

# Mountain Province Diamonds Announces First Quarter 2018 Production Results

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TORONTO and NEW YORK, April 24, 2018 /CNW/ - [Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.](#) ("Mountain Province", the "Company") (TSX and NASDAQ: MPVD) today announces production results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018 from the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine ("GK Mine").

#### Q1 Production Highlights

- In the first quarter of 2018, the GK Mine plant recovered approximately 1,641,000 carats on a 100% basis for an average grade of approximately 2.09 carats per tonne, 89% and 18% higher than what was achieved during the same period last year respectively.
- Pre-stripping of the Hearne pit continued on schedule during the quarter and the operations team anticipates mining first ore by the end of April.
- The shovel and trucks included in the guided capital expenditures were delivered to site in the first quarter. Assembly and commissioning of the shovel is complete, and the completion of the truck fleet is expected by end of the second quarter.

#### Q1 Production Statistics

|   | 2018 Q1   | 2017 Q1 <sup>1</sup> | YOY Variance |
|---|-----------|----------------------|--------------|
| Total tonnes mined (100%) (overburden, waste and ore) | 8,202,000 | 7,670,000            | 7%           |
| Ore tonnes mined (100%)                               | 741,000   | 611,000              | 21%          |
| Ore tonnes processed (100%)                           | 786,000   | 492,000              | 60%          |
| Carats recovered (100%)                               | 1,641,000 | 867,000              | 89%          |
| Carats recovered (49% share)                          | 804,000   | 425,000              | 89%          |
| Recovered grade (carats per tonne)                    | 2.09      | 1.77                 | 18%          |

1. Figures for 2017 Q1 reflect that commercial production at the GK Mine was not declared until March 1, 2017.

Said David Whittle, the Company's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, "We have had a solid start to the year in 2018 and these production results keep us on track to achieve our full-year 2018 production guidance of 6.3 to 6.6 million carats recovered on a 100% basis. The grades continue to perform well at the GK Mine and are a key driver of the production results. The plant also continues to achieve higher throughput than originally anticipated, having achieved and broken daily throughput records in a given 24 hour period during the first quarter of 2018. The winter road program was safely and successfully completed, capping off a great first full year of commercial production at the GK Mine. The Gahcho Kué team is to be congratulated for achieving such a strong performance."

Mountain Province Diamonds is a 49% participant with De Beers Canada in the Gahcho Kué diamond mine located in Canada's 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

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These factors are discussed in greater detail in Mountain Province's most recent Annual Information Form and in the most recent 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 risk they 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 news 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 not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as 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 except 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.

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