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EnerNorth Industries Inc  
(formerly: Energy Power Systems Limited)  
(Address of Principal executive offices)

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EnerNorth Industries Inc  
(formerly: Energy Power Systems Limited)

Date: May 28, 2004                      By: \_\_\_\_\_ "Sandra J. Hall" \_\_\_\_\_  
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Management's Discussion And Analysis  
of Financial Condition and Operating Results  
For the Nine Month Period Ending March 31, 2004

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Management's Discussion & Analysis of Financial Condition and Operating Results

The following discussion and analysis of EnerNorth Industries Inc. ("EnerNorth" or the "Company") should be read in conjunction with the Company's Unaudited Interim Financial Statements for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 and notes thereto and the Company's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001 and notes thereto. Unless otherwise indicated, the following discussion is based on Canadian dollars and presented in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP").

Certain statements contained herein constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"), which reflect the Company's current expectations regarding the future results of operations, performance and achievements of the Company. The Company has tried, wherever possible, to identify these forward-looking statements by, among other things, using words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect" and similar expressions. These statements reflect the current beliefs of management of the Company, and are based on current available information. Accordingly, these statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements. (See the Company's Annual Information Form and Annual Form 20 F for Risk Factors. The Company's public filings can be accessed and viewed through the Company's website, [www.enernorth.com](http://www.enernorth.com) under the heading "Investor Relations", and by clicking on "Corporate Filings". A link to the Company's Canadian Securities Commissions filings can be viewed via the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), and the Company's United States Securities and Exchange Commission filings can be viewed through the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System (EDGAR) at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).) The Company is not obligated to update or revise these "forward-looking" statements to reflect new events or circumstances.

## OVERVIEW

The Company is a corporation amalgamated under the laws of the Province of Ontario and is provincially registered in the Provinces of Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador. The Company conducts its operations through an Industrial & Offshore Division, and an Oil & Gas Division. The unaudited consolidated financial results for the nine month periods ending March 31, 2004 and 2003 include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary M&M Engineering Limited ("M&M"), and the accounts of M&M Offshore Limited ("MMO"), M&M's wholly owned subsidiary. MMO holds a 50% equity interest in Magna Services Inc. ("Magna") and a 20.83% equity interest in Newfoundland Service Alliance ("NSA"). M&M holds a 49% combined partnership interest in Liannu, a Limited Partnership ("Liannu"), and a 50% equity interest in North Eastern Contractors Limited ("NECL"). Liannu also holds a 50% interest in the Liannu Mista-Shipu Construction Ltd. Teaming Arrangement ("Liannu-Mista"). The Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements include the Company's proportionate share of each of these entities' assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

The activities of the Company's Oil & Gas Division include exploration, development and production of oil and gas. The Company's oil and gas properties are located in Canada.

The Company's accounts include an investment in Konaseema EPS Oakwell Power Limited ("KEOPL") a company incorporated in India that is developing a power project in Andhra Pradesh, India. The Company also holds a 97% interest in Euro India Power Canara Private Limited ("EIPCL") that is carried at Nil on the balance sheet and consolidated statement of operations of the Company. Management has evaluated the effect that EIPCL accounts would have on the consolidated financial statements of the Company and concluded that such amounts would be insignificant under GAAP.

## Overall Performance

The Company's overall performance can be highlighted by a 36.7% increase in consolidated revenues to \$24.6 million for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 versus \$18.0 million for the nine month period ending March 31, 2003. Gross margins pursued this trend by increasing 33.3% to \$3.2 million for the nine month period ended March 31, 2004 as compared to \$2.4 million the previous year.

Earnings for the year were hindered by increased administrative costs and an accrued amount of \$2.2 million for the Oakwell claim.

#### Results of Operations

The following discussion of the results of operations of the Company is a comparison of the Company's two nine month periods ending March 31, 2004 and 2003.

**Revenue.** The Company's consolidated revenues of \$24.6 million for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 increased by 36.7% from \$18.0 million reported as of March 31, 2003. Revenue increases were derived from the Company's Industrial & Offshore Division. During the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 revenue from the Oil & Gas Division decreased 25% to \$0.4 million compared to \$0.5 million for the nine month period ending March 31, 2003.

