

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following is management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial position ("MD&A") and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the period ended October 31, 2023 and the audited consolidated financial statements and MD&A for the year ended July 31, 2023 included in our 2023 Annual Report to Shareholders. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the period ended October 31, 2023 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). When we use the terms "we", "us", "our", "Reko", or "Company", we are referring to Reko International Group Inc. and its subsidiaries.

This MD&A contains forward-looking information and forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities laws. We use words such as "anticipate", "plan", "may", "will", "should", "expect", "believe", "estimate" and similar expressions to identify forward-looking information and statements. Such forward-looking information and statements are based on assumptions and analyses made by us in light of our experience and our perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors we believe to be relevant and appropriate in the circumstances. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information and statements, as there can be no assurance that the assumptions, plans, intentions or expectations upon which such statements are based will occur. Forward-looking information and statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed, implied or anticipated by such information and statements. These risks are described in the Company's MD&A and, from time to time, in other reports and filings made by the Company with securities regulators.

While the Company believes that the expectations expressed by such forward-looking information and statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations and assumptions will prove to be correct. In evaluating forward-looking information and statements, readers should carefully consider the various factors, which could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking information and statements. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Furthermore, the Company disclaims any obligations to update publicly or otherwise revise any such factors of any of the forward-looking information or statements contained herein to reflect subsequent information, events or developments, changes in risk factors or otherwise.

This MD&A has been prepared by reference to the MD&A disclosure requirements established under National Instrument 51-102 "Continuous Disclosure Obligations" ("NI 51-102") of the Canadian Securities Administrators. Additional information regarding Reko International Group Inc., including copies of our continuous disclosure materials, is available on our website at www.rekointl.com or through the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.com.

In this MD&A, reference is made to earned revenue, which is not a measure of financial performance under IFRS. The Company calculates earned revenue as sales less the cost of materials and subcontracting. The Company included information concerning this measure because it is used by management as a measure of performance, and management believes it is used by certain investors and analysts as a measure of the Company's financial performance. This measure is not necessarily comparable to a similarly titled measure used by other companies.

All amounts in this MD&A are expressed in 000's of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts and where otherwise indicated.

This MD&A is current to December 7, 2023

OVERVIEW

Reko International Group Inc. is a diversified, technology-driven manufacturing organization. Our mission is to be a pillar and protector of the North American manufacturing industry. We provide support to manufacturers and producers as their “go-to” supplier in automation equipment and machining services so that they can be more successful.

Reko designs and manufactures a variety of engineered products and services for original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) and their Tier suppliers. These products include design and construction of unique specialty machines and lean cell factory automation solutions and robotics integration, and high precision, custom machining of very large critical components and assemblies. While many of our customers are in the automotive market, the Company has diversified beyond automotive and into a number of sectors including aerospace, rail, power generation and capital equipment.

For the transportation and power generation industries, the Company machines customer supplied metal castings to customer indicated specifications. For the automotive industry, the Company conceptualizes, designs and builds innovative solutions to manufacturing challenges, including specialty machines for plastic punch and weld assembly equipment; unique material handling applications; and work cell solutions. Across our target industries, Reko is known for outstanding quality and customer focus and for an unwavering commitment to exceeding customer expectations and deliverables while striving for constant improvement across all our chosen metrics.

Our operations are carried out in three manufacturing plants located on adjacent parcels of land in Lakeshore, Ontario - a suburb of the City of Windsor in Southwestern Ontario.

RECONCILIATION OF NON-IFRS MEASURES

The reconciliation of earned revenue to sales in accordance with IFRS is provided in the following table:

	Three months ended	
	October 31, 2023	October 31, 2022
Sales	\$ 13,703	\$ 13,796
Less: Materials	3,907	4,084
Subcontracting	1,459	1,519
Earned revenue	\$ 8,337	\$ 8,193

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Sales

Sales for the three months ended October 31, 2023 decreased by 0.67%, or \$93, to \$13,703 compared to the \$13,796 in the same period of the prior year. This marginal decline is largely due to timing, as the company continues to work through its significant customer backlog reported at year end.

