Ocean Power Technologies Inc. Fiscal Third Quarter 2017 Call Script

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- 4 Good morning ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the third
- 5 quarter fiscal year 2017 Ocean Power Technologies conference call.
- 6 My name is Latoya, and I'll be your coordinator for today. (Operator

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- 7 Instructions) As a reminder, this conference call is being recorded for
- 8 replay purposes.
- 9 I would now like to turn the presentation over to your host for today's
- 10 call, Mr. Andrew Barwicki.

Andrew Barwicki - Investor Relations

- 13 Good morning and thank you for joining us on Ocean Power
- 14 Technologies conference call and webcast to discuss the financial
- results for the three month period ended January 31, 2017. On the
- 16 call with me today are George Kirby, President and CEO; and
- 17 Matthew Shafer, Chief Financial Officer. George will provide an
- update on the company's highlights and key activities for the guarter.
- Matthew will then proceed to review the financial results for the third
- 20 quarter. Following our prepared remarks, we will open the call to
- 21 questions. This call is being webcast on our website, at
- 22 www.oceanpowertechnologies.com, and will be available for replay
- 23 later today. The replay will stay on the website for on-demand review
- over the next several months. Yesterday Ocean Power Technologies
- 25 issued its earnings press release and filed its quarterly report on
- 26 Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All of our

public filings can be viewed on the SEC website at SEC.gov or you may go to the OPT website, www.oceanpowertechnologies.com.

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And now, I'd like to turn the call over to George to begin the discussion.

George H. Kirby – President and Chief Executive Officer

Thank you Andrew and good morning everyone. Welcome to our third quarter fiscal 2017 earnings conference call. Today I'll review our business operations and provide an update on key activities and developments in the quarter. Matthew will then briefly review our

financial results, after which both Matthew and I will be available to answer any questions.

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We're excited to report that we continue to make concrete progress on our business strategy on a number of fronts. Throughout the last few months. we were able to progress our aggressive commercialization efforts by identifying and creating market opportunities, responding to customer requests for PowerBuoy developing proposals, collaborative and strategic channel partnerships, and delivering on our PowerBuoy lease with MES.

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69 70 At the end of calendar 2016, we announced the completion of two ocean deployments: one which was our commercial-ready PB3 and a second one that was our pre-commercial unit. Upon final inspection and functional checks of our commercial-ready unit, it was shipped to Japan to fulfil the requirements of our lease with MES. The pre-commercial unit is undergoing a full upgrade to achieve commercial-ready status enabling us to aggressively respond to customer project needs and opportunities.

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We've also begun the production of a third PB3 unit in order to meet anticipated demand as we continue to create and respond to customer requests for proposals. In early May of this year, for the first time ever we plan to display a PB3 PowerBuoy at one of the largest global offshore ocean technology events in the world: the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas. This conference

is well attended by decision-makers across each of our target markets, and this is an opportunity for potential customers to closely see and examine our product and technology, and to speak with OPT's leadership and the team responsible for bringing this product to market.

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We continue to believe strategic partnerships are an important part of commercializing a new product. These partnerships can be used to improve the development of overall integrated solutions, to create new market channels, to expand commercial know-how and geographic foot-print, and to bolster product delivery capabilities and improve ramp-up time. One example which we announced in December is a joint marketing agreement with Sonalysts. We believe brings expertise in subsea that Sonalysts and surface communications, systems integration, and big-data management. In collaboration with Sonalysts, we've engaged with potential end-users and decision makers in maritime subsea communications as well as in the traditional telecommunication market as it relates to cellular and WiFi range extension applications. We believe that our combined capabilities uniquely position us to address specific application requirements which results in a strong customer value proposition.

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We also announced a joint application development and marketing agreement with HAI Technologies. HAI is an innovative company focusing on bringing new capabilities to the oil and gas industry to reduce cost, increase field productivity and streamline operations. We

believe our combined technologies and capabilities create a value multiplier in the oil and gas industry.

We have continued our accelerated life testing achieving nearly 55 million cumulative strokes across our fleet of power takeoffs with no failures. We believe this continues to provide significant credibility to the reliability and cost savings value propositions for our target markets. We've also made progress in the development of our PB15 design, which is a scale-up of our PB3 PowerBuoy. The PB15 is poised to become a critical element of our product portfolio as we believe it will enable us to access applications where additional power is required. We also continue to manage our PB3 life-cycle plan, where we're working to remove cost from the product while maintaining our high level of reliability.

