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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For August 10, 2005

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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CALGARY, ALBERTA  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No



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- (1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 5  
 (2) EXCLUDES CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT

### OVERVIEW

Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations were \$0.07 in the second quarter of 2005 compared to \$0.09 in 2004.

Diluted net earnings per share were \$0.21 for the quarter ended June 30, 2005 compared to \$0.14 in 2004.

During the quarter, the Corporation entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Energy Services and International Contract Drilling divisions for approximately US\$2.28 billion with the transaction expected to close on or about September 1, 2005. The Corporation is also negotiating with a third party for the sale of its industrial and plant maintenance business carried on by CEDA. As a result, these businesses have been classified as discontinued operations with continuing operations now being comprised of Canadian contract drilling, service rig, snubbing, rentals, and related services businesses.

With respect to the continuing businesses, the Corporation announced in June 2005 that it was undertaking an examination of the available strategic alternatives, including determining the viability and method of conversion to an income trust. Although the Board of Directors has not made any decision with respect to any specific course of action at this time, it has retained the appropriate financial, accounting, legal and tax advisors to assist it in identifying and assessing issues pertaining to a conversion to an income trust. Any conversion alternatives available to Precision will be subject to review by, and approval of the Board of Directors and will also be subject to receipt of all required shareholder and regulatory approvals.

### RESULTS OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	2005	2004
Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	229	225
Drilling operating days	6,049	5,279
Drilling revenue per operating day	16,578	15,561
Number of service rigs (end of period)	239	239
Service rig operating hours	72,814	80,986
Service revenue per operating hour	530	458

SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	2005	2004
Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	229	225
Drilling operating days	20,048	20,047
Drilling revenue per operating day	17,951	16,506
Number of service rigs (end of period)	239	239
Service rig operating hours	212,488	231,679
Service revenue per operating hour	576	507

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As is the norm in the second quarter, weather conditions were a significant factor affecting activity levels. An early spring break up and dry conditions in May were boding well for a very strong second quarter. These favorable conditions came to an abrupt halt in June as record rainfall in Alberta slowed the movement of oilfield equipment. Dry conditions have returned in July and activity has quickly ramped up.

Overall the market for our services is very strong with winter pricing for the most part being maintained through the spring and summer months. The healthy backlog of work should give service providers pricing leverage going into the upcoming winter season.

With the exception of snubbing, all operating divisions reported higher revenue for the quarter. This is particularly noteworthy in well servicing where service rig operating hours were 10% less than prior year.

Operating costs have escalated somewhat as a result of crew wage increases implemented in October 2004 and increases in third party materials and labor required for our equipment maintenance programs. Operating margins have, however, improved year over year with operating expenses as a percentage of revenue declining to 64.3% from 68.4% in the second quarter of 2004. This is a strong performance for the traditionally slow second quarter. Equipment repairs and maintenance expenditures, while substantial, are in line with our expectations.

At first glance, general and administrative costs appear to have increased by over \$8 million in the second quarter. While costs have increased as a result of options granted in the last half of 2004 and additional expenses incurred in relation to internal and external audit functions in this post Sarbanes Oxley world, there are also a number of severance, financial advisory and legal fees not associated with ongoing business which amounted to approximately \$4 million in the quarter.

It is also important to note that during the six to nine month period following the sales transactions mentioned earlier, general and administrative expenses will be reduced as the corporate functions will be sized to match the needs of the smaller business.

The effective tax rate on income from continuing operations has increased in 2005 as a result of the increased non-deductible options expense and a tax law change in the second quarter that was made effective January 1, 2005.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Corporation's liquidity position continues to improve with cash flow from operations and from the exercise of stock options exceeding net capital spending by \$185 million in the first six months of 2005. As a result the Corporation's cash balance has increased to \$307 million and the \$335 million revolving bank credit facility remains undrawn. During July 2005 the Corporation issued 244,950 shares on the exercise of stock options.

### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS,  
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Quarters ended

2004  
September 30      December 31

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Revenue	218,023	313,978	38
Operating earnings (1)	61,799	113,879	15
Earnings from continuing operations	36,995	60,582	8
Per share	0.31	0.49	
Net earnings	42,707	88,183	13
Per share	0.36	0.71	
Funds provided by continuing operations	56,477	114,627	12

Quarters ended	2003		Mar
	September 30	December 31	
Revenue	211,131	263,907	36
Operating earnings (1)	53,084	88,729	13
Earnings from continuing operations	29,538	42,486	8
Per share	0.27	0.38	
Net earnings	35,765	52,958	10
Per share	0.32	0.48	
Funds provided by continuing operations	62,618	86,522	12

