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STAMPEDE DRILLING INC. ANNOUNCES 2026 FIRST 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 month period ended March 31, 2026.

The following press release should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2025 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, 2025, as well as the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes for the three month periods ended March 31, 2026 and 2025 and management's discussion and analysis thereon. 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 number of drilling rigs, operating days, or unless otherwise noted. All share amounts are presented to the nearest thousand.

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.

FIRST QUARTER 2026 OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Revenue of $25,801** – an increase of $2,393 (10%) from $23,408 in the corresponding 2025 period, primarily driven by higher activity levels and improved drilling rig utilization.
- **Gross Margin(1) of 32%** – a decrease of 2% from 34% in the corresponding 2025 period, primarily driven by a reduction in revenue per day.
- **Net Income of $1,731** – an increase of $277 (19%) from $1,454 in the corresponding 2025 period. The increase was primarily due to higher operating margin and lower administrative expenses, partially offset by higher deferred income tax expense and share-based payments compared to the corresponding period in 2025.
- **Adjusted EBITDA(1) of $5,830** – an increase of $715 (14%) from $5,115 in the corresponding 2025 period, driven by increased revenue and gross margin, along with a decrease in administrative expenses.
- **Free Cash Flow(1) of $4,158** – an increase of $271 (7%) from $3,887 in the corresponding 2025 period, primarily related to increased funds from operating activities driven by the increase in revenue and gross margin compared to the corresponding period.
- **Capital Expenditures of $1,909** – Capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2026 were comprised of $1,314 of growth capital and $595 of maintenance and sustaining capital.

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

OUTLOOK

Throughout 2025 and into the first quarter of 2026, global commodity markets continued to be shaped by persistent geopolitical uncertainty, including ongoing conflicts in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, evolving international sanctions, and the impact of U.S. trade and tariff policies. These factors have contributed to price volatility and cautious capital allocation across the sector.

During the first quarter of 2026, geopolitical risk in the Middle East escalated further, as hostilities involving the United States, Israel, and Iran intensified and contributed to disruption of global supply routes and upward pressure on oil prices. Significant uncertainty remains regarding the duration, severity, and long-term impacts of the conflict. Energy and commodity markets have historically been sensitive to disruptions or perceived risks to global supply chains, transportation routes, and regional production capacity in the Middle East. While higher pricing could support producer cash flows and activity levels, sustained volatility or a prolonged conflict may also negatively impact global economic growth, capital spending decisions, and customer demand. Ongoing trade tensions resulting from U.S. tariffs and retaliatory measures continue to weigh on global economic conditions and market confidence, and are expected to contribute to commodity price volatility through 2026. The extent and duration of the impact of these conditions on Stampede's customers and operations remain uncertain.

In Canada, the change in federal leadership in 2025 has contributed to a more constructive dialogue around the energy sector, with increased recognition of the importance of export diversification, infrastructure development, and regulatory certainty. The memorandum of understanding signed on November 27, 2025, between the Governments of Alberta and Canada to advance national energy infrastructure further reinforces this trend. Combined with ongoing infrastructure developments such as the Trans Mountain expansion, LNG Canada, and Coastal GasLink, these factors continue to enhance market access and takeaway capacity, supporting a cautiously optimistic outlook for Canadian energy producers and service providers. Heightened global trade tensions may also increase focus on domestic energy security, potentially supporting accelerated infrastructure development over the medium term.

Despite improved infrastructure and gradually strengthening fundamentals, many producers remained focused throughout 2025 and into 2026 on capital discipline, prioritizing free cash flow generation, balance sheet strength, shareholder returns, and consolidation. As commodity pricing and market confidence improve, producer focus may increasingly shift from sustaining to meaningful production growth to support these returns, which could drive higher demand for drilling and related services.

Stampede entered 2026 with stronger utilization, supported by improved customer sentiment and an increase in operating activity year over year. During the first quarter of 2026, 16 of Stampede's 17 rigs were operational resulting in an 18% increase in operating days, and a 14% increase in Adjusted EBITDA. Customer drilling programs are lining up favorably for the second quarter, and the Corporation is cautiously optimistic on activity levels through the second half of the year. Minimal incremental capital investment is required to achieve full utilization, as capital spending over the past three years has focused on enhancing fleet marketability and aligning equipment with customer demand, positioning the Corporation to respond efficiently if market conditions continue to improve. With reduced forecast capital expenditures, the Corporation expects to retain financial flexibility to prioritize free cash flow for shareholder returns through market-dependent repurchases of common shares under the Corporation's normal course issuer bid (“NCIB”) (renewed in December 2025), while continuing to maintain balance sheet strength and preserve capacity for potential growth initiatives.

During the first quarter of 2026, the Corporation repurchased and cancelled 28(1) common shares under its NCIB at a weighted average price of $0.18 per share, for total consideration of $5. Since its implementation in June 2023, Stampede has repurchased 35,608 common shares (or 15.6% of its issued and outstanding common shares) under its NCIB, as renewed from time to time, at a weighted average price of $0.21 per share, for total consideration of $7,369.

