

# CAPSTONE INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise indicated, all references to dollar amounts and "\$" are to Canadian dollars. In this Annual Information Form, unless the context otherwise requires, "Capstone" or the "Corporation" refers to Capstone Infrastructure Corporation (which prior to April 15, 2011 was named "Macquarie Power and Infrastructure Corporation") and its subsidiary entities on a consolidated basis and, in the case of references to matters prior to January 1, 2011, refers to the Corporation's predecessor, Macquarie Power & Infrastructure Income Fund, and its subsidiary entities on a consolidated basis (the "Fund"). Please refer to the "Glossary" in this Annual Information Form for the definitions of certain defined terms.

Certain of the statements contained within this document are forward-looking and reflect management's expectations regarding the future growth, results of operations, performance and business of the Corporation based on information currently available to the Corporation. Forward-looking statements are provided for the purpose of presenting information about management's current expectations and plans relating to the future and readers are cautioned that such statements may not be appropriate for other purposes. These statements use forward-looking words, such as "anticipate", "continue", "could", "expect", "may", "will", "intend", "estimate", "plan", "believe" or other similar words, and include, among other things, statements concerning: the Corporation's strategy; the completion of the Arrangement; the amount of retroactive net adjustments due to the Corporation if the OEFC appeal is denied; the income expected to be earned from the sale of electricity by the Cardinal Cogen Facility; arrangements with Ingredion in respect of the Cardinal Cogen Facility; the supply and transportation of natural gas to the Cardinal Cogen Facility; the expected purchase of the remaining 25% interests in the Ganaraska, Grey Highlands Clean, Grey Highlands ZEP, Snowy Ridge and Settlers Landing wind projects by subsidiaries of CPC; the expected completion and resulting production capacity of the Wind Development Projects; continuation of the Sechelt Hydro Facility's PPA; the income expected to be earned from the sale of electricity produced by the Whitecourt Biomass Facility; the sale of RECs by the Whitecourt Biomass Facility; changes to the DH Act and the effect thereof on the performance of Värmevärden; the effect of the WA on the performance of Bristol Water; the potential closing of Bristol Water's sections of the WCPS; the effect of the CMA's final determination on Bristol Water's and the Corporation's revenues and EBITDA; Bristol Water's need to access the capital markets; any scheduled major maintenance projects; any refinancing of indebtedness; changes to Environmental, Health and Safety Laws, regulations, and guidelines; the regulatory environment affecting the power infrastructure facilities, Värmevärden and Bristol Water; the renewal of Värmevärden's industrial contracts; the Corporation's dividends and dividend policy; and the application to and effect on the Corporation's business of federal and provincial climate change initiatives and legislation. These statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements and, accordingly, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results. The forward-looking statements within this document are based on information currently available and what the Corporation currently believes are reasonable assumptions, including the material assumptions set out in the management's discussion and analysis of the results of operations and the financial condition of the Corporation ("MD&A") for the year ended December 31, 2015, as updated in subsequently filed MD&A of the Corporation (such documents are available under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com).

Other potential material factors or assumptions that were applied in formulating the forward-looking statements contained herein include or relate to the following: that the business and economic conditions affecting the

Corporation's operations will continue substantially in their current state, including, with respect to industry conditions, general levels of economic activity, regulations, weather, taxes and interest rates; that the preferred shares will remain outstanding and that dividends will continue to be paid on the preferred shares after completion of the Arrangement and that the listing of the preferred shares will not be affected by the Arrangement; that the Arrangement will be completed in early May of 2016, that there will be no material delays in the Corporation's Wind Development Projects achieving commercial operation; that the Corporation's Power Infrastructure Facilities will experience normal wind, hydrological and solar irradiation conditions, and ambient temperature and humidity levels; that there will be no material changes to the Corporation's facilities, equipment or contractual arrangements; that there will be no material changes in the legislative, regulatory and operating framework for the Corporation's businesses; that there will be no material delays in obtaining required approvals for the Corporation's power infrastructure facilities, or Värmevärden; that there will be no material changes in rate orders or rate structures for Bristol Water; that there will be no material changes in environmental regulations for the power infrastructure facilities, Värmevärden or Bristol Water; that there will be no significant event occurring outside the ordinary course of the Corporation's businesses; the refinancing on similar terms of the Corporation's and its subsidiaries' various outstanding credit facilities and debt instruments which mature during the period in which the forward-looking statements relate; market prices for electricity in Ontario and the amount of hours the Cardinal Cogen Facility is dispatched; the price the Whitecourt Biomass Facility will receive for its electricity production considering the market price for electricity in Alberta, the impact of renewable energy credits, and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility's agreement with Millar Western, which includes sharing mechanisms regarding the price received for electricity sold by the facility; the re-contracting of the power purchase agreement (the "PPA") for the Sechelt Hydro Facility; that there will be no material change from the expected amount and timing of capital expenditures by Bristol Water; that there will be no material changes to the Swedish krona to Canadian dollar and UK pound sterling to Canadian dollar exchange rates; and that Bristol Water will operate and perform in a manner consistent with the regulatory assumptions underlying the Competition and Market Authority's ("CMA") final determination, including, among others: real and inflationary changes in Bristol Water's revenue, Bristol Water's expenses changing in line with inflation and efficiency measures, and capital investment, leakage, customer service standards and asset serviceability targets being achieved.

Although the Corporation believes that it has a reasonable basis for the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements, actual results may differ from those suggested by the forward-looking statements for various reasons, including: risks related to the Corporation's securities (dividends on common shares and preferred shares are not guaranteed; volatile market price for the Corporation's securities; completion of the Arrangement; shareholder dilution; and convertible debentures credit risk, subordination and absence of covenant protection); risks related to the Corporation and its businesses (availability of debt and equity financing; default under credit agreements and debt instruments; geographic concentration; foreign currency exchange rates; acquisitions, development and integration; environmental, health and safety; changes in legislation and administrative policy; and reliance on key personnel); risks related to the Corporation's power infrastructure facilities (market price for electricity; power purchase agreements; completion of the Corporation's wind development projects; operational performance; contract performance and reliance on suppliers; land tenure and related rights; environmental; and regulatory environment); risks related to Värmevärden (operational performance; fuel costs and availability; industrial and residential contracts; environmental; regulatory environment; and labour relations); and risks related to Bristol Water (Ofwat price determinations; failure to deliver capital investment programs; economic conditions; operational performance;

outcome incentives; failure to deliver water leakage target; SIM and the serviceability assessment; pension plan obligations; regulatory environment; competition; seasonality and climate change; and labour relations). For more details regarding these risk factors, see "Risk Factors". There can be no assurance that the Arrangement will occur. The proposed Arrangement is subject to various regulatory approvals, including approval under the *Investment Canada Act*, and the fulfillment of certain conditions, and there can be no assurance that any such approvals will be obtained and/or any such conditions will be met. The proposed Arrangement could be modified, restructured or terminated.

