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#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Inc. ("Swiss Water" or the "Company"), dated as of November 5, 2019, provides a review of the financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 relative to the comparable period of 2018. The three-month period represents the third quarter ("Q3") of our 2019 fiscal year. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with Swiss Water's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 and the Annual Information Form, which are available on www.sedar.com.

All financial information is presented in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise specified.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the future success of our business and market opportunities. Forward-looking statements typically contain words such as "believes", "expects", "anticipates", "continue", "could", "indicates", "plans", "will", "intends", "may", "projects", "schedule", "would" or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events, although not all forwardlooking statements contain these identifying words. Examples of such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning: (i) expectations regarding Swiss Water's future success in various geographic markets; (ii) future financial results, including anticipated future sales and processing volumes; (iii) future dividends; (iv) the expected actions of the third parties described herein; (v) factors affecting the coffee market including supplies and commodity pricing; (vi) the expected cost to complete the production facility and production line currently under construction; and (vii) the business and financial outlook of Swiss Water. In addition, this MD&A contains financial outlook information that is intended to provide general guidance for readers based on our current estimates, which based on numerous assumptions and may prove to be incorrect. Therefore, such financial outlook information should not be relied upon by readers. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees but involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed in or implied by these statements. These risks include, but are not limited to, risks related to processing volumes and sales growth, operating results, supply of coffee, supply of utilities, general industry conditions, commodity price risks, technology, competition, foreign exchange rates, construction timing, costs and financing of capital projects, general economic conditions and those factors described herein under the heading 'Risks & Uncertainties'.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are also based on assumptions that we believe are current and reasonable, including but not limited to, assumptions regarding: (i) trends in certain market segments and the economic climate generally; (ii) the financial strength of our customers; (iii) the value of the Canadian dollar versus the US dollar; (iv) the expected financial and operating performance of Swiss Water going forward; (v) the availability and expected terms and conditions of debt facilities; and (vi) the expected level of dividends payable to shareholders. We cannot assure readers that actual results will be consistent with the statements contained in this MD&A. The forward-looking statements and financial outlook information contained herein are made as of the date of this MD&A and are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Except to the extent required by applicable securities law, Swiss Water undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any such statements to reflect any change in our expectations or in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any such statements may be based, or that may affect the likelihood that actual results will differ from those described herein.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, Swiss Water recorded higher processing volumes and revenues, in addition to enhanced operating income compared to the same periods last year. Volume growth remained strong in all trading regions and continued to accelerate in Europe. We also continued to grow our market share versus our competitors, increased our operating margins, and improved our operational efficiencies while remaining focused on producing high-quality premium decaffeinated coffee. To drive future growth, we are committed to expanding our presence in Europe and increasing awareness of the Swiss Water brand by targeting specific customer groups in North America. A summary of our financial results is in the table below:

In \$000s except per share	3	months ended	3 months ended	9 months ended	9 months ended
amounts (unaudited)		September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
		2019	2018	2019	2018
Sales	\$	23,645	\$ 23,087	\$ 72,707	\$ 66,960
Gross Profit		4,737	4,439	12,388	11,235
Operating income		2,291	1,927	4,623	4,013
Net income		884	1,828	2,228	3,612
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>		3,485	2,717	8,894	5,695
Net income - basic <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.10	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.40
Net income - diluted <sup>2</sup>	\$	0.10	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.31

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA is defined in the 'Non-IFRS Measures' section of this MD&A and is a "Non-GAAP Financial Measure" as defined by CSA Staff Notice 52-306.

#### Operational highlights

- Total shipped volumes maintained the strong growth momentum reported in the first half of this year. Shipped volumes in the third quarter and year-to-date grew by 8% and 16% respectively, compared to the same periods in 2018. We continue to win new business as coffee industry participants migrate away from chemical decaffeination processes. In addition, since the beginning of this year, we have seen an acceleration of underlying volume growth from existing customers. At the same time, our global reach continues to expand. Swiss Water now exports to 56 different countries, and we ship volume to customers on every continent.
- Shipments to roasters in the third quarter and first nine months of this year improved by 9% and 13%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2018. Shipments to importers in Q3 and the year-to-date increased by 6% and 23% respectively. The growth in roaster and importer volumes reflects gains in market share due, in part, to a reduction in global chemical free decaffeination capacity following the shutdown of two legacy CO<sub>2</sub> plants operated by competitors in 2018.
- Shipped volumes to our specialty accounts saw a slight decrease of 3% in the third quarter but grew by 9% for the first nine months of this year, compared to last year's levels. Increasing recognition of the Swiss Water brand is helping drive increased business with this growing industry segment.
- Shipments to our commercial accounts increased by 14% in the third quarter and by 21% in the nine
  months ended September 30, 2019, compared to the same periods last year. Increasing consumer
  awareness and demand for decaffeinated coffee, combined with the reduced availability of chemical free
  decaffeination capacity is helping drive this growth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Per-share calculations are based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the periods.

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- Swiss Water's European subsidiary was formally incorporated in January of this year and, during the nine months since, we have seen a strong acceleration in the performance of our business there. Our European volumes grew by 6% in Q3, and by 56% in the first nine months of the year. Our exceptional European growth trajectory has largely been delivered through distribution gains with new partners and customers on the continent. At the same time, we are also experiencing a strong contribution from our legacy trading relationships in the UK.
- Our largest geographical market by volume in Q3 and the first nine months of the year continued to be
  the United States, followed by Canada, Europe and other international markets. By dollar value, for the
  nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, 49% of our sales were to customers in the United States,
  34% were to Canada, and the remaining 17% were to other countries. As we continue to expand our
  business in Europe, we anticipate revenues from our international markets to increase in both dollar and
  percentage terms.

