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Three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2020



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The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") relates to the results of operations, liquidity and capital resources of Foraco International S.A. ("Foraco" or the "Company"). This report has been prepared by Management and should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three-month and six-months periods ended June 30, 2020, including the notes thereto. These quarterly unaudited interim financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Following the decision taken by the Accounting Standards Board, IFRS became the accounting standards for all issuers in Canada on January 1, 2011. The Company adopted IFRS and made an explicit and unreserved statement that its consolidated financial statements comply with IFRS in 2004.

Except as otherwise stated in Note 2 to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, these quarterly unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements were prepared using accounting policies and methods consistent with those used in the preparation of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. Except when otherwise stated, all amounts presented in this MD&A are denominated in US Dollars ("US\$"). The discussion and analysis within this MD&A are as of July 30, 2020.

Caution concerning forward-looking statements

This document may contain "forward-looking statements" and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities laws. These statements and information include estimates, forecasts, information and statements as to Management's expectations with respect to, among other things, the future financial or operating performance of the Company and capital and operating expenditures. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements and information can be identified by the use of words such as "may", "will", "should", "plans", "expects", "intends", "anticipates", "believes", "budget", and "scheduled" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. Forward-looking statements and information are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by management, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Readers are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements and information are not guarantees and there can be no assurance that such statements and information will prove to be accurate and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations are disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 30, 2020, which is filed with Canadian regulators on SEDAR (www.sedar.com). The Company expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements and information whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All written and oral forward-looking statements and information attributable to Foraco or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements.

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Business Overview

Headquartered in Marseille, France, Foraco is a worldwide drilling service provider with presence in 22 countries and 5 continents. On June 30, 2020, the Company had 1,842 employees and operated 302 drill rigs worldwide, providing a diverse range of drilling services to its customer base. The Company has developed and acquired significant expertise in destructive and non-destructive drilling, as well as proprietary drill rig design capabilities. These capabilities allow Foraco to tailor solutions to meet the specific conditions and drilling requirements of certain customers, such as mining companies, governmental organizations and international development funds. Through its global operations the Company services a range of industries focusing on mining and water.

Foraco specializes in drilling in harsh environments and isolated locations including arctic, desert and mountainous regions, generally under conditions where operations are challenged by logistical matters and geographic barriers. The Company's engineers and technicians have developed special drilling methods which respond to the requirements of certain areas in which geology prevents the use of standard techniques and equipment. The Company has specialized equipment for, among other uses, helicopter-based drilling campaigns, combination rigs able to perform multi-drilling technique contracts, desert-suited rigs and large diameter core sampling systems.

Interim Consolidated Financial Highlights

Financial highlights

(In thousands of US\$) (unaudited)	Three-month period ended June 30,		Six-month period ended June 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenue	47,351	54,093	97,022	99,295
Gross profit / (loss) (1)	11,164	8,466	16,427	12,703
<i>As a percentage of sales</i>	<i>23.6%</i>	<i>15.7%</i>	<i>16.9%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>
EBITDA	10,161	7,343	14,626	10,787
<i>As a percentage of sales</i>	<i>21.5%</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>15.1%</i>	<i>10.9%</i>
Operating profit / (loss)	6,062	2,979	6,186	2,053
<i>As a percentage of sales</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>
Profit / (loss) for the period	3,277	1,291	1,212	(2,642)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	1,726	597	(316)	(3,382)
Non-controlling interests	1,551	694	1,529	740
EPS (in US cents)				
Basic	1.88	0.66	(0.35)	(3.77)
Diluted	1.92	0.66	(0.35)	(3.77)

(1) includes amortization and depreciation expenses related to operations.

Three-month period ended June 30, 2020 – Q2 2020

Revenue

- The impact of Covid-19 on the Q2 2020 revenue has been uneven between regions. The pandemic affected revenue in certain important operation centers, particularly in North and South America but solid activities were recorded in other areas.
- Overall, revenue of the period amounted to US\$ 47.4 million compared to US\$ 54.1 million in Q2 2019, a decrease of 12%, but the Q2 2020 revenue decrease at constant exchange rates was limited to 3%.
- This trend is confirmed by the rigs utilization rate which remained relatively high at 47% in Q2 2020 compared to 50% in Q2 2019.

