



# **Financial Review**

1st Quarter 2010

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## Mr. Patrick Lemaire

President and Chief Executive Officer Boralex Inc.

### **Highlights**

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#### Q1 2010

## ▲ Increase in production driven for the most part by the commissioning of new wind energy capacity

- Commissioning of 40 MW in Ontario (Thames River)
- Commissioning of 4,6 MW in France on February 1st, 2010 (Cham Longe II)
- Commissioning of 2,0 MW in British Colombia in Q2 2009 (Ocean Falls)

## ▲ Lower electricity prices in T1 2010, for all sectors, offset by decreased raw material costs

- Lower cost for wood-residue, due to BCAP program, and improved burn rate
- Lower cost for natural gas

#### ▲ EBITDA and net earnings impacted by a non-cash item

- Impairment charge of the tangible assets of the Dolbeau plant in the Boralex Power Income Fund:
  - ⇒ \$3.7 M impact on Boralex's share in earnings of the Fund (\$2.7 M after tax)

#### ▲ Project financing

Thames River: drawing of \$186.0 M on the financing agreement concluded on March 10, 2010

#### ■ Sale of a subsidiary

Sale of a subsidiary in France, that owned the Bel Air wind farm, generated a gain of \$0.8 M



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### **Summary**

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Q1 2010

| Selected financial and operational data (in thousands of dollars, except production and per share amounts) | Q1 2010 | Q1 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Production (MWh)   | 473,087 | 415,728 |
| Revenues from energy sales   | 51,004  | 57,198  |
| EBITDA   | 17,632  | 20,952  |
| EBITDA, adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>  | 21,353  | 20,232  |
| Net earnings   | 1,348   | 7,212   |
| Net earnings, adjusted (1)   | 5,483   | 6,730   |
| Net earnings per share (basic and diluted)   | \$0.04  | \$0.19  |
| Net earnings, adjusted (1) per share (basic and diluted)   | \$0.15  | \$0.18  |
| Cash flows from operations   | 15,532  | 15,321  |
| Cash flows from operations per share   | \$0.41  | \$0.41  |

<sup>(1)</sup> To take into account specific items (see details on page 7 in the Q1 2010 MD&A).

### **EBITDA** by segment

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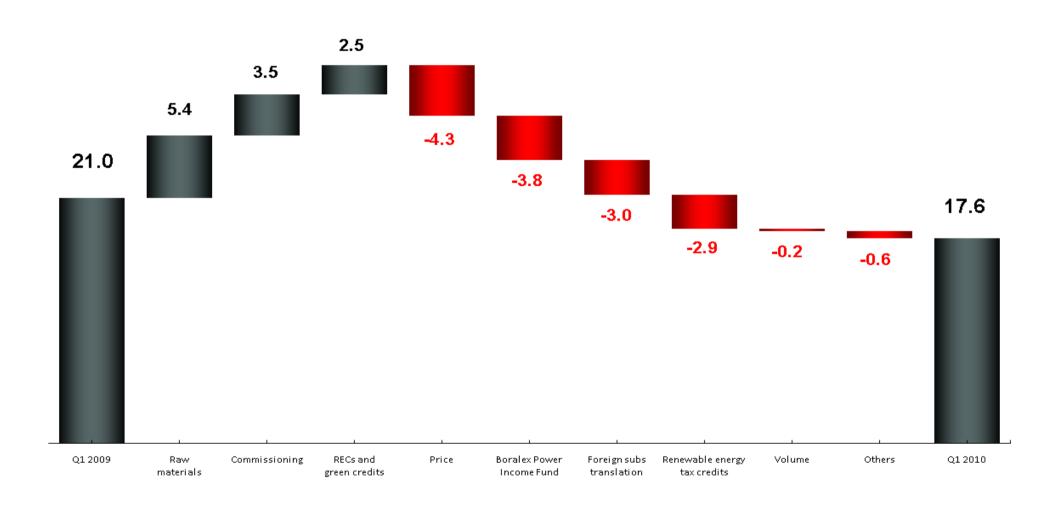
Q1 2010