**Gross Profit.** Consolidated gross profit for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 increased by 33.3% to \$3.2 million compared to \$2.4 million for the nine month period ended March 31, 2003. The increase in gross profit was primarily driven by increased revenue during the current period versus the prior period. Consolidated gross profit margin as a percentage of sales remained constant at 13%. During the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 gross profits from the Industrial & Offshore Division increased 37% to \$3.2 million from \$2.3 million during the nine month period ending March 31, 2003. Gross profit for the Company's Oil & Gas Division increased to \$45,000 for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 from \$42,000 for the nine month period ending March 31, 2003. This increase was primarily related to increased commodity prices.

**Administrative Expenses.** Administrative expenses of \$4.1 million for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 increased by 24%, from \$3.3 million for the nine month period ending March 31, 2003. For the nine month period ended March 31, 2004 professional fees increased \$0.3 million, foreign exchange losses increased by \$0.1 million, accounting fees increased by \$0.1 million and insurance increased by \$0.1 million compared to the nine month period ending March 31, 2003. The increased costs for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 were partially offset by decreased exchange and filing fees. Increased professional fees were caused by increased litigation expenditures, foreign exchange losses were primarily caused by an unrealized loss from the Company's investment in KEOPL. Increased insurance and accounting fees were mainly caused by the increased operations of NECL.

**Other income.** Other income of \$300,000 for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 increased from \$100,000 from the previous nine month period ending March 31, 2003. Included in other income is distributions of \$52,000 from Magna, management fees of \$60,000 charged to Liannu, gain on sale of marketable securities of \$15,000 and interest income of \$76,000 on invested cash.

**Net loss before Income Taxes.** Net loss before income taxes for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 increased to \$2.9 million from \$1.0 million for nine month period ended March 31, 2003. The increase in net loss before income tax for nine month period ended March 31, 2004 was primarily related to the additional \$2.2 million provision for the Oakwell claim and the increased administration costs of \$0.8 million. These were partially offset by increased gross profits. Before the non-cash provision for the Oakwell claim, net loss before tax would have been \$0.8 million.

**Future Income Taxes.** During the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 a net future income tax charge of \$0.2 million was recognized compared to a net future income tax charge of Nil for the nine month period ended March 31,

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2003. The future income tax charge was fully offset by utilization of tax loss carry forwards. During both periods the statutory tax rate for the Company was 38%.

Net Loss. Consolidated net loss for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 was \$2.9 million, \$1.9 million more than the \$1.0 million net loss reported for the previous nine month period ended March 31, 2003.

Net Loss Per Share. As a result of the noted net loss, net loss per share for the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 increased by \$0.48 per share to \$0.72 per share from \$0.24 per share for nine month period ended March 31, 2003.

Summary of Quarterly Results

	2004		2003			2002			
	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	June 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	June 30	
Sales	7,731,978	9,870,251	6,952,262	10,945,591	2,983,333	4,561,000	10,462,874	5,340,675	
Net income (loss)	(1,760,423)	(1,356,962)	175,074	(7,941,220)	(871,679)	(427,734)	321,478	(1,469,793)	
Fully diluted net income (loss) per share and net									
income (loss) per share	(\$0.43)	(0.33)	0.04	(2.09)	(0.21)	(0.11)	0.09	(0.48)	

Liquidity

Cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2004 was \$2.6 million, compared to \$6.7 million at June 30, 2003. During the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 the Company had cash flows from operating activities of \$0.6 million. The Company's Industrial & Offshore Division repaid \$1.6 million of its bank indebtedness and the Company repaid a shareholder \$0.4 million during the nine month period ended March 31, 2004. The Company's Oil & Gas Division expended \$1.2 million on the exploration and development of oil and gas properties during the nine month period ended March 31, 2004.

The Company's primary sources of liquidity and capital resources historically have been cash flows from the operations of the Industrial & Offshore Division, the Oil & Gas Division and the issuance of share capital. During fiscal 2004, it is expected that primary sources of liquidity and capital resources will be derived from the operations of the Industrial & Offshore Division, revenues from the Oil & Gas Division and further recovery of the Company's investment in KEOPL (See "Critical Accounting Estimates - Valuation of the Company's Investment in KEOPL" above).

