PRECISION DRILLING CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For May 12, 2005

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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CALGARY, ALBERTA
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(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes [_]   No [X]

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- N/A

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION

Per: /s/ Jan M. Campbell

Jan M. Campbell
Corporate Secretary

Date: May 12, 2005

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PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION INTERIM REPORT
PERIODS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005 AND 2004

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

HIGHLIGHTS

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, (STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)	2005	20
FINANCIAL RESULTS		
Revenue	$ 791,876	$ 659,3
Operating earnings (1)	224,241	169,6
Earnings from continuing operations	138,518	106,0
Net earnings	138,518	100,5
Diluted earnings per share:		
From continuing operations	2.22	1.
Net earnings	2.22	1.
Funds provided by continuing operations	$ 204,989	$ 178,1

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FINANCIAL POSITION	
Working capital	$ 722,6
Long-term debt (2)	717,0

Cash and cash equivalents	177,5
Long-term debt to long-term debt plus equity (2)	0.

(1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 7
(2) EXCLUDES CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT

OVERVIEW

Income from continuing operations for the first quarter of 2005 was $139 million or $2.22 per diluted share, compared to $106 million or $1.88 per diluted share for the first quarter of 2004.

Revenue increased by 20% to $792 million, with operating earnings substantially surpassing this improvement, increasing 32% to $224 million.

Year-over-year, Precision Drilling's three business segments increased operating earnings with growth of 107% in Energy Services, 43% in Rental and Production and 16% in Contract Drilling. These improvements were the result of:

- The successful integration of the Compact(TM) wireline services and the internationally based land drilling rigs acquisitions executed in the second quarter of 2004;
- Increased service pricing in response to continued strong demand; and
- Enhanced equipment utilization in Energy Services.

It is important to note that this improvement in year-over-year profitability occurred despite decreased overall activity levels in Canada, demonstrating the success of Precision's efforts to expand internationally, as well as its pricing strength in the Canadian market.

International revenue in the first quarter of 2005 increased 51% over the same period in 2004 due to our successful acquisition of 31 internationally based land drilling rigs and geographic expansion into high growth markets by our Energy Services segment. Internationally, Energy Services generated higher earnings across all product lines in nearly all of the regions in which the company operates.

SEGMENT REVIEW
THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,

(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	2005	2004	% Change
OPERATING EARNINGS: (1)			
Contract Drilling	$ 170,675	$ 147,719	15.5
Energy Services	56,011	27,117	106.6
Rental and Production	13,977	9,741	43.5
Corporate and Other	(16,422)	(14,946)	(9.9)
	$ 224,241	$ 169,631	32.2

(1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 7

CONTRACT DRILLING THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, (STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER DAY/HOUR AMOUNTS)	2005	% OF REVENUE
Revenue	$ 443,192	
Expenses:		
Operating	233,095	52.6
General and administrative	11,155	2.5
Depreciation and amortization	27,763	6.3
Foreign exchange	504	0.1
Operating earnings (1)	$ 170,675	38.5

	% CHANGE
Number of drilling rigs (end of period)	277
Drilling rig operating days	16,811
Drilling revenue per operating day	$ 19,652
Number of service rigs (end of period)	239
Service rig operating hours	139,674
Service revenue per operating hour	$ 600

(1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 7

Revenue in the Contract Drilling segment increased by 11% to $443 million in the first quarter compared to the same period in 2004. This revenue increase was primarily driven by the acquisition of 31 internationally based land drilling rigs in May 2004 as well as higher pricing levels in the Canadian market. This revenue growth rate was partially reduced by lower activity levels in Canada due to an early spring breakup, which shortened the winter drilling season.

Operating earnings of $171 million in the first quarter of 2005 increased 16% compared to the same period in 2004. The strong growth in operating earnings was driven by international drilling rig fleet expansion and pricing improvements in Canada. Further gains were limited by lower activity in Canada and by relatively lower margins in the Eastern Hemisphere compared to Canada. However, recent contract awards in the Eastern Hemisphere have been for substantially increased drilling rig day rates and improved utilization is anticipated over the coming months.