Profitability

- The Q2 2020 gross margin including depreciation within cost of sales was US\$ 11.2 million (or 23.6% of revenue) compared to US\$ 8.5 million (or 15.7% of revenue) in Q2 2019. Performance on contracts improved due to continued close control over our operations which allowed us to generate satisfactory margins across regions including the successful conclusion of a contract generating US\$ 2.0 million net margin.
- During the quarter, EBITDA amounted to US\$ 10.2 million (or 21.5% of revenue), a 38% increase compared to US\$ 7.3 million (or 13.6% of revenue) for the same quarter last year.

Six-month period ended June 30, 2020 – H1 2020

Revenue

- H1 2020 revenue amounted to US\$ 97.0 million compared to US\$ 99.3 million in H1 2019 a decrease of 2%. Excluding foreign exchange variance, revenue increased by 6%.

Profitability

- H1 2020 gross margin including depreciation within cost of sales was US\$ 16.4 million (or 16.9% of revenue) compared to US\$ 12.7 million (or 12.8% of revenue) in H1 2019. This improvement is mainly due to satisfactory control over our operations.
- During the semester, EBITDA amounted to US\$ 14.6 million (or 15.1% of revenue), compared to US\$ 10.8 million (or 10.9% of revenue) for the same period last year.

Net debt

- The net debt excluding the impact of the implementation of IFRS 16 was US\$ 127.7 million as at June 30, 2020 compared to US\$ 128.9 million as at December 31, 2019. The net debt including the impact of IFRS 16 was US\$ 131.2 million as at June 30, 2020.

Covid-19

The pandemic affected revenue in certain important operation centers, particularly in North and South America but solid activities were recorded in other areas and the Company managed to limit the negative impact of the pandemic on its costs structure thanks to satisfactory control of operations, flexibility of its organization and the support from certain clients and governments.

Results of Operations

Comparison of the three-month periods ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019

Revenue

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's revenue for Q2 2020 and Q2 2019 by reporting segment and geographic region:

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>Q2 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>Q2 2019</u>
<u>Reporting segment</u>			
Mining	40,129	-18%	48,920
Water	<u>7,222</u>	<u>+40%</u>	<u>5,187</u>
Total revenue	<u>47,351</u>	<u>-12%</u>	<u>54,093</u>
<u>Geographic region</u>			
Europe, Middle East and Africa	17,758	11%	15,936
South America	6,718	-48%	12,892
North America	11,570	-25%	15,370
Asia Pacific	<u>11,305</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>9,895</u>
Total revenue	<u>47,351</u>	<u>-12%</u>	<u>54,093</u>

Revenue of the quarter decreased from US\$ 54.1 million in Q2 2019 to US\$ 47.4 million in Q2 2020 (-12%). Excluding currency fluctuations, revenue only decreased by 3%.

The long-standing presence of the Company in the water segment enabled it to develop unique applications for the mining sector. These applications which require the use of certain specific assets and which now represent a growing part of the Company's revenue led the management to assess the performance of these activities separately from the mining sector. These activities which include the mining dewatering are now classified in the water segment. The historical figures presented in the table above have been restated to present comparative data in a homogeneous manner.

The 40% increase in revenue in the water segment is the result of the leveraging of the Company's expertise applied to mining dewatering.

In EMEA revenue for the quarter was US\$ 17.8 million compared to US\$ 15.9 million in Q2 2019, an increase of 11% (21% without foreign exchange variance). Each area showed improved activity. In Africa, new deep-water wells contracts mobilized in 2019 continued in Q2 2020 and will continue through 2020. In Russia, activity increased by 12% with new significant contracts secured during Q1 2020.

Revenue in South America decreased by 48% (31% excluding adverse foreign exchange rate variance) at US\$ 6.7 million in Q2 2020 (US\$ 12.9 million in Q2 2019). The activity in the region was particularly impacted by the effect of the pandemic which disrupted the commercial and operational activities.

Activity in North America decreased with revenue at US\$ 11.6 million in Q2 2020 compared to US\$ 15.4 million in Q2 2019. This decrease is mainly due to disruptions affecting a certain number of contracts linked to the Covid 19 pandemic. The activities postponed are due to resume in Q3 2020.

In Asia Pacific, Q2 2020 revenue amounted to US\$ 11.3 million, an increase of 14% (24% without foreign exchange variance). New contracts were mobilized during the quarter and will continue through 2020.