CIBC Facility

The Company's Industrial & Offshore Division, through M&M and MMO, maintains its own line of credit facility with a commercial bank. The credit facility, provided by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") was initially entered into in December of 1994, and has been amended and renewed from time to time (the "CIBC Facility"). The CIBC Facility currently allows M&M to borrow up to the lesser of (i) \$1.75 million, or (ii) 75% of receivables from government or large institutions/corporations and 60% of other receivables to finance working capital requirements on a revolving basis. The CIBC Facility is payable upon demand. As of March 31, 2004, the principal balance outstanding under the CIBC Facility was \$0.4 million, compared to \$1.9 million as of June 30, 2003. From time to time CIBC extends a greater amount than the credit facility allows.

Under the CIBC Facility, as security for repayment of loans to M&M, M&M granted to CIBC: (i) a first priority lien on receivables, inventory and specific equipment; (ii) a second priority lien on land, buildings and immovable equipment; and (iii) an assignment of insurance proceeds. As security for repayment of loans to MMO, MMO granted to CIBC a first priority lien on receivables, inventory and equipment. Under the CIBC Facility (a) M&M has guaranteed the obligations of MMO under the facility in an unlimited amount, and such guaranty is secured by the same collateral as for M&M's direct obligations, and (b) MMO has guaranteed the obligations of M&M under the facility in an unlimited amount, and such guaranty is secured by the same collateral as for MMO's direct obligations. The credit facility also requires M&M to comply with certain financial covenants, including current ratio, debt/equity ratio, and limits on capital expenditures, dividends and further encumbrances on collateral.

#### RoyNat Mortgage

As of March 31, 2004, M&M is indebted to RoyNat Inc. ("RoyNat") in the amount of \$0.4 million, compared to \$0.4 million as of June 30, 2003. As security for its obligations to RoyNat, M&M has granted a first priority lien on the land and building, and a secondary lien on all other assets of M&M, subject to the first priority lien in favor of CIBC. MMO has also guaranteed this mortgage.

#### Magna Credit Facility, Postponement and Guarantee

During 2002, Magna obtained a credit facility in the amount of \$150,000 with the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was repayable on demand and bore interest at the bank's prime lending rate plus 2% per annum. As security for this facility, M&M postponed its claim for \$50,000 owed to them by the joint venture until repayment of the credit facility to the bank and provided a guarantee of \$75,000.

During 2003, Magna negotiated a credit facility in the amount of \$1,000,000, which is repayable on demand and bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate plus 1.50% per annum. As security for this facility, M&M provided a guarantee of \$250,000. Included in bank indebtedness as at March 31, 2004 is a bank demand loan of Nil versus \$93,000 at June 30, 2003.

#### Multi-Party Indemnity

In February 2004 the Company, M&M and MMO entered into an Indemnity and Security Agreement with Western Surety (the "Western Agreement"). Under the Western Agreement the surety agreed to issue bonds or undertakings on behalf of M&M and/or MMO (the "Principals"). Under the Western Agreement each of EnerNorth, M&M and MMO (the "Indemnitors") is jointly and severally liable to the surety for (i) any default in performance by either Principal, (ii) any and all losses incurred by the surety in connection with such default(s), and (iii) any loss or damage incurred by the surety arising from the issue of the bond(s). As security for its obligations, each of the Indemnitors granted a security interest to Western in any and all amounts due to them with respect to the bonded contracts, including payments due from the obligee under the bond, and any liens or insurance proceeds. The indemnity of each of the Indemnitors is unlimited in amount, and has no expiration date. Since their respective incorporations, neither M&M nor MMO has incurred any liability as either a principal or a guarantor with respect to a surety.

## Liannu Indemnities

Liannu is a limited partnership formed under the laws of Newfoundland and Labrador ("Liannu") in which M&M holds a 49% combined partnership interest, and of which M&M is the sole general partner. In February of 2004 the Company, M&M and MMO entered into an Indemnity and Security Agreement with Western Surety (the "Liannu Agreement"). Under the Liannu Agreement the surety agreed to issue bonds or undertakings on behalf of Liannu. Under the Liannu Agreement each of EnerNorth, M&M and MMO is jointly and severally liable to the surety for (i) any default in performance by Liannu, (ii) any and all losses incurred by the surety in connection with such default(s), and (iii) any loss or damage incurred by the surety arising from the issue the bond(s). As security for its obligations, each of EnerNorth, M&M and MMO granted a security interest to Western in any and all amounts due to them with respect to the bonded contracts, including payments due from the obligee under the bond, and any liens or insurance proceeds. The indemnity of each of EnerNorth, M&M and MMO is unlimited in amount, and has no expiration date.