#### Financial highlights

- Third quarter revenue increased by 2% to \$23.6 million, and nine-month revenue improved by 8% to \$72.2 million, compared to the same periods in 2018. The increases were due to growth in our processing volumes, accompanied by a higher average US dollar ("US\$") exchange rate, as well as increases in green coffee sales volumes, offset by a lower coffee futures price ("NY'C").
- Gross profit for Q3 of this year was \$4.7 million. This is a sequential improvement in gross profit from \$4.1 million in Q2 2019. On a year-over-year basis, gross profit was up from \$4.4 million in Q3 2018. Our Q3 gross profit this year was positively impacted by increased overall process volumes and a higher proportion of regular volumes in our sales mix, as well as improved supply chain efficiencies, and our ongoing efforts to control operating costs. These enhancements were partially diluted by the impact of higher labour costs.
  - Year-to-date gross profit increased to \$12.4 million from \$11.2 million in the first three quarters of last year. The improvement in gross profit was achieved despite the need to absorb much higher than expected energy costs during the first quarter of this year. This was due to a temporary spike in the price for natural gas resulting from a pipeline explosion in October 2018 that significantly reduced the supply of gas in British Columbia. We continue to actively pursue margin maintenance and improvement measures across the company's operations following a period during which we have had to absorb a number of inflationary cost increases. We are also seeking variable and fixed cost reduction opportunities while vigorously maintaining our product quality.
- Operating expenses decreased by 3% to \$2.4 million in the third quarter and increased by 8% to \$7.8 million for the first nine months of this year, compared to the same periods in 2018. The Q3 decrease was due to lower sales and marketing expenses during the period, while the nine-month increase was due to higher staffing and staff-related expenses, as well as an increase in research and development activity during the second quarter.
- Operating income increased by \$0.4million, or 19%, to \$2.3 million in the third quarter and was up by \$0.6 million, or 15%, to \$4.6 million for the first three quarters, compared to the same periods last year.
- Third quarter net income was \$0.9 million compared to \$1.8 million in Q3 2018. Year-to-date net income
  was \$2.2 million, compared to \$3.6 million in the same period of 2018. This year's improved operating
  income was offset by increases in non-operating expenses. The increased expenses were driven by a loss

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on risk management activities, the revaluation of an embedded derivative, and higher finance expense in relation to interest on leases as a result of the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases.

• EBITDA increased by \$0.8 million, or 28%, to \$3.5 million in the third quarter and by \$3.2 million, or 56%, to \$8.9 million for the first nine months of this year, compared to the same periods in 2018. In both periods this year, the increase in EBITDA was largely due to the adoption of new accounting standards related to leases. Operationally, the improvement in EBITDA was driven by strong growth in processing volumes, ongoing efforts across the Company to enhance cost recovery and an increased financial contribution from Seaforth, our supply chain subsidiary.

#### **OUTLOOK**

Looking ahead, we expect to record a strong year-over-year increase in annual volume once again in 2019. During the first half of this year, we achieved strong growth in volumes shipped to roasters, importers and commercial accounts. This positive trend continued in the third quarter, reflecting our success in winning business with new roasters and increasing our business with existing customers who have grown their distribution, locations or expanded their product offerings. A portion of our new business is from roasters who previously obtained their decaffeinated coffees from a decommissioned CO<sub>2</sub> plant in Europe, while some other account wins are related to the recent closure of a CO<sub>2</sub> plant in Houston, Texas.

We believe that the closure of these two legacy plants has changed the competitive landscape in our favour and that the resulting drop in available chemical free decaffeination services will allow us to more rapidly utilize the additional production capacity we will begin commissioning later this year.

Furthermore, we continue to see an acceleration of customers converting from chemical decaffeination to our chemical free process. Recognition of the Swiss Water brand continues to develop within our expanding portfolio of customers and coffee consumers in North America and overseas. Swiss Water now exports coffees to 56 countries and to all continents across the globe. We also expect the increased marketing and sales investments we have made, and continue to make, this year will drive further gains in brand recognition and customer conversion going forward.

Construction of our new Swiss Water® Process decaffeination facility, which is located in Delta, British Columbia, Canada, is nearing completion. Initially, this facility will house one new production line, although the site is large enough to accommodate further expansion as conversion to chemical free decaffeination accelerates. Commissioning of the new production line will commence in the fourth quarter and we anticipate producing commercial-grade decaffeinated coffees in the first quarter of 2020.

To meet the more immediate growth in demand, we completed an efficiency enhancement project in Q2 of last year that successfully increased the capacity of our current facility in Burnaby, BC. Since then, we have continued to pursue further optimization opportunities at this plant. These changes, together with the capacity that was added at the same facility in Q1 of 2016, are expected to be sufficient to meet anticipated growth in demand for our premium Swiss Water® Process coffees until the new production line is fully operational.

As part of an ongoing evaluation of our cost structure with the goal of increasing overall margins, we are continuing to review cost recovery opportunities for both Swiss Water and our Seaforth Supply Chain Solutions Inc. ("Seaforth") subsidiary. While Seaforth's operating costs rose substantially in the first half of last year due to a warehouse expansion, there has been an improvement in operating costs in the subsequent five quarters. During the third quarter, we successfully consolidated all of Seaforth's operations onto one

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expanded site and this should significantly improve operating efficiency going forward. Notably, throughout the first nine months of this year, Seaforth made a positive contribution to the improvement in our gross profit.

Decaffeinated coffee continues its strong, positive growth trend, both in the USA and in Western Europe. We believe that this is driven by a combination of factors, including the premiumization of the coffee market, as well as broader consumer access to high quality decaffeinated coffee. The 18-39 year old age group leads decaffeinated coffee consumption, a trend that has maintained over the past six years<sup>1</sup>. This demographic in particular wants to enjoy great-tasting coffee throughout the day without worrying about the potential side effects of excess caffeine.

Younger consumers are also more aware and concerned about artificial ingredients and chemicals in the processing of their food and beverages—and expect transparency from brands. As a result, we have experienced increased demand for our sustainable Swiss Water® Process, which is certified Organic and uses zero chemical solvents. Demand for sustainability in coffee continues to grow: 43% of consumers say they are more likely to buy coffee that is Certified Organic, and 49% of consumers say they're more likely to buy coffee if it is grown in an environmentally sustainable way. <sup>1</sup>

The health and environmental hazards associated with methylene chloride (the primary chemical used by our competitors to decaffeinate coffee) continues to garner media attention<sup>2</sup>, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has banned the substance in paint removers<sup>3</sup>. We believe this rise in consumer awareness is helping to drive consumer demand for, and customer conversion to, our 100% chemical free coffees, and we will continue to proactively invest in messaging activities to convey the many benefits of the Swiss Water<sup>®</sup> Process.

Over the near future, our primary focus will be to position Swiss Water to maintain our current growth momentum and enhance our operating margins. In January of this year, we completed the registration of our European subsidiary. We believe that opening a European sales office will give us a solid footprint to better serve customers in the largest decaffeinated coffee market in the world. For the first nine months of this year our European business has grown by 56%. At the same time, we are enhancing our ability to target specific customer groups in the United States. Developing our European and US sales teams has and will continue to increase our expenses somewhat. However, we expect these initiatives to generate increased volume in the longer term and to help drive major account wins. As converting large customers to Swiss Water® Process coffees typically takes several quarters, we believe that continuing to strengthen our sales capability is a critical part of our preparation to ramp up orders and win new business as we move towards the completion of our new production facility during the fourth quarter of this year.