Gross Profit

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's gross profit by reporting segment for Q2 2020 and Q2 2019:

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>Q2 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>Q2 2019</u>
<u>Reporting segment</u>			
Mining	8,650	+11%	7,768
Water.....	<u>2,514</u>	n/a	<u>698</u>
<u>Total gross profit / (loss)</u>	<u>11,164</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>8,466</u>

The Q2 2020 gross margin including depreciation within cost of sales was US\$ 11.2 million (or 23.6% of revenue) compared to US\$ 8.5 million (or 15.7% of revenue) in Q2 2019. The gross profit improved due to better performance on contracts.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

The following table provides an analysis of the selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A):

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>Q2 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>Q2 2019</u>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5,102	-7%	5,487

SG&A decreased compared to the same quarter last year. The Company adapted its staff cost in the context of the current uncertain environment.

Operating result

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's operating result for Q2 2020 and Q2 2019 by reporting segment:

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>Q2 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>Q2 2019</u>
<u>Reporting segment</u>			
Mining	4,326	+55%	2,783
Water	<u>1,736</u>	n/a	<u>196</u>
Total operating profit (loss)	<u>6,062</u>	<u>+103%</u>	<u>2,979</u>

The operating profit was US\$ 6.1 million, a US\$ 3.1 million improvement as a result of the close control over our operations and SG&A expenses.

Finance costs

Net financial expenses were stable at US\$ 2.1 million in Q2 2020 compared to US\$ 1.9 million in Q2 2019.

Income tax

In Q2 2020, the corporate income tax was a charge of US\$ 0.7 million compared to a profit of US\$ 0.2 million in the same period for the previous year. The income tax expense is recognized based on Management's best estimate of the average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year on a tax jurisdiction by tax jurisdiction basis.

Comparison of the six-month periods ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019

Revenue

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's revenue for H1 2020 and H1 2019 by reporting segment and geographic region:

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>H1 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>H1 2019</u>
<u>Reporting segment</u>			
Mining	80,509	-11%	90,324
Water	<u>16,513</u>	<u>+84%</u>	<u>8,971</u>
Total revenue	<u>97,022</u>	<u>-2%</u>	<u>99,295</u>

Geographic region

Europe, Middle East and Africa	32,863	7%	25,133
South America	15,804	-30%	22,649
North America	29,846	-13%	34,463
Asia Pacific	<u>18,509</u>	<u>9%</u>	<u>17,050</u>
Total revenue	<u>97,022</u>	<u>-2%</u>	<u>99,295</u>

H1 2020 revenue amounted to US\$ 97.0 million compared to US\$ 99.3 million in H1 2019, a decrease of 2%. The H1 2020 revenue increased by 6% after adjusting for currency fluctuations.

In EMEA, revenue increased by 7%, to US\$ 32.9 million in H1 2020 from US\$ 25.1 million in H1 2019. Each area showed improved activity.

Revenue in South America decreased by 30% at US\$ 15.8 million in H1 2020 (US\$ 22.6 million in H1 2019). The activity in the region was particularly impacted by the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic which disrupted the commercial and operational activities during Q2 2020.

Revenue in North America decreased by 13% to US\$ 29.8 million in H1 2020 from US\$ 34.5 million in H1 2019. This decrease is mainly due to disruptions affecting a certain number of contracts in Q2 2020 linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. The activities postponed are due to resume in Q3 2020.

In Asia Pacific, H1 2020 revenue amounted to US\$ 18.5 million, an increase of 9%. New contracts were mobilized during the period and will continue through 2020.

Gross Profit

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's gross profit by reporting segment for H1 2020 and H1 2019:

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>H1 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>H1 2019</u>
<i>Reporting segment</i>			
Mining	12,169	7%	11,385
Water.....	4,258	n/a	1,318
Total gross profit / (loss)	<u>16,427</u>	<u>29%</u>	<u>12,703</u>

The H1 2020 gross margin including depreciation within cost of sales was US\$ 16.4 million (or 16.9% of revenue) compared to US\$ 12.7 million (or 12.8% of revenue) in H1 2019. This improvement is mainly due to the close control over our operations.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

The following table provides an analysis of the selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A):

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>H1 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>H1 2019</u>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,241	-4%	10,650

SG&A decreased by 4% compared to the same period last year. As a percentage of revenue, SG&A was stable.

Operating result

The following table provides a breakdown of the Company's operating result for H1 2020 and H1 2019 by reporting segment:

(In thousands of US\$) - (unaudited)	<u>H1 2020</u>	<u>% change</u>	<u>H1 2019</u>
<i>Reporting segment</i>			
Mining	3,667	n/a	1,653
Water	<u>2,519</u>	n/a	<u>400</u>
Total operating gain (loss)	<u>6,186</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>2,053</u>

The operating profit was US\$ 6.2 million in H1 2020, a US\$ 4.1 million improvement compared to H1 2019 as a result of better performance on contracts and controlled SG&A.