Below is a listing of contractual commitments for future payments for the company by fiscal year to 2009:

## Outlook & Capital Resources

The Industrial & Offshore Division is currently completing a backlog of contracts, and M&M and MMO are bidding on new contracts for the third and fourth quarters. Further development of Atlantic Canada's offshore infrastructure could foster future growth for the Industrial & Offshore Division. In addition, the Oil & Gas Division is adding positive cash flow to fund corporate operations and future development and growth. At present the Company intends to expand its oil and gas operations.

As part of the Company's oil and gas exploration and development program management of the Company anticipates significant expenditures to expand its existing portfolio of proved and probable oil and gas reserves. Amounts expended on future oil and gas exploration and development is dependent on the nature of future opportunities evaluated by the Company. These expenditures may be funded through cash held by the Company. Any expenditure which exceeds available cash may be funded by additional share capital or debt issued by the Company, or by other means.

It is anticipated that M&M will expend approximately \$0.5 million in capital expenditures for new and used manufacturing and office-related equipment over the next twelve months. Such equipment, which could be utilized to generate additional construction revenues, could be financed through capital leases with equipment manufacturers, credit arrangements with M&M's existing lenders, cash from the Company or other means. With respect to other potential expenditures of the Company, please see "Contingent liabilities and assets - Oakwell Claim" above.

The Company's long-term profitability will depend upon its ability to successfully implement its business plan.

In the past M&M has focused on manufacturing and fabricating process piping, production equipment, steel tanks and other metal products requiring specialized welding and fabrication abilities. Management believes that several opportunities are developing in the Atlantic provinces of Canada, which could enable M&M to maintain and increase the volume of its business. These opportunities include proposed offshore oil and gas projects for the White Rose Oilfield, the Sable Island Offshore Energy Project, and the development of the Voisey's Bay nickel mine. Management also anticipates that M&M will have recurring opportunities with respect to the upgrade and maintenance of existing area infrastructure, including the Hibernia and Terra Nova oil fields, mechanical fabrication and maintenance of production equipment for refineries, pulp and paper mills (including environmental equipment) and private sector power generation projects (primarily for mining and natural resources).

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### Transactions with Related Parties

During the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 a director of the Company was paid US\$35,000 (approximately CDN\$45,868) under a nine month consulting agreement that commenced September 1, 2003.

During the nine month period ending March 31, 2004 the Company repaid \$402,419 to a shareholder and a director of the Company.

These transactions were in the normal course of business of the Company and were measured at the exchange amount.

#### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates and Newly Adopted Accounting Policies

The Company's significant accounting policies, estimates and changes to accounting policies are also described in the Notes to the audited Consolidated Financial Statements. It is increasingly important to understand that the application of generally accepted accounting principles involves certain assumptions, judgments and estimates that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. The application of principles can cause varying results from company to company.

The most significant accounting policies that impact the Company and its subsidiaries relate to revenue recognition policies, oil and gas accounting and reserve estimates, accounting for joint ventures, valuation of capital assets, future income tax assets and liabilities, and stock based compensation.

The most significant accounting estimates that impact the Company and its subsidiaries relate to contingent liabilities and assets, and the valuation of the Company's investment in KEOPL.

The only new accounting policy that was adopted by the Company during the 2003 fiscal year was a new accounting policy for Asset Retirement Obligations. In accordance with the recommendation of the new Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3110 the Company adopted this policy before it was required.

#### Critical Accounting Policies.

Revenue recognition . Revenue for M&M & MMO is generated principally from contracts or purchase orders awarded through a competitive bidding process. Revenue from construction and fabrication contracts is recognized on the percentage of completion basis. Contract revenue is recognized by assessing the value of the work performed in relation to the total estimated cost of the contract. Revenue from M&M & MMO's venture partners (whether in corporate or partnership form) is recognized based on their proportionate equity holdings in those entities.

