Western Forest Products Inc.

2023 First Quarter Report

Management's Discussion & Analysis

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") reports and comments on the financial condition and results of operations of Western Forest Products Inc. (the "Company", "Western", "us", "we", or "our"), on a consolidated basis, for the three months ended March 31, 2023, to help security holders and other readers understand our Company and the key factors underlying our financial results. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the notes thereto for the three months ended March 31, 2023, and our audited annual consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022, which can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The Company has prepared the consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2023, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Amounts discussed herein are based on our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and are presented in millions of Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. Certain comparative prior period figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

Reference is made in this MD&A to Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA"). Adjusted EBITDA is defined as operating income prior to operating restructuring items and other income (expense) plus amortization of plant, equipment, right of use and timber licence assets, impairment adjustments, and changes in fair value of biological assets. Adjusted EBITDA margin is Adjusted EBITDA as a proportion of revenue. Western uses Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin as benchmark measurements of our own operating results and as benchmarks relative to our competitors. We consider Adjusted EBITDA to be a meaningful supplement to operating income as a performance measure primarily because amortization expense, impairment adjustments and changes in the fair value of biological assets are non-cash costs and vary widely from company to company in a manner that we consider largely independent of the underlying cost efficiency of their operating facilities. Further, the inclusion of operating restructuring items which are unpredictable in nature and timing may make comparisons of our operating results between periods more difficult. We also believe Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate our financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA does not represent cash generated from operations as defined by IFRS and it is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs. Furthermore, Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the impact of certain items that affect our net income. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are not measures of financial performance under IFRS and should not be considered as alternatives to measures of performance under IFRS. Moreover, because all companies do not calculate Adjusted EBITDA in the same manner, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin calculated by Western may differ from similar measures calculated by other companies. A reconciliation between the Company's net income as reported in accordance with IFRS and Adjusted EBITDA is included in the "*Non-GAAP Financial Measures*" section of this report.

Management uses key performance indicators such as net debt, net debt to capitalization and current assets to current liabilities. Net debt is defined as long-term debt and bank indebtedness less cash and cash equivalents. Net debt to capitalization is a ratio defined as net debt divided by capitalization, with capitalization being the sum of net debt and equity. Current assets to current liabilities ratio is defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities. These key performance indicators are non-GAAP financial measures that do not have a standardized meaning and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other issuers. They are not recognized by IFRS, but are meaningful in that they indicate the Company's ability to meet its obligations on an ongoing basis and indicate whether the Company is more or less leveraged than in the past.

This MD&A contains statements that may constitute forward-looking statements under the applicable securities laws. Readers are cautioned against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All statements herein, other than statements of historical fact, may be forward-looking statements and can be identified by the use of words such as "will", "commit", "project", "estimate", "expect", "anticipate", "plan", "target", "forecast", "intend", "believe", "seek", "could", "should", "may", "likely", "continue", "pursue" and similar references to future periods. Forward-looking statements in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, statements relating to our current intent, belief or expectations with respect to: domestic and international market conditions, demands and growth; economic conditions; our growth, marketing, production, wholesale, operational and capital allocation plans, investments and strategies, including but not limited to payment of a dividend or repurchase of shares; fibre availability and regulatory developments; changes to stumpage rates and the expected timing thereof; the impact of COVID-19; the execution of our sales and marketing strategy; the development and completion of integrated resource management plans or forest landscape plan pilots by First Nations; the potential for viable industrial manufacturing solutions for the APD facility; and the expected timing and cost of completion of the Company's announced strategic investments. Although such statements reflect management's current reasonable beliefs, expectations and assumptions as to, amongst other things, the future supply and demand of forest products, global and regional economic activity and the consistency of the regulatory framework within which the Company currently operates, there can be no assurance that forward-looking statements are accurate, and actual results and performance may materially vary.

Many factors could cause our actual results or performance to be materially different, including: economic and financial conditions including inflation, international demand for forest products, the Company's ability to export its products, cost and availability of shipping carrier capacity, competition and selling prices, international trade disputes and sanctions, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, labour disputes and disruptions, ability to recruit workers, natural disasters, the impact of climate change, relations with First Nations groups, First Nations' claims and settlements, the availability of fibre and allowable annual cut, the ability to obtain operational permits, development and changes in laws and regulations affecting the forest industry including as related to old growth timber management and the Manufactured Forest Products Regulation, changes in the price of key materials for our products, changes in opportunities, information systems security, future developments relating to COVID-19 and other factors referenced under the "Risks and Uncertainties" section herein. The foregoing list is not exhaustive, as other factors could adversely affect our actual results and performance. Forward-looking statements are based only on information currently available to us and refer only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise noted, the information in this discussion and analysis is updated to May 3, 2023.

Summary of Selected Quarterly Results [1]

(millions of Canadian dollars except per share amounts and where otherwise noted)

Summary Information		Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q1 2022
Revenue				
Lumber [2]		$ 211.0	$ 219.7	$ 313.9
Logs		38.6	54.9	32.7
By-products and other		14.2	16.4	13.0
Total revenue		$ 263.8	$ 291.0	$ 359.6
Freight		$ 22.6	$ 19.7	$ 26.0
Export tax expense		4.7	4.7	11.5
Stumpage		15.5	27.9	18.8
Adjusted EBITDA [3]		$ (5.0)	$ (11.9)	$ 65.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin [3]		(2%)	(4%)	18%
Operating income (loss) prior to restructuring and other items		$ (18.1)	$ (23.6)	$ 52.2
Net income (loss)		(17.7)	(21.4)	38.0
Earnings (loss) per share				
Basic	$ per share	(0.05)	(0.07)	0.12
Diluted	$ per share	(0.05)	(0.07)	0.11

Operating Information [4]				
Lumber shipments [2],[5]	mmfbm	170	155	186
Cedar	mmfbm	30	27	46
Japan Specialty	mmfbm	15	14	32
Industrial [2]	mmfbm	23	21	17
Commodity	mmfbm	102	92	91
Lumber production [2]	mmfbm	162	139	175
Lumber price, average [2]	$/mfbm	$ 1,241	$ 1,420	$ 1,688
Wholesale lumber shipments	mmfbm	5	5	15
Log shipments	000 m^3	245	367	167
Domestic	000 m^3	198	245	132
Export	000 m^3	-	-	-
Pulp	000 m^3	47	123	35
Net production [6]	000 m^3	621	658	748
Saw log purchases	000 m^3	192	173	290
Log price, average [7]	$/$m^3$	$ 135	$ 142	$ 163

Illustrative Lumber Average Price Data [8]	Price Basis			
Grn WRC #2 Clear & Btr 4x6W RL ($C)	cif dest N Euro	$ 8,700	$ 9,744	$ 9,150
Grn WRC Deck Knotty 2x6 RL S4S	Net fob Mill	$ 1,469	$ 1,584	$ 2,210
Grn WRC #2 & Btr AG 6x6 RL	Net fob Mill	$ 3,315	$ 3,315	$ 3,210
Coast Gm WRC Std&Btr NH 3/4x4 RL S1S2E	Net fob Mill	$ 1,605	$ 1,791	$ 2,381
Grn Hem Baby Squares Merch 4-1/8x4-1/8 13’	c&f dest Japan	$ 1,222	$ 1,330	$ 1,860
Grn Dfir Baby Squares Merch 4-1/8x4-1/8 RL S4S	c&f dest Japan	$ 1,272	$ 1,425	$ 1,940
Grn Dfir (Portland) #1&Btr 100% FOHC 6x6 Rough	Net fob Mill	$ 1,992	$ 2,002	$ 1,859
Hemlock Lumber 2x4 (40x90) Metric RG Utility	cif dest Shanghai	$ 411	$ 397	$ 554
Coast KD Hem-Fir #2 & Btr 2x4	Net fob Mill	$ 399	$ 494	$ 1,311
Average exchange rate – CAD to USD		0.740	0.737	0.789
Average exchange rate – CAD to JPY		97.90	104.06	91.73

(1) Included in Appendix A is a table of selected results from the last eight quarters. Figures in the table may not equal, sum or recalculate to figures presented in the table or elsewhere due to rounding. Log data reflects British Columbia (“BC”) business only.
(2) Includes glulaminated wood products.
(3) Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to the Non-GAAP Financial Measures section of this document for more information on each non-GAAP financial measure.
(4) “mmfbm” = millions of board feet; “mfbm” = thousands of board feet.
(5) Includes wholesale lumber shipments.
(6) Net production is sorted log production, net of residuals and waste.
(7) The average realized log price per cubic metre has been presented on a gross basis, which may include fee-in-lieu and shipping charges incurred on behalf of customers to facilitate sales to export markets.
(8) Sourced from Random Lengths in USD/Mfbm except Hemlock Metric RG Utility that is sourced from the Forest Economic Advisors LLC China Bulletin.