Finance costs

Net financial expenses increased to US\$ 4.5 million in H1 2020 from US\$ 4.2 million in H1 2019.

Income tax

In H1 2020, the corporate income tax was a charge of US\$ 0.5 million, stable compared to the same period for the previous year. The income tax loss is recognized based on Management's best estimate of the average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year on a tax jurisdiction by tax jurisdiction basis.

Seasonality

The worldwide presence of the Company reduces its overall exposure to seasonality and its influence on business activity, the first quarter being the weakest. In West Africa, most of the Company's operations are suspended between July and October due to the rainy season. In Canada, seasonal slow periods occur during the winter freeze and spring thaw or break-up periods. Depending on the latitude, this can occur anytime from October until late December (freezing) and from mid-April through to mid-June (break-up). Operations at mining sites continue throughout the year. Russia is also affected by the winter period during which operations are suspended. In Asia Pacific and in South America, where the Company operates exclusively in the Mining segment, a seasonal slowdown in activity occurs around year-end during the vacation period. Certain contracts are also affected in Chile in July and August when the winter season peaks.

Effect of Exchange Rates

The Company operates in a very large number of countries with functional currencies (Euros, Canadian Dollars, Australian Dollars, Chilean Pesos, Brazilian Reals and Russian Rubles) different than the US Dollar, the presentation currency of the Group. The significant variation of the US Dollar over the last quarters has had a substantial impact on the Company's financial statements. The impact of exchange rates on each significant line item of the income statement is reported above.

However, the Company mitigates its net exposure to foreign currency fluctuations by balancing its costs, revenues and financing in local currencies, resulting in a natural hedge.

The exchange rates against the US\$ for the periods under review are as follows:

	Average Q2 2020	% change	Average Q2 2019	Average Q1 2020	% change	Average Q1 2019	Closing Q2 2020	% change	Closing Q4 2019
€	0.91	2%	0.89	0.91	3%	0.88	0.89	-	0.89
CAD	1.39	4%	1.34	1.34	1%	1.33	1.37	5%	1.31
AUD	1.52	7%	1.43	1.52	8%	1.40	1.46	2%	1.43
CLP	823	20%	683	803	20%	667	804	10%	745
BRL	5.37	37%	3.92	4.45	18%	3.77	5.45	35%	4.03
RUB	72.32	12%	64.52	66.79	1%	65.97	69.98	13%	61.94

Please note that the H1 2020 was marked by significant exchange rate fluctuations and that this affected most currencies.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table provides a summary of the Company's cash flows for H1 2020 and H1 2019:

(In thousands of US\$)	<u>H1 2020</u>	<u>H1 2019</u>
Cash generated by operations before working capital requirements	14,626	10,788
Working capital requirements	(2,177)	(174)
Income tax paid	(928)	(1,540)
Purchase of equipment in cash	(4,147)	(5,736)
Free Cash Flow before debt servicing	7,375	3,339
Debt variance	(4,183)	(1,567)
Interests paid	(1,451)	(1,707)
Acquisition of treasury shares	-	(14)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(676)	-
Net cash generated / (used in) financing activities	(6,310)	(3,288)
Net cash variation	1,065	51
Foreign exchange differences	(694)	(755)
Variation in cash and cash equivalents	<u>370</u>	<u>(704)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>16,423</u>	<u>10,384</u>

In H1 2020, the cash generated from operations before working capital requirements amounted to US\$ 14.6 million compared to US\$ 10.8 million in H1 2019.

In H1 2020, the working capital requirement was US\$2.2 million compared to US\$ 0.2 million in the same period last year.

During the period, the Capex was US\$ 4.1 million in cash compared to US\$ 5.7 million in H1 2019. The Capex mainly relates to major rigs overhauls, ancillary equipment and rods.

Free cash flow before debt servicing was US\$ 7.4 million in H1 2020 compared to US\$ 3.3 million in H1 2019.

As at June 30, 2020, cash and cash equivalents totaled US\$ 16.4 million compared to US\$ 16.1 million as at December 31, 2019. Cash and cash equivalents are mainly held at or invested within top tier financial institutions.