Oil and gas revenues are recognized on actual production volumes and delivery of the product to the market, based on the applicable operator's reports.

Oil and gas accounting and reserve estimates. The Company follows the full cost method of accounting for oil and gas operations under which all costs of exploring for and developing oil and gas reserves are initially capitalized. Such costs include land acquisition costs, geological and geophysical expenses, carrying charges on non-producing properties, costs of drilling and overhead charges directly related to acquisition and exploration activities.

Under the full cost method, all of the costs noted above are capitalized, together with the costs of production equipment, and are depleted on the unit-of-production method based on the estimated gross proved reserves. Petroleum products and reserves are converted to equivalent units of natural gas at 6,000 cubic feet to 1 barrel of oil.



Under the full cost method, costs of acquiring and evaluating unproved properties are initially excluded from depletion calculations. These unevaluated properties are assessed periodically to ascertain whether impairment in value has occurred. When reserves are identified as "proven" by independent engineers, or the property is considered to be impaired, then the cost of the property or the amount of the impairment is added to costs subject to depletion calculations.

Proceeds from a sale of petroleum and natural gas properties are applied against capitalized costs, with no gain or loss recognized, unless such a sale would significantly alter the rate of depletion. Alberta Royalty Tax Credits are included in oil and gas sales.

In applying the full cost method, under Canadian GAAP, the Company performs a ceiling test which restricts the capitalized costs less accumulated depletion and amortization from exceeding an amount equal to the estimated undiscounted value of future net revenues from proved oil and gas reserves, as determined by independent engineers, based on sales prices achievable under existing contracts and posted average reference prices in effect at the end of the Company's fiscal year and current costs, and after deducting estimated future general and administrative expenses, production related expenses, financing costs, future site restoration costs and income taxes from such estimated future revenues.

Joint Ventures. The Company's Industrial & Offshore Division carries out part of its business through three corporations and one limited partnership. The Company's audited consolidated financial statements include the Company's proportionate share of each of these entity's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. MMO holds a 50% equity interest in Magna and a 20.83% equity interest in NSA. M&M holds a 49% combined partnership interest in Liannu and a 50% equity interest in NECL. Liannu also holds a 50% teaming arrangement interest in Liannu Mista.

Capital Assets . Capital assets consist primarily of fabrication buildings, office equipment, and manufacturing equipment. These assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and, if applicable, write down for impairment.

Capital assets are amortized on the declining balance basis over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Buildings	3%
Manufacturing equipment	20%
Tools and equipment	20%
Office equipment	20%
Vehicles	30%
Paving	7%
Equipment under capital leases	20%

Future Income Tax Assets and Liabilities. The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, future income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and their respective income tax bases (temporary differences). Management regularly reviews its tax assets for recoverability and establishes a valuation allowance based on (i) historical taxable income; (ii) projected future taxable income; and (iii) the accounting treatment reflected in Note 11 of the Company's fiscal 2003 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. As of March 31, 2004 the Company had \$10.7 million of non-capital losses. At March 31, 2004 the Company carried an income tax asset of nil related to those non-capital losses.

Stock based compensation. The Company has established a stock option plan (the "Plan") for directors, officers, employees, consultants and service providers. The Company does not record compensation expense for stock options granted to directors, officers and employees. However, additional disclosure of the effects of accounting for stock

based compensation to directors, officers and employees as compensation expense, using the fair value method estimated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model and is customarily disclosed as pro-forma information in the Notes to the financial statements. Any consideration paid by directors, officers and employees on exercise of stock options or purchase of stock is credited to share capital. Stock options issued to non-employees are recorded at their fair value at date of issuance.

#### Critical Accounting Estimates

##### Contingent liabilities and assets.

**Oakwell claim.** In August, 2002 the Company was named as a defendant in a legal proceeding in the High Court of Singapore, Oakwell Engineering Limited ("Oakwell") vs. the Company, Suit No. 997 of 2002/V (the "Proceeding"). On October 16, 2003 the Company received a decision from the court with respect to a trial concluded May 22, 2003. In his decision, the judge awarded Oakwell US \$1.65 million with respect to Oakwell's claim against the Company for the sum of US \$2.7 million and awarded Oakwell US \$2.56 million representing the judge's valuation of a 6.25% interest in the actual cash available for foreign repatriation from a proposed power project in Andhra Pradesh, India, in each of the first five years after the commercial operation date of the project. In January 2004, the judge further awarded Oakwell interest of US\$1.2 million for a total award of US \$5.41 million (approximately CDN \$ 7.2 million) plus costs (collectively the "Judgment").