Summary of First Quarter 2023 Results

We reported Adjusted EBITDA of negative $5.0 million in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to Adjusted EBITDA of $65.4 million in the same period last year. Results in the first quarter of 2023 reflect more challenging macroeconomic conditions, resulting in lower lumber prices and reduced demand compared to the same period last year.

Net loss was $17.7 million in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to net income of $38.0 million in the same period last year. Operating loss prior to restructuring and other items was $18.1 million in first quarter of 2023, as compared to income of $52.2 million in the same period last year. The first quarter of 2023 included $5.2 million in restructuring costs primarily related to our Alberni Pacific Division ("APD").

Sales

Lumber revenue was $211.0 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to $313.9 million in the same period last year. The 33% decline was due to lower lumber shipment volumes, lower average lumber prices and a weaker sales mix, slightly offset by a stronger US Dollar ("USD") to Canadian Dollar ("CAD") exchange rate.

Specialty lumber shipments represented 40% of total lumber shipment volumes in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to 51% in the same period last year. Cedar lumber shipment volumes were down 35% compared to the same period last year due to more cautious buyer activity and a slower start to the spring building season. Japan lumber shipment volumes were down 53% compared to the same period last year due to increased levels of supply from domestic manufacturing, Europe and Russia.

Our average realized lumber price was $1,241 per thousand board feet in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to $1,688 per thousand board feet in the same period last year. The decrease of 26% was due to a weaker lumber sales mix and lower lumber prices, partially offset by a stronger USD to CAD exchange rate.

Log revenue was $38.6 million in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to $32.7 million in the same period last year. The increase of 18% was due to higher log sales to balance log inventories to lumber market conditions and fibre requirements of our manufacturing facilities, partially offset by lower average domestic log prices.

By-products and other revenue were $14.2 million, as compared to $13.0 million in the same period last year. The increase of 9% was due to higher revenue from harvesting services provided to third parties and product mix, partially offset by lower chip volumes.

Operations

Lumber production was 162 million board feet in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to 175 million board feet in the same period last year. We took market-related curtailments at several of our BC sawmills at the beginning of January to match lumber production to market conditions and manage inventory levels.

We harvested 621,000 cubic metres of logs from our BC coastal operations in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to 748,000 cubic metres in the same period last year, to match harvest volumes to market conditions. In the first quarter of 2022 we capitalized on good harvesting conditions to rebuild log inventory.

Timberlands operating costs per cubic metre increased 4% over the same period last year due to lower harvest volumes and general inflationary impacts on costs. Average stumpage per cubic metre in the first quarter of 2023 was generally flat compared to the same period last year. Average stumpage per cubic metre in the first quarter of 2023 was 39% lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2022.

BC Coastal sawlog purchases were 192,000 cubic metres in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to 290,000 cubic metres in the same period last year. We managed sawlog purchases to match fibre requirements at our BC manufacturing facilities.

Freight expense was $22.6 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to $26.0 million in the same period last year. The decrease of 13% was due to lower lumber and export shipments, partially offset by higher rail and trucking rates. In addition, lack of container availability in the comparative period necessitated the use of higher cost breakbulk vessels.

Adjusted EBITDA and operating income included $4.7 million of countervailing duty ("CV") and anti-dumping duty ("AD") expense in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to $11.5 million in the same period of 2022. Export tax expense declined due to lower duty rates, lumber prices and US-destined lumber shipment volumes.

Corporate and Other

Selling and administration expense was $12.0 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to $13.2 million in the same period last year. The decrease was primarily due to reductions in incentive-based compensation due to lower earnings and declines in the Company's share price.

Restructuring costs were $5.2 million in the first quarter of 2023 and consisted primarily of retirement bridging costs for workers of APD. The $0.6 million in restructuring costs in the first quarter of 2022 related primarily to closure costs of our Somass Division.

Other expense was $0.1 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to $0.1 million in the same period last year. The first quarter of 2022 included a $1.4 million gain from the sale of the remaining non-core assets at our Somass operation, offset by foreign exchange losses and other items.

Finance costs were $0.2 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to $0.4 million in the same period last year. Interest revenue from the export duty receivable was partially offset by interest expense on higher borrowings in the first quarter of 2023.

Income Taxes

Income tax recoveries were $5.9 million on a net loss before tax of $23.6 million in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to an expense of $13.1 million on income before tax of $51.1 million in the same period last year. The effective tax rate of 25% was relatively unchanged quarter over quarter.

Net Income (Loss)

Net loss was $17.7 million in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to net income of $38.0 million for the same period last year. More challenging macroeconomic conditions resulted in lower lumber demand and prices and impacted results year over year.

Alberni Pacific Division

In January 2023, the Company announced it would not restart its APD facility in its current configuration and established a multi-party working group. The working group, which included representatives from Western, the United Steelworkers union ("USW"), Indigenous partners and contractually-aligned business, had a mandate to explore potential viable industrial manufacturing solutions for the APD facility over a 90 day period.

In February 2023, Western partnered with the Government of British Columbia (the "Province") and the USW to offer voluntary severance and a bridging to retirement program for APD employees over age 55, with 60 eligible employees opting into the program. Western has recognized $5.0 million in restructuring costs in first quarter of 2023 related to APD.

In April 2023, the Company announced it concluded the 90-day working group process and had commenced negotiations and due diligence processes related to proposals received.

The mill was curtailed at various times in 2022 due to a combination of market demand and log availability and did not operate in the first quarter of 2023. The Company did not recognize an impairment in respect of the APD assets as at March 31, 2023 as the estimated fair value of the assets is in excess of the carrying value.

Indigenous Relationships

We respect the treaty and Aboriginal rights of Indigenous groups, and we are committed to open dialogue and meaningful actions in support of reconciliation. We are actively investing time and resources in capacity building and fostering positive working relationships with Indigenous groups with traditional territories within which Western operates. For additional details of our progress in 2022, please see *"Indigenous Relationships"* in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Integrated Resource Management/Forest Landscape Planning Initiatives

Work continues on several Nation-led integrated resource management planning initiatives across five of the Tree Farm Licence ("TFL") areas where Western operates. These include:

- The TFL 37 Forest Landscape Plan pilot project sponsored by 'Na̱mg̱is First Nation and Western, the most advanced of four ongoing Forest Landscape Plan pilot projects being developed across the province and sponsored by the Office of the Chief Forester of British Columbia.
- Ongoing development of an Integrated Resource Management Plan for TFL 39 (Block 2) with Na̱nwaḵolas Council, representing four member Nations, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, K'ómoks and Tlowitsis First Nations.
- Supporting Tla'amin Nation in the development of the Tla'amin Territory Forest Resource Plan, the plan area of which includes TFL 39 (Block 1).
- Supporting Huu-ay-aht First Nations development of the Hišuk ma c̓awak Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Huu-ay-aht Territory, including a portion of C̓awak ʔqin Forestry Limited Partnership's TFL 44. Development of an Integrated Resource Management Plan for TFL 44 will be initiated this year after pausing the process announced in early 2022 to allow time for other Nation-led processes in the area to progress.
- Ongoing development of an Integrated Resource Management Plan for the portion of TFL 6 located in Quatsino's Territory with Quatsino First Nation.

Regulatory Environment

Since 2020, the Province introduced various policy initiatives and regulatory changes that impact the BC forest sector, including: fibre recovery, lumber remanufacturing, old growth forest management and the exportation of logs. For additional details on these policy initiatives, regulatory changes and risks, please see *"Regulatory Environment"* and *"Risks and Uncertainties"* in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

For additional details on policy requirements and regulatory aspects in relation to First Nations see "*Land Claims by Indigenous Groups"* and *"Regulatory Risks"* under the heading *"Risks and Uncertainties*" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

For additional details on old growth logging deferrals and First Nations governments approach to such deferrals, please see the *"Old Growth Logging Deferrals"* heading in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In February 2023, the Province announced eight new regional Forest Landscape Planning ("FLP") tables throughout BC with the participation of approximately 50 First Nations. The Province's stated objective of these FLP tables are to provide greater clarity around the long-term, sustainable harvesting activities in the areas.

