



## MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND KENNADY FILE JOINT CIRCULAR SEEKING SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF BUSINESS COMBINATION

**Toronto, Ontario (March 9, 2018)** – Mountain Province Diamonds Inc. (TSX and NASDAQ: MPVD) ("**Mountain Province**") and Kennady Diamonds Inc. (TSX-V: KDI) ("**Kennady**") are pleased to announce that they have filed a joint management information circular (the "**Circular**") and related proxy materials in advance of their respective special shareholders' meetings seeking approval of, among other things, the Arrangement (as defined herein). The Circular is now being mailed to the shareholders of Mountain Province and Kennady to provide them with information about both companies and the proposed Arrangement.

On January 28, 2018, Mountain Province and Kennady entered into an arrangement agreement and announced, on January 29, 2018, a proposed business combination pursuant to which Mountain Province will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Kennady (the "**Arrangement**"). The Arrangement is expected to be completed by way of a statutory plan of arrangement under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario).

### **Kennady Meeting**

The special meeting of shareholders of Kennady is scheduled to be held at **1:00 p.m.** (Pacific Standard Time) on **Monday, April 9, 2018** at the Terminal City Club, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 1B4, to approve the Arrangement.

### **Mountain Province Meeting**

The special meeting of shareholders of Mountain Province is scheduled to be held at **2:30 p.m.** (Pacific Standard Time) on **Monday, April 9, 2018** at the Terminal City Club, 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 1B4, to approve an ordinary resolution to approve the issuance of Mountain Province shares to be issued to Kennady shareholders, pursuant to the Arrangement.

**Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own.** Mountain Province and Kennady encourage shareholders to read the meeting materials in detail. An electronic copy of the Circular is available on Mountain Province's website at [www.mountainprovince.com](http://www.mountainprovince.com) and on Kennady's website [www.kennadydiamonds.com](http://www.kennadydiamonds.com). The Circular is also available on SEDAR under the issuer profiles of both companies at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT - PLEASE VOTE TODAY**

**The Board of Directors of Mountain Province and Kennady UNANIMOUSLY recommend that Shareholders vote IN FAVOUR of the Arrangement**

## **Reasons and Benefits of the Arrangement**

### **Benefits to Mountain Province Shareholders**

- Adds Kennady's 100% owned diamondiferous bodies, which contain indicated resources of 13.62 million carats and inferred resources of 5.02 million carats
  - Kelvin kimberlite – indicated resources of 13.62 million carats at an average grade of 1.60 carats per tonne and average value of US\$63 per carat as estimated by bulk samples completed in 2015 and 2016
  - Faraday kimberlites – inferred resources of 5.02 million carats at an average grade of 1.54 carats per tonne and average value of US\$98 per carat as estimated by a 2017 bulk sample
  - Size and grade of Kelvin and Faraday add to total number of carats owned by Mountain Province for future production
- Potential to grow resources at both Kelvin and Faraday, and discover resources at the Doyle and MZ kimberlites
- Timing is right
  - A potential opportunity exists to partially displace lower-grade ore from Tuzo scheduled in 2023-2025 with higher-grade Kelvin or Faraday resources, should Kennady assets be integrated into the Gahcho Kué joint venture (subject to agreement with Mountain Province's joint venture partner, De Beers)
  - Lead time is required to permit and develop the Kennady assets
  - Will fully control Kennady's 2018 drill program – the 2017 summer drilling program highlighted key opportunities to grow the current Faraday resource, and the 2018 plan is in place to explore other key value enhancing targets
- Adds 67,164 hectares of highly prospective and 100%-owned exploration ground strategically surrounding the Gahcho Kué mine
- Benefit of complementary assets held by Mountain Province and Kennady
  - Kennady controls the bulk of the prospective kimberlite belt and Mountain Province owns 49% of the belt's operating mine, creating opportunities to add Kennady assets to the Gahcho Kué joint venture or to advance exploration, building 100%-owned value that can be combined with Gahcho Kué at a later date
  - Potential to significantly reduce pre-production capital expenditures, transportation costs and operating expenses on a combined basis

### **Benefits to Kennady Shareholders**

- All-share deal allows Kennady's current shareholders to retain ongoing exposure to Kennady's assets as well as gain exposure to Mountain Province's 49% interest in the operating Gahcho Kué mine

- Gain access to Mountain Province's development, production and marketing expertise and financial strength to enhance the advancement of Kennady's North Project, generating enhanced exploration upside for the combined assets
- Immediate premium on the Kennady Shares
- Enhanced liquidity and improved capital markets profile
- Access to Mountain Province's expertise – potential to mitigate risks relating to any future commercialization of Kennady's mineral properties, including risk of becoming stranded assets

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**How to Vote**

Due to essence of time, shareholders are encouraged to vote today using the internet, telephone or facsimile.

