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STAMPEDE DRILLING INC. ANNOUNCES 2024 THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

CALGARY, ALBERTA – Stampede Drilling Inc. (“Stampede” or the “Corporation”) (TSX-V: SDI) announces today its consolidated financial and operational results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2024.

The following press release should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2023 audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, under International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting (together, “IFRS Accounting Standards”), and the annual information form (“AIF”) for the year ended December 31, 2023, as well as the condensed unaudited consolidated interim financial statements and notes for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2024 and 2023. Additional information regarding Stampede, including the AIF, is available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

All amounts or dollar figures are denominated in thousands of Canadian dollars except for per share amounts, number of drilling rigs, and operating days, or unless otherwise noted.

Estimates and forward-looking information are based on assumptions of future events and actual results may vary from these estimates. See “Forward-Looking Information” in this press release for additional details.

THIRD QUARTER 2024 OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Revenue of \$24,262** – a decrease of \$1,258 (5%) from \$25,520 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to the decreased number of operating days.
- **Gross Margin⁽¹⁾ of 31%** – a decrease of 2% from 33% in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in operating days and revenue, resulting in an increase in repair and maintenance costs per day.
- **Net Income of \$1,787** – a decrease of \$1,772 (50%) from \$3,559 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily related to the decreased revenue as a result of lower operating days and higher depreciation expense compared to the corresponding period of 2023.
- **Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$4,905** – a decrease of \$1,296 (21%) from \$6,201 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to customer drilling program deferrals and weather delays during the quarter resulting in a reduction in operating days, and operating margin.
- **Free Cash Flow⁽¹⁾ of \$3,394** – an increase of \$8,226 (170%) from (\$4,832), primarily related to the decrease of funds used in financing activities compared to the corresponding 2023 period.
- **Repurchase of 3,145 common shares** – In the third quarter of 2024 the Corporation repurchased and cancelled 3,145 common shares under its normal course issuer bid (the “NCIB”) at a weighted average price per common share of \$0.22, for total consideration of \$668. The total amount of common shares repurchased and cancelled during the third quarter of 2024 represents 1.51% of the total issued and outstanding common shares of the Corporation.

OUTLOOK

As of the date of this press release, Stampede has 13 out of its 19 rigs operating. Stampede anticipates maintaining this positive momentum into the fourth quarter of 2024 and into the winter drilling season.

Ongoing geopolitical challenges affecting global energy supply and demand will likely continue to impact the volatility on commodity prices, which we anticipate continuing into 2025. However, increased tidewater access for Canadian producers from the startup of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion during the year and LNG Canada planned for 2025 are anticipated to help alleviate some of these pressures.

The Corporation ended the third quarter of 2024 with a debt to EBITDA ratio of 1.09:1.00 as Stampede continues to demonstrate prudent debt management, maintaining financial risk at manageable levels.

With the NCIB program renewed on June 3, 2024, the Corporation can further return value to shareholders through share buybacks, dependent on market conditions and growth prospects. Notably, since January 1, 2024, the Corporation has repurchased 8,461 shares for cancellation through its NCIB, spending a total of \$1,862 at an average share price of \$0.22 per share.

The Corporation has repurchased approximately 12% of its total outstanding shares since the inception of its NCIB program which began in August 2023.

⁽¹⁾ – Refer to “Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures” for further information.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(000's CAD \$ except per share amounts)	Three months ended, September 30			Nine months ended, September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Revenue	24,262	25,520	(5%)	61,679	65,015	(5%)
Direct operating expenses	16,753	17,069	(2%)	41,321	43,934	(6%)
Gross margin ⁽¹⁾	7,509	8,451	(11%)	20,358	21,081	(3%)
Net income	1,787	3,559	(50%)	4,476	7,265	(38%)
Basic and diluted income per share	0.01	0.02	(50%)	0.02	0.03	(33%)
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	4,905	6,201	(21%)	13,499	14,746	(8%)
Funds from operating activities	4,777	6,203	(23%)	13,291	14,697	(10%)
Free cash flow ⁽¹⁾	3,394	(4,832)	(170%)	7,654	(2,648)	(389%)
Weighted average common shares outstanding (000's)	210,627	227,561	(7%)	211,816	226,984	(7%)
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding (000's)	210,810	228,931	(8%)	212,086	229,753	(8%)
Capital expenditures	3,125	2,681	17%	12,937	9,637	34%
Number of marketed rigs	19	19	0%	19	19	0%
Drilling rig utilization ⁽²⁾	51%	56%	(5%)	42%	46%	(4%)
CAOEC industry average utilization ⁽³⁾	49%	33%	16%	43%	34%	9%

(1) Refer to "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" for further information.