The assumptions, risks and uncertainties described above are not exhaustive and other events and risk factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results and events discussed in the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements within this document reflect current expectations of the Corporation as at the date of this document and speak only as at the date of this document. Except as may be required by applicable law, the Corporation does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

This document contains statistical data, market research and industry forecasts that were obtained from government and industry publications and reports or which are based on estimates derived from same and management's knowledge of, and experience in, the markets in which the Corporation operates. Market and industry data is subject to variations and cannot be verified due to limits on the availability and reliability of data inputs and other limitations and uncertainties inherent in any statistical survey. While management believes this data to be reliable, the Corporation has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of any of the data from third party sources or ascertained the underlying assumptions relied upon by such sources. Accordingly, the accuracy, currency and completeness of this information cannot be guaranteed. Actual outcomes may vary materially from those forecast in such publications or reports, and the prospect for material variation can be expected to increase as the length of the forecast period increases.

This Annual Information Form is not an offer or invitation for the subscription or purchase of or a recommendation of securities. It does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation and particular needs of any investors. Before making an investment in the Corporation, an investor or prospective investor should consider whether such an investment is appropriate to their particular investment needs, objectives and financial circumstances and consult an investment adviser, if necessary.

#### THE CORPORATION

The principal office of the Corporation is located at 155 Wellington Street West, Suite 2930, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3H1. The registered office of the Corporation is located at 595 Burrard Street, Suite 2600, Three Bentall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1L3.

#### MISSION AND STRATEGY

The Corporation's mission is to provide investors with an attractive total return from responsibly managed long-term investments in core infrastructure in Canada and internationally. The Corporation's strategy is to develop, acquire and manage a portfolio of high quality utilities, power and transportation businesses, and public-private partnerships that operate in a regulated or contractually-defined environment and generate stable cash flow. Capstone's portfolio comprises investments in gas cogeneration, wind, hydro, biomass and solar power generating facilities representing, as at March 29, 2016, approximately net 473 MW of installed capacity and ownership interests in a pipeline of contracted wind power development projects expected to total approximately net 47 MW of capacity. Capstone also owns a 33.3% interest in Värmevärden, a district heating business in Sweden, and a 50% interest in Bristol Water, a regulated water utility in the United Kingdom.

# **STRUCTURE**

The Corporation was incorporated on May 20, 2010 as 0881592 B. C. Ltd. pursuant to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "BCBCA"). The Corporation's articles were amended on October 12, 2010 to change its name to "Macquarie Power and Infrastructure Corporation". The Corporation's articles were further amended on December 31, 2010 to create a class of preferred shares, issuable in series.

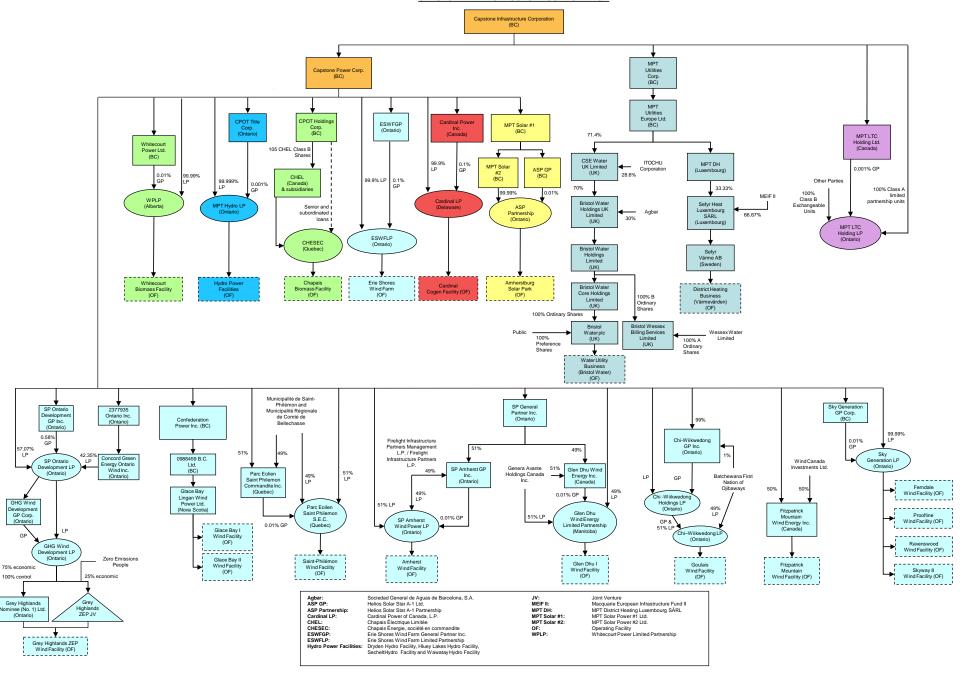
The Corporation is the successor to Macquarie Power & Infrastructure Income Fund pursuant to a plan of arrangement completed on January 1, 2011 under the BCBCA (the "Conversion"). Under the Conversion, (i) all of the issued and outstanding trust units of the Fund (the "Units") were automatically exchanged for common shares in the capital of the Corporation ("Common Shares") on a one-for-one basis and (ii) the Corporation became the sole owner of all of the issued and outstanding Units and the indirect owner of all of the businesses owned by the Fund.

On April 15, 2011, the Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries terminated all management and administrative agreements with Macquarie Power Management Ltd. ("MPML"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Macquarie Group Limited ("MGL"), thereby internalizing the management of the Corporation (the "Internalization Transaction"). Prior to the Internalization Transaction, MPML provided administrative services to the Corporation and provided or arranged for certain management services to be provided to certain subsidiaries of the Corporation. Effective upon the termination of the management and administrative agreements with MPML, the senior management team of the Corporation, all of whom were employees of affiliates of MPML, became employees of the Corporation and continued in their previous roles. After completion of the Internalization Transaction, the Corporation changed its name to "Capstone Infrastructure Corporation".

As at March 1, 2016, the Corporation and its subsidiaries (including Bristol Water) had an aggregate of approximately 640 employees.

The chart on the following page presents a summary of the ownership and organizational structure of the Corporation, its material subsidiaries and certain other entities as at March 29, 2016. In the chart below, "GP" denotes a general partnership interest, "LP" denotes a limited partnership interest, the governing jurisdiction of each entity is noted in parentheses and, unless otherwise specified, all ownership interests denoted are 100%.

