1 Ocean Power Technologies Inc. Fiscal Year 2017 First Quarter

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# 4 **Operator Comments**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the first quarter
fiscal year 2017 Ocean Power Technologies conference call. My
name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'll be your coordinator for today. (Operator
Instructions) As a reminder, this conference call is being recorded for
replay purposes.

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I would now like to turn the presentation over to your host for today'scall, Mr. Andrew Barwicki.

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## 14 Andrew Barwicki - Introduction

Good morning, and thank you for joining us on Ocean Power
Technologies' conference call and webcast to discuss the financial
results for the 3-month period ended July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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19 On the call with me today are George Kirby, President and CEO; and

20 Matthew Shafer, Chief Financial Officer. George will provide an

update on the company's highlights for the quarter, key activities and

strategy. Matthew will then proceed to review the financial results forthe first guarter. Following our prepared remarks, we will open the

- 24 call to questions.
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26 This call is being webcast on our website, at

www.oceanpowertechnologies.com. It will also be available for replay
later today. The replay will stay on the site for on-demand review over
the next several months.

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31 Yesterday Ocean Power Technologies issued its earnings press

32 release and filed its quarterly report on 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.

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During the course of this conference call, management may make projections or other forward-looking statements regarding future events or financial performance of the Company within the meaning of the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation 40 Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to 41 numerous assumptions made by management regarding future 42 circumstances over which the Company may have little or no control 43 that involve risk and uncertainties and other factors that may cause 44 actual results to be materially different from any future results 45 expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

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47 We refer you to the Company's Form 10-K, 10-Q and other recent 48 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the 49 description of these and other risk factors.

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51 And now, I'd like to turn the call over to George to begin the 52 discussion.

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#### 54 George H. Kirby – President and Chief Executive Officer

55 Thank you, Andrew. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining, I 56 appreciate your interest. Today I'll review our business operations 57 and provide an update on key activities and developments that 58 occurred in the quarter. Matthew will then briefly review our financial 59 results, after which both Matthew and I will be available to answer 60 any questions.

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62 At this time I'd like to recap some of the events that occurred 63 throughout the first quarter....

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In June we announced the re-deployment of the PB3-A1 PowerBuoy 65 off the coast of New Jersey after the integration of the National Data 66 Buoy Center's Self-Contained Ocean Observing Payload, which is 67 also known as "SCOOP". We also entered into an agreement with the 68 Wildlife Conservation Society to integrate a marine mammal acoustic 69 tracking sensor into the PB3-A1, in order to determine whether it can 70 be used with the PowerBuoy to identify migratory patterns of marine 71 species that have been tagged with acoustic transmitters in the Mid-72 Atlantic region. Both the SCOOP and the WCS payload are currently 73 74 operating on the PB3-A1.

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In July we announced the deployment of a second PB3 PowerBuoy,
which is our first commercial-ready unit, off of the coast of New
Jersey as well. The commercial PB3 incorporates multiple

enhancements over earlier prototypes including a redesigned power
take-off, a high-capacity, modular energy storage system designed to
provide flexibility through expanded battery capacity, a higher voltage
and more efficient power management and power distribution system,
and a new auto-ballasting system which allows for faster, safer, and
less costly deployment.

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During the first quarter we raised approximately \$5.3 million dollars net, all of which strengthened our balance sheet and provides us with the opportunity to continue to implement our business plan. We believe that these successful capital raises indicate the commitment of our investors and their belief in our business and strategy moving forward.

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We also entered into a PB3 PowerBuoy<sup>®</sup> lease agreement with Mitsui 93 Engineering and Shipbuilding. The PowerBuoy will be deployed off 94 Kozushima Island in Japan. Under the agreement, we're also 95 providing engineering support, associated deployment planning and 96 logistics, as well as ocean performance data collection and analysis. 97 In partnership with Mitsui we'll also jointly develop and test an 98 advanced control algorithm with the goal of assessing increased 99 ocean wave energy capture and electric power generation for 100 101 potential customers in Japan and surrounding countries.