(1) – Share amounts reported in 000’s of shares.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Three months ended, March 31		
(000’s CAD $ except per share amounts)	**2026**	**2025**	**% Change**
Revenue	25,801	23,408	10%
Direct operating expenses	17,430	15,539	12%
Gross margin(1)	8,371	7,869	6%
Net income	1,731	1,454	19%
Basic and diluted income per share	0.01	0.01	-
Adjusted EBITDA(1)	5,830	5,115	14%
Funds from operating activities	5,526	5,099	8%
Free cash flow(1)	4,158	3,887	7%
Weighted average common shares outstanding (000's)	196,221	204,066	(4%)
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding (000's)	196,221	204,066	(4%)
Capital expenditures	1,909	4,792	(60%)
Number of marketed rigs	17	17	-
Drilling rig utilization(2)	62%	53%	9%
CAOEC industry average utilization(3)	56%	54%	2%

(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 17 marketable telescopic double drilling rigs 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 THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2026

	Three months ended, March 31		
(000's CAD $)	**2026**	**2025**	**% Change**
Revenue	25,801	23,408	10%
Direct operating expenses	17,430	15,539	12%
Gross margin(1)	8,371	7,869	6%
Gross margin %(1)	32%	34%	(2%)
Net income	1,731	1,454	19%
General and administrative expenses	3,062	3,118	(2%)
Adjusted EBITDA(1)	5,830	5,115	14%
Drilling rig operating days(2)	946	805	18%
Drilling rig revenue per day(3)	27.3	29.1	(6%)
Drilling rig utilization(4)	62%	53%	9%
CAOEC industry average utilization(5)	56%	54%	2%

(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 $25,801** – an increase of $2,393 (10%) from $23,408 in the corresponding 2025 period, primarily driven by higher activity levels and improved drilling rig utilization.
- **Operating days of 946** – an increase of 141 operating days (18%) from 805 operating days in the corresponding 2025 period, primarily driven by extended customer programs and work secured with larger, more stable customers.
- **Gross Margin(1) of 32%** – a decrease of 2% from 34% in the corresponding 2025 period, primarily driven by a reduction in revenue per day.
- **Net Income of $1,731** – an increase of $277 (19%) from $1,454 in the corresponding 2025 period. The increase was primarily due to higher operating margin and lower administrative expenses, partially offset by higher deferred income tax expense and share-based payments compared to the corresponding period in 2025.
- **General and administrative expenses of $3,062** – a decrease of $56 (2%) from $3,118 in the corresponding 2025 period. The decrease was primarily related to decreased worker compensation insurance and credit loss allowance, offset by the increase of share-based payments in 2026.
- **Adjusted EBITDA(1) of $5,830** – an increase of $715 (14%) from $5,115 in the corresponding 2025 period, driven by increased revenue and gross margin, along with a decrease in administrative expenses.

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 $)	2026	2025	% Change
	Three months ended, March 31		
Net income	1,731	1,454	19%
Depreciation	2,552	2,422	5%
Finance costs	428	442	(3%)
Other income	(2)	5	(140%)
Deferred income tax expense	762	577	32%
Gain on asset disposal	(1)	(23)	(96%)
Share-based payments	368	219	68%
Transaction costs	-	19	nm
Foreign exchange gain	(8)	-	nm
Adjusted EBITDA	5,830	5,115	14%

nm - not meaningful

(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 $)	2026	2025	% Change
	Three months ended, March 31		
Income from operations	5,972	5,592	7%
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,399	2,277	5%
Gross margin	8,371	7,869	6%
Gross margin %	32%	34%	(2%)

(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 $)	2026	2025	% Change
	Three months ended, March 31		
Funds from operating activities	5,526	5,099	8%
Maintenance and sustaining capital	(595)	(371)	60%
Interest paid on Demand Facility	(123)	(101)	22%
Term Loan Facility principal payments	(398)	(441)	(10%)
Interest on Term Loan Facility	(252)	(299)	(16%)
Total free cash flow	4,158	3,887	7%

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 prices, the volatility thereof and potential mitigating factors and expectations about industry activities and the impacts thereof on the Corporation; the return of value to shareholders through the Corporation's NCIB program; expectations regarding the level of capital investment to achieve full utilization of the Corporation's rigs; the assessment of additional acquisition opportunities by the Corporation; and expected impacts of tariffs on the Corporation and the industry in which it operates.

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; that market conditions and growth prospects will permit the return of value to shareholders through the Corporation's NCIB program; 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's critical accounting estimates and judgments are reasonable; that the Corporation has adequate access to its credit facilities to provide the necessary liquidity needed to manage fluctuations in the timing of receipt and/or disbursement of operating cash flows; the condition of the global economy, including certain geopolitical risks; the stability of the economic and political environment in which the Corporation operates; the ability of the Corporation to retain qualified staff; management's ability to crew underutilized assets; 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 of the Corporation to obtain financing on acceptable terms; the ability to protect and maintain the Corporation's intellectual property; the Corporation's ability to maintain financial resiliency in light of current macroeconomic conditions; 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, interest rates, the ongoing conflict and political uncertainty in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and South America and other geopolitical risks, including the imposition of tariffs and other non-tariff trade barriers; 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 detailed under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Corporation's MD&A and under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Corporation's AIF, each dated March 12, 2026 for the year ended December 31, 2025, 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. The forward-looking information contained in this press release is expressly qualified by this cautionary statement.

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