In April 2004, the Court of Appeal of the Republic of Singapore dismissed the Company's Appeal with costs. The Company has accrued an additional US \$0.7 million of costs (approximately CDN \$0.9 million) that have yet to be determined for a total accrual of CDN \$8.1 million related to the Judgment. The Company plans to defend the application of this Judgment. If the Judgment becomes final there will be a significant and adverse impact on the Company's liquidity and financial condition.

**HB Capital, Inc. contingent liability.** A statement of claim was filed on August 13, 1998 in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland against the Company by a former financial adviser alleging breach of contract. The plaintiff has claimed for special damages in the amount of approximately CDN\$240,000 (US \$184,197) and a success fee equal to 1% of the gross debt/equity financing of the Andhra Pradesh project less up to 20% of any corporate contributions to the project by the Company or its affiliates. Management believes that the claim is without merit and has filed a counter claim. No correspondence or activity has occurred since 2000 and management believes that the plaintiff has abandoned the litigation. No provision has been made in the Company's March 31, 2004 Consolidated Financial Statements for this claim.

**Karnataka contingent asset and liability.** On April 22, 1999, the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (formerly the Karnataka Electricity Board) of the State of Karnataka, India ("KPTCL") executed a power purchase agreement with EIPCL, a limited liability company incorporated in India. The Company holds a 97% interest in EIPCL. Effective May 10, 2001 the project was given the approval by the State Government to be converted to a coal fueled land based power project. The power purchase agreement has yet to be amended and there are deficiencies in the State Government's performance, including among other requirements, the provision of payment guarantees for the Karnataka project. Pursuant to Clause 14.1 (a) of the power purchase agreement, EIPCL served upon KPTCL and the Government of Karnataka ("GOK") a Notice of Arbitration on September 24, 2002 and under Clause 14.1 (b) of the power purchase agreement served a Second Notice of Arbitration on November 7, 2002. On December 10, 2002, EIPCL served a formal communication calling upon KPTCL and GOK to appoint a technical and or financial expert to resolve the outstanding issues in accordance with Clause 14.2 of the power purchase agreement. The Company also filed Notice U/S 80 of the Civil Procedure Code 1908 against GOK and KPTCL for losses and damages due to delay in implementation of the Karnataka project. On August 11, 2003, EIPCL filed a Statement of Claim against KPTCL for repudiatory breach of the power purchase agreement and claimed damages in the amount of US \$3,835,232 plus costs and interest. On October 7, 2003 KPTCL filed a Statement of Objections to reject EIPCL's claims with costs stating that EIPCL failed to put up the Barge Mounted Power Plant ("BMPP") and claimed the sum of Indian Rs. 25

crores (approximately US \$5 million) plus interest. During an arbitration hearing held November 25, 2003 KPTCL agreed to withdraw its claim against EIPCL. Accordingly, no amount has been recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2004. At the current time no assessment can be made of the outcome of the legal proceedings.

The Company estimates the range of liability related to pending litigation where the amount and range of loss can be estimated. Where there is a range of loss, the Company records the minimum estimated liability related to those claims. As additional information becomes available, we assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and revise our estimates accordingly. Revisions of our estimates of the potential liability could materially impact our results of future operations. If the final outcome of such litigation and contingencies differs adversely from those currently expected, it would result in a charge to earnings when determined.

Valuation of the Company's Investment in KEOPL. As of March 31, 2004, the Company owned directly or indirectly 11,848,200 common shares of Rs. 10 each, of KEOPL (the "KEOPL Shares"), a company incorporated in India, which is developing a power project in Andhra Pradesh, India. Pursuant to an agreement dated August 10, 2000 between the Company, VBC Ferro Alloys Ltd., an Indian corporation ("VBC"), and KEOPL (the "Revised VBC Agreement"), VBC was obligated to purchase 11,348,200 of those shares representing part of the Company's current investment in KEOPL for INR 113,482,000 (approximately CDN \$3.5 million as at June 30, 2002) on or before June 30, 2002 if the Company offers its KEOPL Shares to VBC prior to June 30, 2002.