<sup>2</sup> New York Times has published (https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/21/us/epa-toxic-chemicals.html) and podcasted https://www.nytimes.com/podcasts/the-daily? r=0 a piece on EPA regulations, as the EPA is highlighting methylene chloride as a key chemical that isn't, but should be, regulated, because it's a hazard to people's health. In 2018, New Scientist published a report (https://www.newscientist.com/article/2138753-ozone-layer-recovery-will-be-delayed-by-chemical-leaks/) about how methylene chloride is slowing the regeneration of the ozone layer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Coffee Association 2019 Coffee Drinking Trends

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>United States Environmental Protection Agency</u> Regulation of Paint and Coating Removal for Consumer Use: Methylene Chloride (https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA FRDOC 0001-23648)

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Going forward, we will continue to invest in our production infrastructure and human resources to prepare for the significant growth that we anticipate in the future.

#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

Swiss Water is a premium green coffee decaffeinator located in Burnaby and in Delta, British Columbia. We employ the proprietary Swiss Water® Process to decaffeinate green coffee without the use of chemical solvents, leveraging science-based systems and controls to produce coffee that is 99.9% caffeine free. Our process is certified organic by the Organic Crop Improvement Association and is the world's only consumer-branded decaffeination process. Decaffeinating premium green coffee without the use of harmful chemical solvents is our primary business.

Our Seaforth subsidiary provides a complete range of green coffee logistics services including devanning coffee received from origin; inspecting, weighing and sampling coffees; and storing, handling and preparing green coffee for outbound shipments. Seaforth provides all of Swiss Water's local green coffee handling and storage services. In addition, Seaforth handles and stores coffees for several other coffee importers and brokers, and is the main green coffee handling and storage company in Metro Vancouver. Seaforth is organically certified by Ecocert Canada.

Swiss Water's shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol 'SWP', formerly TPK. As at the date of this report 9,061,210 shares were issued and outstanding.

#### **Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Company's Business**

We carry an inventory of premium-grade Arabica coffees that we purchase from the specialty green coffee trade, decaffeinate and then sell to our customers (our "regular" or "non-toll" business). Revenue from our regular business includes both processing revenue and green coffee cost recovery revenue.

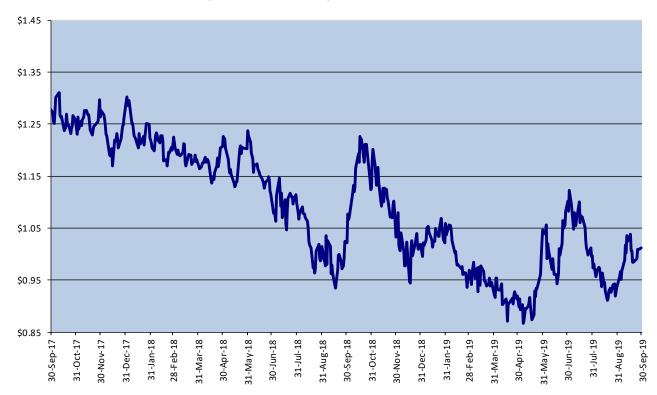
We also decaffeinate coffee owned by our customers for a processing fee under toll arrangements (our "toll" business). The value of the coffee processed under toll arrangements does not form part of our inventory, our revenue or our cost of sales. Revenue from toll arrangements consists entirely of processing revenue.

Our cost of sales is comprised primarily of the cost of green coffee purchased for our regular business, plant labour and other processing costs directly associated with our production facility. This incorporates an allocation of fixed overhead costs, which includes depreciation of our production equipment and amortization of our proprietary process technology. For our regular business, we work with coffee importers to source premium-grade green coffees from coffee-producing countries located in Central and South America, Africa and Asia. The purchase price is based on the NY'C' coffee futures price on the Intercontinental Exchange, plus a quality differential. The NY'C' component typically makes up more than 80% of the total cost of green coffee, while the quality differential typically accounts for less than 20%. Both the NY'C' price and the quality differential fluctuate in response to fundamental commodity factors that affect supply and demand.

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The chart below shows the movement in the NY'C' for the last eight quarters:

NY'C' Close (US\$/Ib)
Intercontinental Exchange
September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2019



In Q3 2019, the NY'C' averaged US\$1.00/lb compared to an average of US\$1.04/lb in Q3 2018. For the first three quarters of 2019, the NY'C averaged US\$0.98/lb, compared to US\$1.14/lb for the first nine months of 2018. The rise and fall of the NY'C' affects our volume of shipments, our revenues and our cost of sales. In an upward trending market, our customers tend to consume their inventories rather than build them. When the NY'C' declines over a sustained period (as it has for the past 12 months), our customers tend to add to their inventories.

The majority of our revenues are generated in US dollars, while a significant portion of our costs is paid in Canadian dollars. We, therefore, have exposure to changes in the US\$/C\$ exchange rates. This is managed, in part, through derivative financial instruments. All other factors being equal, our profitability and cash from operations will be higher when the US dollar appreciates relative to the Canadian dollar. A long-term depreciation of the Canadian dollar will improve our long-term profitability and cash generation.

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The chart below illustrates the US\$ to Canadian dollar ("C\$") exchange rates for the last eight quarters:

US Dollars to Canadian Dollars Bank of Canada Noon Rates September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2019



In Q3 2019, the US\$ averaged C\$1.32, an increase of 1% over the same period in 2018. In the first three quarters of this year, the US\$ averaged C\$1.33, an increase of 3% over the same period last year. When the US\$ depreciates (appreciates), it decreases (increases) our gross profit on green coffee revenues.

#### **OPERATING RESULTS**

#### Revenue

We categorize our customers by the nature of their business: either coffee importers or roasters. Coffee importers act like grocery stores to roasters, sourcing and importing green coffee from various origins and carrying a selection of different origins and quality levels for roasters to choose from. Importers buy from us in order to resell our coffees to roasters when and where they need it. Roasters are in the business of roasting and packaging coffee for sale to consumers in their own coffee shops, or for home or office use. Roasters either buy directly from Swiss Water, or they buy from an importer. Roasters generally carry lower inventories, as they tend to take delivery of green coffee shortly before roasting it. As such, shipments to roasters are more stable than those to importers from period to period.

