

PRESS RELEASE

CONTRANS CORP. REPORTS FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

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Contrans Corp. is pleased to report results for its first quarter ended November 30, 2001. These results reflect the adoption of the new accounting recommendations regarding goodwill and other intangible asset amortization.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Stan G. Dunford
Chairman and President



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(000's omitted except per share amounts)

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Three Months Ended November 30 (Unaudited)	2001	2000
Revenue	\$ 64,794	\$ 65,214
EBITDA	\$ 8,543 13.2%	\$ 8,101 12.4%
Net Income Before Amortization of Goodwill ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,726 5.8%	\$ 3,132 4.8%
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Earnings Per Share-Before Goodwill Charges ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.67
Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.60
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.59
Operating Cash Flow ⁽²⁾	\$ 6,177	\$ 5,302
Operating Cash Flow Per Share	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.13
Repurchase of Common Shares	\$ 22	\$ 973
Weighted Avg. Shares Outstanding-Basic	4,431	4,706
Weighted Avg. Shares Outstanding-Diluted	4,471	4,747

⁽¹⁾ Effective September 1, 2001, the Company has applied the new accounting recommendations of section 3062 of the Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants entitled "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". Under the new section, goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are no longer amortized, but are tested for impairment on adoption of the new section, and at least annually, thereafter. The effect of this change in the current quarter as a result of ceasing amortization is to increase net earnings by \$310 or \$0.07 per share. The Company has not yet completed the impairment testing required on adoption of the new recommendations.

⁽²⁾ Cash from operations before changes in non-cash working capital.