#### **CAPSTONE INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION**



# GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2013**

On October 1, 2013, Capstone acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding common shares ("ReD Shares") of Renewable Energy Developers Inc. ("ReD") by the way of a plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "ReD Arrangement"). Pursuant to the ReD Arrangement, each ReD shareholder received 0.26 of a Common Share and \$0.001 in cash in exchange for each ReD Share held. Also, pursuant to the ReD Arrangement, the 6.75% extendible convertible unsecured subordinated CPC 2017 Debentures initially issued by ReD due December 31, 2017 became convertible into Common Shares and cash pursuant to the terms of the CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture, while remaining outstanding obligations of ReD (ReD subsequently amalgamated with Capstone Power Corp, ("CPC"), which became the successor issuer of the CPC 2017 Debentures). The Corporation has agreed to provide credit support for the CPC 2017 Debentures. The acquisition of ReD expanded Capstone's renewable power footprint in Canada by adding both operating wind power facilities in Nova Scotia and Ontario and a pipeline of contracted wind power development projects in Ontario, Québec and Saskatchewan. Details regarding the ReD Arrangement are available in the Corporation's business acquisition report on Form 51-102F4 dated October 31, 2013 available under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

On November 12, 2013, the Corporation repaid its previously outstanding revolving and term credit facilities and entered into the new \$32.5 million Revolving Credit Facility with a three-year term (with annual options to extend) maturing in November 2016. See "Capital Structure of the Corporation – Revolving Credit Facility".

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2014**

On January 21, 2014, the Corporation increased the capacity of the Revolving Credit Facility to \$50 million, and, on May 13, 2014, the Corporation further increased the capacity of Revolving Credit Facility to an aggregate of \$90 million. This increased capacity enhanced the Corporation's financial flexibility and was used to fund the planned upgrades and major maintenance for the Corporation's 156 MW Cardinal combined-cycle natural gas-fired facility (the "Cardinal Cogen Facility") and other general corporate purposes. See "Capital Structure of the Corporation – Revolving Credit Facility".

On March 26, 2014, the Corporation announced that it had entered into a new 20-year non-utility generator contract (the "Cardinal NUG Contract") with the Ontario Power Authority (the "OPA", which has since amalgamated with the Independent Electricity System Operator, the "IESO") for the Cardinal Cogen Facility. The Cardinal NUG Contract became effective on January 1, 2015, following the expiry of the facility's previous power purchase agreement ("PPA"). Under the new contract, the Cardinal Cogen Facility supplies power to the Ontario electricity grid only when needed. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure – Gas Cogeneration – Cardinal Cogen Facility – Cardinal NUG Contract".

During 2014, progress was also made on several of the Corporation's near-term wind development projects. The 9.5 MW Skyway 8 Wind Facility secured \$21.4 million in project-level funding on April 17, 2014 and achieved commercial operation in August 2014. On May 21, 2014, approximately \$60.5 million in project-level funding was

obtained for the 24 MW Saint-Philémon Wind Facility, in which the Corporation holds a 51% indirect interest. Construction began on the 25 MW Goulais Wind Facility in May 2014. On August 14, 2014, the Corporation completed an arrangement whereby a subsidiary of the Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways acquired a 49% interest in Chi-Wiikwedong LP, which holds the feed-in tariff contract for the 25 MW Goulais Wind Facility and, on September 30, 2014, approximately \$76.4 million in project-level funding was obtained for the project. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure – Wind".

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2015**

Effective January 1, 2015, Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. ("Millar Western") and Whitecourt Power Limited Partnership ("WPLP"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation, entered into a new wood waste supply agreement for the Whitecourt Biomass Facility. This new agreement has a term of 15 years (extendable to 20 years) and also includes sharing mechanisms regarding the price received for electricity sold by the Whitecourt Biomass Facility. See "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Biomass – Whitecourt Biomass Facility – Whitecourt Power Purchase Agreement".

On March 12, 2015, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice ruled that the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (the "OEFC") had not properly calculated the price paid for electricity produced under the Cardinal PPA and the PPAs for the Wawatay Hydro Facility and the Dryden Hydro Facility, along with a number of other independent power producers, since January 1, 2011. On April 10, 2015, the OEFC served a Notice of Appeal in respect of this decision. The Corporation is defending the appeal and the Court of Appeal for Ontario heard arguments in December 2015. The Corporation estimates that if the decision is upheld on appeal, the Corporation will receive approximately \$25 million in retroactive net adjustments for revenue claimed from the OEFC.

On May 19, 2015, Confederation Power Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation, sold the 0.9 MW Digby Neck Wind Facility, the 3.6 MW Higgins Mountain Wind Facility and the 2.1 MW Springhill Wind Facility to 3285926 Nova Scotia Limited for aggregate net proceeds of approximately \$1.0 million.

On July 9, 2015, the Corporation announced the closing of a \$95 million refinancing from The Canada Life Assurance Company and The Great-West Life Assurance Company for the 20 MW Amherstburg Solar Park. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Solar - Amherstburg Solar Park".

During 2015, further progress was made on the development of the additional Wind Projects. The Saint-Philémon Wind Facility achieved commercial operation on January 16, 2015, and the Goulais Wind Facility achieved commercial operation on May 22, 2015. On June 22, 2015, the Corporation announced that it had secured a Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for the 10 MW Snowy Ridge wind project. The Corporation also received REAs for the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility and the Grey Highlands Clean (18.5 MW), Ganaraska (17.6 MW) and Settlers Landing (10 MW) wind projects. The Snowy Ridge, Grey Highlands Clean and Ganaraska wind projects and the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility proceeded to the construction phase. On December 7, 2015, the ERT for the Settlers Landing project issued its findings that the construction and decommissioning of two turbines will cause serious and irreversible harm to a

woodland identified as "Woodlot 11". The Corporation is preparing its remedies submissions to the ERT with respect to the Settlers Landing findings. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Wind".

On November 16, 2015, the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility and the Ganaraska, Settlers Landing and Snowy Ridge wind projects entered into a convertible debenture with a subsidiary of Concord Green Energy Inc. ("Concord"). Subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions, Concord has a right to convert its debt into a 50% equity interest in these wind projects during the projects' respective commercial operations periods. In December 2015, approximately \$82 million in project level funding was obtained for the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility and the Ganaraska wind facility. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Wind - Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility" and "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Wind - Wind Development Projects".

In December 2013, Bristol Water plc ("Bristol Water") submitted its initial business plan as part of its 2014 Periodic Review. Ofwat then requested further information pertaining to the business plan and a revised plan was submitted in June 2014. Ofwat published its draft determination on Bristol Water's pricing model and business plan for AMP6 in August 2014, and provided Bristol Water with a further opportunity to submit revisions to its business plan in October 2014. In December 2014, Ofwat issued a final determination for Bristol Water. This final determination fell short of Bristol Water's proposed plan, which had undergone rigorous analysis and review by third-party experts. Bristol Water's Board of Directors formally rejected Ofwat's final determination in February 2015. The matter was submitted to a binding review by the CMA. On October 6, 2015, the Corporation announced that it had received the final binding determination from the CMA with respect to the challenge by Bristol Water of the 2015 to 2020 AMP6 final determination issued by Ofwat in December 2014. Although the CMA's final decision with respect to customer pricing was not in line with the Corporation's expectations, the CMA review process did produce several positive changes to Ofwat's final determination. See "Narrative Description of the Business – Utilities – Water Distribution Business – Regulation of Water Distribution Industry – Economic Regulation".