***Registered shareholders of Mountain Province and Kennady may vote by:***

- ✓ **proxy** returned using any of the following methods

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| <u>Internet</u>  | – | <a href="http://www.investorvote.com">www.investorvote.com</a> (enter your 15-digit control number to vote)                                    |
| <u>Telephone</u> | – | 1-866-732-8683 (enter your 15-digit control number to vote)  |
| <u>Facsimile</u> | – | 1-866-249-7775 (complete, sign and fax both sides of the form of proxy)  |
| <u>Mail</u>      | – | Computershare Investor Services Inc., Toronto Office, Proxy Department, at 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2Y1 |

- ✓ **attending** the special shareholders' meeting in person

***Non-registered shareholders of Mountain Province and Kennady***

Shareholders who hold shares of Mountain Province or Kennady through a bank or other intermediary will have different voting instructions and should carefully follow the voting instructions provided to them. In most cases, non-registered shareholders will receive a voting instruction form as part of the meeting materials. Non-registered shareholders are encouraged to complete, sign and return the voting instruction form in accordance with the instructions on the form. In addition, certain non-registered shareholders of Mountain Province and Kennady may be contacted by Laurel Hill Advisory Group, the proxy solicitation agent, to obtain votes directly over the phone utilizing the Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc.'s QuickVote™ service.

## **Shareholder Questions**

Mountain Province and Kennady Diamond shareholders who have questions about the joint circular or need assistance with voting their shares can contact our proxy solicitation agent, Laurel Hill Advisory Group:

### **Laurel Hill Advisory Group**

North America Toll Free: 1-877-452-7184

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## **About Mountain Province Diamonds Inc.**

Mountain Province Diamonds is a 49% participant with De Beers Canada in the Gahcho Kué diamond mine located in Canada's Northwest Territories. Gahcho Kué is the world's largest new diamond mine, consisting of a cluster of four diamondiferous kimberlites, three of which are being developed and mined under the initial 12 year mine plan.

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## **About Kennady Diamonds Inc.**

Kennady Diamonds Inc. owns 100% of the Kennady North diamond project located in Canada's Northwest Territories. Kennady North is adjacent to the Gahcho Kué diamond mine. Kennady is focused on expanding its high-grade diamond resources along the Kelvin-Faraday kimberlite corridor, as well as identifying new kimberlites outside of the corridor. To date an indicated resource of 13.62 million carats of diamonds contained in 8.50 million tonnes of kimberlite, with a grade of 1.60 carats per tonne and an average value of US\$63 per carat, has been defined for the Kelvin kimberlite and an inferred resource of 5.02 million carats contained in 3.27 million tonnes of kimberlite, with a grade of 1.54 carats per tonne and an average value of US\$98 per carat, has been defined for the Faraday kimberlites using a 1mm bottom cutoff size. The Kelvin-Faraday corridor is also a target for further exploration.

For further information on Kennady please contact:

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## **Scientific and Technical Information and Qualified Persons**

The disclosure in this news release of scientific and technical information regarding Kennady's mineral properties has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Tom McCandless, P. Geo., a director of Kennady Diamonds and a "qualified person" under National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*.

## **Disclaimers and Caution Regarding Forward Looking Information**

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*of all applicable conditions to closing of the Arrangement (including receipt of all necessary shareholder, court, stock exchange and regulatory approvals or consents and the absence of material changes with respect to the parties and their respective businesses, all as more particularly set forth in the arrangement agreement between Mountain Province and Kennady dated January 28, 2018); the synergies expected from the Arrangement not being realized; business integration risks; fluctuations in general macroeconomic conditions; fluctuations in securities markets and the market price of Mountain Province Shares and Kennady Shares; change in national and local government, legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments; variations in ore grade or recovery rates; changes in market conditions; changes in project parameters; mine sequencing; production rates; cash flow; risks relating to the availability and timeliness of permitting and governmental approvals; supply of, and demand for, diamonds; fluctuating commodity prices and currency exchange rates; the possibility of project cost overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses; labour disputes and other risks of the mining industry; and failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated.*

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