Foreign exchange fluctuations continue to affect sales and are an inherent risk when doing business in other currencies. Overall, the fluctuation and increase in foreign exchange for the U.S. dollar sales had a positive impact in the quarter, although the volume of USD sales compared to the prior year was 13.9% or \$1,190 less, resulting in less reported revenue on account of foreign exchange.

Earned Revenue

Earned revenue is a non-standard IFRS measurement. The Company's explanation of how it measures earned revenue is noted previously. Earned revenue effectively measures that portion of total revenue available to cover the Company's labour expenses and compensation for employees, fixed and operating costs, and to earn a profit and is considered to be an effective measurement of performance.

For the three months ended October 31, 2023, earned revenue increased by 1.8%, or \$144, to \$8,337, or 60.8% of sales, compared to earned revenue of \$8,193, or 59.4% of sales, in the same period of 2022.

The company continues to focus on optimizing capacity to reduce reliance on third-party subcontracting services while also adopting a more strategic approach to material procurement to safeguard and further enhance earned revenue margins.

Gross Profit

Gross profit for the three months ended October 31, 2023 decreased \$248 to \$1,979 or 14.4% of sales, compared to 16.1% of sales in the same period of the prior year.

The gross margin was negatively affected by the mix of jobs and temporary efficiency loss while training new hires during the quarter. Rising production costs, influenced by labour market dynamics and inflation, remain a challenge.

The Company continues to be committed to proactive cost management initiatives and exploring innovative solutions to optimize operational efficiency to safeguard and improve margins.

Selling and Administration

As a percentage of sales, selling and administrative costs were 11.2% in the first quarter of fiscal 2024, improved slightly from 11.4% in the prior year.

Earnings Overview

Net income for the three months ended October 31, 2023 was \$311, or \$0.06 per share, compared to \$704, or \$0.12 per share, in the same period of the prior year.

Included in net income are non-cash losses of \$54 relating to the sale of redundant capital assets and a year-over-year decline in net foreign exchange gains of \$134.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash flow used in operations was \$2,394, compared to \$2,052 in the same period of the previous year. The increase in the use of cash is driven by a decrease in net income and an increase in non-cash working capital, primarily from accounts receivable.

The Company continues to meet its financial covenants, including the first quarter of fiscal 2024.

The Company believes it has sufficient operating room with respect to its financial covenants for the next fiscal year and does not anticipate being in breach of any of its financial covenants during this period.

Capital assets and investment spending

For the three months ended October 31, 2023, the Company invested \$1,264 in capital assets.

Cash resources/working capital requirements

As at October 31, 2023, the Company had cash on hand of \$7,697, compared to \$12,139 at July 31, 2023 and \$14,023 at October 31, 2022. The decline in cash subsequent to year end is the result of investments in capital assets and working capital, primarily certain accounts receivable tied to “PPAP” terms and inventory for current jobs in process which are expected to be invoiced in subsequent quarters during this fiscal year.

Reko has a \$20,000 revolver available of which the full amount was available at the end of the quarter based on our current lender defined margining capabilities.

There were no draws against the revolver during the quarter.

Contractual obligations and off-balance sheet financing

Contractual obligations	Payments due by period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1 – 3 years	4 – 5 years	After 5 years
Long-term debt	\$ 9,027	\$ 1,316	\$ 5,425	\$ 2,100	\$ 186
Long term debt subject to demand provisions	3,087	209	2,878	--	--
Lease liabilities	37	9	18	10	--
Total contractual obligations	\$12,151	\$ 1,534	\$ 8,321	\$ 2,110	\$ 186

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this MD&A, there have been no material changes with respect to the contractual obligations of the Company.

The Company does not maintain any off-balance sheet financing.

Share capital

The Company had 5,605,313 common shares outstanding at October 31, 2023. A total of 325,000 options are outstanding as at quarter end.