On or about May 3, 2002, the Company, pursuant to the Revised VBC Agreement, offered and tendered the 11,348,200 KEOPL Shares to VBC for purchase on or before June 30, 2002. In July 2002, VBC raised a dispute with the Company regarding the purchase and sale of the KEOPL shares.

Pursuant to an Arbitration Agreement between the Company and VBC and an Arbitration Award passed and dated October 11, 2003 by Hon'ble Arbitral Tribunal, India (the "Award") (i) VBC has agreed to transfer an additional 500,000 equity shares in KEOPL to the Company and (ii) VBC is required to buy the 11,348,200 KEOPL Shares for INR 113,482,000 (approximately CDN \$3.2 million) on or before the earlier of (a) 60 days after the first disbursement of funds on financial closure of the KEOPL Project, and (b) March 31, 2004. The Company may, upon written notice to VBC, require that VBC purchase, and VBC is then required to buy, the additional 500,000 equity shares of KEOPL at a par value of INR 5 million (approximately CDN \$142,000) on or before the same dates. On February 28, 2004 the Company provided written notice to effect the purchase by VBC of the 11,348,200 KEOPL shares. If VBC does not buy the 11,348,200 KEOPL shares before March 31, 2004 VBC shall be liable to pay the Company interest at 12% per annum on the value of the unredeemed shares from March 31, 2004 to the date of actual payment thereof.

The investment in KEOPL is recorded at the expected net recoverable amount of CDN \$3.37 million. Management of the Company assessed the amount recoverable based on (i) the par value of the shares, (ii) an assessment of VBC's ability to pay, (iii) the provisions of the Arbitration Award, and (iv) the likelihood and timing of payment. The actual recoverable amount is dependent upon future events, foreign exchange fluctuations, and subject to certain sovereign risks such as stable political and economic conditions, and the amount actually recovered could differ materially from the amount estimated by management.

#### Newly Adopted Accounting Policies

Asset Retirement Obligations. In fiscal 2003, the Company adopted the recommendations of the new CICA Handbook Section 3110, "Asset Retirement Obligations" on a retroactive basis. As a result of applying the new standards, management determined that the changes to the asset retirement obligation in the amount of \$100,960 for the prior year was necessary for site restoration costs related to its oil and gas properties. Accounting for future site restoration costs involves estimating the timing and amount of abandonment costs on a well-by-well basis, then discounting these values to the present utilizing a discounted cash flow technique. The oil and gas properties were adjusted at June 30, 2003 for the noted \$100,960, and the effect on the opening deficit in fiscal 2002 was considered to be immaterial. As

at March 31, 2004 the amount accrued for asset retirement costs are \$114,274.

#### Other Information

The Company's public filings can be accessed and viewed through the Company's website, [www.enernorth.com](http://www.enernorth.com) under the heading "Investor Relations", and by clicking on "Corporate Filings". A link to the Company's Canadian Securities Commissions filings, including AIF, can be viewed via the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and the Company's United States Securities and Exchange Commission filings can be viewed through the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System (EDGAR) at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**Seasonality.** The Company's Industrial & Offshore Division operates in a cyclical and seasonal industry. Fabrication industry activity levels are generally dependent on the level of capital spending in heavy industries such as mining, forestry, oil and gas and petrochemicals. In addition, the Company is subject to seasonal levels of activity whereby business activities tend to be lower during the winter months. The level of industry profits, capacity-utilization in the industry and interest rates often affect capital spending in these industries. Success in fabrication will be dependent on the Industrial & Offshore Division's ability to secure and profitably perform fabrication contracts. Fixed price fabrication contracts contain the risk of bid error or significant cost escalation with regard to either labor or material costs, combined with a limited ability to recover such costs from the applicable client.

The Company's Oil & Gas Division is not a seasonal business, but increased consumer demand or changes in supply in certain months of the year can influence the price of produced hydrocarbons, depending on the circumstances. Production from the Company's oil and gas properties is the primary determinant for the volume of sales during the year.