

# INVESTOR FACT SHEET

# Q1/ 2013 March 31, 2013

# TSX:CWA

### **Business Profile**

Coast is a leading independent supplier of major household appliances and accessories. Headquartered in Vancouver, BC, we sell to developers and builders of multi-family and singlefamily housing, designers and to retail customers.

The exceptional stability of our business is largely due to our balanced business model, which allows us to draw revenues from all of the new home, home renovation and retail markets. We currently operate 15 stores across the four western provinces and one store in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) of Ontario, as well as a network of warehouse distribution centres strategically situated to serve these locations. At each of our stores, we offer our customers the convenience of one-stop shopping for all of their major household appliance needs featuring more than 35 brands.

Coast was founded in 1978 and operated as an income trust from mid-2005 through 2010, converting to a publicly-traded, monthly dividend paying corporation in early 2011.

#### **Growth Strategy**

Coast's growth strategy is threefold:

- 1. Build on strong market position in Western Canada and explore growth opportunities in the West and in Ontario as they arise
- 2. Increase sales from existing stores
  - Sales performance has been enhanced through relocation of multiple stores to higher-traffic areas
  - Current focus on refreshing stores through incremental improvements requires only moderate capital investment
- 3. Continue to enhance profitability
  - Product and supplier mixes have been adjusted to better fit core markets and improve focus on key suppliers, with further streamlining planned to enhance gross margin performance
  - Inventory and pricing management systems are being upgraded to support better control of margins, increase inventory turns and facilitate price-based marketing initiatives
  - On-going focus on streamlining non-selling functions has improved operating efficiency and reduced costs

#### Why Invest

Steady history of monthly distributions and dividends

Solid industry fundamentals

Proven and sustainable business model

Leading market position

Experienced, proven management

Growth potential

#### Market Information (as at May 6, 2013)

Share Price	\$3.27	
Current dividend	\$0.025/share paid monthly	
Shares outstanding	10.03 million	
Current market capitalization	\$32.8 million	
Average daily trading volume	5,600 shares	

#### **Leading Brands**





#### **Board of Directors**

Stephen Bellringer - *Chair* Donald Smith, CA Maurice Paquette Jack Peck, CA Anthony Soda, CA

#### **Management Team**

Maurice Paquette President and Chief Executive Officer

Gordon Howie, CA Chief Financial Officer

Stephen Raben Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing

Michael Fiorini Vice President, Multi-Family Sales Eastern Canada

Bradley Romo Vice President, Multi-Family Sales British Columbia

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# **Transfer Agent**

Computershare Investor Services Inc.

# **First Quarter Performance Highlights**

(in thousands of dollars except percentages and per-share amounts)

2013	2012	2011	
Q1	Q1	Q1	
34,360	30,035	28,086	
7,418	6,883	6,752	
21.6%	22.9%	24.0%	
359	(4)	(487)	
0.036	(0.000)	(0.049)	
1,070	616	(43)	
3.1%	2.1%	-0.2%	
0.107	0.061	(0.004)	
0.075	0.105	0.070	
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- Sales of \$34.4 million were up by 14.4% from \$30 million in the first quater of 2012.
- Sales in the builder segment of our business increased by 25.2%, sales to retail customers decreased by 0.4% and revenues from warranty sales, freight and installation, sale of glass products and commission sales increased by 2.1%
- Gross profit of \$7.4 million was up by \$0.5 million while gross margin percentage was eroded by more competitive market conditions, decreasing to 21.6 % from 22.9% in 2012
- Selling, warehouse, facility, and general and administrative expenses were level with the 2012 amount but were reduced as a percentage of sales to 18.5% from 20.9% in 2012.
- EBITDA of \$1.1 million was up by \$0.5 million, or 74% over 2012 and EBITDA margin increased to 3.1% up from 2.1% in 2012.
- Inventory rose by \$1.2 million from the 2012 year-end due to higher sales volumes and the introduction of new products.
- Monthly dividends of \$0.025 per share (\$0.30) per annum were paid during the quarter.
- We proceeded with significant upgrade work at our Calgary South, Alberta store and began major renovations at our Saskatoon, Saskatchewan store.
- Effective March 27, 2013, Stephen Bellringer was appointed to the Board of Directors and assumed the role of Chair.

# **Coast's Locations**