Outstanding share data

Designation of security	Number outstanding	Maximum number issuable if convertible, exercisable or exchangeable for common shares
Common Shares	5,605,313	
Stock options exercisable	270,000	
Total (maximum) number of common shares		5,875,313

QUARTERLY RESULTS

The following table sets out certain unaudited financial information for each of the eight fiscal quarters up to and including the first quarter of fiscal 2024, ended October 31, 2023. The information has been derived from the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which in management's opinion, have been prepared on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in the Annual Report for the year ended July 31, 2023, and include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information presented. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance, and this information is not necessarily indicative of results for any future period.

	Jan/22	Apr/22	July/22	Oct/22
Sales	\$ 13,419	\$13,357	\$ 15,002	\$ 13,796
Net income	872	92	664	704
Earnings per share: Basic	0.15	0.02	0.11	0.12
Diluted	0.14	0.02	0.11	0.12
	Jan/23	Apr/23	July/23	Oct/23
Sales	\$ 11,666	\$10,307	\$ 10,982	13,703
Net income	483	55	80	311
Earnings per share: Basic	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.06
Diluted	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.05

INDUSTRY TRENDS AND RISKS

While the Company has increased the level of diversification across industries, sales volumes still have a significant dependence upon the levels of new model releases for cars and light trucks by OEMs and on the construction, expansion or retooling of production facilities and our ability to secure automation programs from them through their Tier suppliers. New model releases in the automotive sector can be impacted by many factors, including general economic and political conditions, interest rates, energy and fuel prices, labour relations issues, regulatory requirements, infrastructure, legislative changes, environmental emissions, and safety considerations. The Company's sales levels are also impacted by demand levels in the transportation and power generation sectors. Demand in these areas can be affected by many factors, including general economic and political conditions, interest rates, energy and fuel prices, regulatory requirements, transportation infrastructure and safety issues.

The economic, industry and risk factors discussed in our Annual Report for the year ended July 31, 2023 remain substantially unchanged in respect to the three months ended October 31, 2023, however, the most significant of these are repeated below.

OPERATIONAL RISK

Current outsourcing and in-sourcing trends

During periods of weakened demand, our customers traditionally revisit outsourcing decisions as a method of maintaining their employment levels. Then, during periods of strong demand, they return to previous levels of outsourcing. As a result of this and other factors, our demand levels will swing with general economic activity related to the industries we serve. Depending on how the current economic climate impacts particular customers, Reko may experience reductions in outsourced work orders.

A shift away from technologies in which the Company is investing

Like our OEM and Tier 1 customers, we continue to invest in technologies and innovations, which the Company believes are critical to long-term growth. Our ability to anticipate changes in technology and to successfully develop and introduce new and enhanced products on a timely basis using such technologies will be a significant factor in our ability to remain competitive. Current technological shifts in the industry would include the application of artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, integration of additive manufacturing capabilities into our processes and the transition to electric and autonomous vehicles. If there is a movement away from the use of specific technologies that the Company is focused on developing or someone applies these technologies more quickly or effectively, our costs may not be fully recovered. In addition, if other technologies in which our investment is not as great, or our expertise is not as fully developed emerge as the industry-leading technologies, we may be placed at a competitive disadvantage, which could have a material adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition. Management pays particular attention to the emergence of new technologies and updates our investments in these emerging technologies accordingly.

Diversification of our sales

While we have diversified our customer base in recent years, and continue to attempt to further diversify, we may experience varying degrees of success. The inability to successfully grow our sales to non-traditional customers could have an adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition.

Challenges successfully competing against suppliers with operations in developing markets

Many of our customers have sought and will likely continue to seek to take advantage of lower operating costs in Mexico, China, India, Southeast Asia, and other developing markets. We continue to investigate opportunities to expand our manufacturing sources, with a view to taking advantage of these lower cost countries. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to fully realize such opportunities. The inability to quickly adjust our manufacturing sources to take advantage of opportunities in these markets could harm our ability to compete with competitors and suppliers operating in or from such markets, which could have an adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition.