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On January 20, 2016, the Corporation announced that it had entered into an arrangement agreement (the "Arrangement Agreement") with Irving Infrastructure Corp. ("Irving"), a subsidiary of iCON Infrastructure Partners III, L.P., a fund advised by London, UK-based iCON Infrastructure LLP. The Arrangement Agreement contains the terms of the arrangement (the "Arrangement") that provides for, among other things, the acquisition by Irving of all the issued and outstanding Common Shares and Class B Exchangeable Units to be effected by way of a plan of arrangement under the BCBCA (the "Plan of Arrangement").

On March 10, 2016, the Plan of Arrangement was approved by the requisite majorities of Shareholders, Shareholders and holders of Class B Exchangeable Units voting together and holders of the CPC 2017 Debentures. On March 17, 2016, the Plan of Arrangement was approved by the requisite majority of holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures.

On March 21, 2016, the Supreme Court of British Columbia issued an order approving the Plan of Arrangement and determining that the terms and conditions of the Plan of Arrangement are procedurally and substantively fair and

reasonable to Shareholders, holders of Class B Exchangeable Units, holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures and holders of CPC 2017 Debentures.

Under the Arrangement, each outstanding Common Share and Class B Exchangeable Unit will be transferred to Irving in exchange for a cash payment of \$4.90 to each Shareholder or holder of Class B Exchangeable Units, as applicable, the Capstone 2016 Debentures will be redeemed for 101% of their principal amount and the CPC 2017 Debentures will be converted into common shares of Capstone in accordance with the cash change of control provisions of the debenture indenture governing such debentures and then immediately acquired by Irving at a price of \$4.90 per share, in each case plus accrued and unpaid interest on the debenture until the effective date of the Arrangement.

The Plan of Arrangement is expected to be completed in early May of 2016.

For further information regarding the Arrangement, see the joint management information circular (the "Circular") of the Corporation and CPC dated February 9, 2016, which is available on the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

In early 2016, progress continued on the Corporation's near-term wind development projects. On February 26, 2016, the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility achieved commercial operation. The Corporation also completed a \$55.1 million project financing of the Grey Highlands Clean wind facility on March 24, 2016. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Wind - Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility" and "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Wind - Wind Development Projects".

On March 18, 2016, the Corporation completed a project-level financing of \$83 million for the Cardinal Cogen Facility, and concurrently with the Cardinal Cogen Facility financing, the Corporation reduced the maximum amount available under the Revolving Credit Facility from \$90,000,000 to \$60,000,000. The proceeds from the Cardinal Cogen Facility financing were used to repay the principal amount outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Gas Cogeneration - Cardinal Cogen Facility - Cardinal Debt" and "Capital Structure of the Corporation - Revolving Credit Facility."

# NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

# **OPERATING SEGMENTS**

As at March 29, 2016, the operating segments of the Corporation were power infrastructure, utilities-water and utilities-district heating. Revenue earned by the Corporation for each segment is reported in the following table:

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Revenue	Power (1)	Water	<b>District</b> <b>Heating</b> (2)	Total
Year ended December 31, 2015	\$117,956,000	\$227,027,000	-	\$344,983,000
Year ended December 31, 2014	\$203,308,000	\$238,270,000	-	\$441,578,000
Year ended December 31, 2013	\$193,928,000	\$195,575,000	-	\$389,503,000

#### Notes:

- In addition, in 2015, the Corporation earned aggregate interest income of approximately \$68,000 relating to the CHESEC Tranche A Senior Debt (approximately \$208,000 in 2014 and approximately \$333,000 in 2013, and \$0 relating to the CHESEC Tranche B Senior Debt (\$0 in 2014 and approximately \$125,000 in 2013).
- In addition, in 2015, the Corporation earned interest income and received dividends relating to its utilities-district heating segment in the aggregate amount of approximately \$6.2 million (interest and dividends in the aggregate amount of approximately \$7.43 million in 2014 and approximately \$5.96 million in 2013).

#### **POWER INFRASTRUCTURE**

# **Overview**

The Corporation, through its wholly-owned subsidiary CPC, currently holds investments, directly or indirectly, in the following operating power infrastructure facilities:

Facility Net Capacity of Facility (MW)	Net Capacity	Capstone's Ownership Interest		Location	Power Purchaser	Expiry of PPA <sup>(1)</sup>
	%	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW)				
Gas Cogeneration						
Cardinal	156	100%	156.0	Ontario	IESO	2034
Wind						
Erie Shores	99	100%(2)	99.0	Ontario	IESO	2026
Ferndale	5.1	100%	5.1	Ontario	IESO	2026
Goulais <sup>(3)</sup>	25	51%	12.8	Ontario	IESO	2035
Grey Highlands ZEP <sup>(4)</sup>	10	50%	5.0	Ontario	IESO	2036
Proof Line I	6.6	100%	6.6	Ontario	IESO	2029
Ravenswood	9.9	100%	9.9	Ontario	IESO	2027
Skyway 8 <sup>(5)</sup>	9.5	100%	9.5	Ontario	IESO	2034
Amherst	31.5	51%	16.1	Nova Scotia	NSPI	2037

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Facility of Facility (MW)	•	%	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW)	Location	Power Purchaser	Expiry of PPA <sup>(1)</sup>
Fitzpatrick Mountain	1.6	50%	0.8	Nova Scotia	NSPI	2022
Glace Bay I and II	17.5 and 2.3	100%	19.8	Nova Scotia	NSPI	2020/2022 and 2032
Glen Dhu I	62.1	49%	30.5	Nova Scotia	NSPI	2031
Saint-Philémon <sup>(6)</sup>	24	51%	12.2	Québec	Hydro-Québec	2035
Hydro Power						
Hluey Lakes	3	100%	3	British Columbia	BC Hydro	2020
Sechelt	16	100%	16	British Columbia	BC Hydro	2017
Dryden <sup>(7)</sup>	3.25	100%	3.25	Ontario	OEFC	2020
Wawatay	13.5	100%	13.5	Ontario	OEFC	2042
Biomass						
Whitecourt	25	100%	25	Alberta	Millar Western <sup>(8)</sup>	2029
Chapais	28	_(9)	$8.8^{(10)}$	Québec	Hydro-Québec	2019
Solar						
Amherstburg	20	100%	20	Ontario	IESO	2031

Total Approximately 473 MW

# $\underline{\underline{\text{Notes:}}}_{\scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$

(1) See "Risk Factors – Risks Related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities – Power Purchase Agreements".