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The deployment off the coast of Japan will allow us to demonstrate 103 the flexibility of our PB3 power and communications platform. We 104 believe that this particular deployment could allow us to target 105 additional opportunities in Japan and throughout the region. Market 106 applications could include national security and defense, such as 107 early detection and warning systems for subsea and surface threats, 108 109 oil field management and metocean applications for the oil and gas 110 industry and scientific communities.

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112 In addition to our commercialization activities within ocean observing,

113 we continue to discuss and pursue opportunities in oil & gas, and

security & defense, as well as other industries into which we believe

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117 I'll now turn it over to Matthew who will review our financial results for118 the quarter.

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#### 120 Matthew Shafer- Chief Financial Officer

121 Thank you George and good morning everyone. It is my pleasure to 122 review results for the first fiscal quarter of 2017 before we open up 123 the call for questions.

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For the three months ended July 31, 2016, OPT reported revenue of \$200,000, as compared to revenue of \$100,000 for the three months ended July 31, 2015. The current year revenues included revenue from our contract with MES related to our commercial PB-3 PowerBuoy which we announced in June while the prior year revenue included revenue from our previous contracts with the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Operating loss for the quarter decreased to \$3.2 million in the quarter ended July 31, 2016 compared with an operating loss of \$4.4 million in the prior year quarter.

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Both product development costs and selling, general and
administrative costs were favorable in the fiscal first quarter of 2017
compared with the prior year quarter. The prior year quarter included
deployment and other costs related to our previous utility scale PB40
PowerBuoy as well as costs related to the PB3 development.

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Product development costs in the current year quarter include costs related to the redeployment of the PB3-A1, the deployment of our commercial design PB3 as well as estimated costs related to the retrieval of the mooring system from our legacy PB40 utility scale buoy.

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SG&A costs were lower due to employee related costs, legal costsand third party consulting fees.

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152 The current year quarter also includes a non-cash charge related to 153 the change in fair value of the warrants issued during our June and July 2016 common stock and warrant offerings wherein we raised\$5.3 million in net cash proceeds.

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The net loss for the three months ended July 31, 2016 was \$3.8 million as compared to a net loss of \$4.1 million for the three months ended July 31, 2015.

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Turning now to the balance sheet, as of July 31 2016 total cash, cash
equivalents, and marketable securities were \$9.1 million, up from
\$6.8 million as of April 30, 2016. As of July 31, 2016 and April 30,
2016, restricted cash was \$0.3 million.

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As discussed in prior conference calls, we have taken a number of steps over the last months to reduce our cash burn rate while focusing our technical, operating and business development resources on key initiatives, particularly the PB3.

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We are encouraged by our recent capital raises in June and July and
remain confident in our cash position. We expect to have sufficient
cash to maintain operations into at least the quarter ended April 30,
2017.

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That concludes my overview and I would like to turn the call back toGeorge.

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### **George H. Kirby – President and Chief Executive Officer**

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181 Thank you, Matthew.

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Before we move on to Q&A, I want to mention that we've reached 183 some milestones that we are very proud of; we have two PB3 184 PowerBuoys deployed simultaneously off the coast of New Jersey, 185 with one of them being our commercial PB3 product, and we're 186 receiving a constant stream of performance data from them. We 187 believe that the commercial PB3 PowerBuoy will allow us to pursue 188 additional markets, such as oil and gas, ocean observing, security 189 and defense, and communications. 190

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And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that we strengthened our Board
by appointing two new Directors; Steven Fludder and Robert Winters.
We're very excited to have them join us; both Steve and Robert bring
unique skills which augment our Board.

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197 I'm also pleased to welcome Matthew as our new Chief Financial
198 Officer and look forward to this being the first of many conference
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Thank you for your support and time today. Operator, we're now ready to take questions.

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# 204 **Question-and-Answer Session**

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- 206 **Operator:**

There are no further questions in the queue. I'll now turn the call backover to Mr. Kirby for any closing remarks.

# 209 George H. Kirby

210 Thank you all once again for attending today's call. If you have any

211 further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Otherwise, we

- look forward to speaking with you next quarter.
- 213 **Operator:**

214 Thank you everyone. That concludes our call. You may now

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