Financial Position and Liquidity[1]

(millions of Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted)

Selected Cash Flow Items	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q1 2022
Operating activities			
Net income (loss)	$ (17.7)	$ (21.4)	$ 38.0
Amortization	13.1	12.0	12.7
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, equipment and other assets	0.1	0.7	(1.4)
Income tax expense	(5.9)	(8.0)	13.1
Income taxes paid	(0.1)	(2.1)	(58.4)
Share-based compensation	0.6	(0.6)	1.0
Other	0.1	2.0	3.1
	(9.8)	(17.4)	8.1
Change in non-cash working capital	(16.0)	25.1	(43.9)
Cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(25.8)	7.7	(35.8)
Investing activities			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(5.0)	(15.4)	(4.8)
Additions to capital logging roads	(2.5)	(2.7)	(1.2)
Proceeds on disposal of property, equipment and other	0.2	0.3	1.7
Loans and advances	(1.1)	-	-
Other	-	(0.2)	(2.0)
Cash used in investing activities	(8.4)	(18.0)	(6.3)
Financing activities			
Drawings on credit facility	25.9	-	-
Bank indebtedness	1.0	-	-
Dividends	(4.0)	(3.9)	(3.3)
Share repurchases	-	(3.0)	(7.3)
Lease payments	(1.9)	(2.1)	(1.8)
Other	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.6)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	20.7	(9.3)	(13.0)
Decrease in cash	$ (13.5)	$ (19.6)	$ (55.1)
Summary of Financial Position			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2.3	$ 15.8	$ 74.9
Current assets	334.9	339.8	408.0
Current liabilities	121.5	125.8	162.9
Bank indebtedness	1.0	-	-
Long term debt	25.9	-	-
Net debt (cash) [2]	24.6	(15.8)	(74.9)
Equity, excluding non-controlling interest	626.5	647.2	640.9
Total liquidity [3][6]	205.4	249.8	310.1
Financial ratios			
Current assets to current liabilities [4]	2.76	2.70	2.50
Net debt to capitalization [5][6]	4%	0%	0%

(1) Figures in the table above may not equal or sum to figures presented in the table and elsewhere due to rounding.
(2) Net debt (cash) is defined as the sum of long-term debt and bank indebtedness, less cash and cash equivalents.
(3) Total liquidity comprises cash and cash equivalents, and available credit under the Company's credit facility.
(4) Current assets to current liabilities is a supplementary measure and defined as current assets divided by current liabilities.
(5) Capitalization comprises net debt and shareholders' equity.
(6) Total liquidity and Net debt to capitalization are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to the Non-GAAP Financial Measures section of this document for more information on each non-GAAP financial measure.

Cash used by operating activities was $25.8 million in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to $35.8 million in the same period last year. The first quarter of 2022 included income tax payments of $58.4 million in relation to 2021 and 2022 tax instalments. Increases in non-cash working capital in the first quarter of 2022 was primarily as a result of rebuilding depleted log inventories.

Cash used in investing activities was $8.4 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to cash used of $6.3 million during the same period last year. The first quarter of 2022 included $1.7 million in proceeds on disposal of non-core assets.

Cash provided by financing activities was $20.7 million in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to cash used of $13.0 million in the same period of 2022. The Company returned $4.0 million to shareholders through dividends in the first quarter of 2023 as compared to $3.3 million in the same period last year.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Total liquidity was $205.4 million at March 31, 2023, as compared to $249.8 million at December 31, 2022 and $310.1 at March 31, 2022. Liquidity is comprised of cash and cash equivalents of $2.3 million, and unused availability under the credit facility of $203.1 million.

Based on our current forecasts, we expect sufficient liquidity will be available to meet any commitments as well as our other obligations through 2023. The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants as at March 31, 2023.

Dividend and Capital Allocation

We remain committed to a balanced approach to capital allocation. We will continue to evaluate opportunities to invest strategic and discretionary capital in jurisdictions that create the opportunity to grow long-term shareholder value.

Quarterly Dividend

The quarterly dividend program is intended to return a portion of the Company's cash to shareholders, after taking into consideration liquidity and ongoing capital needs. The Company's Board will continue to review our dividend on a quarterly basis.

Dividends of $4.0 million were paid in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to $3.3 million in the same period last year.

Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB")

No shares were purchased under our NCIB in the first quarter of 2023.

BC Operations Strategic Investments Update

Western continues to make progress on the previously announced strategic investments. All projects remain on budget and on track for completion in various stages by the end of 2023.

- The $12.3 million continuous kiln at the Saltair sawmill is in the initial construction phase with $4.1 million spending completed through March 31, 2023.
- The optimization of the centralized planer at the Duke Point facility in Nanaimo, BC totals $7.9 million. The related capital expenditures through March 31, 2023 total $4.8 million.
- Other strategic investments total $8.3 million with expenditures to date totalling $5.6 million, including several completed projects.

Strategy and Outlook

Western's long-term business objective is to create and grow shareholder value by building a sustainable, margin-focused specialty products business of scale to compete successfully in global markets. For more detail on our strategic initiatives and actions, refer to "*Strategy and Outlook*" in our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Market Outlook

Near-term we expect lumber markets to remain volatile, as consumers adjust to higher interest rates and macroeconomic conditions. Temporary and permanent lumber production curtailments are helping to bring supply and demand back into balance. We are seeing some positive indications of demand and pricing improving in certain lumber segments, but overall lumber demand and prices remain below historical levels. We plan to continue to match production to market demand.

Demand and prices for Cedar timber and premium appearance products are expected to remain stable, while Cedar decking, trim and fencing products continue to remain weaker. Japan specialty lumber prices are expected to stabilize and demand should benefit as channel inventories rebalance. Demand for our Industrial lumber products will be product line specific but are expected to remain stable. North American demand and prices for our commodity products are expected to remain volatile.

We expect sawlog markets to follow conditions in the lumber markets, while residual chip pricing is expected to decline due to weaker northern bleached softwood kraft (“NSBK”) prices to China.

Long-term we believe that housing market fundamentals and growth in mass timber construction will drive demand for lumber and specialty building products. We remain excited about the long-term growth opportunity for mass timber building in North America and the role and contribution wood products have to play in a low carbon world.

Softwood Lumber Dispute

The US application of duties continues a long-standing pattern of US protectionist action against Canadian lumber producers. For a comprehensive history of the softwood lumber trade dispute and related North American Free Trade Agreement (“NAFTA”) challenge proceedings, please see “*Risks and Uncertainties – Softwood Lumber Dispute”* in our Management’s Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Western expensed $4.7 million of export duties at a combined duty rate of 8.59% on its lumber shipments into the US in the first quarter of 2023, as compared to $11.5 million and 17.91%, respectively, for the same period last year.

On January 24, 2023, the Department of Commerce (“DoC”) released its preliminary determination for CV and AD rates resulting from its fourth administrative review (“AR”) of rates for shipments in 2021, indicating a combined rate of 8.24%. The DoC may revise these rates between the preliminary and the final determination, expected to be released in August 2023. Cash deposits continue at the combined duty rate of 8.59%, established in the AR for 2020 lumber shipments, until final determinations for 2021 are published, after which the new rates will apply.

On March 14, 2023, the DoC initiated its fifth AR of CV and AD rates for shipments for 2022.

As at March 31, 2023, Western had $207.2 million (USD $153.3 million) of cash on deposit with the US Department of Treasury in respect of these softwood lumber duties, of which $58.2 million (USD $43.0 million) is recognized in the Company’s balance sheet arising from final rate determinations for Canadian shipments made to the US in 2017 through 2020.

Including wholesale lumber shipments, our sales to the US market represented approximately 21% of our total lumber shipments in the first quarter of 2023.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Reference is made in this MD&A to the following non-GAAP measures: Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin, Net debt to capitalization and total Liquidity are used as benchmark measurements of our operating results and as benchmarks relative to our competitors. These non-GAAP measures are commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate our financial performance. These non-GAAP measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. The following table provides a reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to figures as reported in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements:

(millions of Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted)

Adjusted EBITDA	**Q1 2023**	**Q4 2022**	**Q1 2022**
Net income (loss)	$ (17.7)	$ (21.4)	$ 38.0
Add:			
Amortization	13.1	12.0	12.7
Changes in fair value of biological assets	-	(0.2)	0.5
Operating restructuring items	5.2	3.9	0.6
Other expense	0.1	2.0	0.1
Finance costs (income)	0.2	(0.1)	0.4
Income tax expense (recovery)	(5.9)	(8.0)	13.1
Adjusted EBITDA	$ (5.0)	$ (11.9)	$ 65.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin			
Total revenue	$ 263.8	$ 291.0	$ 359.6
Adjusted EBITDA	(5.0)	(11.9)	65.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin	(2%)	(4%)	18%
Net debt to capitalization	**Mar. 31 2023**	**Dec. 31 2022**	**Mar. 31 2022**
Net debt			
Total debt	$ 25.9	$ -	$ -
Bank indebtedness	1.0	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	(2.3)	(15.8)	(74.9)
Net debt (cash)	$ 24.6	$ (15.8)	$ (74.9)
Capitalization			
Net debt (cash)	$ 24.6	$ (15.8)	$ (74.9)
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	626.5	647.2	640.9
Capitalization	$ 651.1	$ 631.4	$ 566.0
Net debt to capitalization	4%	-	-
Total liquidity	**Mar. 31 2023**	**Dec. 31 2022**	**Mar. 31 2022**
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2.3	$ 15.8	$ 74.9
Available credit facility	250.0	250.0	250.0
Bank indebtedness	(1.0)	-	-
Total debt	(25.9)	-	-
Outstanding letters of credit	(20.0)	(16.0)	(14.8)
Total liquidity	$ 205.4	$ 249.8	$ 310.1

Figures in the table above may not equal or sum to figures presented elsewhere due to rounding.

