

Mountain Province Diamonds Announces First Quarter 2023 Production and Sales Results

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TORONTO, April 13, 2023 - [Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.](#) ("Mountain Province", the "Company") (TSX: MPVD) (OTC: MPVD) today announces production and sales results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2023 ("the Quarter" or "Q1 2023") from the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine ("GK Mine"). All figures are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

Q1 Production Takeaways

(all figures reported on a 100% basis unless otherwise stated)

- 1,319,603 carats recovered, 11% higher than last year's comparable quarter (Q1 2022: 1,185,156 carats)
- Average grade of 1.72 carats per tonne, a 3% increase relative to Q1 2022 (1.67 carats per tonne)
- 427,925 ore tonnes mined, a 58% decrease relative to last year's comparable quarter (Q1 2022: 1,018,722 ore tonnes mined)
- 766,786 ore tonnes treated, an 8% increase relative last year's comparable quarter (Q1 2022: 707,553 tonnes treated)

Q1 2023 Production Figures

	2023 Q1	2022 Q1	YoY Variance
Total tonnes mined (ore and waste)	8,935,015	8,167,801	9 %
Ore tonnes mined	427,925	1,018,722	-58 %
Ore tonnes treated	766,786	707,553	8 %
Carats recovered	1,319,603	1,185,156	11 %
Carats recovered (49% share)	646,605	580,726	11 %
Recovered grade (carats per tonne)	1.72	1.68	3 %

Q1 2023 Production was impacted by lower than planned process plant and loading unit availability. An annual planned major-maintenance shut-down will occur in May that is expected to address many of the areas in the plant seeing recurring unplanned downtime.

Q1 Sales Results

During the quarter 961,024 carats were sold for total proceeds of \$128.7 million (US\$95.0 million). This is the highest Q1 revenue recorded by the Company to date with three open market sales completed in the quarter. These results compare favourably with Q1 2022 when 506,567 carats were sold for total proceeds of \$84.7 million (US\$66.7 million). Achieving this milestone was a targeted effort to optimise revenue and expedite three full production splits into a strong market for small rough diamonds.

Mark Wall, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"While Q1 has historically proven to be a seasonally low production period, Q1 of 2023 has not met my expectations from an operational performance perspective. We are working with our operator and joint venture partner to ensure that the required resources and improvements are delivered to return to the performance that we saw in quarter four of last year. While I remain optimistic about the growth and life extension opportunities at the GK mine, the day-to-day operational results from our operator need to improve. We continue to expect to deliver production and costs within guidance for 2023. On the sales side we saw an excellent result in a resilient market amid strong demand from major jewelry brands and the

continued recovery in the Chinese market."

About Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.

Mountain Province Diamonds is a 49% participant with De Beers Canada in the Gahcho Kué diamond mine located in Canada's Northwest Territories. The Gahcho Kué Joint Venture property consists of several kimberlites that are actively being mined, developed, and explored for future development. The Company also controls more than 113,000 hectares of highly prospective mineral claims and leases surrounding the Gahcho Kué Mine that include an Indicated mineral resource for the Kelvin kimberlite and Inferred mineral resources for the Faraday kimberlites. Kelvin is estimated to contain 13.62 million carats (Mct) in 8.50 million tonnes (Mt) at a grade of 1.60 carats/tonne and value of US\$63/car. Faraday 2 is estimated to contain 5.45Mct in 2.07Mt at a grade of 2.63 carats/tonne and value of US\$140/ct. Faraday 1-3 is estimated to contain 1.90Mct in 1.87Mt at a grade of 1.04 carats/tonne and value of US\$75/car. All resource estimations are based on a 1mm diamond size bottom cut-off.

For further information on Mountain Province Diamonds and to receive news releases by email, visit the Company's website at www.mountainprovince.com.

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 Tom E. McCandless, Ph.D., P.Ge., and Matthew MacPhail, P.Eng, MBA, both employees of [Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.](#) and Qualified Persons as defined by National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

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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 with respect to operational hazards, including possible disruption due to pandemic such as COVID-19, its impact on travel, self-isolation protocols and business and operations, 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 rates; 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 words such as "anticipates," "may," "can," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "targets," "intends," "likely," "will," "should," "to be", "potential" and other similar words, or statements that certain events or conditions "may", "should" or "will" occur. Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management at the date the statements are made, and are based on a number of assumptions and subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Many of these assumptions are based on factors and events that are not within the control of Mountain Province and there is no assurance they will prove to be correct.

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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

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