

# Mountain Province Diamonds Results of Tenth Diamond Sale

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TORONTO and NEW YORK, Jan. 3, 2018 /CNW/ - [Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.](#) ("Mountain Province", the "Company" and NASDAQ: MPVD) today announces the results of its recently completed tenth diamond sale.

The results of the tenth sale, with preceding sale results for comparative context, are summarized as follows:

	2017-Q1	2017-Q2	2017-Q3	2017-Oct	2017-Nov	2017-Dec
	Sales 1-3	Sales 4-5	Sales 6-7	Sale 8	Sale 9	Sale 10
	37.7	33.8	48.0	21.3	19.0	19.1
Tender Sale Proceeds (USD million)						
Carats Sold ('000s)	522	370	753	353	288	364
Value per Carat (USD) <sup>1</sup>	72	91	64	60	66	53
Normalized Value per Carat (USD)	72	79 <sup>2</sup>	67 <sup>2</sup>	63 <sup>2</sup>	71 <sup>2</sup>	65 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Diamonds sold at individual sale events will not directly reflect run-of-mine production from specific processing periods. The timing of the sale of some goods may be accelerated or deferred for tactical marketing purposes. Realized average value per carat is also impacted by the binary nature of the fancies and specials bidding process within each production split, conducted approximately every five weeks with the Company's joint venture partner, De Beers Canada Inc. The winning party of each fancies and specials bid then markets 100% of those diamonds.

<sup>2</sup> Normalized to adjust for goods accelerated or deferred, and to include fancies and specials acquired through bid by De Beers Canada Inc.

Prices across all assortment categories continued to firm, increasing an average of 3% over the ninth sale.

No fancies or specials were offered in this tenth tender sale as the fancies and specials bid for the related production split was won by De Beers. Including the value of the fancies and specials had Mountain Province won the bid, the normalized value realized in the tenth sale was US\$65. The decrease in average price realization compared to the ninth sale is due primarily to a finer size distribution of goods. Notably, the last production split of 2017, which will supply the January tender sale, saw higher volumes, an improved size frequency distribution and the largest parcel of fancy and special diamonds produced to date on value and volume terms.

Said Reid Mackie, the Company's Vice President Diamond Marketing, "Our tenth sale saw further stabilization of rough diamond prices, strengthening of competition with over 150 companies attending the tender, the highest to date. This, combined with strong sales results reported by the retail sector, bodes well for a positive rough market re-opening in January."

To more meaningfully relate prices realized at sale events to production results, the Company also provides the following table:

Production Period <sup>4</sup>	Inception to End of Year 2016	July 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	YTD Total 2017	
	H1							
	2017				2017	2017		
Sale in Which Goods Were Primarily Sold 1 & 2	3 to 7 & Partial 8	Partial 8	8 9	10	n/a <sup>2</sup>	n/a <sup>2</sup>		
Tonnes Processed (100%) ('000s)	515	1,259	314	269	241 <sup>3</sup>	263	223	2,568
Recovered Grade (carats per tonne)	1.64	1.97	2.13	2.32	2.22	2.40	2.11	2.11
Carats Recovered (100%) ('000s)	847	2,481	669	622	535	632	470	5,409
Carats Recovered (49% share) ('000s)	422	1,216	328	305	262	310	230	2,650
Attributed Value per Tonne in CAD <sup>1</sup>	143	183	160	185	172	n/a <sup>2</sup>	n/a <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Attributed Value per Tonne has been determined based on realized sale results, with any accelerated or deferred goods adjusted to their period of production, reflecting only the Company's 49% share of all diamonds including fancies and specials.

<sup>2</sup> Not applicable as goods from this production period have not yet been sold.

<sup>3</sup> Tonnes processed in the month of September reflects the impact of a planned five day shut-down in that month for annual maintenance.

<sup>4</sup> Total figures may differ slightly from the sum of monthly figures due to the effects of rounding.

Said David Whittle, the Company's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, "After a successful first year of operation, Mountain Province anticipates a strong start to the new year. We have a robust product offering available for our first two months of 2018, and the parcel of fancies and specials from the last production split of 2017 is characterized by large, high value and attractive stones. We look forward to bringing them to sale over the coming months."

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Mountain Province Diamonds is a 49% participant with De Beers Canada in the Gahcho Kué diamond mine located in the Northwest Territories. Gahcho Kué is the world's largest new diamond mine, consisting of a cluster of four diamondiferous kimberlites, three of which are being developed and mined under the initial 12 year mine plan.

#### Qualified Person

The disclosure in this news release of scientific and technical information regarding Mountain Province's mineral properties has been reviewed and approved by Keyvan Salehi, P.Eng., MBA, a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

#### Caution Regarding Forward Looking Information

This news release contains certain "forward-looking statements" and "forward-looking information" under applicable Canadian and United States securities laws concerning the business, operations and financial performance and condition of [Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.](#) Forward-looking statements and forward-looking information include, but are not limited to, statements regarding to estimated production and mine life of the project of Mountain Province; the realization of mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production; costs of production; the future price of diamonds; the estimation of mineral reserves and resources; the ability to manage debt; capital expenditures; the ability to obtain permits for operations; liquidity; tax and currency exchange rate fluctuations. Except for statements of historical fact relating to Mountain Province, certain information contained herein constitutes forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are frequently characterized by v

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Factors that could cause actual results to vary materially from results anticipated by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, variations in ore grade or recovery rates, changes in market conditions, changes in project parameters, mine sequencing, production rates; cash flow; risks relating to the availability and timeliness of permitting and governmental approvals; supply and demand for, diamonds; fluctuating commodity prices and currency exchange rates, the possibility of project cost overruns, unanticipated costs and expenses, labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry, failure of plant, equipment or other factors to operate as anticipated.

These factors are discussed in greater detail in Mountain Province's most recent Annual Information Form and in the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) filed on SEDAR, which also provide additional general assumptions in connection with these statements. Mountain Province cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Investors and others who base themselves on forward-looking statements should carefully consider the above factors as well as the uncertainties they represent and the risks that may entail. Mountain Province believes that the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements included in this release should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this news release.

Although Mountain Province has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results to be anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Mountain Province undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's estimates or opinions should change, as required by applicable securities laws. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Statements concerning mineral reserve and resource estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking statements to the extent they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered as the property is developed.

Further, Mountain Province may make changes to its business plans that could affect its results. The principal assets of Mountain Province are administered pursuant to a joint venture under which Mountain Province is not the operator. Mountain Province is exposed to actions taken or omissions made by the operator within its prerogative and/or determinations made by the joint venture under its terms. Such actions or omissions may impact the future performance of Mountain Province. Under its current revolving credit facilities Mountain Province is subject to certain limitations on its ability to pay dividends on common stock. The declaration of dividends is at the discretion of Mountain Province's Board of Directors, subject to the limitations under the Company's debt facilities, and will depend on Mountain Province's financial results, cash requirements, future prospects and other factors deemed relevant by the Board.

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