



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Mountain Province Diamonds Results of Fifth Diamond Sale of 2018

**Toronto and New York, June 28, 2018** – Mountain Province Diamonds Inc. (“Mountain Province”, the “Company”) (TSX and NASDAQ: MPVD) today announces the results of its recently completed fifth diamond tender sale of 2018. Total proceeds from the sale were US\$30.3 million (CDN\$40.0 million), setting another new high for Mountain Province’s tender results to date. This tender also delivered the sale of Mountain Province’s highest value individual diamond, as well as the highest attributable value per tonne to date.

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

	2017-H1 Sales 1-5	2017-Q3 Sales 6-7	2017-Q4 Sales 8-10	2018-Q1 Sales 1-2	2018 Apr Sale 3	2018 May Sale 4	2018 Jun Sale 5
Tender Sale Proceeds (USD million)	71.5	48.0	59.3	52.4	26.4	28.3	30.3
Carats Sold ('000s)	892	753	1,005	527	451	350	356
Value per Carat (USD) <sup>1</sup>	80	64	59	99	59	81	85
Normalized Value per Carat (USD) <sup>2</sup>	75	78	66	83	80	79	86

<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.

“The positive results of our fifth sale were driven by strong demand in the rough diamond market”, said Reid Mackie, the Company’s Vice President Diamond Marketing. “This demand is supported by stable rough supply levels and continued positive retail news from the key diamond consumer markets. At our fifth tender, customer interest and bidding competition was particularly high for larger white gem lots. We saw prices for this product category again increase by low single digit percentages compared with the previous sale.”



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This interest in larger white gem was exemplified by the impressive sales result achieved for the 95 carat diamond acquired at the most recent joint venture production split. Said Mr. Mackie, “Customer competition for the 95 carat gem exceeded expectations, with the final result more than doubling the previous highest value achieved for a single diamond. To maintain confidentiality for the buyer, further specifics of this diamond’s sale will not be released.”

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

Production Period <sup>3</sup>	H1 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018
Sale in Which Goods Were Primarily Sold	3 to 7 & Partial 8	Partial 8 to 10	1, 2 & 3	2 & 3	4	5	n/a <sup>2</sup>	n/a <sup>2</sup>
Tonnes Processed (100%) ('000s)	1,259	823	693	327	217	242	275	339
Recovered Grade (carats per tonne)	1.97	2.22	2.35	1.89	2.05	2.40	2.31	1.84
Carats Recovered (100%) ('000s)	2,481	1,825	1,627	618	444	579	634	624
Carats Recovered (49% share) ('000s)	1,216	894	797	303	218	284	311	306
Attributed Value per Tonne in CAD <sup>1</sup>	183	172	208	167	185	234	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> Total figures may differ slightly from the sum of monthly figures due to the effects of rounding.

Plant throughput in the month of May was over 339,000 tonnes, the highest throughput reported for a production month since inception. The recovered grade for May of 1.84 carats per tonne reflects a short-term sequencing impact as ore processed for the month included a higher than typical proportion of 5034 Centre lobe material, which tends to be lower in grade but higher in average value per carat.

Said Jonathan Comerford, the Company’s Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, “The fifth sale of the year saw a strong performance for Mountain Province in sales and pricing, reflecting the growth in appreciation of our production by our customers as well as a continued strong rough diamond market. We set a new record for total proceeds realized by Mountain Province in a tender, and the normalised value for this sale at US\$86 a carat is one of the highest we have achieved to date. This tender also saw the successful sale of our highest value diamond to date, at a price we were very happy with.”

Continued Mr. Comerford, “The attributed value per tonne for the fifth sale at \$234 for March is also the highest we have achieved to date and highlights the Company’s very high operating margins. We view value per tonne as a better performance measure for the Company than value per carat as it takes into account the improved grade versus the original plan as well as the effect of current exchange rates. The mine and plant operations continue to perform well, with carats produced to date ahead of plan and considerably ahead of this time last year.”



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As previously announced, Stuart Brown will start as the Company's new President and CEO on July 1st. Said Mr. Comerford, "The Board very much looks forward to working with Stuart, and would again like to thank David Whittle for steering the Company through a critical 12 months of transition."

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**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*.

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