Accounting Policies and Standards

Several new standards, and amendments to existing standards and interpretations, were not yet effective as at March 31, 2023, and have not been applied in preparing the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements. None of the standards are currently considered by the Company to be significant or likely to have a material impact on future financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates

For a review of significant management judgements affecting financial results and critical accounting estimates, please see our 2022 Annual Report, which can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. There were no changes to critical accounting estimates during the three months ended March 31, 2023.

Financial Instruments and Other Instruments

We use various financial instruments to reduce the impact of movement in foreign exchange rates on our net income. Please see our Management Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022 for a further discussion on our use of financial instruments. There were no changes to our use of financial instruments during the three months ended March 31, 2023.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has off-balance sheet arrangements which include letters of credit and surety performance and payment bonds, primarily for timber purchases and CV and AD duty deposits. At March 31, 2023, such instruments aggregated $16.5 million (December 31, 2022 - $20.1 million). Off-balance sheet arrangements have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, any material impact on the Company's current or future financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Related Party Transactions

Other than transactions in the normal course of business with the Board of Directors and key management personnel, the Company had no transactions between related parties in the three months ended March 31, 2023.

Risks and Uncertainties

The business of the Company is subject to several risks and uncertainties, including those described in the 2022 Annual Report which can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Any of the risks and uncertainties described in the above-noted document could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial condition and cash flows and, accordingly, should be carefully considered in evaluating Western's business. Except as set forth in this MD&A and the notes to our condensed consolidated interim financial statements, there were no additional risks and uncertainties identified during the three months ended March 31, 2023.

Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") during the three months ended March 31, 2023, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its ICFR.

Outstanding Share Data

As of May 3, 2023, there were 316,745,557 common shares of the Company issued and outstanding.

We have reserved 30,000,000 of our Shares for issuance upon the exercise of options granted under our incentive stock option plan. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, no options were granted, 400,000 previously granted options were exercised, 1,000,000 options expired and 2,246,778 options were forfeited. As of May 3, 2023, 11,486,679 stock options were outstanding under our incentive stock option plan.

Additional Information

Additional information relating to the Company and its operations, including the Company's Annual Information Form, can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis – Appendix A

Summary of Selected Results for the Last Eight Quarters

(millions of Canadian dollars except per share amounts and where noted)

		2023	2022				2021		
		Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Average exchange rate – USD to CAD		1.358	1.358	1.305	1.276	1.267	1.260	1.260	1.228
Average exchange rate – CAD to USD		0.740	0.737	0.766	0.783	0.789	0.793	0.794	0.814
Financial performance									
Revenue									
Lumber		$ 211.0	$ 219.7	$ 267.1	$ 351.8	$ 313.9	$ 268.0	$ 299.8	$ 353.1
Logs		38.6	54.9	72.5	70.8	32.7	48.9	41.0	46.3
By-products and other		14.2	16.4	16.4	14.8	13.0	11.0	12.1	15.0
Total revenue		$ 263.8	$ 291.0	$ 356.0	$ 437.4	$ 359.6	$ 327.9	$ 352.9	$ 414.4
Adjusted EBITDA		$ (5.0)	$ (11.9)	$ 17.3	$ 66.2	$ 65.4	$ 52.5	$ 66.3	$ 120.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin		(2%)	(4%)	5%	15%	18%	16%	19%	29%
Net income (loss)		$ (17.7)	$ (21.4)	$ 6.6	$ 38.6	$ 38.0	$ 28.5	$ 42.2	$ 78.3
Earnings (loss) per share									
Basic		$ (0.05)	$ (0.07)	$ 0.02	$ 0.12	$ 0.12	$ 0.08	$ 0.12	$ 0.21
Diluted		$ (0.05)	$ (0.07)	$ 0.02	$ 0.12	$ 0.11	$ 0.08	$ 0.12	$ 0.21
Operating statistics									
Lumber (1)(2)									
Production	Mmfbm	162	139	169	173	175	179	175	207
Shipments	Mmfbm	170	155	179	197	186	164	193	221
Price	$/mfbm	$ 1,241	$ 1,420	$ 1,495	$ 1,786	$ 1,688	$ 1,634	$ 1,553	$ 1,598
Logs (3)									
Net production	000 m^3	621	658	800	904	748	700	690	1,012
Saw log purchases	000 m^3	192	173	302	328	290	211	227	227
Log availability	000 m^3	813	831	1,102	1,232	1,038	911	917	1,239
Shipments	000 m^3	245	367	404	391	167	378	325	351
Price (4)	$/$m^3$	$ 135	$ 142	$ 172	$ 166	$ 163	$ 117	$ 120	$ 127
Share Repurchases and Dividends									
Shares repurchased	# millions	-	2.2	6.5	-	3.4	17.4	14.6	14.4
Shares repurchased	$ millions	$ -	$ 3.0	$ 10.0	$ -	$ 7.3	$ 34.5	$ 30.2	$ 29.9
Dividends paid	$ millions	$ 4.0	$ 3.9	$ 4.1	$ 4.0	$ 3.3	$ 3.3	$ 3.6	$ 3.6
Non-GAAP Financial Measures									
Net income (loss)		$ (17.7)	$ (21.4)	$ 6.6	$ 38.6	$ 38.0	$ 28.5	$ 42.2	$ 78.3
Add:									
Amortization		13.1	12.0	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.0	13.3
Changes in fair value of biological assets		-	(0.2)	(0.2)	-	0.5	0.2	0.8	1.5
Operating restructuring items		5.2	3.9	(0.2)	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.5
Other expense (income)		0.1	2.0	(4.0)	(0.2)	0.1	(0.3)	(4.0)	(1.4)
Finance costs (income)		0.2	(0.1)	(0.7)	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Income tax expense (recovery)		(5.9)	(8.0)	3.0	14.5	13.1	10.2	14.0	27.9
Adjusted EBITDA		$ (5.0)	$ (11.9)	$ 17.3	$ 66.2	$ 65.4	$ 52.5	$ 66.3	$ 120.4
Divided by total revenue		263.8	291.0	356.0	437.4	359.6	327.9	352.9	414.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin		(2%)	(4%)	5%	15%	18%	16%	19%	29%

Figures in the table above may not equal, sum or recalculate to figures presented elsewhere due to rounding.

(1) "mmfbm" = millions of board feet; "mfbm" = thousands of board feet.
(2) Includes glulaminated wood products.
(3) Coastal BC business only. Net production is sorted log production, net of residuals and waste. Log availability is net production plus saw log purchases.
(4) The average realized log price per cubic metre has been presented on a gross basis, which may include fee-in-lieu and shipping charges incurred on behalf of customers to facilitate sales to export markets.

In a normal operating year there is seasonality to the Company's operations with higher lumber sales in the second and third quarters when construction and renovation and repair activity, particularly in the US, has historically tended to be higher. Log production is greater in that same period as longer daylight permits more hours of operations. Logging activity may also vary depending on weather conditions such as rain, snow and ice in the winter and the threat of forest fire in the summer. This seasonality generally results in the Company increasing working capital utilization through its third quarter as it builds log inventory during optimal harvest conditions and builds lumber inventory in advance of seasonally high lumber demand.

The Company's quarterly financial trends are most impacted by typical industry-wide seasonality, levels of lumber production, log costs, market prices for lumber, labour disputes, the USD/CAD exchange rate, long term asset impairments and restructuring charges, and disposals of non-core properties.

Log production in the second half of 2021 and early 2022 was affected by the prolonged weather-related curtailment of logging operations. In late 2022, certain BC manufacturing facilities were curtailed and log production was lowered to match fibre requirements in our manufacturing facilities. To manage inventory, the BC sawmills were further curtailed for the first two weeks of January 2023.

