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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mountain Province Diamonds Production Report for the Third Quarter Ended September 30, 2017 and Results of Eighth Diamond Sale**

**Toronto and New York, October 24, 2017** – Mountain Province Diamonds Inc. (“Mountain Province”, the “Company”) (TSX and NASDAQ: MPVD) today announces production results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017 from the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine (“GK Mine”), as well as the results of its recently completed eighth diamond sale.

#### **Q3 Production Highlights**

- Mining of overburden, waste rock and ore in the 5034 open pit for the third quarter was approximately 8.3 million tonnes, with approximately 695,000 tonnes of ore (100 percent basis) stockpiled at period end.
- In the third quarter of 2017, the GK Mine treated approximately 823,000 tonnes of ore through the process plant (14% greater than current forecast) and recovered approximately 1,825,000 carats on a 100% basis (19% greater than current forecast) for an average grade of approximately 2.22 carats per tonne. The Company's attributable share of third quarter diamond production was approximately 894,000 carats.

#### **Q3 Production Statistics**

|                                                       | 2017 Q3   | 2017 YTD   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Total tonnes mined (100%) (overburden, waste and ore) | 8,312,000 | 24,372,000 |
| Ore tonnes mined (100%)                               | 1,123,000 | 2,674,000  |
| Ore tonnes processed (100%)                           | 823,000   | 2,082,000  |
| Carats recovered (100%)                               | 1,825,000 | 4,306,000  |
| Carats recovered (49% share)                          | 894,000   | 2,110,000  |
| Recovered grade (carats per tonne)                    | 2.22      | 2.07       |



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Said David Whittle, the Company's Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, "The recovered grade in the third quarter of 2.22 carats per tonne remains substantially above the 1.62 initially projected for 2017. Given the continuation of our strong plant performance and favourable grade experience at the GK Mine, we are well on track to meet and exceed our current full-year 2017 production guidance of 2,720,000 tonnes processed and 5,500,000 carats recovered on a 100% basis."

### Eighth Diamond Sale Results

The results of the eighth sale, with preceding sale results for comparative context, are summarized as follows:

|                                    | 2017-Q1<br>Sales 1-3 | 2017-Q2<br>Sales 4-5 | 2017-Jul<br>Sale 6 | 2017-Sep<br>Sale 7 | 2017-Oct<br>Sale 8 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tender Sale Proceeds (USD million) | 37.7                 | 33.8                 | 20.9               | 27.1               | 21.3               |
| Carats Sold ('000s)                | 522                  | 370                  | 290                | 463                | 353                |
| Value per Carat (USD) <sup>1</sup> | 72                   | 91                   | 72                 | 59                 | 60                 |
| Normalized Value per Carat (USD)   | 72                   | 79 <sup>2</sup>      | 87 <sup>2</sup>    | 72 <sup>2</sup>    | 63 <sup>2</sup>    |

<sup>1</sup> Diamonds sold at individual sale events will not directly reflect run-of-mine production from specific processing periods. The timing of the sale of some goods may be accelerated or deferred for tactical marketing purposes. Realized average value per carat is also impacted by the binary nature of the fancies and specials bidding process within each production split, conducted approximately every five weeks with the Company's joint venture partner, De Beers Canada Inc. The winning party of each fancies and specials bid then markets 100% of those diamonds.

<sup>2</sup> Normalized to adjust for goods accelerated or deferred, and to include fancies and specials acquired through bid by De Beers Canada Inc.

To more meaningfully relate prices realized at sale events to production results, the Company also provides the following table:

| Production Period <sup>3</sup>                 | Inception<br>to End of<br>Year 2016 | Q1<br>2017 | Apr<br>2017 | May<br>2017 | June<br>2017 | July<br>2017 | Aug<br>2017      | Sep<br>2017      | YTD<br>Total<br>2017 |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Sale in Which Goods Were Primarily Sold        | 1 & 2                               | 3 to 5     | 6           | 7           | 7&8          | 8            | n/a <sup>2</sup> | n/a <sup>2</sup> |                      |
| Tonnes Processed (100%) ('000s)                | 515                                 | 492        | 201         | 276         | 289          | 314          | 269              | 241              | 2,082                |
| Recovered Grade (carats per tonne)             | 1.64                                | 1.76       | 2.27        | 2.09        | 1.99         | 2.13         | 2.32             | 2.22             | 2.07                 |
| Carats Recovered (100%) ('000s)                | 847                                 | 867        | 457         | 579         | 578          | 669          | 622              | 535              | 4,306                |
| Carats Recovered (49% share) ('000s)           | 422                                 | 425        | 224         | 284         | 283          | 328          | 305              | 262              | 2,110                |
| Attributed Value per Tonne in CAD <sup>1</sup> | 143                                 | 188        | 225         | 172         | 157          | 160          | n/a <sup>2</sup> | n/a <sup>2</sup> |                      |

<sup>1</sup> Attributed Value per Tonne has been determined based on realized sale results, with any accelerated or deferred goods adjusted to their period of production, reflecting only the Company's 49% share of all diamonds including fancies and specials.

<sup>2</sup> Not applicable as goods from this production period have not yet been sold.

<sup>3</sup> Total figures may differ slightly from the sum of monthly figures due to the effects of rounding.



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Tonnes processed in the month of September reflects the impact of a planned five day shut-down in that month for annual maintenance. This shut-down was incorporated in the determination of production guidance for 2017, and was successfully executed as planned.

Price experience in the eighth sale is consistent with that reported by the industry generally and reflects the seasonally slow period in the rough diamond sector around Jewish and Hindu New Years' holiday periods. Also, similar to the seventh sale, realized value per carat in the eighth sale reflects the inclusion of significantly fewer fancies and specials than previous sales, as well as a finer size distribution experienced in the summer's production. Said Reid Mackie, the Company's Vice President Diamond Marketing, "The October tender sale saw our highest levels of competition to date with an average of 11.8 bids per lot and 145 companies attending. This strong participation reflects continued deepening of Mountain Province's customer base and interest in our diamond offering. The result is that Mountain Province's sell through rate is one of the highest among major producers, despite recent market corrections and the traditionally slow lead up to the Diwali holiday period."

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**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 and projected to produce an average of 4.5 million carats a year over a 12 year mine life.

The Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine consists of a cluster of four diamondiferous kimberlites, three of which are being developed and mined under the current mine plan.

#### **Qualified Person**

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