



TRI-WHITE ANNOUNCES YEAR END RESULTS

TORONTO, CANADA March 27, 2003 – Tri-White Corporation (the “Company”, TSX: TWH) today announced its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Highlights

The following table summarizes the consolidated financial results of the Company:

(000's except per share amounts)	Year ended December 31, 2002	Six months ended December 31, 2001
Revenue	40,604	25,316
EBITDA	16,541	13,028
Depreciation	(3,498)	(1,736)
Interest expense	(54)	(224)
Equity earnings (loss)	(188)	-
Provision for income taxes	(6,094)	(5,795)
Net earnings	6,707	3,297
Earnings per share - basic	\$0.15	\$0.07
Average shares outstanding	45,863	46,661

EBITDA is not a recognized performance measure under Canadian GAAP. EBITDA is defined as earnings before taxes, interest, depreciation, and earnings from equity accounted investments. Management believes that in addition to net earnings, this measure is useful supplemental information to provide investors with an indication of income available prior to debt service, capital expenditures and income taxes.

Tri-White Corporation announced strong operating results for the year ended December 31, 2002. For the year ended December 31, 2002 operating revenue increased to \$40.6 million compared to \$25.3 million in the six month period to December 31, 2001 and \$37.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2001. During 2001, the company changed its fiscal year end to the calendar year, resulting in a six month reporting period to December, 2001.

The increases in revenue are due to the improved performance at White Pass, the Company's core operating business in Alaska. Although weather conditions forced the cancellation of five ship arrivals and negatively impacted the number of passengers carried during the 2002 season, White Pass was able to show continued growth by virtue of a change in the mix of customers and through modest rate increases.

Net income for the year rose to \$6.7 million or \$0.15 per share, compared with \$3.3 million or \$0.07 per share for the six month period ended December 31, 2001.

Cash flow from operations was \$16.2 million, an increase of 34% over the six month period ended December 31, 2001.

Common shares outstanding at the year end were 45,896,725, an increase of 115,789 over the prior year as a result of shares issued under the dividend reinvestment plan.

A number of significant transactions and events occurred during the year:

- In 2002, Carnival Corporation announced that it was successful in completing its takeover bid for P&O Princess Cruise Lines. This consolidation will further concentrate ownership within the White Pass customer base, however, demand for the Company's services remains strong as Alaska continues to be a preferred destination within the industry.
- Tri-White acquired a 25% interest in ClubLink in the third quarter of 2001. Subsequently, the Company determined that a change in the strategic direction of ClubLink was required and in September 2002, a takeover bid was initiated. At the expiration of the bid, on January 15, 2003, Tri-White reached a governance agreement with ClubLink, which included a restructured board of directors, and took up 360,175 shares tendered to the bid.
- Tri-White introduced a regular dividend policy in 2000. During 2002, the payments were restructured on a quarterly basis and increased by 20% to 12 cents per share annually.
- During 2002, the Company announced a US\$3.7 million expansion of the dock facilities at Skagway. This project will be completed in the spring of 2003 and will ensure that White Pass continues to offer the industry the capacity to accommodate the larger vessels now being commissioned into service.

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Financial statements are attached

Consolidated Financial Statements of

TRI-WHITE CORPORATION

December 31, 2002

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Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Retained Earnings

Year Ended December 31, 2002, Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2001

and the Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in Thousands of Dollars)

