

MOUNTAIN PROVINCE DIAMONDS INC

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: April, 2003

Commission File Number 0-27322

Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Suite 212, 525 Seymour Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6B 3H7
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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NEWS RELEASE

April 3, 2003

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The table shows the weighted average modeled grades, values per carat and revenues per tonne for the four lobes in the 5034 pipe and the various geologic zones in the Hearne pipe. The 5034 pipe has an indicated resource of 8.6 million tonnes and an inferred resource of 4.5 million tonnes, while Hearne has an indicated resource size of 5.5 million tonnes and an inferred resource of 1.6 million tonnes, all to a depth of 290 m below lake surface.

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ONTARIO
BRITISH COLUMBIA
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FORM 53-901F (FORM 27)

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT

SECTION 85(1) OF THE SECURITIES ACT (BRITISH COLUMBIA) SECTION 146(1) OF THE SECURITIES ACT (ALBERTA) SECTION 75(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT (ONTARIO)

Item 1. Reporting Issuer

State the full name and address of the principal office in Canada of the reporting issuer:

Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.
525 Seymour Street, Suite 212
Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1H2

Item 2. Date of Material Change

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Item 3. Press Release

State the date and place(s) of issuance of the press release.

The Press Release dated April 3, 2003 was forwarded to the Toronto Stock Exchange and disseminated via Canada Stockwatch, and CCN Matthews and Business Wire.

A copy of the Press Release is attached as Schedule A .

Item 4. Summary of Material Change

Provide a brief but accurate summary of the nature and substance of the material change.

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Item 5. Full Description of Material Change

Supplement the summary required under item 4 with the disclosure which should be sufficiently complete to enable a reader to appreciate the significance of the material change without reference to other material. Management is in the best position to determine what facts are significant and must disclose those facts in a meaningful manner. See also item 7.

The description of the significant facts relating to the material change will therefore include some or all of the following: dates, parties, terms and conditions, description of any assets, liabilities or capital affected, purpose, financial or dollar values, reasons for the change, and a general comment on the probable impact on the reporting issuer or its subsidiaries. Specific financial forecasts would not normally be required to comply with this form.

The above list merely described examples of some of the facts which may be significant. The list is not intended to be inclusive or exhaustive of the information required in any particular situation.

For a full description of the material change, see Schedule A .

Item 6. Reliance on Section 85(2) of the Securities Act (B.C.), Section 75(3) of the Securities Act (Ontario) and equivalent sections of other jurisdictions

If the report is being filed on a confidential basis, state the reasons for such reliance. For B.C., refer to section 85(3) of the Act concerning the continuing obligations regarding reports filed under this subsection.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Omitted Information

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Senior Officer

To facilitate any necessary follow-up by the Commission, give the name and business telephone number of a senior officer of the reporting issuer who is knowledgeable about the material change and the report or an officer through whom such senior officer may be contacted by the Commission.

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President
Tel: 1-909-466-1411

Item 9. Statement of Senior Officer

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The foregoing accurately discloses the material change referred to herein.

Dated at Vancouver this 4th day of April, 2003.

MOUNTAIN PROVINCE DIAMONDS INC.

Per:

/s/ Pradeep Varshney

Pradeep Varshney,

Chief Financial Officer

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.
(Registrant)

Date April 4, 2003

By: /s/ Pradeep Varshney
(Print) Name: Pradeep Varshney
Title: Chief Financial Officer