### (1) OPERATING EARNINGS - NON-GAAP MEASURE

OPERATING EARNINGS IS NOT A RECOGNIZED MEASURE UNDER CANADIAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP). MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT IN ADDITION TO NET EARNINGS, OPERATING EARNINGS IS A USEFUL SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURE AS IT PROVIDES AN INDICATION OF THE RESULTS GENERATED BY THE CORPORATION'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF HOW THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE FINANCED OR HOW THE RESULTS ARE TAXED IN VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS. INVESTORS SHOULD BE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT OPERATING EARNINGS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO NET EARNINGS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAAP AS AN INDICATOR OF PRECISION'S PERFORMANCE. PRECISION'S METHOD OF CALCULATING OPERATING EARNINGS MAY DIFFER FROM OTHER COMPANIES AND, ACCORDINGLY, OPERATING EARNINGS MAY NOT BE COMPARABLE TO MEASURES USED BY OTHER COMPANIES.

### DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

CERTAIN STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS INTERIM REPORT, INCLUDING STATEMENTS WHICH MAY CONTAIN WORDS SUCH AS "COULD", "PLANS", "SHOULD", "ANTICIPATES", "EXPECT", "BELIEVE", "WILL" AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS AND STATEMENTS RELATING TO MATTERS THAT ARE NOT HISTORICAL FACTS ARE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, AND ARE "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995. THESE STATEMENTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO STATEMENTS AS TO: OUR EXPECTED CLOSING OF THE SALE OF OUR ENERGY SERVICES AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT DRILLING, OUR EXAMINATION OF AVAILABLE STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES FOR OUR CONTINUING BUSINESS, THE CORPORATION'S MARKET SHARE AND POSITION IN THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DRILLING MARKETS; ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS IN OUR GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND OTHER SUCH MATTERS.

THESE STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS AND ANALYSES MADE BY THE CORPORATION IN LIGHT OF ITS EXPERIENCE AND ITS PERCEPTION OF HISTORICAL TRENDS, CURRENT CONDITIONS AND EXPECTED FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER FACTORS IT BELIEVES ARE APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, WHETHER ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS WILL CONFORM WITH THE CORPORATION'S EXPECTATIONS AND PREDICTIONS IS SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES WHICH COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THE CORPORATION'S

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EXPECTATIONS, INCLUDING: FLUCTUATIONS IN THE PRICE AND DEMAND OF OIL AND GAS; FLUCTUATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; FLUCTUATIONS IN THE DEMAND FOR WELL SERVICING, CONTRACT DRILLING AND ANCILLARY OILFIELD SERVICES; THE EXISTENCE OF COMPETITORS, TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY; THE ABILITY OF OIL AND GAS COMPANIES TO RAISE CAPITAL; THE EFFECTS OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS ON OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES; THE EXISTENCE OF OPERATING RISKS INHERENT IN WELL SERVICING, CONTRACT DRILLING AND ANCILLARY OILFIELD SERVICES; POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF WORK IN ANY OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE CORPORATION DOES BUSINESS; IDENTIFYING AND ACQUIRING SUITABLE ACQUISITION TARGETS ON REASONABLE TERMS; GENERAL ECONOMIC, MARKET OR BUSINESS CONDITIONS, INCLUDING STOCK MARKET VOLATILITY; CHANGES IN LAWS OR REGULATIONS, INCLUDING TAXATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CURRENCY REGULATIONS; THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL OR MANAGEMENT; AND OTHER UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS WHICH COULD IMPACT ON THE USE OF SERVICES SUPPLIED BY THE CORPORATION.

CONSEQUENTLY, ALL OF THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS REPORT ARE QUALIFIED BY THESE CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS OR DEVELOPMENTS ANTICIPATED BY THE CORPORATION WILL BE REALIZED OR, EVEN IF SUBSTANTIALLY REALIZED, THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE EXPECTED CONSEQUENCES TO OR EFFECTS ON THE CORPORATION OR ITS BUSINESS OR OPERATIONS. THE CORPORATION ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE PUBLICLY ANY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF NEW INFORMATION, FUTURE EVENTS OR OTHERWISE.

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	JUNE 30, 2005	DECEMBER 31, 2004
	(UNAUDITED)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 306,538	\$ 306,538
Accounts receivable	207,543	207,543
Income taxes recoverable	1,793	1,793
Inventory	6,711	6,711
Assets of discontinued operations (Note 4)	541,148	541,148
	1,063,733	1,063,733
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	927,592	927,592
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	511	511
Goodwill	266,827	266,827
Other assets	8,200	8,200
Assets of discontinued operations (Note 4)	1,742,143	1,742,143
	\$ 4,009,006	\$ 3,998,904
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 92,513	\$ 92,513
Income taxes payable	--	--
Liabilities of discontinued operations (Note 4)	234,511	234,511
	327,024	327,024
Long-term debt	719,240	719,240