| (in thousands of dollars)   | Q1 2010 | Q1 2009 | Variation |
|---|---------|---------|-----------|
| Wind  | 9,419   | 7,215   | 7         |
| Hydroelectricity  | 1,873   | 1,709   | 7         |
| Wood-residue  | 10,028  | 11,803  | Ľ         |
| Natural gas   | 2,038   | 1,511   | 7         |
|   | 23,358  | 22,238  | 7         |
| Corporate and eliminations  | (5,726) | (1,286) | Ľ         |
| Consolidated EBITDA, as reported in the financial statements  | 17,632  | 20,952  | Ľ         |
| Share in the impairment of PPE at the Dolbeau plant (Fund) & gain on disposal of investment in subsidiary | 3,721   | (720)   |           |
| EBITDA ajusted  | 21,353  | 20,232  | 7         |

### **EBITDA** – Variance analysis

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#### Q1 2010 vs Q1 2009





### **Wind** Energy

| (in thousands of dollars, except production) | Q1 2010 | Q1 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Production (MWh)                             | 90,291  | 60,761  |
| Revenues from energy sales                   | 11,413  | 9,083   |
| EBITDA                                       | 9,419   | 7,215   |

- ▲ Production, revenues and EBITDA all higher due to commissioning of new wind capacity. Excluding start-ups, production was up 3%.
- **▲** Confirmed new capacity for 2010:
  - Q1 2010: 20 MW (Thames River, Ontario) + 4.6 MW (Cham Longe II, France)
  - Q3 2010: 40 MW (Ronchois and Grand Camp, France) + 9.2 MW (Chasse Marée, France)
  - Q4 2010: 50 MW (Thames River, Ontario)

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### **Hydrolectricity**

| (in thousands of dollars, except production) | Q1 2010 | Q1 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Production (MWh)                             | 40,309  | 35,666  |
| Revenues from energy sales                   | 3,054   | 2,760   |
| EBITDA                                       | 1,873   | 1,709   |

- **▲** Production similar to Q1 2009 and 6% above historical average:
  - Including Ocean Falls: 13% above Q1 2009 and 7% above historical average
- ▲ Average selling price of electricity in the US down 5% compared to Q1 2009.
- ▲ Ocean Falls contributed \$800 K to revenues and \$400 K to EBITDA, partially offsetting the impact of lower prices and the translation of US Subs.

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### Thermal energy: wood-residue

| (in thousands of dollars, except production) | Q1 2010 | Q1 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Production (MWh)                             | 320,057 | 296,688 |
| Revenues from energy sales                   | 30,216  | 38,181  |
| EBITDA                                       | 10,028  | 11,803  |

- ▲ Production is up by 8%. Excluding Stacyville, which has been shutdown since February 2009, production increased by 17%.
- **▲** Lower raw material expenses, due to BCAP program, and a much improved burn rate explain a positive EBITDA variance of \$4.5 M.
- ▲ Average selling prices of electricity down 8%. Revenues and EBITDA impacted by \$3.9 M during the quarter.
- ▲ Higher RECs revenues had a positive EBITDA impact of \$2.6 M in Q1 2010.
- **▲** The end of the Renewable Energy Tax Credits program in 2009 explains \$2.9 M of negative EBITDA difference.

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### Thermal energy: natural gas

| (in thousands of dollars, except production) | Q1 2010 | Q1 2009 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Steam ('000 lbs)                             | 143,308 | 135,987 |
| Electricity (MWh)                            | 22,430  | 22,613  |
| Revenues from energy sales                   | 6,321   | 7,174   |
| EBITDA                                       | 2,038   | 1,511   |

▲ Higher EBITDA explained by a reduction of natural gas costs.



# **Question period**