Western Forest Products Inc.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

For the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Western Forest Products Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
(Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2.3	$ 15.8
Trade and other receivables	60.1	60.5
Inventory (Note 5)	228.0	224.8
Prepaid expenses and other assets	25.1	21.3
Income taxes receivable	19.4	17.4
	334.9	339.8
Non-current assets:		
Property, plant and equipment (Note 6)	361.1	364.7
Timber licenses	95.3	96.3
Biological assets (Note 7)	49.1	49.1
Other assets (Note 8)	77.5	75.7
Goodwill	7.0	7.0
Deferred income tax assets	0.2	0.2
	$ 925.1	$ 932.8
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	$ 1.0	$ -
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	103.1	108.5
Income taxes payable	0.1	0.2
Lease liabilities	6.7	6.8
Reforestation obligation (Note 10)	8.6	8.3
Deferred revenue (Notes 15, 20(c))	2.0	2.0
	121.5	125.8
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt (Note 9)	25.6	-
Lease liabilities	16.0	16.4
Reforestation obligation (Note 10)	14.0	13.8
Other liabilities (Note 12)	12.3	15.4
Deferred revenue (Notes 15, 20(c))	44.0	44.5
Deferred income tax liabilities	61.4	65.2
	294.8	281.1
Equity:		
Share capital (Note 13)	405.4	405.4
Contributed surplus	8.8	9.1
Translation reserve	3.4	3.6
Retained earnings	208.9	229.1
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	626.5	647.2
Non-controlling interest	3.8	4.5
	630.3	651.7
	$ 925.1	$ 932.8

Commitments and contingencies (Note 20)

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board:

"Daniel Nocente"
Chair

"Steven Hofer"
President & Chief Executive Officer

Western Forest Products Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars except for share and per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Revenue (Note 15)	$ 263.8	$ 359.6
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of goods sold	242.6	256.7
Freight	22.6	26.0
Export tax (Note 20(a))	4.7	11.5
Selling and administration	12.0	13.2
	281.9	307.4
Operating income (loss) prior to restructuring and other items	(18.1)	52.2
Operating restructuring items (Note 16)	(5.2)	(0.6)
Other expense (Note 17)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Operating income (loss)	(23.4)	51.5
Finance costs	(0.2)	(0.4)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(23.6)	51.1
Income tax expense (recovery) (Note 18)		
Current	(2.0)	15.4
Deferred	(3.9)	(2.3)
	(5.9)	13.1
Net income (loss)	(17.7)	38.0
Net income (loss) attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	(17.0)	37.8
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	(0.7)	0.2
	(17.7)	38.0
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Employee future benefits actuarial gain	0.6	3.2
Income tax expense (Note 18)	(0.2)	(0.9)
Total items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	0.4	2.3
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	(0.2)	(0.8)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	$ (17.5)	$ 39.5
Earnings (loss) per share (in dollars) (Note 19)		
Basic	$ (0.05)	$ 0.12
Diluted	(0.05)	0.11

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Western Forest Products Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
(Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

	Share Capital	Contributed Surplus	Translation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ 420.8	$ 9.0	$ (2.2)	$ 184.5	$ 5.1	$ 617.2
Net income	-	-	-	37.8	0.2	38.0
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Employee future benefits actuarial gain	-	-	-	3.2	-	3.2
Income tax expense on actuarial gain (Note 18)	-	-	-	(0.9)	-	(0.9)
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-	-	(0.8)	-	-	(0.8)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	(0.8)	40.1	0.2	39.5
Stock options recognized in equity (Note 14(a))	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
Exercise of stock options (Notes 13, 14(a))	0.1	(0.1)	-	-	-	-
Repurchase of shares (Note 13)	(4.3)	-	-	(3.0)	-	(7.3)
Dividends	-	-	-	(3.3)	-	(3.3)
Distribution to a non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	(0.7)	(0.7)
Total transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	(4.2)	-	-	(6.3)	(0.7)	(11.2)
Balance at March 31, 2022	$ 416.6	$ 9.0	$ (3.0)	$ 218.3	$ 4.6	$ 645.5
Balance at December 31, 2022	$ 405.4	$ 9.1	$ 3.6	$ 229.1	$ 4.5	$ 651.7
Net loss	-	-	-	(17.0)	(0.7)	(17.7)
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Employee future benefits actuarial gain	-	-	-	0.6	-	0.6
Income tax expense on actuarial gain (Note 18)	-	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-	-	(0.2)	-	-	(0.2)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	(0.2)	(16.6)	(0.7)	(17.5)
Stock options recognized in equity (Note 14(a))	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
Exercise of stock options (Notes 13, 14(a))	-	(0.4)	-	0.4	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	(4.0)	-	(4.0)
Total transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	-	(0.3)	-	(3.6)	-	(3.9)
Balance at March 31, 2023	$ 405.4	$ 8.8	$ 3.4	$ 208.9	$ 3.8	$ 630.3

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Western Forest Products Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Expressed in millions of Canadian dollars) (unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	$ (17.7)	$ 38.0
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of property, plant and equipment (Note 6)	12.1	11.7
Amortization of timber licenses	1.0	1.0
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant, and equipment (Note 6)	0.1	(1.4)
Amortization of deferred revenue (Note 15)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Finance costs	0.2	0.4
Income tax (recovery) expense (Note 18)	(5.9)	13.1
Change in fair value of biological assets (Note 7)	-	0.5
Change in reforestation obligation (Note 10)	0.4	(0.2)
Share-based compensation, including mark-to-market adjustment (Note 14)	0.6	1.0
Change in employee future benefits obligation (Note 11)	(0.3)	(0.5)
Foreign exchange and other	0.3	3.4
Income taxes paid	(0.1)	(58.4)
	(9.8)	8.1
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Trade and other receivables	(1.3)	(17.2)
Inventory	(3.3)	(27.3)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(3.3)	(5.5)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(8.1)	6.1
	(16.0)	(43.9)
	(25.8)	(35.8)
Investing activities:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment (Note 6)	(7.5)	(6.0)
Proceeds of property, equipment and other disposals	0.2	1.7
Advances and loans	(1.1)	-
Deposits on purchase of equipment	-	(2.0)
	(8.4)	(6.3)
Financing activities:		
Drawings on credit facility (Note 9)	25.9	-
Bank indebtedness	1.0	-
Interest paid	(0.3)	(0.2)
Lease payments	(1.9)	(1.8)
Repurchase of shares (Note 13)	-	(7.3)
Dividends	(4.0)	(3.3)
Distributions to a non-controlling interest	-	(0.4)
	20.7	(13.0)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(13.5)	(55.1)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	15.8	130.0
Cash and cash equivalents, March 31	$ 2.3	$ 74.9

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

1. Reporting entity

Western Forest Products Inc. ("Western" or the "Company") is an integrated softwood forest products company, incorporated and domiciled in Canada, operating in the coastal region of British Columbia ("BC") and Washington State. The address of the Company's head office is Suite 800 – 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 comprise the financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company's primary business is the sale of lumber and logs, which includes timber harvesting, sawmilling logs into specialty lumber, value-added lumber and glulam remanufacturing and wholesaling purchased lumber. The Company is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"), under the symbol WEF.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("interim financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34, *Interim Financial Reporting.* These interim financial statements do not include all of the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") for annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, available at www.westernforest.com or www.sedar.com. Certain comparative prior period figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. References to the three months ended March 31 may be referred to as Q1.

The interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on May 3, 2023.

(b) Basis of measurement

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the statement of financial position:

- Biological assets are measured at fair value less costs to sell;
- Liabilities for cash-settled share-based payment transactions are measured at fair value at each reporting date;
- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value at each reporting date;
- The defined benefit pension liability is recognized as the net of the fair value of the plan assets, less the present value of the defined benefit obligation; and
- Reforestation obligations and lease liabilities are measured at the discounted value of expected future cash flows.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

These interim financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars ("CAD") which is the Company's functional currency. Certain of the Company's subsidiaries have a functional currency of the US Dollar ("USD") and are translated to CAD. All amounts are presented in millions of CAD, unless otherwise indicated.

3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the Company in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Company in its annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

4. Seasonality of operations

In a normal operating year, there is some seasonality to the Company's operations, with higher lumber sales in the second and third quarters when construction activity in certain key markets has historically tended to be higher. Logging activity may also vary depending on weather conditions such as rain, snow and ice in the winter and the threat of forest fires in the summer.