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Future income taxes	367,176	
Future income taxes of discontinued operations (Note 4)	75,110	
Shareholders' equity:		
Share capital	1,301,886	1,
Contributed surplus	33,631	
Cumulative translation adjustment	(21,113)	
Retained earnings	1,206,052	1,
	2,520,456	2,
	\$ 4,009,006	\$ 3,
Common shares outstanding (000's)	122,762	
Common share purchase options outstanding (000's)	5,858	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS  
(UNAUDITED)

(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)	THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,		SIX MONTHS ENDED
	2005	2004	2004
Revenue	\$ 157,895	\$ 134,963	\$ 541,302
Expenses:			
Operating	101,580	92,253	291,113
General and administrative	20,215	12,031	40,009
Depreciation and amortization	11,804	11,779	33,173
Foreign exchange	(209)	(5,165)	(518)
	133,390	110,898	363,777
Operating earnings	24,505	24,065	177,525
Interest	10,802	10,257	22,341
Gain on disposal of investments	-	(42)	-
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	13,703	13,850	155,184
Income taxes:			
Current	662	13,755	44,687
Future	3,733	(10,032)	12,908
	4,395	3,723	57,595
Earnings from continuing operations	9,308	10,127	97,589
Discontinued operations, net of tax (Note 4)	16,543	5,868	66,780
Net earnings	25,851	15,995	164,369
Retained earnings, beginning of period	1,180,201	894,798	1,041,683
Retained earnings, end of period	\$ 1,206,052	\$ 910,793	\$ 1,206,052
Earnings per share from continuing operations:			
Basic	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.80
Diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.78

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Earnings per share:							
Basic	\$	0.21	\$	0.14	\$	1.34	
Diluted	\$	0.21	\$	0.14	\$	1.32	
Common shares outstanding (000's)					122,762	111,817	122,762
Weighted average shares outstanding (000's)					122,727	111,741	122,521
Diluted shares outstanding (000's)					125,013	113,098	124,765

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW  
(UNAUDITED)

(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,		SIX MONTHS
	2005	2004	2005
Cash provided by (used in):			
Continuing operations:			
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 9,308	\$ 10,127	\$ 97,589
Items not affecting cash:			
Stock based compensation	2,684	1,414	5,464
Depreciation and amortization	11,804	11,779	33,173
Gain on disposal of investments	-	(42)	-
Future income taxes	3,733	(10,032)	12,908
Amortization of deferred financing costs	458	360	917
Unrealized foreign exchange gain on long-term monetary items	(14)	(2,568)	(3)
Funds provided by continuing operations	27,973	11,038	150,048
Changes in non-cash working capital balances	89,749	175,671	59,436
	117,722	186,709	209,484
Discontinued operations:			
Funds provided by discontinued operations (Note 4)	59,633	27,709	142,547
Changes in non-cash working capital balances of discontinued operations	28,880	(18,447)	(48,264)
	88,513	9,262	94,283
Investments:			
Business acquisitions	-	(658,212)	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(88,490)	(55,253)	(161,450)
Purchase of intangibles	-	-	(20)
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	8,609	6,533	17,121
Proceeds on disposal of investments	-	48	-
Proceeds on disposal of discontinued operations	-	15,000	-
Investments	-	(1,340)	-
	(79,881)	(693,224)	(144,349)
Financing:			
Increase in long-term debt	-	520,873	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(5)	(6,898)	(9)
Deferred financing costs on long term debt	-	(4,985)	-
Issuance of common shares on exercise of options	2,626	6,236	25,117

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Change in bank indebtedness	-	2,533	-
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	2,621	517,759	25,108
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Increase in cash and cash equivalents	128,975	20,506	184,526
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	177,563	20,209	122,012
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 306,538	\$ 40,715	\$ 306,538
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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

(TABULAR AMOUNTS STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

#### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These interim financial statements were prepared using accounting policies and methods of their application consistent with those used in the preparation of the Corporation's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004, except as noted below. These interim financial statements conform in all respects to the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in Canada for annual financial statements with the exception of certain note disclosures regarding balance sheet items and transactions occurring prior to the current reporting period. As a result, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 contained in the Corporation's 2004 annual report.

#### 2. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The majority of the Corporation's operations are carried on in Canada. The ability to move heavy equipment in the Canadian oil and natural gas fields is dependent on weather conditions. As warm weather returns in the spring, the winter's frost comes out of the ground rendering many secondary roads incapable of supporting the weight of heavy equipment until they have thoroughly dried out. The duration of this "spring breakup" has a direct impact on the Corporation's activity levels. In addition, many exploration and production areas in northern Canada are accessible only in winter months when the ground is frozen hard enough to support equipment. The timing of freeze up and spring breakup affects the ability to move equipment in and out of these areas. As a result, late March through May is traditionally our slowest time.