The Canadian drilling rig fleet achieved 13,999 operating days, for an overall utilization rate of 68% in the quarter, compared to 14,768 operating days and a 72% utilization rate in the first quarter of 2004. The service rig operation saw operating hours decrease by 7% year-over-year from 150,693 in the first quarter of 2004 compared to 139,674 in the first quarter of 2005.

The international drilling rig fleet achieved 2,812 operating days, for an overall utilization rate of 65% in the quarter, compared to 1,329 operating days and a 77% utilization rate in the first quarter of 2004. The utilization rate was reduced in the first quarter of 2005 relative to 2004 as there were 400 fewer operating days associated with the Burgos project in Mexico. The rig fleet numbered 48 at quarter end, an increase of 29 rigs over the prior year.

ENERGY SERVICES

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, (STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	2005	% OF REVENUE	2004
Revenue	$ 281,725		$ 208,197
Expenses:			
Operating	168,850	59.9	134,783
General and administrative	23,105	8.2	13,129
Depreciation and amortization	24,213	8.6	20,428
Research and engineering	11,323	4.0	11,810
Foreign exchange	(1,777)	(0.6)	930
Operating earnings (1)	$ 56,011	19.9	$ 27,117

	2005	2004
Wireline jobs performed	10,403	11,058
Drilling and evaluation operating days	10,607	10,083
Well testing/CPD (2) man-days	35,881	29,406

(1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 7
(2) CONTROLLED PRESSURE DRILLING (CPD)

Energy Services generated revenue of $282 million in the first quarter of 2005, an increase of 35% or $74 million over the same period in 2004. Of this increase, $36 million related to the Compact(TM) wireline services acquisition in May, 2004. Excluding the impact of this acquisition, the remaining $38 million of growth was achieved primarily in international operations with Canadian revenues effectively flat year over year. In Canada, strong activity in the first two months of the year was offset by the effects of an early spring break up.

Wireline Services revenue was $144 million in the first quarter of 2005, an increase of $52 million over the same period in 2004. Excluding the impact of the Compact(TM) wireline services acquisition, revenues increased by $16 million or 18%. Of this increase, $5 million was generated in Canada as a result of increased activity in the first two months of the year, partially offset by the effects of an early spring break up. The remaining $11 million increase was driven by improved international results based on increased activity in the United States, Mexico, Latin America, Asia Pacific and the Middle East.

Drilling & Evaluation Services revenue increased 25% to $100 million in the first quarter of 2005 from $80 million in the first quarter of 2004. During the quarter, revenues from international operations grew by $28 million, driven by increased utilization of Precision's LWD/HEL tools and rotary steerable systems, which together provided $14 million of incremental revenue. Offsetting these results were the effects of an early spring break up in 2005 combined with increased commoditization of the MWD tools in Canada.

Revenues from Production Services grew by 20% to $36 million in the first three months of 2005 from $30 million in the first quarter of 2004, reflecting higher activity in Canada and the Middle East.

Operating earnings increased by $29 million or 107% to $56 million for the first quarter of 2005, compared to $27 million in the same period of 2004. This increase is attributable to the Compact(TM) wireline services acquisition, combined with revenue growth across all product lines and operating cost

improvements. Cost improvements as a percentage of revenue have occurred in the segment's mature markets as a result of cost control initiatives, and in its developing markets through the achievement of critical mass. Increased depreciation, resulting from an increased tool fleet, partially offset these gains.