(Tabular amounts expressed in millions of Canadian dollars except number of shares and per share amounts)

5. Inventory

	March 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Gross carrying value	Provisions	Lower of cost and net realizable value	Gross carrying value	Provisions	Lower of cost and net realizable value
Logs	$ 157.5	$ (22.0)	$ 135.5	$ 161.0	$ (28.2)	$ 132.8
Lumber	90.8	(21.1)	69.7	94.2	(24.9)	69.3
Supplies and other	22.8	-	22.8	22.7	-	22.7
	$ 271.1	$ (43.1)	$ 228.0	$ 277.9	$ (53.1)	$ 224.8

The carrying amount of inventory recorded at net realizable value was $107.3 million at March 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: $98.4 million), with the remaining inventory recorded at cost.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, $242.6 million (Q1 2022 $256.7 million) of inventory was charged to cost of goods sold. This includes a $10.0 million decrease in the provision for write-down to net realizable value for the three months ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: $3.2 million decrease).

(Tabular amounts expressed in millions of Canadian dollars except number of shares and per share amounts)

6. Property, plant and equipment

	Land	Buildings and equipment	Projects	Logging roads	Total, excluding right of use assets	Right of use assets	Total
Cost							
Balance at December 31, 2021	$ 58.6	$ 445.6	$ 15.5	$ 234.3	$ 754.0	$ 33.5	$ 787.5
Acquisition	-	5.6	-	-	5.6	2.1	7.7
Additions	-	0.2	41.4	5.9	47.5	9.5	57.0
Disposals	(0.1)	(7.0)	(0.2)	-	(7.3)	(2.0)	(9.3)
Transfers	-	35.2	(38.5)	3.3	-	-	-
Effect of movements in exchange rates	1.0	3.9	(2.0)	2.0	4.9	0.5	5.4
Balance at December 31, 2022	59.5	483.5	16.2	245.5	804.7	43.6	848.3
Acquisition	-	-					
Additions	-	-	5.4	2.3	7.7	1.3	9.0
Disposals	-	(0.1)	(0.2)	-	(0.3)	(0.7)	(1.0)
Transfers	-	6.0	(6.4)	0.4	-	-	-
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	(0.2)	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
Balance at March 31, 2023	$ 59.5	$ 489.2	$ 15.0	$ 248.2	$ 811.9	$ 44.2	$ 856.1
Accumulated amortization							
Balance at December 31, 2021		$ 226.6		$ 202.1	$ 428.7	$ 15.6	$ 444.3
Amortization		29.5		10.0	39.5	6.7	46.2
Disposals		(6.0)		-	(6.0)	(1.8)	(7.8)
Effect of movements in exchange rates		0.7		-	0.7	0.2	0.9
Balance at December 31, 2022		250.8		212.1	462.9	20.7	483.6
Amortization		7.7		2.4	10.1	2.0	12.1
Disposals		(0.1)		-	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.7)
Effect of movements in exchange rates		-		-	-	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2023		$ 258.4		$ 214.5	$ 472.9	$ 22.1	$ 495.0
Carrying amounts							
At December 31, 2022	$ 59.5	$ 232.7	$ 16.2	$ 33.4	$ 341.8	$ 22.9	$ 364.7
At March 31, 2023	$ 59.5	$ 230.8	$ 15.0	$ 33.7	$ 339.0	$ 22.1	$ 361.1

The Company utilized $0.2 million of cash deposits in the first three months ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: $3.1 million) as equipment was delivered.

(Tabular amounts expressed in millions of Canadian dollars except number of shares and per share amounts)

7. Biological assets

Reconciliation of carrying amount

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Carrying value, beginning	$ 49.1	$ 49.1
Disposals		-
Change in fair value due to growth and pricing	0.1	0.5
Harvested timber transferred to inventory	(0.1)	(1.0)
Carrying value, March 31	$ 49.1	$ 48.6

Under IAS 41, *Agriculture*, the Company's private timberlands are classified as a growing forest, with the standing timber recorded as a biological asset at fair value less costs to sell at each reporting date.

At March 31, 2023, private timberlands comprised an area of approximately 22,665 hectares (December 31, 2022: 22,665 hectares) of land owned by the Company. Standing timber on private timberlands range from newly planted areas to mature forest available for harvest.

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company harvested and scaled 27,887 cubic metres ("m^3") of logs (Q1 2022: 57,345 m^3), from its private timberlands, which had a fair value less costs to sell of $107 per m^3 at the date of harvest (Q1 2022: $173 per m^3).

8. Other assets

	March 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Export tax receivable and related interest (Note 20 (a))	$ 64.4	$ 63.7
Investments, long-term loans and advances	11.9	11.0
Note receivable	2.6	2.6
Cash deposits on equipment	-	0.2
Other	0.3	0.8
	79.2	78.3
Current portion of note receivable and advances	1.7	2.6
	$ 77.5	$ 75.7

9. Long-term debt

	March 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Credit facility drawings	$ 25.9	$ -
Less transaction costs	(0.3)	-
Long-term debt	$ 25.6	$ -
Available Credit Facility	$ 250.0	$ 250.0
Drawings on Credit Facility	(25.9)	-
Outstanding letters of credit	(20.0)	(16.0)
Unused portion of Credit Facility	$ 204.1	$ 234.0

The Company's syndicated Credit Facility (the "Credit Facility") provides for a maximum borrowing amount of $250 million and includes an accordion feature which allows the Company to increase the aggregate amount available to $350 million, subject to lender approval. The maturity date of the Credit Facility is July 21, 2025.

The Credit Facility is available in CAD by way of Prime Rate Advances, Bankers' Acceptances or Letters of Credit and in USD by way of US Base Rate Advances, US Prime Rate Advances, or Letters of Credit. Interest on the Credit Facility is indexed to benchmark rates and varies depending on the nature of each draw and certain financial benchmarks. The Credit Facility includes incentive pricing terms that can reduce or increase Western's borrowing costs by up to five basis points based on the achievement of sustainability-linked goals.

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9. Long-term debt (continued)

The Credit Facility is secured by a general security agreement, excluding specified properties and their related assets, and is subject to certain financial covenants, including a maximum debt to total capitalization ratio.

The Company's Credit Facility was drawn by $25.9 million as at March 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: $nil). The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants as at March 31, 2023.

10. Reforestation obligation

The Company's provision for reforestation results from a legal obligation to reforest timber harvested from Crown land and arises as timber is harvested. Changes in the reforestation obligation are as follows:

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Reforestation obligation, beginning	$ 22.1	$ 22.4
Provision charged	1.3	1.8
Expenditures	(0.9)	(2.0)
Unwind of discount	0.1	0.1
	22.6	22.3
Less current portion	8.6	9.2
Long term reforestation obligation, March 31	$ 14.0	$ 13.1

The reforestation expenditures are expected to occur over the next one to ten years and have been discounted at risk-free rates of 2.86% to 4.41% (Q1 2022: 2.01% to 2.54%). The total undiscounted amount of the estimated future expenditures required to settle the reforestation obligation at March 31, 2023 is $24.8 million (December 31, 2022: $24.5 million). Reforestation expense incurred on current production is included in cost of goods sold and the unwinding of discount, or accretion cost, is included in finance costs.

11. Employee future benefits

The Company has defined benefit plans that provide pension or other retirement benefits to certain of its salaried employees. The Company also provides other post-employment benefits and pension bridging benefits to eligible retired employees. The defined benefit pension plans were closed to new participants effective June 30, 2006. No further benefits accrue under these plans for years of service after December 31, 2010, and no further benefits accrue under these plans for compensation increases effective December 31, 2016.

The amounts recognized in the statement of financial position for the Company's employee future benefit obligations, consisting of both the defined benefit salaried pension plans and other non-pension benefits are as follows:

	Mar. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Present value of obligations	$ 93.9	$ 92.9
Fair value of plan assets	(89.6)	(88.0)
Liability recognized in the statement of financial position (Note 12)	$ 4.3	$ 4.9

The change in the liability recognized in the statement of financial position at March 31, 2023 was due primarily to greater returns on plan assets, partially offset by a decrease in the discount rate used to value the defined benefit obligations. The discount rate used as at March 31, 2023 was 4.95% per annum (December 31, 2022: 5.20% per annum).

The Company expects to make funding contributions to its defined benefit plans of $1.2 million in 2023.