We've continued the execution of our contract with the Office of Naval Research and are now preparing to start the testing of areas of the mass-on-spring power takeoff. As mentioned earlier, one of our PB3 commercial units is now on its way to Japan to fulfil our contractual obligations with MES. Arrival in Tokyo is anticipated to be mid to late March 2017. Upon clearing customs, it will be shipped to Kozu-Island on a barge and prepared for deployment in early summer.

We continue to gain momentum in our commercialization efforts. We've been responding to requests for quotation from multiple oil and gas operators and service providers, with applications ranging from

subsea battery charging, to securing deep sea production sites, to metocean data collection and communications. We increased our commercial capabilities through new hires in marketing and business development, and through engagement of expert market consultants. We continue to believe that by acquiring new skills we can maximize our market outreach and create new business opportunities.

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I will now turn it over to Matthew, who will review our financial results in the quarter.

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Matthew Shafer - Chief Financial Officer

Thank you, George, and good morning everyone. I will now review results for the third fiscal quarter of 2017 before we open up the call for questions.

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For the three months ended January 31, 2017, we reported revenue of \$221,000, as compared to revenue of \$5,000 for the three months ended January 31, 2016. The increase in revenues compared to the prior year was due to our contracts with MES and ONR in the current year.

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The net loss for the three months ended January 31, 2017 was \$2.1 million as compared to a net loss of \$2.0 million for the three months ended January 31, 2016. The slight increase in net loss is primarily due to a lower income tax benefit in the current year, which was

mostly offset by a decrease in product development costs in the current year from prior year.

For the nine months ended January 31, 2017, we reported revenue of \$593,000, as compared to revenue of \$605,000 for the nine months ended January 31, 2016. Revenue decreased in the current year compared to the prior year as a result of the contracts with MES and ONR in the current year having slightly lower revenue than the WavePort contract with the EU for our project in Spain and billable work under prior contracts with the DOE, both of these were in the prior year. The net loss for the nine months ended January 31, 2017 was \$6.9 million, as compared to a net loss of \$9.1 million for the nine months ended January 31, 2016. The decrease in the our net loss is due to lower selling, general, and administrative costs, product development costs, the fair market value of the common stock warrants liability, and income tax benefit in the current year as compared to the prior year.

Turning now to the balance sheet, as of January 31, 2017, total cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities were \$11.1 million, up from \$6.8 million on April 30, 2016. As of January 31, 2017 and April 30, 2016, restricted cash was \$0.3 million for each period. Net cash used in operating activities was \$7.6 million for the nine months ended January 31, 2017, compared with \$8.1 million for the nine months ended January 31, 2016. As discussed in prior conference calls, we continue to take steps to achieve a reduced cash burn rate

while focusing our technical, operating, and business development resources on key initiatives, particularly, commercializing the PB3. We anticipate having sufficient cash into the quarter ended January

185 31, 2018.

With that, I will turn the call back over to George before we open the call up for questions.

George H. Kirby – President and Chief Executive Officer

191 Thank you, Matthew.

Before we move on to Q&A, I would like to take a moment to emphasize our utmost focus on aggressive commercialization, continued product testing, strategic partnership development as well as market-driven product engineering which make up our multipronged strategy.

We believe our market development efforts are starting to pay off in that we received customer requests for proposals based solutions which leverage our PB3 PowerBuoy. We've also held meetings within the telecommunications industry focusing on applications such as 4G and WiFi-over-water, and we are seeing what we believe to be a keen interest in leveraging the tremendous capabilities of our PB3 PowerBuoy.

207	We're making progress in securing new, important and pertinent
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209	scale-up our product delivery capabilities; and we're bringing
210	additional resources on-board to augment our market and technical
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213	We believe our outlook for our upcoming fiscal year is a positive one:
214	We are committed to staying the course and driving hard to close the
215	opportunities on which we're currently working, while developing and
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218	Thank you for your interest and time today. Operator, we're now
219	ready to take questions.
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221	Question-and-Answer Session
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224	There are no further questions in the queue. I'll now turn the call back
225	over to Mr. Kirby for any closing remarks.
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227	George H. Kirby
228	Thank you all once again for attending today's call. If you have any
229	further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Otherwise, we
230	look forward to speaking with you next quarter.

Operator:

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