(2) Drilling rig utilization is calculated based on operating days (spud to rig release).

(3) Source: The Canadian Association of Energy Contractors ("CAOEC") monthly Contractor Summary. The CAOEC industry average is based on operating days divided by total available drilling days.

DESCRIPTION OF STAMPEDE'S BUSINESS

Stampede is an energy services company that provides premier contract drilling services in Western Canada. Stampede operates a fleet of 18 telescopic double drilling rigs and 1 high spec triple drilling rig suited for most formations within the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin ("WCSB"). The Corporation's head office is located in Calgary, Alberta with operations based out of Nisku, Alberta and Estevan, Saskatchewan. The Corporation's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") under the symbol "SDI".

RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(000's CAD \$)	Nine months ended, September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change
Revenue	61,679	65,015	(5%)
Direct operating expenses	41,321	43,934	(6%)
Gross margin ⁽¹⁾	20,358	21,081	(3%)
Gross margin % ⁽¹⁾	33%	32%	1%
Net income	4,476	7,265	(38%)
General and administrative expenses	8,183	7,574	8%
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	13,499	14,746	(8%)
Drilling rig operating days ⁽²⁾	2,197	2,404	(9%)
Drilling rig revenue per day ⁽³⁾	28.1	27.0	4%
Drilling rig utilization ⁽⁴⁾	42%	46%	(4%)
CAOEC industry average utilization ⁽⁵⁾	43%	34%	9%

(1) Refer to "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" for further information.

(2) Defined as contract drilling days, between spud to rig release.

(3) Drilling rig revenue per day is calculated by revenue divided by drilling rig operating days.

(4) Drilling rig utilization is calculated based on operating days (spud to rig release).

(5) Source: The Canadian Association of Energy Contractors ("CAOEC") monthly Contractor Summary. The CAOEC industry average is based on Operating Days divided by total available drilling days.

- **Revenue of \$61,679** – a decrease of \$3,336 (5%) from \$65,015 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to the decreased number of operating days.
- **Operating days of 2,197** – a decrease of 207 (9%) from 2,404 operating days in the corresponding 2023 period. Operating days decreased due to customer drilling program deferrals and weather delays in the nine months ended September 30, 2024, resulting in lower drilling rig utilization compared to the corresponding period of 2023.
- **Gross margin percentage of 33%** – an increase of 1% from 32% in the corresponding 2023 period. The increase was primarily due to a 4% increase in revenue per day, partially offset by a 3% increase in operating expenses per day.
- **Net income of \$4,476** – a decrease of \$2,789 (38%) from \$7,265 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily related to the decreased revenue as a result of lower operating days and higher depreciation expense compared to the corresponding period of 2023.
- **Adjusted EBITDA of \$13,499** – a decrease of \$1,247 (8%) from \$14,746 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily related to the reduction in operating days.
- **General and administrative expenses of \$8,183** – an increase of \$609 (8%) from \$7,574 in the corresponding 2023 period. The increase was primarily related to the increase in share-based compensation expense and increased salary expenses in 2024.

RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(000's CAD \$)	Three months ended, September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change
Revenue	24,262	25,520	(5%)
Direct operating expenses	16,753	17,069	(2%)
Gross margin ⁽¹⁾	7,509	8,451	(11%)
Gross margin % ⁽¹⁾	31%	33%	(2%)
Net Income	1,787	3,559	(50%)
General and administrative expenses	3,027	2,711	12%
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	4,905	6,201	(21%)
Drilling rig operating days ⁽²⁾	898	978	(8%)
Drilling rig revenue per day ⁽³⁾	27.0	26.1	4%
Drilling rig utilization ⁽⁴⁾	51%	56%	(5%)
CAOEC industry average utilization ⁽⁵⁾	49%	33%	16%

⁽¹⁾ Refer to "Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures" for further information.

⁽²⁾ Defined as contract drilling days, between spud to rig release.

⁽³⁾ Drilling rig revenue per day is calculated by revenue divided by drilling rig operating days.

⁽⁴⁾ Drilling rig utilization is calculated based on operating days (spud to rig release).

⁽⁵⁾ Source: The Canadian Association of Energy Contractors ("CAOEC") monthly Contractor Summary. The CAOEC industry average is based on Operating Days divided by total available drilling days.