#### 3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATE

Effective January 1, 2005 Precision changed the useful life of its drilling rigs for purposes of determining depreciation expense to 5,000 utilization days from 4,150 utilization days (3,650 operating days), and its drill string to 1,500 from 1,100 operating days. Utilization days include both operating and rig move days. This change in accounting estimate has been applied prospectively and resulted in \$3.1 million reduction of depreciation expense for the three months ended and a \$7.9 million reduction for the six months ended June 30, 2005. Of these amounts \$1.1 million and \$4.3 million relate to continuing operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively.

#### 4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

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On June 6, 2005, the Corporation entered into an agreement to dispose of its Energy Services and International Contract Drilling divisions to Weatherford International Ltd. for proceeds of approximately US\$900 million and 26 million common shares of Weatherford International. The transaction is expected to close on or about September 1, 2005 and is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. In addition, in the second quarter of 2005, the Corporation adopted a formal plan to dispose of its industrial and plant maintenance business carried on by CEDA. These dispositions are in accordance with an extensive process undertaken by the Corporation's board of directors to explore avenues of valuation creation for the Corporation's shareholders.

On February 12, 2004, the Corporation sold substantially all of the assets of Fleet Cementers Inc. On May 7, 2004 the Corporation sold the assets of the Polar Completions division. On August 31, 2004 the Corporation sold its 65% interest in United Diamond Ltd.

Results of the operations of these businesses have been classified as results of discontinued operations. The following table provides additional information with respect to amounts included in the results of discontinued operations.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2005	2004	SIX MONTHS ENDED 2005	
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Revenue				
Energy services	\$ 217,040	\$ 164,660	\$ 498,765	\$ 3
International contract drilling	78,177	67,826	150,889	1
Industrial and plant maintenance	56,809	48,868	110,841	
Other	-	4,131	-	
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	\$ 352,026	\$ 285,485	\$ 760,495	\$ 5
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Gain (loss) on disposal of				
Fleet Cementers' assets	\$ -	\$ 595	\$ -	\$
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Results of operations before income taxes				
Energy services	\$ 495	\$ (12,758)	\$ 56,259	\$
International contract drilling	16,861	15,740	29,930	
Industrial and plant maintenance	8,510	7,593	15,224	
Other	(4,261)	(5,096)	(8,796)	
Writedown of assets held for sale	-	-	-	
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	21,605	5,479	92,617	
Income tax expense (recovery)	5,062	(223)	25,837	
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Results of operations, before				
Non-controlling interest	16,543	5,702	66,780	
Non-controlling interest	-	429	-	
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	\$ 16,543	\$ 5,273	\$ 66,780	\$
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Discontinued operations	\$ 16,543	\$ 5,868	\$ 66,780	\$
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The following table provides additional information with respect to amounts included in the balance sheet as assets/liabilities of discontinued operations:

	2005	2004
Accounts receivable	405,831	381,707
Inventory	122,890	106,618
Future income tax asset	12,427	8,711
	541,148	497,036
Capital assets	1,247,296	1,239,104
Goodwill 468,681	468,586	
Future income tax asset	26,166	34,260
	1,742,143	1,741,950
Accounts payable	207,402	219,940
Income taxes payable	22,416	17,479
Future income tax liability	4,664	7,270
Other	29	38
	234,511	244,727
Future income tax liability	75,110	78,407

The following table provides additional information with respect to amounts included in the cash flow statement of funds provided by (used in) as discontinued operations:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2005	2004	SIX MONTHS ENDED 2005	
Net earnings of discontinued operations	\$ 16,543	\$ 5,868	\$ 66,780	\$
Items not affecting cash:				
Loss (gain) on disposal of discontinued operations	-	(595)	-	
Stock based compensation	1,850	484	3,945	
Depreciation and amortization	37,988	30,236	73,355	
Non-controlling interest	-	429	-	
Writedown of assets of discontinued operations	-	-	-	
Future income taxes	3,979	(7,767)	(1,710)	
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain) on long-term monetary items	(727)	(946)	177	
Funds provided by discontinued operations	\$ 59,633	\$ 27,709	\$ 142,547	\$

5. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation.

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### EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of second quarter ended June 30, 2005, an evaluation of the effectiveness of Precision's "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) was carried out by Precision's principal executive officer and principal financial officer. Based upon that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that as of the end of that fiscal quarter, Precision's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Precision in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

During the second quarter ending June 30, 2005, there were no changes in Precision's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Precision's internal control over financial reporting.

It should be noted that while Precision's principal executive officer and principal financial officer believe that Precision's disclosure controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance that they are effective, they do not expect that Precision's disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

### SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

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TORONTO (TSX:PD)

April 1, 2005 to

June 30, 2005

High: \$52.06

Low: \$43.41

Volume traded: 53.9 million

NEW YORK (NYSE:PDS)

April 1, 2005 to

June 30, 2005

High: US \$41.64

Low: US \$34.63

Volume traded: 44.9 million

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