- One of the 1.5 MW wind turbines located at the Erie Shores Wind Farm is not owned by ESWFLP (see "Narrative Description of the Business Power Infrastructure Wind Erie Shores Wind Farm Overview").
- The Goulais Wind Facility entered commercial operation in May 2015.
- The Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility entered commercial operation in February 2016.
- The Skyway 8 Wind Facility entered commercial operation in August 2014.
- (6) The Saint-Philémon Wind Facility entered commercial operation in January 2015.
- The Dryden Hydro Facility consists of the Wainwright, Eagle River and McKenzie Falls hydro power generating stations.
- On March 2, 2015, and effective as of January 1, 2015, Millar Western and WPLP entered into a new wood waste supply agreement for the Whitecourt Biomass Facility which includes sharing mechanisms regarding the price received for electricity sold by the facility (see "Narrative Description of the Business Power Infrastructure Biomass Whitecourt Biomass Facility Wood Waste Supply Arrangements").
- (9) The Corporation's investment in the Chapais Biomass Facility consists of a 31.3% interest in one of the two outstanding classes of preferred shares of CHEL. The CHESEC Tranche A debt was fully repaid by its maturity date on December 1, 2015 (see "Narrative Description of the Business Power Infrastructure Biomass Chapais Biomass Facility Corporation's Investment").
- The Corporation's net capacity ownership interest reflects its indirect economic investment in the Chapais Biomass Facility.

The Corporation's material power infrastructure assets, being the Cardinal Cogen Facility, the Wind Power Facilities, the Hydro Power Facilities, the Whitecourt Biomass Facility and the Amherstburg Solar Park (collectively, the "Power Infrastructure Facilities") hold all material permits and approvals required for their respective operations.

#### **Gas Cogeneration**

## **Cardinal Cogen Facility**

#### **Overview**

The Cardinal Cogen Facility is a combined-cycle cogeneration facility fuelled by natural gas with a net rated capacity of 156 MW of electrical power, consisting of a 110 MW (gross) Siemens combustion turbine generator and a 50 MW (gross) Siemens steam turbine. Located in Cardinal, Ontario, the Cardinal Cogen Facility began commercial operations in November 1994.

#### Cardinal NUG Contract

Pursuant to the 20-year Cardinal NUG Contract dated March 26, 2014 between Cardinal LP and the OPA (now the IESO), effective January 1, 2015 the Cardinal Cogen Facility became a dispatchable facility (it was previously a baseload generator) and capacity from the Cardinal Cogen Facility is sold to the IESO. Under the Cardinal NUG Contract, Cardinal LP is entitled to receive a monthly fixed facility participation payment (the "FFPP") (subject to certain escalation provisions) from the IESO, which is intended to cover the fixed operating costs and return on capital for the Cardinal Cogen Facility. During the term of the Cardinal NUG Contract, Cardinal LP will, and during 2015 Cardinal LP did, supply electricity to the Ontario grid generally when the market revenue from doing so would exceed the costs of production. When it does so, Cardinal LP receives market-based revenue. The Corporation invested an aggregate of approximately \$34 million during 2014 and 2015 to complete the cycling conversion of the Cardinal Cogen Facility, including the purchase of a new rotor and related equipment to extend and enhance the facility's capabilities. During 2015, the FFPP and the income earned from the sale of electricity produced by the Cardinal Cogen Facility was less than Cardinal LP previously earned annually under the Cardinal PPA, and it is anticipated that this will continue to be the case (see "Risk Factors – Risks Related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities – Power Purchase Agreements" and "Dividends – Dividend Policies").

#### Arrangements with Ingredion

During 2015, the Cardinal Cogen Facility generated steam for Ingredion Canada Incorporated ("Ingredion") for its corn wet milling plant located adjacent to the Cardinal Cogen Facility under the terms of an energy savings agreement (the "Energy Savings Agreement") between Cardinal LP and Ingredion dated as of December 15, 2014. Beginning in 2015, Ingredion provided or paid for the gas required to generate steam for Ingredion.

Under the Energy Savings Agreement, the Cardinal Cogen Facility generates steam for Ingredion and Ingredion is required to pay for gas used to generate such steam. The Cardinal Cogen Facility also provides all of Ingredion's compressed air requirements, and related electricity costs are at Ingredion's expense. In the event that Ingredion builds a planned 15 MW cogeneration plant, Cardinal LP will receive a fixed amount (subject to escalation) to provide operational and maintenance services to Ingredion's cogeneration plant. Upon completion, such plant will supply Ingredion with steam and electricity required for its corn wet milling plant. The Energy Savings Agreement also provides for Ingredion to receive a royalty payment based upon a portion of the market revenue earned by the Cardinal Cogen Facility from any electricity sales. In the event that Ingredion terminates the Energy Savings

Agreement prior to the end of its term under certain prescribed circumstances, Cardinal LP would have the option to purchase the land underlying the Cardinal Cogen Facility for a nominal amount. If Cardinal LP exercises such option, Cardinal LP would be required to pay an early termination fee that declines over time. Cardinal LP has the option to extend the term of the Energy Savings Agreement for up to two years, on substantially the same terms.

During 2015, the land underlying the Cardinal Cogen Facility was leased from Ingredion under a premises lease and facilities agreement. The term of the lease runs concurrently with the Energy Savings Agreement. Under the lease, Cardinal LP is required to make fixed monthly lease payments to Ingredion.

#### Cardinal Gas Purchase Arrangements

Until April 30, 2015, Cardinal LP purchased the natural gas to operate the Cardinal Cogen Facility from Husky Oil Operations Limited under a gas purchase agreement made as of August 8, 1991, as amended (the Cardinal GPA"). Upon the expiry of the Cardinal GPA, Cardinal LP began to purchase the natural gas to operate the Cardinal Cogen Facility on the spot market.

#### Cardinal Debt

On March 18, 2016, the Corporation completed a \$83 million financing from National Bank of Canada for the Cardinal Cogen Facility. The seven year loan carries an interest rate of 2.87% and amortizes over 18 years. The debt is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and is secured by the facility's assets and the ownership interests in the Cardinal Cogen Facility.

#### Wind

#### **Erie Shores Wind Farm**

The Erie Shores Wind Farm is located near Port Burwell, Ontario. The facility consists of 66 General Electric Company 1.5 SLE wind turbines and it achieved commercial operation in May 2006. Each of the wind turbines has a capacity of 1.5 MW, for a total facility capacity of 99 MW. One of the wind turbines located at the facility is owned by a local land owner who hosts a number of the facility's other wind turbines on his land. The Erie Shores Wind Farm maintains operational and managerial control of this wind turbine and the land owner is entitled to receive the revenue generated by his wind turbine less 1/66th of all operating and maintenance expenses and costs of the facility as a whole, not including property taxes, land leases and interest expense and principal payments.