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12. Other liabilities

	Current	Non-current	Total
As at March 31, 2023			
Defined benefit employee future benefits obligation (Note 11)	$ -	$ 4.3	$ 4.3
Defined contribution employee future benefits obligation	-	2.9	2.9
Environmental provision	1.9	1.8	3.7
Deferred share unit plan liabilities (Note 14(b))	2.5	-	2.5
Performance share unit plan liabilities (Note 14(c))	1.8	0.5	2.3
Restricted share unit plan liabilities (Note 14(d))	1.0	0.9	1.9
Other	-	1.9	1.9
	$ 7.2	$ 12.3	$ 19.5
As at December 31, 2022			
Defined benefit employee future benefits obligation (Note 11)	$ -	$ 5.1	$ 5.1
Defined contribution employee future benefits obligation	-	2.7	2.7
Environmental provision	1.9	1.8	3.7
Deferred share unit plan liabilities (Note 14(b))	2.4	-	2.4
Performance share unit plan liabilities (Note 14(c))	3.8	2.1	5.9
Restricted share unit plan liabilities (Note 14(d))	0.4	1.5	1.9
Other	-	2.2	2.2
	$ 8.5	$ 15.4	$ 23.9

The current portion of Other liabilities is recognized in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the Statement of financial position.

13. Share capital

	Number of Common Shares	Amount
Balance at December 31, 2021	328,780,570	$ 420.8
Exercise of stock options	108,585	0.1
Repurchase of shares	(12,146,409)	(15.5)
Balance at December 31, 2022	316,742,746	405.4
Exercise of stock options	2,811	-
Balance at March 31, 2023	316,745,557	$ 405.4

On August 3, 2022, Western renewed its Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB") whereby it can purchase for cancellation up to 27,420,905 of the Company's common shares, representing 10% of the public float outstanding as of August 3, 2022. The renewed NCIB expires August 10, 2023.

No shares were repurchased under the NCIB in the first three months ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: 3,379,027 shares for $7.3 million at an average price of $2.17 per share, with charges of $4.3 million and $3.0 million to share capital and retained earnings, respectively). 8,767,382 common shares have been repurchased and cancelled under the renewed NCIB at an average price per common share of $1.48.

400,000 stock options were exercised in the first three months ended March 31, 2023 with 2,811 common shares issued on a cashless basis resulting in a $0.4 million credit to retained earnings. (Q1 2022: 250,000 stock options exercised with 108,585 common shares issued on a cashless basis resulting in a negligible charge to retained earnings).

14. Share-based compensation plans

(a) Stock-option plan

The Company has an incentive stock option plan which permits the granting of options to eligible participants to purchase up to an aggregate of 30,000,000 common shares, of which 4,706,850 remain available for future issuance. Each option is exercisable, subject to vesting terms of 20% per year and immediately upon a change in control of the Company, into one common share, subject to adjustments, at a price of not less than the closing price of the common shares on the TSX on the day immediately preceding the grant date. Options granted under the Option Plan expire a maximum of ten years from the date of the grant.

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14. Share-based compensation plans (continued)

(a) Stock-option plan (continued)

The following table summarizes the change in options outstanding:

	Three months ended Mar. 31, 2023		Three months ended Mar. 31, 2022	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at December 31	15,133,457	$ 1.72	15,247,304	$ 1.71
Exercised	(400,000)	1.27	(250,000)	0.96
Expired	(1,000,000)	1.27	-	-
Forfeited	(2,246,778)	1.64	-	-
Outstanding at March 31	11,486,679	$ 1.79	14,997,304	$ 1.72

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a $0.1 million compensation expense in respect of options (Q1 2022: $0.1 million) with a corresponding increase to contributed surplus.

(b) Deferred share unit ("DSU") plan

The Company has a DSU Plan for non-executive directors who may elect to take a portion of their fees in the form of DSUs. Prior to January 1, 2015, DSUs were also granted to designated executive officers.

	Three months ended Mar. 31, 2023		Three months ended Mar. 31, 2022	
	Number of DSUs	Weighted average unit value[1]	Number of DSUs	Weighted average unit value[1]
Outstanding at December 31	2,067,371	$ 1.45	2,288,822	$ 1.43
Granted[1]	194,109	1.06	103,723	1.95
Redeemed	-	-	(67,500)	1.15
Outstanding at March 31	2,261,480	$ 1.42	2,325,045	$ 1.46

[1]Fair value at the date of the grants. Grants include notional dividends.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a $0.1 million compensation recovery for DSUs (Q1 2022: $0.2 million), with a corresponding change to accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

(c) Performance share unit ("PSU") plan

The Company has established a PSU Plan for designated officers and employees.

	Three months ended Mar. 31, 2023		Three months ended Mar. 31, 2022	
	Number of PSUs	Weighted average unit value[1]	Number of PSUs	Weighted average unit value[1]
Outstanding at December 31	3,591,951	$ 1.46	3,538,407	$ 1.40
Granted[1]	1,549,768	1.31	917,557	2.07
Redeemed	(1,655,262)	1.08	(718,165)	1.89
Outstanding at March 31	3,486,457	$ 1.57	3,737,799	$ 1.47

[1]Fair value at the date of the grants. Grants include notional dividends.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a $0.2 million compensation expense for PSUs (Q1 2022: $0.8 million), with corresponding changes to accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other liabilities.

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14. Share-based compensation plans (continued)

(d) Restricted share unit ("RSU") plan

The Company has established an RSU Plan for designated officers and employees.

	Three months ended Mar. 31, 2023		Three months ended Mar. 31, 2022	
	Number of RSUs	Weighted average unit value[1]	Number of RSUs	Weighted average unit value[1]
Outstanding at December 31	3,438,775	$ 1.61	2,201,462	$ 1.52
Granted[1]	1,452,759	1.31	732,465	2.07
Redeemed	(341,235)	1.08	-	-
Outstanding at March 31	4,550,299	$ 1.55	2,933,927	$ 1.65

[1]Fair value at the date of the grants. Grants include notional dividends.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company recorded a $0.4 million compensation expense for RSUs (Q1 2022: $0.3 million) with corresponding changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and to other liabilities.

15. Revenue

Disaggregation of revenue

In the following table, revenue is disaggregated by primary geographical market based on the known origin of the customer, and by major products.

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Primary geographic markets		
Canada	$ 104.1	$ 104.1
United States	88.6	128.5
Japan	26.0	61.6
China	25.7	29.7
Other	17.1	30.1
Europe	2.3	5.6
	$ 263.8	$ 359.6
Major Products		
Lumber	$ 211.0	$ 313.9
Logs	38.6	32.7
By-products and other	14.2	13.0
	$ 263.8	$ 359.6

Contract balances

The following table provides information about receivables and contract liabilities from contracts with customers.

	Mar. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Trade and other receivables	$ 60.1	$ 60.5
Other investments and advances	1.4	1.4
Contract liabilities	46.0	46.5

Contract liabilities relate to the consideration received from a customer for a long-term fibre supply contract and are recognized as deferred revenue, for which revenue is recognized straight-line over the term of the contract (see Note 20(c)). The Company recognized related revenue of $0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: $0.5 million).

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16. Operating restructuring items

	Three months ended March. 31, 2023	Three months ended March. 31, 2022
Retirement and other benefits	$ 5.1	$ -
Other	0.1	0.6
	$ 5.2	$ 0.6

17. Other expense

	Three months ended March. 31, 2023	Three months ended March. 31, 2022
(Loss) gain on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	$ (0.1)	$ 1.4
Foreign exchange losses	(0.1)	(0.8)
Other	0.1	(0.7)
	$ (0.1)	$ (0.1)

Western recognized a gain of $1.4 million on disposal of property, plant, equipment and other assets in the three months ended March 31, 2022 attributable primarily to the sale of non-core assets of its Somass operation.

18. Income taxes

Income tax expense (recovery) differs from the amount that would be computed by applying the Company's combined Federal, State and Provincial statutory rate as follows:

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Income (loss) before income taxes	$ (23.6)	$ 51.1
Income tax expense (recovery) at statutory rate of 27%	$ (6.4)	$ 13.8
Difference in tax rates	0.2	(0.4)
Other permanent differences	0.3	0.2
Change in unrecognized deductible temporary differences	-	0.1
Other	-	(0.6)
	$ (5.9)	$ 13.1

In addition to the amounts recorded to net income, the statement of other comprehensive income includes a $0.2 million deferred tax expense on actuarial gains on employee future benefit obligations for the three months ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: $0.9 million).