We also monitor and report our revenue in three categories. "Process revenue" represents the amount we charge our customers for decaffeinating green coffee, and it generally increases as our processing volumes increase. "Green coffee cost recovery revenue", or "green revenue", is the amount we charge our customers for the green coffee we purchase for decaffeination. "Distribution revenue" consists of shipping, handling,

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and warehousing charges billed to our customers. It typically rises with our processing volumes and with the growth of Seaforth's business. Our revenue by category for the indicated periods was:

(In \$000s)	3	9 months ended					
		ember 30,		September 3			
(unaudited)	2019		2018	2019			2018
Process revenue	\$ 6,558	\$	6,475	\$	19,905	\$	17,920
Green revenue	15,290		14,996		46,769 44,7		
Distribution revenue	1,797 1,616			5,533 4,24			4,249
	\$ 23,645	\$	23,087	\$	72,207	\$	66,960

For the quarter ended September 30, 2019, sales totaled \$23.6 million, an increase of \$0.6 million, or 2%, compared to the same quarter in 2018. Sales for the first nine months of 2019 totaled \$72.2 million, an increase of \$5.2 million, or 8%, over the same period last year.

The increases in our sales in the third quarter and in the first three quarters of 2019 by revenue category are as follows:

- Process revenue increased by \$0.1 million, or 1% in Q3 2019, and increased by \$2.0 million, or 11% in
  the first nine months of 2019. Increases in both periods reflect a growth in our processing volumes
  and a higher average US\$ exchange rate.
- Green revenue increased by \$0.3 million, or 2% in Q3 2019, and increased by \$2.0 million, or 4% in the first nine months of 2019. These increases were due to growth in green coffee sales volumes, offset by a lower coffee futures price, NY'C', in such periods.
- Distribution revenue rose by \$0.2 million, or 11% in Q3 2019, and increased by \$1.3 million, or 30% in the first nine months of 2019. Enhanced distribution revenue has been driven by increased volumes of stored coffee, and revenue management initiatives.

The increases in our sales volume in the third quarter and in the first three quarters of 2019 by geographical segment are as follows:

- Sales volume in North America were flat in Q3 2019, and increased by 9% in the first three quarters of the year
- Sales volume in Europe increased by 6% in Q3 2019, and by 56% in the first three quarters of the year
- Sales volume in Asia Pacific increased by 53% in Q3 2019, and by 55% in the first three quarters of the vear

The increases in sales volumes by geographical segment are consistent with our strategic efforts to leverage existing relationships with customers in North America while establishing a sales presence in France to enhance sales growth and penetration in the European market.

#### **Cost of Sales**

Cost of sales includes the cost of green coffee purchased for our regular business, the plant labour and other processing costs directly associated with our production facility, customer-specific hedges and commodity hedges. Cost of sales incorporates an allocation of fixed overhead costs, which includes depreciation of our production equipment and amortization of our proprietary process technology. In addition, cost of sales includes the costs of operating Seaforth's warehouses.

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Our third quarter cost of sales increased by \$0.3 million, or 1%, to \$18.9 million this year compared to the same period in 2018. For the first nine months of 2019, our cost of sales was \$59.8 million, up by \$4.1 million, or 7%, over the same period last year. The increase in the first three quarters of the year is reflective of the increase in business activities during this period. The increase is a result of higher variable production costs associated with the growth in our volumes and annual labour cost inflation, partially offset by a decrease in green coffee costs, which is a significant portion of our cost of sales.

In the first quarter of 2019, we also absorbed higher gas costs as a result of a spike in the spot market for natural gas, due to a pipeline explosion in October 2018 and a polar vortex (extended period of abnormally cold weather) in March 2019 which significantly reduced the supply of gas. Natural gas prices normalized in the second and third quarter of 2019.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit increased by 7% to \$4.7 million for the third quarter of this year, as higher revenues more than offset the increases in our cost of sales. Gross profit for the first three quarters of 2019 increased by 10% to \$12.4 million, compared to the same period last year, despite the impact of higher energy costs in Q1 2019. Year-to-date results have been positively impacted by increased processing volumes, revenue management initiatives, and leveraging enhanced cost recovery, while maintaining the quality of our coffee.

#### **Administration Expenses**

Administration includes general management, inbound and outbound logistics, finance and accounting, quality control and assurance, engineering, research and development, and other administrative or support functions. Administration expenses include compensation expenses, travel and other personnel-related expenses for administrative staff, directors' fees, investor relations expenses, professional fees, depreciation of office-related equipment, and amortization of the brand asset.

Administration expenses for Q3 2019 totaled \$1.5 million. This is a decrease of \$0.02 million, or 1%, compared to the same period last year, largely due to less travel and recruiting activities during the period. Administration expenses for the first three quarters of 2019 increased by 15% to \$5.1 million. The increase largely reflects costs incurred to support strategic growth initiatives for 2019, salary inflation as a consequence of our annual cost of living adjustment, and increased research and development expenditures in Q2 2019.

#### **Sales and Marketing Expenses**

Sales and marketing expenses include compensation and other personnel-related expenses for sales and marketing staff, consumer and trade advertising and promotion costs, as well as related travel expenses.

Sales and marketing expenses were down by \$0.02 million, or 2%, to \$0.95 million in Q3 2019, and by \$0.05 million, or 2%, to \$2.6 million for the first three quarters of 2019, compared to the same periods in 2018. Decreases in both periods were driven by a re-phasing of advertising and sponsorship initiatives into Q4.

#### **Occupancy Expenses**

Occupancy expenses include the cost of renting offices for sales, marketing and administrative use. Occupancy costs for the third quarter and first three quarters were largely unchanged from the prior year.

#### **Finance Expenses and Income**

Finance income reflects the charges we bill to customers for financing coffee inventories and interest earned on cash balances and short-term investments. Finance expenses include interest costs on bank debt, other

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borrowings, the accretion expense on our asset retirement obligation, interest expense on the convertible debenture and interest expense on finance leases.

Net finance expenses were \$0.6 million and \$1.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively, compared to net finance expense of \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million in the same periods last year. The loss of interest income from short-term investments maturing in 2019 combined with the interest expenses on a convertible debenture and on finance leases, due to the adoption of IFRS 16 in 2019, accounted for the majority of the change.

Interest on the convertible debenture is expensed at an effective interest rate of 12.15% (a rate determined by management in accordance with IFRS), while the contractual interest paid on this loan is at a rate of 6.85%, causing the amortization of the bond discount to change over time.

The adoption of IFRS 16 Leases in 2019 resulted in interest expenses of \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, while there was no such cost in 2018.

During the construction phase of our Delta facility, interest expense related to the construction loan is capitalized in property plant and equipment.