RENTAL AND PRODUCTION THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, (STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	2005	% OF REVENUE	2004
Revenue	$ 66,959		$ 50,700
Expenses:			
Operating	47,144	70.4	35,000
General and administrative	2,497	3.7	2,644
Depreciation and amortization	3,311	4.9	3,302
Foreign exchange	30	0.1	13
Operating earnings (1)	$ 13,977	20.9	$ 9,741
Equipment rental days (000's)	223		253

(1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 7

The Rental and Production segment saw a 32% increase in revenue and a 43% increase in operating earnings in the first quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004. These increases were driven primarily by the industrial plant maintenance business and its increased activity in the Alberta oil sands projects.

OTHER ITEMS

Corporate and other expenses remained consistent year over year with the one exception being foreign exchange gains which amounted to $1.4 million in the first quarter of 2005 compared to a loss of $0.3 million in 2004.

The Corporation's effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2005 of 34.8% was also consistent with the 2004 rate of 34.3%.

Interest expense increased in the first quarter of 2005 compared to the same period of the prior year as a result of additional debt incurred in the second quarter of 2004 to finance business acquisitions.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Corporation's liquidity position continues to improve with cash flow from operations and from the exercise of stock options exceeding net capital spending by $56 million in the first three months of 2005. The long-term debt to long-term debt plus equity ratio continued to decline from 0.24 at December 31, 2004 to 0.22 at March 31, 2005 and the Corporation's $335 million revolving bank credit facility remains undrawn. During April 2005 the Corporation issued 30,105 shares on the exercise of stock options.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY
(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS, WHICH ARE PRESENTED ON A DILUTED BASIS)

		2004	
Quarters ended	June 30	September 30	De
Revenue	416,317	570,047	
Operating earnings (1)	29,037	77,074	
Earnings from continuing operations	15,982	41,034	
Per share	0.28	0.68	
Net earnings	15,995	42,707	
Per share	0.28	0.71	
Funds provided by continuing operations	38,947	103,095	

		2003	
Quarters ended	June 30	September 30	De
Revenue	342,246	450,942	
Operating earnings (1)	12,314	60,958	
Earnings from continuing operations	8,489	36,455	
Per share	0.15	0.66	

Net earnings	8,622	35,765
Per share	0.16	0.65
Funds provided by continuing operations	21,215	91,764

(1) SEE EXPLANATION ON PAGE 7

(1) OPERATING EARNINGS - NON-GAAP MEASURE

Operating earnings is not a recognized measure under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Management believes that in addition to net earnings, operating earnings is a useful supplemental measure as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Corporation's principal business activities prior to consideration of how those activities are financed or how the results are taxed in various jurisdictions. Investors should be cautioned, however, that operating earnings should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of Precision's performance. Precision's method of calculating operating earnings may differ from other companies and, accordingly, operating earnings may not be comparable to measures used by other companies.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this interim report, including statements which may contain words such as "could", "plans", "should", "anticipates", "expect", "believe", "will" and similar expressions and statements relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, statements as to: future capital expenditures, including the amount and nature thereof; drilling activity levels; oil and gas prices and demand; expansion and other development trends of the oil and gas industry; improvement in day rates; business strategy; expansion and growth of the Corporation's business and operations, including the Corporation's market share and position in the domestic and international drilling markets; and other such matters.

These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Corporation in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results, performance or achievements will conform with the Corporation's expectations and predictions is subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the Corporation's expectations, including: fluctuations in the price and demand of oil and