The consequences of the automotive industry's dependence on consumer spending and general economic conditions

The global automotive industry is cyclical and largely tied to general economic conditions. As our customers revisit their business models and make design changes to existing models and new vehicle introductions, the market for factory automation may decline. However, management feels that the existence of multiple product lines in our automotive focused divisions should serve to moderate the impact of any such declines.

Changes in consumer demand for specific vehicles

The global automotive industry is cyclical and consumer demand for automobiles is sensitive to changes in economic and political conditions, including interest rates, energy prices, employment levels, and international conflicts, including acts of terrorism. Automotive production and, more importantly for Reko, the frequency of automotive model changes, is affected by consumer demand and may be impacted by macro-economic factors. As a result of these and other factors, some of our customers are currently experiencing, and/or may experience in the future, reduced consumer demand for all or a portion of their vehicles, leading to reduced product offerings.

Reliance on key personnel and successfully recruiting talent in critical areas

The success of Reko is dependent on many people including our design engineers, control engineers, machinists, and our management team. The experience and talents of these individuals is a significant factor in the Company's continued growth and success. While the Company continues to develop appropriate succession plans for these positions, the loss of one or more of these individuals without adequate replacement, or the inability to recruit appropriate talent in a competitive labour market, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations and business prospects. Management has implemented several innovative recruitment and retention strategies to effectively reduce the risks in this area.

The security of our information technology (IT) system

While the Company has established (and continues to monitor and enhance) security controls and has appropriate employee training in order to protect the Company's IT systems, there is no guarantee that these measures will be effective in preventing unauthorized access or cyberattacks. A significant failure or breach of the Company's IT systems could cause disruption to manufacturing processes; loss, destruction or inappropriate use of data; or result in the theft of intellectual property or confidential information of the Company or its key customers. While the Company carries what it considers to be an adequate amount of cybersecurity insurance coverage and continuously monitors its system, the consequences of these events could have a material adverse effect on the Company, its profitability, and financial condition.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT RISK

Continued uncertain economic conditions

Geopolitical tensions following Russia's invasion of the Ukraine and the escalating war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza could lead to prolonged market disruptions, volatility in commodity prices and other supply chain interruptions. Given that the majority of the markets we supply to and purchase from are primarily North American based, we currently believe our exposure to this conflict to be insignificant. However, the duration of and extent of such conflicts remain unpredictable.

Pricing pressures and pressure to absorb additional costs

We face significant pricing pressure, as well as pressure to absorb costs related to machine design and program management, as well as other items previously paid for directly by automobile manufacturers and non-automotive OEMs (such as support in remote production facility locations). These pressures are expected to continue. The continuation or intensification of these pricing pressures and pressure to absorb additional costs and assume additional design, engineering, and management responsibilities could have an adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition.

Significant long-term fluctuations in relative currency values

Although our financial results are reported in Canadian dollars, significant portions of our sales are realized in US dollars. Movements in the US dollar against the Canadian dollar affect our profitability. As a result of the purchase of appropriate amounts of forward exchange contracts and options, foreign currency transactions are not fully impacted by movements in exchange rates. Due to this program, our accounting risk (i.e., the risk associated with our foreign exchange balances on our balance sheet at any point in time) is reduced. This program does not necessarily reduce our economic risk (i.e., the risk associated with our foreign exchange balances and potential balances regardless of whether those balances and potential balances are on our balance sheet at any one particular time). Despite these measures, significant long-term fluctuations in relative currency values could have an adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition and any sustained change could adversely impact our competitiveness.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Reko is exposed to the impacts of changes in the foreign exchange rate between Canadian and United States (“US”) dollars. More specifically, between 60% and 70% of the Company’s sales and 20% of its costs are incurred in US dollars. In addition, the Company maintains certain working capital balances in US funds.

