrels of oil equivalent per day	AIM Brent C\$ NGL(s) TSX TT\$ WTI \$ or US\$	AIM market of the London Stock Exchange plc Dated Brent Canadian dollar Natural gas liquid(s) Toronto Stock Exchange Trinidad and Tobago dollar Western Texas Intermediate United States dollar Pounds sterling
Mboe	thousand barrels of oil equivalent		

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information related to Touchstone and factors that could affect our operations and financial results are included with reports on file with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, including the interim financial statements, the audited 2023 financial statements and the related management's discussion and analysis as well as our December 31, 2023 Annual Information Form dated March 20, 2024, all of which can be accessed online on our SEDAR+ profile (<a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>) and on our website (<a href="www.touchstoneexploration.com">www.touchstoneexploration.com</a>).





# **Corporate Information**

#### **Directors**

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Chair of the Board

Jenny Alfandary
Paul R. Baay
Priya Marajh
Kenneth R. McKinnon
Peter Nicol
Beverley Smith
Stanley T. Smith
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# **Corporate Secretary**

**Thomas E. Valentine** 

# Officers and Senior Executives

Paul R. Baay

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### Scott Budau

Chief Financial Officer

### James Shipka

Executive Vice President Asset Development and HSE

### **Brian Hollingshead**

Executive Vice President Engineering and Business Development

#### **Alex Sanchez**

Vice President Production and Environment

#### Cayle Sorge

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