gas; fluctuations in the level of oil and gas exploration and development activities; fluctuations in the demand for well servicing, contract drilling and ancillary oilfield services; the existence of competitors, technological changes and developments in the oil and gas industry; the ability of oil and gas companies to raise capital; the effects of severe weather conditions on operations and facilities; the existence of operating risks inherent in well servicing, contract drilling and ancillary oilfield services; political circumstances impeding the progress of work in any of the countries in which the Corporation does business; identifying and acquiring suitable acquisition targets on reasonable terms; general economic, market or business conditions, including stock market volatility; changes in laws or regulations, including taxation, environmental and currency regulations; the lack of availability of qualified personnel or management; and other unforeseen conditions which could impact on the use of services supplied by the Corporation.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this report are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by the Corporation will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to or effects on the Corporation or its business or operations. The Corporation assumes no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	MARCH 31, 2005 (UNAUDITED)	DECE
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 177,563	$
Accounts receivable	818,653	
Inventory	120,201	
Future income tax asset	9,266	
	1,125,683	
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	1,954,851	1
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization	188,550	
Goodwill	734,979	
Other assets	8,658	
Future income tax asset	27,133	
	$ 4,039,854	$ 3
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 344,649	$
Income taxes payable	53,445	
Current portion of long-term debt	18	
Future income tax liability	4,933	
	403,045	
Long-term debt	717,095	
Future income taxes	432,801	
Shareholders' equity:		
Share capital	1,298,769	1
Contributed surplus	29,588	
Cumulative translation adjustment	(21,645)	

Retained earnings	1,180,201	1
	2,486,913	2
	$ 4,039,854	$ 3

Common shares outstanding (000's)	61,330
Common share purchase options outstanding (000's)	2,994

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS
(UNAUDITED)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, (STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)	2005	
Revenue	$ 791,876	$
Expenses:		
Operating	449,089	
General and administrative	51,912	
Depreciation and amortization	56,736	
Research and engineering	11,323	
Foreign exchange	(1,425)	
	567,635	
Operating earnings	224,241	
Interest	11,748	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	212,493	
Income taxes:		
Current	70,489	
Future	3,486	
	73,975	
Earnings from continuing operations	138,518	
Discontinued operations, net of tax (Note 4)	-	
Net earnings	138,518	
Retained earnings, beginning of period	1,041,683	
Retained earnings, end of period	$ 1,180,201	$
Earnings per share from continuing operations:		
Basic	$ 2.26	$

Diluted	$ 2.22	$
Earnings per share:		
Basic	$ 2.26	$
Diluted	$ 2.22	$
Common shares outstanding (000's)	61,330	
Weighted average shares outstanding (000's)	61,157	
Diluted shares outstanding (000's)	62,438	

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW
(UNAUDITED)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, (STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	2005	
Cash provided by (used in):		
Continuing operations:		
Earnings from continuing operations	$ 138,518	$
Items not affecting cash:		
Depreciation and amortization	56,736	
Stock-based compensation	4,875	
Future income taxes	3,486	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	459	
Unrealized foreign exchange loss on long-term monetary items	915	
Funds provided by continuing operations	204,989	
Changes in non-cash working capital balances	(107,457)	
	97,532	
Discontinued operations:		
Funds used in discontinued operations (Note 4)	-	
Changes in non-cash working capital balances of discontinued operations	-	
	-	
Investments:		
Business acquisitions	-	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(72,960)	
Purchase of intangibles	(20)	
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment	8,512	
Proceeds on disposal of discontinued operations	-	
	(64,468)	
Financing:		
Increase in long-term debt	-	

Repayment of long-term debt	(4)	
Issuance of common shares on exercise of options	22,491	
Change in bank indebtedness	-	
	22,487	
Increase (decrease) in cash	55,551	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	122,012	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	$ 177,563	$

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

(TABULAR AMOUNTS STATED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These interim financial statements were prepared using accounting policies and methods of their application consistent with those used in the preparation of the Corporation's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004, except as noted below. These interim financial statements conform in all respects to the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in Canada for annual financial statements with the exception of certain note disclosures regarding balance sheet items and transactions occurring prior to the current reporting period. As a result, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 contained in the Corporation's 2004 annual report.

2. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The majority of the Corporation's operations are carried on in Canada. The ability to move heavy equipment in the Canadian oil and natural gas fields is dependent on weather conditions. As warm weather returns in the spring, the winter's frost comes out of the ground rendering many secondary roads incapable of supporting the weight of heavy equipment until they have thoroughly dried out. The duration of this "spring breakup" has a direct impact on the Corporation's activity levels. In addition, many exploration and production areas in northern Canada are accessible only in winter months when the ground is frozen hard enough to support equipment. The timing of freeze up and spring breakup affects the ability to move equipment in and out of these areas. As a result, late March through May is traditionally our slowest time.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATE

Effective January 1, 2005 Precision changed the useful life of its drilling rigs for purposes of determining depreciation expense to 5,000 utilization days from 4,150 utilization days (3,650 operating days), and its drill string to 1,500 from 1,100 operating days. Utilization days include both operating and rig move days. This change in accounting estimate has been applied prospectively and resulted in a $4.7 million reduction of depreciation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

4. DISPOSAL OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On February 12, 2004, the Corporation sold substantially all of the assets of Fleet Cementers Inc. On May 7, 2004 the Corporation sold the assets of the Polar Completions division. On August 31, 2004 the Corporation sold its 65% interest in United Diamond Ltd. These assets were included in the Energy Services segment and were disposed of as they were not a core component of the Corporation's Energy Services globalization strategy.

Results of the operations of these businesses were classified as results of discontinued operations. The following table provides additional information with respect to amounts included in the results of discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31,2004:

Revenue	$	13,992
Results of operations before income taxes	$	2,715
Writedown of assets held for sale		(6,117)
		(3,402)

Income tax expense		361
Results of operations, before non-controlling interest		(3,763)
Non-controlling interest		857
Results of operations		(4,620)
Loss on disposal of Fleet Cementers' assets		(943)
Discontinued operations	$	(5,563)

The following table provides additional information with respect to amounts included in the statement of cash flow related to discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004:

Net loss of discontinued operations	$	(5,563)
Items not affecting cash:		
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations		943
Depreciation and amortization		879
Non-controlling interest		857
Writedown of assets of discontinued operations		3,293
Future income taxes		(1,997)
Funds used in discontinued operations	$	(1,588)

5. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005	CONTRACT DRILLING	ENERGY SERVICES	RENTAL AND PRODUCTION	CORPORATE AND OTHER
Revenue	$ 443,192	$ 281,725	$ 66,959	$ -
Operating earnings (loss)	170,675	56,011	13,977	(16,422)
Research and engineering	-	11,323	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	27,763	24,213	3,311	1,449
Total assets	1,999,672	1,682,192	194,736	163,254
Goodwill	350,507	355,770	28,702	-
Capital expenditures	19,694	35,935	10,764	6,587

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004	Contract Drilling	Energy Services	Rental and Production	Corporate and Other
Revenue	$ 400,468	$ 208,197	$ 50,700	$ -
Operating earnings (loss)	147,719	27,117	9,741	(14,946)
Research and engineering	-	11,810	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	24,487	20,428	3,302	1,411
Total assets	1,503,219	1,319,876	177,513	55,927
Goodwill	257,531	242,314	28,702	-
Capital expenditures*	17,201	25,723	6,465	4,339

* EXCLUDES BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

6. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the first quarter ended March 31, 2005, an evaluation of the effectiveness of Precision's "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) was carried out by Precision's principal executive officer and principal financial officer. Based upon that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that as of the end of that fiscal quarter, Precision's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Precision in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

During the first quarter ending March 31, 2005, there were no changes in Precision's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Precision's internal control over financial reporting.

It should be noted that while Precision's principal executive officer and principal financial officer believe that Precision's disclosure controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance that they are effective, they do not expect that Precision's disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

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SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

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STOCK EXCHANGE LISTINGS
Common shares of Precision Drilling Corporation are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol PD and PD.U, and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol PDS.

TRADING PROFILE
TORONTO (TSX:PD)
January 1, 2005 to
March 31, 2005
High: $97.50
Low: $71.24
Volume traded: 22.5 million

NEW YORK (NYSE:PDS)
January 1, 2005 to
March 31, 2005
High: US $79.69
Low: US $57.77
Volume traded: 18.0 million

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