	December 31, 2002 (12 months) \$	December 31, 2001 (6 months) \$	June 30, 2001 (12 months) \$
REVENUE	40,604	25,316	37,370
COST OF SALES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	24,063	12,288	21,895
DEPRECIATION	3,498	1,736	3,233
EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE THE UNDERNOTED	13,043	11,292	12,242
OTHER EXPENSES			
(Loss) gain on sale of assets and investments	(33)	(2)	126
Loss on equity accounted investment	(188)	-	-
Interest (expense) income and other	(21)	(222)	2,732
EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	12,801	11,068	15,100
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES			
Current	4,492	3,391	2,716
Future	1,602	2,404	2,260
EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	6,707	5,273	10,124
LOSS ON NOTES RECEIVABLE	-	(1,976)	-
GAIN ON SALE OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	-	-	10,880
NET EARNINGS	6,707	3,297	21,004
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	41,458	40,791	26,706
DIVIDENDS PAID	(5,503)	(2,306)	(4,826)
EXCESS OF PURCHASE PRICE OF COMMON SHARES OVER AVERAGE CARRYING VALUE	-	(324)	(2,093)
RETAINED EARNINGS, END OF PERIOD	42,662	41,458	40,791
EARNINGS PER SHARE			
Earnings from continuing operations			
Basic	0.15	0.12	0.21
Diluted	0.15	0.12	0.21
Net earnings			
Basic	0.15	0.07	0.45
Diluted	0.15	0.07	0.44

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

December 31, 2002 and 2001

(Expressed in Thousands of Dollars)

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	1,688	2,500
Accounts receivable	1,377	757
Income taxes receivable	1,191	2,912
Inventories	4,896	4,970
Prepaid expenses and other assets	932	1,003
	<u>10,084</u>	<u>12,142</u>
Portfolio Investments	12,853	12,723
Investment	24,312	25,000
Capital assets	88,146	84,815
	<u>135,395</u>	<u>134,680</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Bank indebtedness	4,218	8,839
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,302	2,110
Current portion of provision for future site restoration	232	366
	<u>8,752</u>	<u>11,315</u>
Future income tax liabilities	17,877	16,275
Provision for future site restoration	316	396
	<u>26,945</u>	<u>27,986</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	61,084	60,786
Cumulative translation adjustment	4,704	4,450
Retained earnings	42,662	41,458
	<u>108,450</u>	<u>106,694</u>
	<u>135,395</u>	<u>134,680</u>

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2002, Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2001

and the Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Expressed in Thousands of Dollars)

	December 31, 2002 (12 months) \$	December 31, 2001 (6 months) \$	June 30, 2001 (12 months) \$
CASH FLOWS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Earnings from continuing operations	6,707	5,273	10,124
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	3,498	1,736	3,233
Future income taxes	1,602	2,404	2,260
Change in estimate for environmental liability	197	-	-
Loss (gain) on sale of capital assets and investments	33	5	(415)
Loss of equity accounted investment	188	-	-
Dividends from equity accounted investment	500	-	-
	<u>12,725</u>	<u>9,418</u>	<u>15,202</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital	3,439	2,671	(32,241)
Cash from (to) operations	<u>16,164</u>	<u>12,089</u>	<u>(17,039)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds on sale of investments	1,382	15,308	-
Proceeds on sale of assets	27	-	168
Proceeds on sale of discontinued operations	-	443	36,000
Purchase of capital assets	(6,830)	(2,980)	(4,995)
Purchase of investments	(1,572)	(25,000)	-
Site restoration expenditures	(411)	(554)	(2,407)
Issuance of subordinate debenture	-	-	(1,000)
Decrease in bank indebtedness on sale of discontinued operations	-	-	1,340
	<u>(7,404)</u>	<u>(12,783)</u>	<u>29,106</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid	(5,205)	(1,935)	(4,700)
Shares purchased for cancellation	-	(1,026)	(6,036)
	<u>(5,205)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>	<u>(10,736)</u>
EFFECT OF CURRENCY TRANSLATION ON CASH BALANCES AND CASH FLOWS	254	(964)	1,421
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	3,809	(4,619)	2,752
CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	(6,339)	(1,720)	(4,472)
CASH, END OF PERIOD	(2,530)	(6,339)	(1,720)
Represented by:			
Cash	1,688	2,500	5,905
Bank indebtedness	(4,218)	(8,839)	(7,625)
	<u>(2,530)</u>	<u>(6,339)</u>	<u>(1,720)</u>