- **Revenue of \$24,262** – a decrease of \$1,258 (5%) from \$25,520 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to the decreased number of operating days.
- **Operating days of 898** – a decrease of 80 (8%) from 978 operating days in the corresponding 2023 period. Operating days decreased due to customer drilling program deferrals and weather delays in the third quarter of 2024, resulting in lower drilling rig utilization compared to the corresponding period of 2023.
- **Gross margin percentage of 31%** – a decrease of 2% from 33% in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in operating days and revenue, resulting in an increase in repair and maintenance costs per day.
- **Net income of \$1,787** – a decrease of \$1,772 (50%) from \$3,559 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily related to the decreased revenue as a result of lower operating days and higher depreciation expense compared to the corresponding period of 2023.
- **Adjusted EBITDA of \$4,905** – a decrease of \$1,296 (21%) from \$6,201 in the corresponding 2023 period. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in operating days and operating margin.
- **General and administrative expenses of \$3,027** – an increase of \$316 (12%) from \$2,711 in the corresponding 2023 period. The increase was primarily related to the increase in general administrative expense and salary expense in the third quarter of 2024.

NON-GAAP AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURES

This press release contains references to (i) adjusted EBITDA, (ii) gross margin (iii) gross margin percentage, and (iv) free cash flow. These financial measures are not measures that have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS Accounting Standards and are therefore referred to as non-generally accepted accounting principles ("non-GAAP") measures. The non-GAAP measures used by the Corporation may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies.

- (i) **Adjusted EBITDA** - is defined as “income from operations before interest income, interest expense, taxes, transaction costs, depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation expense, gains on asset disposals, impairment expenses, other income, foreign exchange, non-recurring restructuring charges, finance costs, accretion of debentures and other income/expenses, foreign exchange gain and any other items that the Corporation considers appropriate to adjust given the irregular nature and relevance to comparable operations.” Management believes that in addition to net income, adjusted EBITDA 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 these activities are financed, how assets are depreciated, amortized and impaired, the impact of foreign exchange, or how the results are affected by the accounting standards associated with the Corporation’s stock-based compensation plan. Investors should be cautioned, however, that adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative to net income and comprehensive income determined in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as an indicator of the Corporation’s performance. The Corporation’s method of calculating adjusted EBITDA may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, its adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to that of other companies.

(000’s CAD \$)	Three months ended, September 30			Nine months ended, September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Net income	1,787	3,559	(50%)	4,476	7,265	(38%)
Depreciation	2,242	1,821	23%	6,481	5,179	25%
Finance costs	511	569	(10%)	1,534	1,471	4%
Other income	(26)	(12)	117%	(39)	(15)	160%
Gain on asset disposal	(31)	(80)	(61%)	(52)	(93)	(44%)
Share-based payments	317	355	(11%)	1,007	918	10%
Transaction costs	102	-	nm	108	29	272%
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	3	(11)	(127%)	(16)	(8)	100%
Adjusted EBITDA	4,905	6,201	(21%)	13,499	14,746	(8%)

- (ii) **Gross margin** - is defined as “Income from operations before depreciation of property and equipment”. Gross margin is a measure that provides shareholders and potential investors additional information regarding the Corporation’s cash generating and operating performance. Management utilizes this measure to assess the Corporation’s operating performance. Investors should be cautioned, however, that gross margin should not be construed as an alternative to net income (loss) determined in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as an indicator of the Corporation’s performance. The Corporation’s method of calculating gross margin may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, its gross margin may not be comparable to that of other companies.

- (iii) **Gross margin percentage** - is calculated as gross margin divided by revenue. The Corporation believes gross margin as a percentage of revenue is an important measure to determine how the Corporation is managing its revenues and corresponding cost of sales. The Corporation’s method of calculating gross margin percentage may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, its gross margin percentage may not be comparable to that of other companies.

The following table reconciles the Corporation’s income from operations, being the most directly comparable financial measure disclosed in the Corporation’s interim financial statements, to gross margin and gross margin percentage:

(000’s CAD \$)	Three months ended, September 30			Nine months ended, September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Income from operations	5,373	6,736	(20%)	14,194	16,223	(13%)
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,136	1,715	25%	6,164	4,858	27%
Gross margin	7,509	8,451	(11%)	20,358	21,081	(3%)
Gross margin %	31%	33%	(2%)	33%	32%	1%

- (iv) **Free cash flow** - is calculated based on funds from operating activities less maintenance and sustaining capital, and interest and principal debt repayments. The Corporation uses this measure to assess the discretionary cash that management has to invest in growth capital, asset acquisitions, or return capital to shareholders. The Corporation's method of calculating free cash flow may differ from that of other organizations and, accordingly, its free cash flow may not be comparable to that of other companies. The following table reconciles the Corporation's funds from operating activities to free cash flow.