In order to minimize our exposure to the impacts of changes in the foreign exchange rate, the Company maintains a forward foreign exchange program (“FFEC Program”). Reko’s Program is based on maintaining our net exposure to the US dollar (total US exposure less forward foreign exchange contracts) between positive and negative \$5,000. This Program is designed to minimize the Company’s exposure to foreign exchange risks over the mid-term. During periods of rapid fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the US dollar, regardless of our net exposure to the US dollar, the Company can generate significant gains or losses, which may materially impact financial results. These significant gains or losses are entirely related to mark-to-market accounting rules and represent the product of our net exposure to the US dollar and the change during any given month of the value of the US dollar in relation to the Canadian dollar.

During each of the last four quarters, the Company’s month-end exposure to the US dollar has been:

Fiscal Period	Total U.S. exposure before hedging program	Forward foreign exchange contracts booked	Net exposure to the US dollar
Q1 – 2024	\$ 10,250	\$ 11,500	(\$ 1,250)
Q4 – 2023	\$ 11,252	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,252
Q3 – 2023	\$ 13,798	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,798
Q2 – 2023	\$ 14,774	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,774

As a result of the Company’s purchase of forward foreign exchange contracts (“FFECs”), the Company is subject to changes in foreign exchange rates that may not be consistent with changes in the current quoted foreign exchange rates. More specifically, the Company’s foreign exchange risk is split such that its net exposure to the US dollar, as

detailed above, is subject to change in market foreign exchange rates on a monthly basis and the remainder of its US dollar exposure is subject to foreign exchange risks based on the specific foreign exchange rate contained in its FFECs.

The table below presents a comparison between actual foreign exchange rates and Reko's effective rate on its booked FFECs.

	For the three months ended October 31,			
	2023		2022	
	Actual	Reko effective rate	Actual	Reko effective rate
US Dollar equals Canadian Dollar	1.3554	1.3529	1.3266	1.3195

The Company's FFECs represent agreements with an intermediary to trade a specific amount of US dollars for Canadian dollars at a specific rate on a specific date. Currently, the date is between one (1) and six (6) months after the date on which the FFEC is booked. The specific rate entered into is not necessarily indicative of what either the intermediary or Reko believes the foreign exchange rate will be on the date the settlement of the trade occurs, rather it is a rate set by the intermediary which Reko can either accept or reject.

During the first quarter, the Company recorded a pre-tax loss of approximately \$479 related to the fair value of its U.S dollar exposures. At the end of the quarter, we held \$4,500 of FFECs compared to \$5,000 at the end of the quarter in the prior year.

The following table outlines the level of FFECs presently maintained and the average effective rate of these contracts:

Fiscal Period	Contract value booked (000's)	Effective average rate
Q1 – 2024	\$ 4,500	1.3608

Additionally, the Company entered into options to purchase USD and sell CAD. These options have varying exercise rates ranging between 1.300 and 1.393 over the next 5 months.

The Company notes that at current levels of FFECs and US dollar denominated assets and liabilities, an increase in the value of the US dollar against the Canadian dollar results in the Company recording gains and an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar against the US dollar results in financial losses for the Company.

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at rates in effect at the time of the transaction. Forward exchange contracts are recorded at month-end at their fair value, with unrealized holding gains and losses recorded in foreign exchange gain (loss).

NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BID

On January 5, 2023, the Company announced the approval of a normal course issuer bid to purchase up to 286,420 of its outstanding common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange during the twelve-month period commenced on January 9, 2023 and ending on January 8, 2024. The 286,420 common shares represent approximately 5% of the total common shares outstanding. The price that the Company will pay for any such shares will be the market price at the time of acquisition and all shares acquired under the bid will be cancelled by the Company.

During the quarter ended October 31, 2023, Reko purchased and subsequently cancelled 83,500 shares under the provision of the normal course issuer bid. A total of 143,900 shares have been purchased and cancelled during this bid.