As at June 30, 2020, net debt excluding IFRS 16 implementation amounted to US\$ 127.7 million (US\$ 128.9 million as at December 31, 2019).

Bank guarantees as at June 30, 2020 totaled US\$ 9.0 million compared to US\$ 6.5 million as at December 31, 2019. The Company benefits from a confirmed contract guarantee line of € 12.7 million (US\$ 14.0 million).

Going concern

As at June 30, 2020, the Company met its financial covenants. Despite the current economic environment, and assuming that the health crisis does not deteriorate further, the Company believes that it will have adequate financial resources to continue in operation for a period of at least twelve months.

Impairment testing

As at December 31, 2019, the Company conducted impairment testing for goodwill at the level of each geographic region using the expected discounted cash flows method. Based on the internal forecasts and projections made, the expected discounted future cash flows generally exceeded, and sometimes significantly, the goodwill carrying amounts. As at March 31, 2020, given the uncertainties regarding the business impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic the Company reperformed an impairment testing for the regions which presented a lower headroom and concluded that no impairment charge was required. Based on the current financial performance, the information available including customers' feedback and the Company's backlog, the Company considers that there is no triggering event for conducting new impairment tests as at June 30, 2020.

Cash Transfer Restrictions

Foraco operates in a number of different countries where cash transfer restrictions may exist. The Company organizes its business so as to ensure that the majority of payments are collected in countries where there are no such restrictions. No excess cash is held in countries where cash transfer restrictions exist.

Related-Party Transactions

For details of related-party transactions, please refer to Note 14 of the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements.

Capital Stock

As at June 30, 2020, the capital stock of the Company amounted to US\$ 1,772 thousand, divided into 89,951,798 common shares. The common shares of the Company are distributed as follows:

	Number of shares	%
Common shares held directly or indirectly by principal shareholders	37,594,498	41.79%
Common shares held directly or indirectly by individuals in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors *	1,164,754	1.29%
Common shares held by the Company**	74,769	0.08%
Common shares held by the public	51,117,777	56.83%
Total common shares issued and outstanding	89,951,798	
Common shares held by the Company	(74,769)	
Total common shares issued and outstanding excluding shares held by the Company	89,877,029	

**In the table above, the shares owned indirectly are presented as an amount corresponding to the pro rata of the ownership interest*

***74,769 common shares are held by the Company to meet the Company's obligations under the employee free share plan and for the purposes of potential acquisitions.*

Critical Accounting Estimates

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the annual and unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements. As required by IAS 1, the depreciation of property, plant and equipment related to operations is included within cost of sales.

Non-IFRS measures

EBITDA represents Net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation, amortization and non-cash share based compensation expenses. EBITDA is a non-IFRS quantitative measure used to assist in the assessment of the Company's ability to generate cash from its operations. The Company believes that the presentation of EBITDA is useful to investors because it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in the drilling industry. EBITDA is not defined in IFRS and should not be considered to be an alternative to Profit for the period or Operating profit or any other financial metric required by such accounting principles.

Net debt corresponds to the current and non-current portions of borrowings and the consideration payable related to acquisitions, net of cash and cash equivalents. The lease obligations is not included in the net debt calculation.

Reconciliation of EBITDA is as follows:

(In thousands of US\$) (<i>unaudited</i>)	<u>Q2 2020</u>	<u>Q2 2019</u>	<u>H1 2020</u>	<u>H1 2019</u>
Operating profit / (loss).....	6,062	2,979	6,186	2,053
Depreciation expense	4,054	4,320	8,350	8,645
Non-cash employee share-based compensation.....	45	45	90	90
EBITDA	<u>10,161</u>	<u>7,343</u>	<u>14,626</u>	<u>10,787</u>

Litigation and claims

Generally, the Company is subject to legal proceedings, claims and legal action arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company's Management does not expect that the ultimate costs to resolve these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Subsequent Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events.

Strategy

The Company's strategy is to become a leading actor in the mineral drilling services sector, assisting its customers to explore or manage their deposits throughout the whole cycle, with a special focus on life of mines extension activity. The Company intends to develop and grow its services offered across the world with a focus on stable jurisdictions, high tech drilling services, optimal commodities mix - with a significant involvement in water related drilling services and choose carefully its customers. The Company expects it will execute its strategy primarily through organic growth in the near future.

Risk Factors

For a comprehensive discussion of the important factors that could impact the Company's operating results, please refer to the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 30, 2020, under the heading "Risk Factors", which has been filed with Canadian regulators on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).