#### **Gains and Losses on Risk Management Activities**

Under hedge accounting, gains or losses on designated hedges are included in either revenue or cost of sales, held on the balance sheet or included in other comprehensive income for future transactions (see 'Hedge Accounting', above). Thus, 'Gain on risk management activities' includes only those gains and losses on derivative financial instruments or portions of such instruments that are not designated as hedging instruments.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, we recorded a loss of \$0.1 million and a gain of \$1.1 million respectively, compared to gains of \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million recorded for the same periods in 2018.

#### **Fair Value Adjustment on Embedded Option**

Swiss Water entered into a convertible debenture in October 2016. Under IFRS, this instrument is deemed to contain an embedded option that must be revalued at each balance sheet date. The fair value of the derivative liability was determined using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. The variables and assumptions used in computing the fair value are based on management's best estimate at each balance sheet date.

The revaluation on this embedded option resulted in losses of \$0.2 million in the third quarter of 2019 and \$0.8 million for the year-to-date, compared to gains of \$0.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, in the same periods of last year.

#### Gains and Losses on Foreign Exchange

We realize gains and losses on transactions denominated in foreign currencies when they occur, and on assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies when they are translated into Canadian dollars as at the financial statement date.

During the third quarter, we recorded a loss on foreign exchange of \$0.1 million, compared to a \$0.1 million loss in the same period last year. The year-to-date amount for 2019 was a loss of \$0.2 million compared to a loss of \$0.3 million in the same period of 2018.

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#### **Income Before Taxes and Net Income**

In the third quarter of 2019, we recorded income before taxes of \$1.3 million, compared to \$2.3 million in the same period in 2018. We estimate a current tax expense of \$0.04 million and deferred income tax expenses of \$0.4 million, which altogether reduced our net income by \$0.44 million for the quarter, compared to a net income tax expense of \$0.5 million in Q3 2018. Deferred income taxes arise mainly from temporary differences between the depreciation and amortization expenses deducted for accounting purposes, and the capital cost allowances deducted for tax purposes, as well as changes in corporate income tax rates as adjusted for substantively enacted higher future tax rates. The latter are offset by the tax benefit of loss carry forwards recognized. Overall, we recorded a net income of \$0.9 million in Q3 2019, compared to \$1.8 million in the same quarter last year.

For the first three quarters of 2019, we recorded pre-tax income of \$3.1 million, down from \$4.6 million in the first three quarters of 2018. This was reduced by income tax expenses of \$0.9 million, compared to income tax expense of \$1.0 million in the same period last year. Overall, we recorded net income of \$2.2 million for the year-to-date, compared to \$3.6 million a year ago.

#### **Other Comprehensive Income**

Gains or losses on our designated revenue hedges that will mature in future periods are recorded in other comprehensive income, net of income tax expense. Other comprehensive income, net of tax, for the third quarter of 2019 was a loss of \$0.5 million, compared to a gain of \$0.4 million in the same period of 2018. Other comprehensive income, net of tax, for the first three quarters of 2019 was a gain of \$1.2 million, compared to a loss of \$1.4 million in the same period of 2018. In both periods, the increases and decreases are related to fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar versus the US dollar.

#### **Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share**

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income by the basic weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Similarly, diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential common shares, by the diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding. For the purposes of the calculation, under IFRS we are required to assume that the maximum number of shares issuable under the convertible debenture will be issued, even though the debenture contains a net share settlement provision (which if exercised would result in far fewer shares being issued).

In the third quarter and first nine months of 2019, both potential common shares issuable under the RSU Plan and common shares issuable for the convertible debenture are anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share in such periods. In comparison, for the same periods of 2018, only potential common shares issuable under the RSU Plan are anti-dilutive and excluded from the calculation.

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The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share for the current and prior periods are shown in the following table:

(In 000s except for per share data)		3 months end	ed Se	eptember 30,	ç	9 months ended Septemb		
(unaudited)		2019		2018		2019		2018
Basic EPS								
Net income attributable to shareholders	\$	884	\$	1,828	\$	2,228	\$	3,612
Weighted average number of shares		9,061,210		9,061,210		9,061,210		9,057,117
Basic EPS	\$	0.10	\$	0.20	\$	0.25	\$	0.40
Diluted EPS								
Net income attributable to shareholders		884		1,828		2,228		3,612
Interest on convertible debenture		-		268		-		792
Gain on fair value adjustment of embedded option		-		(102)		-		(986)
Net income after effect of diluted securities	\$	884	\$	1,994	\$	2,228	\$	3,418
Weighted average number of shares – basic		9,061,210		9,061,210		9,061,210		9,057,117
Effect of diluted securities: convertible debenture		-		1,818,182		-		1,818,182
Weighted average number of shares - diluted		9,061,210		10,879,392		9,061,210		10,875,299
Diluted EPS	\$	0.10	\$	0.18	\$	0.25	\$	0.31

#### **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

#### **EBITDA**

EBITDA is often used by publicly traded companies as a measure of cash from operations, as it excludes financing costs, taxation and non-cash items. The reporting of EBITDA is intended to assist readers in the performance of their own financial analysis. However, since this measure does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS, it is unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities.

We define EBITDA as net income before interest, depreciation, amortization, impairments, share-based compensation, gains/losses on foreign exchange, gains/losses on disposal of property and capital equipment, fair value adjustments on embedded options, and provision for income taxes. Our definition of EBITDA also excludes unrealized gains and losses on the undesignated portion of foreign exchange forward contracts.

EBITDA for the three months ended September 30, 2019 was \$3.5 million, up by 28% compared to Q3 2018. For the first three quarters of the year, EBITDA increased by 56% to \$8.9 million, compared to the same period in 2018. In 2019, we adopted IFRS 16 Leases without restating comparative amounts for the year 2018, as permitted by the standard. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2019, the adoption of IFRS 16 — Leases resulted in the recognition of \$1.6 million in depreciation expense and \$0.9 million in interest expense, which are costs that are not included in the calculation of EBITDA. In the prior year 2018, these leases were classified as operating leases, under IAS 17-Leases, and their related minimum lease payments were recognized as a part of EBITDA.