ESWFLP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC and the owner of the Erie Shores Wind Farm, is a party to a Renewable Energy Supply Contract (the "Erie Shores PPA") with the OPA (now the IESO) which provides for the sale of all of the electricity generated by the Erie Shores Wind Farm until 2026. As a result of certain changes to the IESO's market rules regarding the Dispatch of certain renewable generators, the Erie Shores PPA was amended effective as of March 1, 2013 to provide compensation to ESWFLP for any foregone production due to economic curtailment above both an annual cap and a total cap over the remaining term of the Erie Shores PPA. These caps are based on MWh per MW of capacity of the facility.

As at December 31, 2015, the following debt was outstanding related to the Erie Shores Wind Farm: (i) approximately \$48.0 million fully-amortizing tranche A debt which bears interest at a rate of 5.96% per annum, payable quarterly with a maturity date of April 1, 2026; (ii) approximately \$0.5 million fully-amortizing tranche B debt which bears interest at a rate of 5.28% per annum, payable quarterly with a maturity date of April 1, 2016; and (iii) approximately\$31.6 million fully-amortizing tranche C debt which bears interest at a rate of 6.15% per annum, payable quarterly with a maturity date of April 1, 2026. The Erie Shores Wind Farm's debt contains standard representations and warranties, covenants (including financial covenants and financial ratios) and events of default. The debt is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and is secured by the facility's assets and the ownership interests in ESWFLP as well as a \$5 million guarantee from CPC.

# **Ferndale Wind Facility**

Sky Generation LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC, owns the 5.1 MW Ferndale Wind Facility, which is located near Lion's Head, Ontario. The facility consists of one Vestas V80 1.8 MW wind turbine which began commercial operations in 2002 and two Vestas V82 1.65 MW wind turbines which began commercial operations in 2006. The electrical output from the facility is contracted to the IESO under a RESOP Contract, which expires in 2026.

As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$23.9 million aggregate principal amount of debt and approximately \$10 million aggregate principal amount of promissory notes related to the Ferndale Wind Facility, Proof Line I Wind Facility and Ravenswood Wind Facility were owed by Sky Generation LP, the owner of these facilities. The approximately \$10 million aggregate principal amount of promissory notes were fully repaid on February 8, 2016. The debt bears interest at rates between 4.22% and 6.22%, is secured by the facilities' assets and the ownership interests in Sky Generation LP, is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and matures in 2017. Blended monthly payments of principal and interest are paid over the term of the debt.

#### **Goulais Wind Facility**

CPC indirectly owns a 51% interest in Chi-Wiikwedong LP, the owner of the 25 MW Goulais Wind Facility, which is located near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The remaining 49% ownership interest in Chi-Wiikwedong LP is held by a subsidiary of the Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways. The electrical output from the facility is sold to the IESO under a contract (a "FIT Contract") made under the Province of Ontario's Feed-In Tariff ("FIT") Program with a 20-year term expiring in 2035. The Goulais Wind Facility, which began commercial operations on May 21, 2015, consists of 11 Siemens SWT-2.3-113 Direct Drive wind turbines. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$76.4 million in aggregate principal amount of debt relating to the Goulais Wind Facility was outstanding. The debt bears interest at a fixed rate of approximately 5.16% per annum, is secured by the facility's assets and the ownership interests in the wind facility, is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and is fully amortizing over the term of the loan, which matures in 2034.

#### **Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility**

CPC indirectly owns a 75% interest in a joint venture which owns the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility and in Grey Highlands Nominee (No. 1) Ltd, the bare trustee for the project. GHG Wind Development LP, the CPC subsidiary, has the right to purchase the remaining 25% interest in the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility indirectly

held by Zero Emissions People Wind Fund Inc. ("Zero Emissions People") during the commercial operations period. Subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions under a convertible debenture held by a subsidiary of Concord Green Energy Inc. ("Concord"), Concord has a right to convert its debt into a 50% equity interest in the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility during the commercial operations period. The electrical output from the facility is sold to the IESO under a FIT Contract made under the FIT Program with a 20 year term. The Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility, which began commercial operations on February 26, 2016, consists of 5 Senvion MM92 wind turbines.

In December 2015, the Corporation completed a \$82 million financing from Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (Canada) and Bayerische Landesbank, New York for the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility and Ganaraska facility. The construction plus five year loan carries an interest rate of 2.59% pre-term conversion, 3.08% for the first three years of the five year term and 3.33% for the fourth and fifth year of the five year term, and is scheduled to amortize over 18 years. The debt is secured by the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility, the Ganaraska facility assets and the ownership interests in GHG Wind Development LP. The debt is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and is scheduled to amortize over 18 years. As at December 31, 2015, GHG Wind Development LP had an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$30.2 million of outstanding debt.

# **Proof Line I Wind Facility**

Sky Generation LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC, owns the 6.6 MW Proof Line I Wind Facility located near Forest, Ontario. The facility, which began commercial operations in 2009, consists of four Vestas V82 1.65 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is contracted to the IESO under a contract (a "RESOP Contract") that was made under the Province of Ontario's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program ("RESOP") and expires in 2029. The project-finance debt related to the Proof Line I Wind Facility is described above under the heading "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Wind – Ferndale Wind Facility".

#### **Ravenswood Wind Facility**

Sky Generation LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC, owns the 9.9 MW Ravenswood Wind Facility, which is located near Forest, Ontario. The facility, which began commercial operations in 2008, consists of six Vestas V82 1.65 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is sold to the IESO under a RESOP Contract that expires in 2027. The project-finance debt related to the Ravenswood Wind Facility is described above under the heading "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Wind – Ferndale Wind Facility".

#### **Skyway 8 Wind Facility**

Sky Generation LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC, owns the 9.5 MW Skyway 8 Wind Facility, located near Dundalk, Ontario. The facility, which commenced commercial operation in August 2014, consists of two Vestas V100 1.8 MW wind turbines and three Vestas V100 1.95 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is sold to the IESO under a RESOP Contract that expires in 2034. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$19.7 million aggregate principal amount of debt related to the Skyway 8 Wind Facility was outstanding. On February 17, 2015, the construction facility converted to a three-year term facility, which has regular principal and interest payments fully amortizing over 20 years, and bears interest at a rate of 4.80%. The Skyway 8 Wind Facility's debt is secured by the facility's assets and is non-recourse to Capstone, except for a \$5 million parent guarantee from CPC.

#### **Amherst Wind Facility**

CPC owns a 51% interest in SP Amherst Wind Power LP, the owner of the 31.5 MW Amherst Wind Facility located near Amherst, Nova Scotia. The remaining 49% ownership interest in SP Amherst Wind Power LP is held by Firelight Infrastructure Partners L.P. and its affiliates, which are not affiliated with the Corporation. The facility, which began commercial operations in April 2012, consists of 15 Suzlon S97 2.1 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is contracted to Nova Scotia Power Inc. ("NSPI") under a 25-year PPA which expires in 2037. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$41.1 million aggregate principal amount of debt related to the Amherst Wind Facility's assets (with a \$1 million guarantee from each of CPC and Firelight Infrastructure Partners L.P.) and the ownership interests in SP Amherst Wind Power LP, is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and matures in April 2032. Blended monthly payments of principal and interest are paid over the term of the debt.