(000's CAD \$)	Three months ended, September 30			Nine months ended, September 30		
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Change
Funds from operating activities	4,777	6,203	(23%)	13,291	14,697	(10%)
Maintenance and sustaining capital	(458)	(1,446)	(68%)	(2,329)	(4,954)	(53%)
Interest paid on Demand Facility	(81)	(212)	(62%)	(193)	(565)	(66%)
BDC principal payments	-	-	nm	-	(1,500)	nm
Interest on BDC loan	-	-	nm	-	(91)	nm
Term Loan principal payments	(463)	(9,167)	(95%)	(1,926)	(9,667)	(80%)
Interest on Term Loan	(381)	(210)	81%	(1,189)	(568)	109%
Total free cash flow	3,394	(4,832)	(170%)	7,654	(2,648)	(389%)

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FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements contained in this press release constitute forward-looking statements or forward-looking information (collectively, "forward-looking information"). Forward-looking information relates to future events or the Corporation's future performance. All information other than statements of historical fact is forward-looking information. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "plan", "contemplate", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "propose", "might", "may", "will", "could", "should", "believe", "predict", and "forecast" are intended to identify forward-looking information.

This press release contains forward-looking information pertaining to, among other things: the Corporation's performance; expectations associated with the Corporation's outlook, including among other things, anticipated commodity pricing and the volatility thereof, expectations about industry activities, market conditions and corresponding rig utilization; future projects and the anticipated benefits thereof to the Corporation; factors impacting global energy supply; the Corporation's ability to return value to shareholders through repurchases of common shares under the NCIB; and the expected effects of seasonality and weather on the Corporation's operations and business.

Forward-looking information is based on certain assumptions that Stampede has made in respect thereof as at the date of this press release regarding, among other things: the Corporation's ability to fully crew and contract its rigs; the success of the measures implemented by the Corporation to ensure the safe, efficient and reliable operations at each of its drilling sites; the creditworthiness of the Corporation's customers and counterparties; the effectiveness of the Corporation's financial risk management policies at ensuring all payables are paid within the pre-agreed credit terms; that the Corporation has adequate access to its credit facility to provide the necessary liquidity needed to manage fluctuations in the timing of receipt and/or disbursement of operating cash flows; expectations regarding Stampede's share price; the impact of inflation, weather conditions, and expectations regarding the duration and overall impact of the continued conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East; the ability of the Corporation to retain qualified staff; the ability of the Corporation to maintain key customers; the ability of the Corporation to obtain financing on acceptable terms; the belief that the Corporation's principal sources of liquidity will be sufficient to service its debt and fund its operations and other strategic opportunities; the ability to protect and maintain the Corporation's intellectual property; and the regulatory framework regarding taxes and environmental matters in the jurisdictions in which the Corporation operates.

Forward-looking information is presented in this press release for the purpose of assisting investors and others in understanding certain key elements of the Corporation's financial results and business plan, as well as the objectives, strategic priorities and business outlook of the Corporation, and in obtaining a better understanding of the Corporation's anticipated operating environment. Readers are cautioned that such forward-looking information may not be appropriate for other purposes.

While Stampede believes the expectations and material factors and assumptions reflected in the forward-looking information is reasonable as of the date hereof, there can be no assurance that these expectations, factors and assumptions will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and actual results or events could differ materially from the expectations of the Corporation expressed in or implied by such forward-looking information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. All forward-looking information is subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to: the condition of the global economy, including trade, inflation, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the Middle East and other geopolitical risks; the condition of the crude oil and natural gas industry and related commodity prices; other commodity prices and the potential impact on the Corporation and the industry in which the Corporation operates, including levels of exploration and development activities; the impact of increasing competition; fluctuations in operating results; the ongoing significant volatility in world markets and the resulting impact on drilling and completions programs; foreign currency exchange rates; interest rates; labour and material shortages; cyber security risks; natural catastrophes; and certain other risks and uncertainties

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detailed under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Corporation's annual MD&A and under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Corporation's AIF, each dated March 14, 2024, for the year ended December 31, 2023, and from time to time in Stampede's public disclosure documents available at www.sedarplus.ca.

This list of risk factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Readers are cautioned that events or circumstances could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted, forecasted, or projected. Statements, including forward-looking information, are made as of the date of this press release and the Corporation does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable securities laws. All forward-looking information contained in this press release is expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

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