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The reconciliation of net income to EBITDA is as follows:

(In \$000s)	3 months end	ed Se	ptember 30,	9 months ended		Septe	mber 30,
(unaudited)	2019		2018		2019		2018
Income for the period	\$ 884	\$	1,828	\$	2,228	\$	3,612
Income taxes	440		518		866		971
Income before tax	\$ 1,324	\$	2,346	\$	3,094	\$	4,583
Finance income	(108)		(139)		(377)		(387)
Finance expenses	698		361		1,996		1,084
Depreciation & amortization	914		412		2,893		1,263
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign exchange forward contracts	195		(336)		(343)		(438)
Fair value loss (gain) on embedded option	186		(102)		758		(986)
Loss on foreign exchange	59		81		235		316
Share-based compensation	217		94		638		260
EBITDA	\$ 3,485	\$	2,717	\$	8,894	\$	5,695

In order to help readers better understand our financial results, the following table shows the reconciliation of operating income to EBITDA:

(In \$000s)	3 months end	ed Se	ptember 30,	9 n	nonths ended S	September 30,		
(unaudited)	2019		2018		2019		2018	
Operating income for the period	\$ 2,291	\$	1,927	\$	4,623	\$	4,013	
Add back:								
Depreciation & amortization	914		412		2,893		1,263	
Share-based compensation	217		94		638		260	
Gain (loss) on risk management activities	(132)		620		1,083		597	
Deduct:								
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign exchange forward	195		(336)		(343)		(438)	
contracts								
EBITDA	\$ 3,485	\$	2,717	\$	8,894	\$	5,695	

### **QUARTERLY INFORMATION / SEASONALITY**

The following table summarizes results for each of the eight most recently completed fiscal quarters. For comparative purposes, we have also provided the averages for the previous 8-quarter period:

In \$000s except for per	8 Quarter	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4
share amounts (unaudited)	Average	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017
Sales	22,851	23,645	24,392	24,170	22,979	23,087	22,658	21,215	20,662
Gross Profit	3,811	4,737	4,106	3,544	3,686	4,439	3,952	2,842	3,178
Operating income	1,401	2,291	1,356	976	1,618	1,927	1,528	555	958
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	2,246	3,485	3,097	2,312	2,050	2,717	1,868	1,106	1,334
Net income (loss)	797	884	1,353	(9)	919	1,828	1,294	489	(380)
Per Share <sup>2</sup>									
Net income (loss) - basic	0.09	0.10	0.15	(0.00)	0.10	0.20	0.14	0.05	(0.04)
Net income (loss) - diluted	0.07	0.10	0.14	(0.00)	0.03	0.18	0.10	0.03	(0.04)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>EBITDA is defined in the section on 'Non-IFRS Financial Measures' along with details of its calculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Per-share calculations are based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

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There is an element of seasonality in our business, in that the second half of the year tends to have higher volumes and revenues.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### **Operating activities**

For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2019, we generated \$6.3 million and \$6.7 million, respectively, in net cash from operating activities, compared to \$4.0 million and \$3.1 million generated in the same periods in 2018. In 2019, we adopted IFRS 16 – Leases, and as required by the new standard, for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2019, we accounted for lease liability payments of \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, as cash outflows under financing activities. These cash outflows were reported under operating activities in 2018.

#### Inventory

Our inventory increased in value by 20% and in volume by 22% between December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2019. The increase reflects additions to raw materials inventory.

Under hedge accounting, gains/losses on derivative instruments for coffee to be sold in future periods are recorded in inventory. The hedge accounting component of inventory as at September 30, 2019 was a gain of \$0.1 million compared to a loss of \$0.6 million at the end of 2018.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

Our accounts receivable decreased by \$0.2 million, or 1%, between December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2019 compared to an increase of \$1.1 million, or 9%, between December 31, 2017 and September 30, 2018. 87% of Swiss Water accounts receivable are current as at September 30, 2019.

#### **Investing Activities**

Cash outflows in investing activities for Q3 2019 were \$5.7 million, compared to cash outflows of \$3.3 million in Q3 2018. Cash outflows from investing activities for the first nine months of 2019 were \$14.6 million, compared to cash outflows of \$3.5 million in the same period last year. In Q3 and the first three quarters of 2019, the majority of our cash outflows were for capital expenditures related to our plant expansion in Delta, BC, in the amount of \$5.4 million and \$14.1 million respectively. This compares to cash outflows for capital expenditures of \$3.3 million in Q3 2018 and \$10.6 million during the first nine months of 2018, which were also related to our expansion plans. No short-term investments were made during the first nine months of 2019 and 2018.

#### **Financing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, Swiss Water paid \$1.7 million in dividends to shareholders. This is unchanged from 2018. During the first three quarters of 2019, we received proceeds for a term loan of \$8.6 million from the Business Development Bank of Canada ("BDC"). In Q3 and during the first nine months of 2019, the minimum lease payments totaled \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, whereas, in 2018, such costs were included under cash flows from operating activities.

#### **Credit Facilities and Liquidity**

Our current credit facilities include a \$14.5 million revolving operating line of credit and a \$1.5 million revolving swing line, each of which bears an interest rate of prime plus 0.75%. Any US\$-denominated debt

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under the revolving operating line of credit or swing line can be financed using LIBOR loans at the LIBOR rate plus 2.35% per annum.

In addition, we have a US\$8.0 million foreign exchange and commodity futures contract facility. This allows us to enter into spot, forward and other foreign exchange rate transactions with our bank with a maximum term of 60 months.

Our facilities are collateralized by a general security agreement over all of the assets of Swiss Water and a floating hypothecation agreement over cash balances.

We have certain bank covenants which relate to the maintenance of specified financial ratios and we were in compliance with all covenants as at September 30, 2019.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations and commitments as at September 30, 2019:

(In \$000s) (unaudited)	Total	Less than 1 year		2-3 years		2-3 years 4-5 years		4-5 years		Over 5 years
Long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 33,040	\$ 167	\$	4,000	\$	19,000	\$	9,873		
Financing leases <sup>(2)</sup>	15,305	2,624		5,512		3,689		3,480		
Purchase obligations <sup>(3)</sup>	36,402	36,126		276		-		-		
Total contractual obligations	\$ 84,747	\$ 38,917	\$	9,788	\$	22,689	\$	13,353		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Long-term debt represents the principal amounts of the convertible debenture and construction loan.

Swiss Water leases a facility that houses its decaffeination plant and offices. The current lease term expires in 2023. Beyond expiry in 2023, the landlord has to approve any subsequent renewal of the lease.

In Q1 2019, Seaforth entered into an agreement to lease an additional warehouse facility, which commenced in April 2019 and expires in June 2027. Seaforth's two existing warehouse leases expired in June and September 2019. Following these changes, Seaforth's operations were consolidated into one warehouse location by the end of Q3 2019. Seaforth also leases a commercial vehicle, for which the lease expires in April 2023.

Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Company USA, Inc. holds a lease for its Seattle, Washington, USA sales office, which expires in March 2020.

Swiss Water Decaffeinated Coffee Europe SARL leases a sales office in France, which expires in October 2027.

