## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2020 Premier Tech Report



# FISCAL YEAR 2020

### March 3, 2019 • February 29, 2020

Premier Tech completed its most recent fiscal year on February 29, 2020, almost two weeks before the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. Impacted just as much as any company by the major economic and social disruptions that followed, we are taking a break this year with regards to the production of a full annual report. However, we feel it is important to share the year's results in this abridged edition of the Premier Tech Report.

## Although brief, the Premier Tech Report 2020 highlights successes that deserve to be celebrated."

All over the globe, nearly 4 600 Premier Tech team members have once again shown an unparalleled level of drive and dedication this year. Because of their steadfast desire to leave a lasting impression on people's lives, we were able to keep on growing during fiscal 2020, and so we wish to thank them for their efforts.

### **GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SALES**

# OPERATING RESULTS

During fiscal year 2020, Premier Tech reported a historic growth of \$40.8 million over the previous year, raising sales to \$923.5 million. This 4.8% increase, comprised of 75% organic growth and 25% external growth, confirms once again this year the value that our products and technologies bring to our clients in all our verticals.

### **Global Footprint**

With a strong foothold in a total of 27 countries, Premier Tech conducts sales in more than 100 countries all around the globe. Since 1923, the Canadian company has been expanding its operations from North America, where it still generates two-thirds of its sales today.





Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars.



With respect to its financial performance, Premier Tech recorded operational earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) of \$84.5 million for fiscal 2020, which corresponds to 9.1% of sales generated over the period. This new record represents an improvement in operating EBITDA in absolute figures, as well as a 0.3% improvement in operating EBITDA over the previous year.

### **EVOLUTION OF OPERATING EBITDA**



EBITDA is a measurement that has no standardized definition under the Canadian Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises (ASPE). It is hereby included to provide readers with additional information about the evolution of the company's performance.

## **BUILDING ON OUR EXPERTISE**

Fiscal year 2020 has seen three acquisitions as well as a major strategic alliance between Premier Tech Systems and Automation and Swiss company Bühler."

We also maintained significant investments in Innovation, Research and Development, which enabled our teams to further develop products and technologies that will be introduced to the markets in the coming years, thereby contributing to future organic growth.





# DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Through its broad portfolio of products and services, brands and technologies, Premier Tech is active in many verticals and market sectors. This diversification allows the company to maintain significant growth despite the localized downturns that may occur. The vital part we play for businesses, communities and individuals involved with feeding, protecting and improving our world also provides us with a solid foundation for dealing with global economic fluctuations.

### **PT Growers and Consumers**

We develop sustainable solutions to increase crop yields, create beautiful living environments and protect people, homes and gardens.

### **PT Systems and Automation**

We develop innovative systems leveraging the full potential of robotics. We are one of the world's leading suppliers for automated handling, conditioning and packaging equipment.

### **PT Water and Environment**

We create effective, efficient and ecological solutions to protect the environment and treat water in a sustainable way.

### **PT Digital**

We support our customers through our offer in smart manufacturing and 3D visualization tools to help them improve the efficiency of their manufacturing and commercial performance.

# MOVING FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

Despite the current global economic context, we are approaching fiscal year 2021 with focus and determination. Driven by our stability of ownership, by the diversity of our verticals as well as by our ability to support our clients during this period of change through our global footprint, we believe we are in a good position to tackle the coming months in a realistic and resilient manner, while keeping our focus on the future.

### We are now deploying our plans to strengthen our local presence around the world and deepen our connections to our clients."

Premier Tech approaches this turbulent period with an attitude similar to the one adopted during the recession, which, along with a financial and real estate crisis, marked the year 2008. Still to this day, our strength and financial stability are the foundation that allows us to implement the action plans and approaches that will enable us to come out of this situation even stronger, now and for years to come.

In the wake of this latest recession, Premier Tech saw its revenue grow from \$263 million to \$924 million, totalling a \$661 million increase and representing a compound annual growth rate of 13.41% over the same period. This growth also enabled the company to expand its global footprint, from its presence in 17 countries and 21 plants in 2010, to a foothold in 27 countries and 46 plants today.

Fiscal 2021 will certainly be an unprecedented year for Premier Tech, as it will be for the vast majority of businesses around the world. Yet, we are confident that we will be successful in creating change and setting the pace to successfully deploy our brands and technologies in order to meet today's challenges. It is within this context, and through the passion of our team members, our depth and the technologies we master, that we will continue to build on our strong desire to make a difference to help feed, protect and improve our world.

JEAN BÉLANGER • BELJ

Leadership Team, Premier Tech



# **OUTLOOK AND FINANCIAL STABILITY**

## Working Capital

Premier Tech's working capital grew steadily from 2010 to 2012, and has since remained fairly stable in dollars, varying between \$72 million and \$86 million.





2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
83	75	78	73	86
1.39	1.31	1.29	1.24	1.29
12.3	10.4	9.9	8.3	9.4

### **Total Assets**

To be noted is the stability of Premier Tech's business model, leading to relatively stable proportions in the use of short-term and long-term assets.



Short-term assets

Long-term assets

Total assets

## **Financing and Outlook**

During fiscal year 2020, Premier Tech's overall financial performance evolved in line with the expectations of its shareholders and financial partners. As at February 29, 2020, the company met all ratios applicable under its financing agreements.



 Secured long-term debt Unsecured debentures Line of credit net of cash

## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

### **BERNARD BÉLANGER** Chairman of the Board

### **JEAN BÉLANGER**

President Chief Executive Officer

#### **JEAN-PIERRE BÉRUBÉ**

Vice-President Infrastructure

WILHELM BIELERT Vice-President Chief Digital Officer

### **YVES GOUDREAU**

Vice-President Corporate Development

### LINE C. LAMARRE Senior Vice-President Organizational Development

**MARTIN NOËL** 

Senior Vice-President Chief Financial Officer

### ANDRÉ NOREAU

President and Chief Executive Officer PT Systems and Automation

#### **MICHEL NOREAU**

Senior Vice-President Information Systems and Procurement

### **GERMAIN OUELLET**

Senior Vice-President Human Resources Corporate Secretary

### HENRI OUELLET

President PT Water and Environment

### MARTIN PELLETIER

President PT Growers and Consumers

### **YVAN PELLETIER •** Senior Vice-President Organizational Development

**PIERRE TALBOT** Senior Vice-President Innovation

In office until June 2019 In office since February 2020

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Professor of Strategy, Director of EMBA and **MBA** Programs HEC Montréal **Corporate Director** 

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BANQUE PUBLIQUE D'INVESTISSEMENT (FRANCE)

**BMO BANK OF MONTREAL** 

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK OF CANADA

CAISSE CENTRALE DESJARDINS

CANADA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA

FARM CREDIT CANADA

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