19. Earnings (loss) per share

Net earnings (loss) per share is calculated utilizing the treasury stock method for determining the dilutive effect of options issued. The reconciliation of the numerator and denominator is determined as follows:

	Three months ended March 31, 2023			Three months ended March 31, 2022		
	Net loss attributable to equity shareholders	Weighted average number of shares	Per share	Net income attributable to equity shareholders	Weighted average number of shares	Per share
Issued shares, beginning of period		316,742,746			328,780,570	
Effect of shares:						
Issued in the quarter		1,312			44,641	
Repurchased in the quarter		-			(2,837,137)	
Basic earnings (loss) per share	$ (17.0)	316,744,058	$ (0.05)	$ 37.8	325,988,074	$ 0.12
Effective of dilutive securities:						
Stock options*		724,257			3,397,355	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	$ (17.0)	316,744,058	$ (0.05)	$ 37.8	329,385,429	$ 0.11

* Where the addition of stock options to the total shares outstanding has an anti-dilutive impact on the diluted earnings (loss) per share calculation, those stock options have not been included in the total shares outstanding for purposes of the calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share.

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20. Commitments and contingencies

(a) Softwood lumber duty dispute

On October 12, 2015, the softwood lumber agreement between Canada and the US, under which Canadian softwood lumber shipments to the US ("shipments") were assessed an export tax by the Canadian government, expired.

From 2017 onward, as a result of petitions filed by the US Lumber Coalition, and others, and determinations made by the US International Trade Commission, the US Department of Commerce ("DoC") imposed Countervailing ("CV") and Anti-dumping duties ("AD") on shipments to the US from Canada. As a result of these actions, cash deposits for CV were required for Canadian lumber imports to the US effective April 28, 2017 through August 25, 2017, and from December 28, 2017 onwards; and cash deposits for AD were required for Canadian lumber imports to the US effective June 30, 2017 until December 26, 2017, and from December 28, 2017 onwards.

As each DoC Administrative Review ("AR") of a shipment year is completed, final rates are published in the federal register and a revised cash deposit rate is established until publication of final rates of the next AR.

The Company expenses export taxes at the cash duty deposit rate as lumber shipments are made. Where final duty rates differed from cash deposit rates, the Company recognized revisions to its export tax expense.

As cash deposit rates exceeded final duty rates for lumber shipments made in 2017 through 2020, the Company recognized a long-term interest-bearing duty receivable totalling USD$43.0 million (CAD$58.2 million) in its Statement of financial position. Export tax of $4.7 million (Q1 2022: $11.5 million) was recorded in the Statement of comprehensive income.

On December 1, 2022, the DoC and US International Trade Commission ("USITC") initiated a sunset review, required to be conducted no later than five years after an AD or CV order is issued. The DoC review determines whether revoking the orders would be likely to lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping or subsidies. The USITC review determines whether revoking the orders would be likely to lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to the US industry. If both determinations are negative, the orders will be revoked. Final results are expected in late 2023 or early 2024.

On January 24, 2023, the DoC released its preliminary determination for CV and AD rates resulting from its fourth administrative review of CV and AD rates for shipments in 2021. The DoC may revise these rates between the preliminary and the final determination, expected to be released in the third quarter of 2023. Cash deposits continue at the combined duty rate of 8.59% until the final determinations are published, after which the 2021 rate will apply.

On March 14, 2023, the DoC initiated its fifth administrative review of CV and AD rates for shipments for 2022.

The following table summarizes the cash deposit rates in effect and the final rates applicable to Canadian lumber shipments to the US in 2017 through 2020 and preliminary rates for 2021:

Administrative review				AR4	AR3	AR2	AR1	AR1
Lumber shipment date	Aug. 9, 2022 through Mar. 31, 2023	Jan. 10, 2022 through Aug. 8, 2022	Dec. 1, 2021 through Jan. 9, 2022	Dec. 1, 2020 through Nov. 30, 2021	Jan. 1, 2020 through Nov. 30, 2020	Year 2019	Year 2018	Year 2017
Cash deposit rate, CV	3.83%	6.32%	6.31%	7.42%	14.19%	14.19%	14.19%	14.19%
Cash deposit rate, AD	4.76%	11.59%	11.59%	1.57%	6.04%	6.04%	6.04%	6.04%
Cash deposit rate, combined	8.59%	17.91%	17.90%	8.99%	20.23%	20.23%	20.23%	20.23%

	2021 Prelim.	2020 Final	2019 Final	2018 Final	2017 Final
Duty rate, CV	2.19%	3.83%	6.32%	7.42%	7.26%
Duty rate, AD	6.05%	4.76%	11.59%	1.57%	1.57%
Duty rate, combined	8.24%	8.59%	17.91%	8.99%	8.83%

At March 31, 2023, including interest of USD$4.6 million (December 31, 2022: USD$4.0 million), the duty receivable of USD$47.6 million (December 31, 2022: USD$47.0 million) was revalued at the quarter-end exchange rate to CAD$64.4 million (Q1 2022: CAD$63.7 million).

20. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

(a) Softwood lumber duty dispute (continued)

Interest revenue of $0.8 million was recorded in finance costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: $0.1 million). A related foreign exchange loss of $0.1 million was recorded in other income for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (Q1 2022: $0.5 million).

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had paid $207.2 million of duties, all of which remain held in trust by US Department of Treasury (December 31, 2022: $203.0 million). With the exception of USD$43.0 million (CAD$58.2 million) of duty deposits recognized as a receivable, all duty deposits have been expensed at the cash deposit rates in effect at the date of payment.

(b) Litigation and claims

In the normal course of business, the Company may be subject to claims and legal actions that may be made by customers, unions, suppliers and others in respect of which either provision has been made or for which no material liability is expected. Where the Company is unable to determine the outcome of these disputes no amounts have been accrued in these consolidated financial statements.

(c) Long-term fibre supply agreements

Certain of the Company's long-term fibre supply agreements with third parties have minimum volume requirements and may, in the case of a failure to produce the minimum annual volume, require the Company to conduct whole log chipping or sell saw logs, which could reduce log availability for our sawmills, source the deficiency from third parties at additional cost or incur a penalty under the fibre supply agreements. If the Company takes any significant curtailments in its sawmills its chip production would decline, increasing the risk that the Company would not meet its contractual obligations where it is not possible to secure replacement chips on the open market. Based on chip and pulp log volumes supplied to date and the exercise of force majeure provisions in 2021, the Company believes it has satisfied fibre commitments as at March 31, 2023. The Company anticipates satisfying annual fibre commitments for the year ending December 31, 2023.

21. Financial instruments – fair values and risk management

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), depending upon the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. The Company's non-derivative financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Fair values are categorized into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly or indirectly; or
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

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21. Financial instruments – fair values and risk management (continued)

The following table shows the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. It does not include fair value information for financial assets or liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

		March 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Level	Mandatory at FVTPL	Amortized Cost	Total	Mandatory at FVTPL	Amortized Cost	Total
Financial assets							
Market-based investments	2	$ 4.5	$ -	$ 4.5	$ 4.5	$ -	$ 4.5
Foreign currency forward contracts	2	0.2	-	0.2	0.1	-	0.1
Cash and cash equivalents		-	2.3	2.3	-	15.8	15.8
Trade and other receivables		-	59.9	59.9	-	60.4	60.4
Other investments and advances		-	1.4	1.4	-	1.4	1.4
Export tax and related interest receivable (Note 20(a))	3	64.4	-	64.4	63.7	-	63.7
Total financial assets		$ 69.1	$ 63.6	$ 132.7	$ 68.3	$ 77.6	$ 145.9

	Level	Mandatory at FVTPL	Other Financial Liabilities	Total	Mandatory at FVTPL	Other Financial Liabilities	Total
Financial liabilities							
Bank indebtedness (Note 9)		$ -	$ 1.0	$ 1.0	$ -	$ -	$ -
Long-term debt (Note 9)			25.9	25.9			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2	-	103.1	103.1	-	108.5	108.5
Lease liabilities	2	-	22.7	22.7	-	23.2	23.2
Total financial liabilities		$ -	$ 152.7	$ 152.7	$ -	$ 131.7	$ 131.7

The Company enters into forward contracts to sell USD and JPY in order to mitigate a portion of the foreign currency risk. At March 31, 2023, the Company had outstanding obligations to sell an aggregate USD$14.0 million at an average exchange rate of CAD$1.3674 per USD with maturities through April 20, 2023.

All foreign currency gains or losses related to currency forward contracts have been recognized in revenue for the period as described in the following table.

	Three months ended March 31, 2023	Three months ended March 31, 2022
Fair value of (asset), beginning of period	$ (0.1)	$ (1.1)
Fair value of asset at March 31	0.2	1.6
Change in unrealized foreign currency gains	0.1	0.5
Realized foreign currency gains on settled contracts	0.3	0.7
Foreign currency gains recognized in revenue	$ 0.4	$ 1.2

Forward contracts in a liability position are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the statement of financial position and assets are included in trade and other receivables.

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