In 2016, Swiss Water signed a lease agreement for a build-to-suit production facility. The lease has an initial term of five years and can be renewed at Swiss Water's option in five-year increments up to a total of 30 years. The lease commenced in July 2018. Under the lease, Swiss Water has multiple options to buy-out the lease starting at the end of the second five-year term. The buy-out value will be equal to the fair market value of the property as determined by an appraisal process, subject to specified maximum and minimum values. The lease also includes a construction management agreement for the construction of a highly specialized building to house the production plant.

As at September 30, 2019, our estimated costs to complete the production line and facility located in Delta, BC are \$7.0 million. This amount includes costs for the production line, the construction of the specialized

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Minimum obligations for our finance leases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Purchase obligations represent outstanding capital, coffee and natural gas purchase commitments.

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portion of the facility which will house the production equipment, leasehold improvements, and ancillary costs necessary to bring the production line into productive use. These expected costs and accrued costs are expected to be funded through cash on hand, working capital, debt facilities, and cash from operations.

#### **Construction Loan**

In Q4 2018, the Company completed a transaction with the Business Development Bank of Canada ("BDC") for a term loan facility ("Term Loan") of up to \$20.0 million. The purpose of the Term Loan is to assist in the financing of new equipment for the facility being built in Delta, British Columbia. The Term Loan bears interest at 4.95% per annum over twelve years with principal repayment commencing on September 1, 2020 (see Subsequent Events note).

The Term Loan matures on August 1, 2032. Only interest will be paid on the outstanding balance on a monthly basis prior to September 1, 2020. The Term Loan is secured by a general security agreement and a first security interest on all existing equipment and machinery plus new equipment and machinery financed with the Term Loan. Seaforth has provided a guarantee for the Term Loan. As of September 30, 2019, the loan amount outstanding was \$18.0 million with interest accrued of \$0.07 million.

#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

Swiss Water has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

We provide toll decaffeination services and/or sell finished goods to, and purchase raw material inventory from a company that is related to one of Swiss Water's Directors, Roland Veit.

The following table summarizes related party sales and purchases during the periods:

(In \$000s)		3 months ended September 30						ember 30
(unaudited)	2019 2018					2019		2018
Income for the period	\$	320	\$	116	\$	587	\$	302
Purchases of raw materials	\$	1,235	\$	377	\$	2,910	\$	4,115

All transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, which was established and agreed to by the related parties. As at September 30, 2019, our accounts receivable balance with this company was \$0.06 million (December 31, 2018: \$0.01 million) while our accounts payable balance with this company was \$0.3 million (December 31, 2018: \$0.3 million).

On March 16, 2017, a subsidiary of Swiss Water and a member of Key Management (the borrower) entered into a promissory note in the amount of US\$0.1 million. For as long as the borrower remains an employee, the obligation to repay the principal is forgiven against current and future awards under the RSU Plan, by forfeiture of awards. The loan is interest-free other than in the event of default, in which case the promissory note shall bear simple interest at a rate of 10% per annum.

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

Swiss Water's ability to pay dividends is dependent upon the earnings and cash flow generated from Swiss Water's operations, as well as our current and planned future investments in capital equipment. Cash from operations may fluctuate with the performance of the business, which can be susceptible to a number of risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to, foreign exchange fluctuations, labour relations, coffee prices

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(notwithstanding hedging programs, as exact hedging correlation is not attainable), the availability of coffee, competition from existing chemical and other natural or chemical free coffee decaffeinators, competition from new entrants with alternate processing methods or agricultural technologies, environmental and regulatory risks, terms of credit agreements, commodity futures losses, ability to maintain organic certification, adequacy of insurance, risks related to information technology, dependence on key personnel, product liability, uncollectable debts, and general economic downturns. The future effect of these risks and uncertainties cannot be quantified or predicted. In addition, Swiss Water leases the building that houses two decaffeination lines. The lease expires in 2023 and provides for an additional five-year renewal term (to 2028), subject to the express approval of the landlord. Any plans to relocate the production equipment would result in significant capital expenditures and the payment of the asset retirement obligation (currently recorded as a long-term liability on our financial statements).

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES**

Critical accounting judgments and estimates used in preparing our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are described in Swiss Water's annual MD&A and annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires us to make both estimates and assumptions that could materially affect the amounts recognized in the financial statement. By their nature, judgments and estimates may change in light of new facts and circumstances in the internal and external environment.

Effective January 1, 2019, we adopted IFRS 16 Leases in accounting for leases of our offices, warehouses, and equipment. Estimates and assumptions were made and applied, including the useful lives of right-of-use assets and the implicit borrowing rates. The useful lives of right-of-use assets are estimated to be the length of the related lease terms, ranging from 2 to 20 years. The weighted average implicit borrowing rate is 4.92% per annum which was based on borrowing rates available to the Company.

#### **CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

The following standard became effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

• IFRS 16: Leases: replaces IAS 17, IFRIC 4, SIC-15, and SIC-27. IFRS 16 introduces a single, on-balance sheet accounting model for lessees that is similar to the former finance lease accounting, with limited exceptions for short-term leases or leases of low-value assets. Lessees recognize a right-of-use asset representing its rights to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. Lessees also recognize a depreciation charge for right-of-use assets and interest expense on lease liabilities. A lessee can choose to apply IFRS 16 using either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach.

We have applied IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach, the simplified transition approach, without restating comparative amounts for the year 2018, prior to the first adoption. The right-of-use assets and liabilities for property and equipment leases are measured on transition as if the new rules had always been applied. At the time of adoption, as at January 1, 2019, the Company recognized \$19.1 million in new right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for its office, warehouse and equipment leases. Additional disclosures have been included in Swiss Water's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019.

We have adopted the following amended standards, and we assessed that there was no material impact on our condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

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Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015–2017 Cycle: IFRS 3 Business Combinations; IFRS 9: Financial Instruments: prepayment features with negative compensation; IFRS 11: Joint arrangement; IAS 12: Income taxes: amendments related to recognition of current and deferred tax related to dividends; IAS 19: Employee Benefits: amendments to plan amendment, curtailment or settlement; IAS 23: Borrowing costs: amendments related to recognition of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization; IFRIC 23: Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments: clarifies the application of recognition and measurement required per IAS 12: Income taxes, where there is uncertainty over income taxes; IFRS 10: Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 28: Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures.

#### **HEDGE ACCOUNTING**

We adopted the hedge accounting provisions of IFRS 9 on January 1, 2016 in order to reduce volatility in our financial results, by better matching our accounting practices to our hedging practices. We did **not** change our risk management strategies with the adoption of hedge accounting. The economic impact of our hedges is unchanged from before January 1, 2016, even though the accounting for these derivative instruments has changed.