# **Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind Facility**

CPC owns a 50% interest in Fitzpatrick Mountain Energy Inc., the owner of the 1.6 MW Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind Facility, which is located near Pictou, Nova Scotia and is operated and managed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC. The remaining 50% ownership interest in Fitzpatrick Mountain Energy Inc. is held by Wind Canada Investments Ltd., which is not affiliated with the Corporation. The facility, which began commercial operations in 2007, consists of two Enercon E48 0.8 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is contracted to NSPI under a PPA expiring in 2022. Under an equipment sale and lease-back transaction, the facility sold its turbines to a commercial bank in June 2008 and entered into a five-year equipment lease. In 2013, at the end of the original lease term, a lease extension was entered into for a further five-year term. This extension also contains an option to purchase the equipment for a nominal amount at the end of the term.

#### Glace Bay I Wind Facility and Glace Bay II Wind Facility

Glace Bay Lingan Wind Power Ltd., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC, owns the 17.5 MW Glace Bay I Wind Facility and the 2.3 MW Glace Bay II Wind Facility, both of which are located near Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. The Glace Bay I Wind Facility was commissioned and began commercial operations in 2005 and 2007 and the Glace Bay II Wind Facility began commercial operations in 2012. The facilities consist of a total of six Enercon E70 2.31 MW wind turbines, two Enercon E48 0.8 MW wind turbines, one Enercon E82 2.3 MW wind turbine and one Enercon E70 2.05 MW wind turbine. The electrical output from the Glace Bay I Wind Facility is contracted to NSPI under two 15-year PPAs which expire in 2020 and 2022 and the electrical output from the Glace Bay II Wind Facility is contracted to NSPI under a 20-year PPA which expires in 2032. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$14.9 million aggregate principal amount of debt related to the Glace Bay I Wind Facility and the Glace Bay II Wind Facility was outstanding. This debt bears interest at rates of between 4.72% and 6.36%, is secured by the facilities' assets and the ownership interests in Glace Bay Lingan Wind Power Ltd., is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and matures between 2019 and 2032. Blended monthly payments of principal and interest are paid over the term of the respective debt tranches.

#### Glen Dhu I Wind Facility

CPC indirectly owns a 49% interest in Glen Dhu Wind Energy Limited Partnership, the owner of the 62.1 MW Glen Dhu I Wind Facility, which is located near Merigomish, Nova Scotia and operated and managed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC. The remaining 51% ownership interest in Glen Dhu Wind Energy Limited Partnership is held by Genera Avante Holdings Canada Inc., which is not affiliated with the Corporation. The facility, which began commercial operations in March 2011, consists of 27 Enercon E82 2.3 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is contracted to NSPI under a 20-year PPA which expires in 2031. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$100.3 million aggregate principal amount of debt related to the Glen Dhu I Wind Facility was outstanding. The Glen Dhu I Wind Facility's debt bears interest at a rate of 5.33%, is secured by the facility's assets and the ownership interests in Glen Dhu Wind Energy Limited Partnership, is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets and is fully-amortizing over the term of the PPA with NSPI.

#### Saint-Philémon Wind Facility

CPC owns a 51% interest in Parc Eolien Saint-Philémon S.E.C., the owner of the 24 MW Saint-Philémon Wind Facility, which is located near Saint-Philémon, Québec. The remaining 49% ownership interest in Parc Eolien Saint-Philémon S.E.C. is held by the Municipalité de Saint-Philémon and the Municipalité Régionale de Comté de Bellechasse, which are not affiliated with the Corporation. The facility, which began commercial operations in January 2015, consists of eight Enercon E82 3 MW wind turbines. The electrical output from the facility is contracted to Hydro-Québec under a 20-year PPA which expires in 2035. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$55.5 million aggregate principal amount of Tranche A debt related to the Saint-Philémon Wind Facility was outstanding. The Tranche B debt was repaid in June 2015. The Saint-Philémon Wind Facility's Tranche A debt bears interest at a rate of 5.49%, is secured by the facility's assets and the ownership interests in Parc Eolien Saint-Philémon S.E.C., and is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets. The Tranche A debt is fully-amortizing over the term of the PPA with Hydro-Québec.

# Wind Power Facilities' O&M Arrangements

The following operations and maintenance ("O&M") arrangements are in place at the Wind Power Facilities:

Wind Power Facility	O&M Provider	Expiry of O&M Agreement
Erie Shores	_(1)	-
Ferndale	Vestas	2019
Goulais	Siemens	2020
Grey Highlands ZEP	Senvion	2021
Proof Line I	Vestas	2019
Ravenswood	Vestas	2019
Skyway 8	Vestas	2019
Amherst	Suzlon	2022
Fitzpatrick Mountain	Enercon	2017
Glace Bay I and II	Enercon	2017, 2018 and 2024
Glen Dhu I	Enercon <sup>(2)</sup>	2023
Saint-Philémon	Enercon	2029

#### Notes:

- O&M activities at the Erie Shores Wind Farm are provided by employees of ESWFLP, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation and the owner of the Erie Shores Wind Farm.
- O&M activities at the Glen Dhu I Wind Facility exclude costs related to cranes and transportation of parts.

#### **Wind Development Projects**

The Corporation has approximately an aggregate net 47 MW of wind projects in development (the "Wind Development Projects") with executed PPAs, as summarized below:

Wind Development Project and Status	Expected Gross Capacity (MW)	Capstone's Expected Ownership Interest	Location	Power Purchaser	PPA Term (from Commercial Operation Date)
<b>Under Construction</b>					
Ganaraska	18	50%	Ontario	IESO	20 years
Grey Highlands Clean	18	100%	Ontario	IESO	20 years
Snowy Ridge	10	50%	Ontario	IESO	20 years
Permitting					
Settlers Landing	10	50%	Ontario	IESO	20 years
Riverhurst	10	100%	Saskatchewan	SaskPower <sup>(1)</sup>	20 years

#### Notes:

#### Under Construction - Ganaraska, Snowy Ridge and Grey Highlands Clean

CPC indirectly owns a 75% interest in two joint ventures which beneficially own the Ganaraska and Snowy Ridge wind projects. The CPC subsidiaries expect to purchase the remaining 25% interest in the Ganaraska and Snowy Ridge wind projects indirectly held by Zero Emissions People Wind Fund Inc. during the commercial operations periods of these projects. Subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions under a convertible debenture held by a subsidiary of Concord, Concord has a right to convert its debt into a 50% equity interest in these wind projects during the commercial operations period. The electrical output from each facility will be sold to the IESO under a FIT Contract made under the FIT Program with a 20 year term. The Ganaraska wind facility will consist of 9 Senvion MM92 wind turbines and the Snowy Ridge wind facility will consist of 5 Senvion MM92 wind turbines. The Ganaraska wind project was project financed together with the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility in December 2015. The outstanding debt, held by GHG Wind Development LP, is described under the heading "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure – Wind – Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility".