We enter into three types of hedges:

- Commodity price risk hedges on our coffee purchase commitments and inventory ("commodity hedges");
- 2) Foreign currency risk hedges on future US\$ process revenues ("revenue hedges"); and
- 3) Customer-specific foreign currency risk hedges on US\$ purchases of green coffee ("customer-specific hedges").

Each type of hedge is discussed below.

#### **Commodity Hedges**

When we enter into a purchase commitment to buy green coffee, the contract specifies that the purchase price will be based, in part, on the future (to-be-determined) coffee futures price, or NY'C'. We agree on or 'fix' the NY'C' price with the vendor on or before receiving the coffee into inventory. When we bear the economic risk of a change in the commodity price, we offset this risk by selling short a futures contract on the Intercontinental Exchange. When we later sell such coffee at a fixed price to a customer, we cover our short by going long on a futures contract on the Intercontinental Exchange.

At each period-end, commodity hedges are re-measured to their fair value. Under hedge accounting, gains /losses for hedged coffee purchase commitments and inventory are recorded in the statement of financial position until such coffee is sold, at which time the gains/losses on our commodity hedges are recognized in cost of sales. In this way, gains/losses on our commodity hedges are matched to our sales in the period.

#### **Revenue Hedges**

We enter into forward contracts to sell US\$ at future dates to hedge the foreign exchange cash flow variability of expected US\$ processing fee revenue up to 60 months in advance. The hedged process revenue includes both process revenue from tolling arrangements (processing of customer-owned coffee) as well as the US\$ processing fee layer of inventory sales agreements. This enables us to more reliably predict how much Canadian currency we will receive for our US\$ process revenue. Cash flows in the immediate 12-month period

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are hedged at a higher percentage of expected future revenues than those farther out, reflecting greater uncertainty in the 13-to 60-month period.

At each period end, revenue hedges are re-measured to their fair value. Under hedge accounting, unrealized gains/losses for open revenue hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income. When a revenue hedge matures, the realized gain/loss on that contract is reclassed from accumulated other comprehensive income to process revenue.

#### **Customer-Specific Hedges**

We enter into forward contracts to buy US\$ for green coffee inventory which, once decaffeinated, will be sold at a fixed C\$ price pursuant to a customer-specific contract. To mitigate the exposure to margin changes on these transactions arising from fluctuations in the US\$/C\$ exchange rate, we enter into US\$ forward purchase contracts which economically lock in the US\$/C\$ exchange rate, and effectively locks in the C\$ cost of inventory to be sold at the fixed C\$ amount.

The adoption of hedge accounting allows for better matching of US\$ purchases with the associated gains/losses on the forward contracts used to economically hedge these items. At each period-end, customer-specific hedges are re-measured to their fair value. Under hedge accounting, the gains/losses on these hedges are deferred on the statement of financial position until the inventory is sold, at which time the gains/losses are recorded in cost of sales on the income statement.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

We use financial instruments to mitigate economic risks associated with our business. The three types of hedges we enter into, and the hedging instruments used, are discussed in more detail under 'Hedge Accounting' above.

We classify our financial assets and financial liabilities in the following measurement categories (i) those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss); and (ii) those to be measured at amortized cost. We have implemented the following classifications for financial instruments other than derivatives:

- Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are classified as assets at fair value and any
  period change in fair value is recorded through interest income in the consolidated statement of
  income, as applicable.
- Accounts receivable and other receivables are classified as assets at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Interest income is recorded in the consolidated statement of income, as applicable.
- Accounts payable, credit facilities, the debt portion of the convertible debenture and other liabilities
  are classified as other financial liabilities and are measured at amortized cost using the effective
  interest rate method. Interest expense is recorded in the consolidated statement of income, as
  applicable.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

Commodity price risk is the risk that the fair value of inventory or future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of changes in commodity prices. Swiss Water utilizes futures contracts to manage our commodity price exposure and also buys and sells futures contracts for coffee on the Intercontinental Exchange in order to

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offset our inventory position and fix the input cost of green coffee. As at September 30, 2019, we had futures contracts to buy 1.9 million lbs of green coffee with a notional value of US\$1.9 million, and contracts to sell 4.3 million lbs of green coffee with a notional value of US\$4.3 million. The furthest contract matures in September 2020 (December 31, 2018: buy 4.5 million lbs of green coffee with a notional value of US\$4.7 million, and contracts to sell 4.7 million lbs of green coffee with a notional value of US\$4.7 million).

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

We realize a significant portion of our sales in US dollars and we purchase green coffee in US\$ which is, in some cases, sold to customers in C\$ dollars. We enter into forward exchange contracts to manage our exposure to currency rate fluctuations and to minimize the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on business decisions. These contracts relate to our future net cash flows in US\$ from sales. In addition, we enter into forward contracts to purchase US\$ for coffee that we resell in C\$ dollars.

At September 30, 2019, we had forward currency contracts to buy US\$5.3 million and sell US\$57.4 million (December 31, 2018: buy US\$6.6 million and sell US\$65.0 million) from October 2019 through to September 2023 at various Canadian exchange rates ranging from \$1.2147 to \$1.3505.

#### INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING & DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of Swiss Water are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting ("ICFR") to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Under the supervision and with the participation of management, we conducted an evaluation of the design and effectiveness of our ICFR as of September 30, 2019, based on the updated framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO 2013"). Based on this assessment, the CEO and CFO concluded that, as of September 30, 2019, Swiss Water's ICFR was effective.

The CEO and CFO are also responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate disclosure controls and procedures. Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in documents filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation and includes controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in documents filed or submitted under securities legislation is accumulated and communicated to Swiss Water's management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

The CEO and CFO evaluated or caused to be evaluated under supervision, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and based on this evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that, as of September 30, 2019, Swiss Water's disclosure controls and procedures were effective. There were no changes in our ICFR that occurred during the period beginning on January 1, 2019 and ended on September 30, 2019 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Swiss Water's ICFR.

#### **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On October 15, 2019, Swiss Water paid an eligible dividend in the amount of \$0.6 million (\$0.0625 per share) to shareholders of record on September 30, 2019.

On October 15, 2019, BDC amended the repayment terms of the principal balance on the Term Loan. The

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monthly repayment of the principal balance will now commence on July 1, 2021 instead of September 1, 2020.

On October 18, 2019 the Company entered into a credit facility agreement ("Credit Facility"), with a Canadian Bank, of up to \$30.0 million. This Credit Facility replaced two former credit facilities: the \$14.5 million revolving operating line of credit and the \$1.5 million swing operating line of credit that were held with the same financial institution.