CPC indirectly owns a 75% interest in the Grey Highlands Clean project, and expects to acquire the remaining 25% of the project during the commercial operations period. The electrical output from the facility will be sold to the IESO under a FIT Contract made under the FIT Program with a 20 year term, and the Grey Highlands Clean

<sup>(1)</sup> Project has been accepted under the SaskPower Green Options Partners Program but the PPA has not been executed.

wind facility will consist of 9 Senvion MM92 wind turbines. On March 24, 2016, the Corporation completed a \$55.1 million financing from Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (Canada) and Bayerische Landesbank, New York for the Grey Highlands Clean wind facility. The construction plus five year loan carries an interest rate of 2.680% pre-term conversion, 2.865% for the first three years of the five year term and 3.110% for the fourth and fifth year of the five year term, and is scheduled to amortize over 18 years. The debt is secured by Grey Highlands Clean Facility assets and the ownership interests in Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP, and is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets.

On June 22, 2015, the Corporation announced that it had secured a Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for the Snowy Ridge wind project. The Corporation also received REAs for the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility, the Ganaraska wind project, the Grey Highlands Clean wind project and the Settlers Landing wind project. The REA for each of these projects was appealed to the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal (the "ERT"). The ERT dismissed the appeals initiated in relation to the Ganaraska project, Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility, Grey Highlands Clean project and Snowy Ridge project on August 11, 2015, August 13, 2015, October 16, 2015 and December 22, 2015, respectively. The appellant to the Ganaraska ERT appeal filed an appeal to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the "Minister"), and on March 7, 2016, the Minister confirmed the decision of the ERT to dismiss the appeal. The appellant to the Grey Highlands Clean ERT filed an appeal to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice ("Divisional Court") on November 13, 2015 and the hearing date has not yet been set. On January 22, 2016, the appellant to the Snowy Ridge ERT appeal also filed an appeal to the Minister. The Minister has received all submissions and a decision from the Minister is pending.

The Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility, the Ganaraska wind project, the Grey Highlands Clean wind project and the Snowy Ridge wind project proceeded to the construction phase, and the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility achieved commercial operations in February 2016. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Wind - Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility."

#### Permitting - Settlers Landing

The 10 MW Settlers Landing wind project is located in Ontario, has a 20-year FIT Contract and is being developed by the Corporation. CPC indirectly owns 75% interest in a joint venture which beneficially owns the Settlers Landing wind project, and the CPC subsidiaries expect to purchase the remaining 25% interest in the Settlers Landing wind project indirectly held by Zero Emissions People. Subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions under a convertible debenture held by a subsidiary of Concord, Concord has a right to convert its debt into a 50% equity interest in the Settlers Landing project during the commercial operations period.

The REA for the Settlers Landing wind project was also appealed to the ERT. On December 7, 2015, the ERT for the Settlers Landing project issued its findings that the construction and decommissioning of two turbines will cause serious and irreversible harm to a woodland identified as "Woodlot 11". The Corporation is preparing its remedies submissions to the ERT with respect to the Settlers Landing ERT findings.

# Permitting - Riverhurst

The Corporation's 10 MW Riverhurst wind project is located near Riverhurst, Saskatchewan. The project was a successful applicant under SaskPower's Green Options Power Program, and expects to enter into a 20-year PPA with SaskPower following completion of the interconnection assessment process in 2016.

#### Hydro

The Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility, the Sechelt Hydro Facility, the Dryden Hydro Facility and the Wataway Hydro Facility (collectively, the "Hydro Power Facilities") are owned by MPT Hydro LP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC.

#### **Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility**

The Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility is a hydro power facility with an installed capacity of 3.0 MW located near Dease Lake, British Columbia ("BC"). Electrical power generated by the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility is sold to BC Hydro for distribution in the community of Dease Lake through a non-integrated distribution system. The Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility commenced commercial operations in January 2000. Regional Power Opco Inc., a subsidiary of Regional Power Inc. ("Regional Power") which is in turn a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation, operates the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility pursuant to the Hydro Power O&M Agreement (see "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Hydro – Hydro Power O&M Agreement"). Under a PPA dated November 1, 1993 with BC Hydro, as amended, BC Hydro is obligated (subject to the terms of the PPA) to purchase all energy required to meet the load demand of the Town of Dease Lake from the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility until January 31, 2020. The 3.0 MW installed capacity of the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility is expected to meet the requirements of the Town of Dease Lake until such time.

The Tahltan First Nation entered into a non-disturbance agreement dated February 27, 1999 regarding any potential acquisition of jurisdiction through the treaty process to the lands on which the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility is located or to the rights to impose taxes, fees, levies or other monetary charges. Pursuant to this agreement, the Tahltan First Nation has agreed that if it obtains any such jurisdiction, it will treat all leases, permits, licences and renewals with respect to the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility in a manner consistent with the present treatment by the Province of BC. The Tahltan Nation Development Corporation (the "TNDC") has the right to purchase all or a portion of the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility at fair market value within six months following the maturity of the initial 20-year term of the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility's PPA. If the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility is offered for sale any time after the fifth year of the PPA, TNDC has the right for a 90-day period to negotiate the purchase of the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility before it is offered for sale to others. In addition, TNDC is entitled to a 33% net profit interest in the Corporation's net profit from the sale of electricity generated by the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility to industrial customers other than BC Hydro. To date, there have been no sales to industrial customers.

# **Sechelt Hydro Facility**

The Sechelt Hydro Facility is a hydro power facility located near Sechelt, BC. The Sechelt Hydro Facility has an installed capacity of 16 MW and commercial operations began in March 1997. Regional Power operates the Sechelt

Hydro Facility pursuant to the Hydro Power O&M Agreement (see "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Hydro – Hydro Power O&M Agreement"). The sale of power from the Sechelt Hydro Facility to BC Hydro is governed by a PPA dated August 31, 1990, which expires in 2017, 20 years from the facility's commercial operations date. Following the initial term, the Sechelt Hydro Facility's PPA will continue in force from year to year unless otherwise terminated upon six months' notice by either party. Under the PPA, the Sechelt Hydro Facility is required to make available to BC Hydro not less than 57 GWhs per year. The Sechelt Hydro Facility has met this requirement every year since commissioning.

#### **Dryden Hydro Facility**

The Dryden Hydro Facility consists of three hydro generating stations with a total installed capacity of 3.25 MW. The Wainwright hydro generating station was built in 1922 on the Wabigoon River in Dryden, Ontario. The Eagle River hydro generating station was built in 1928 at the outlet of Eagle Lake about 30 kilometres west of Dryden. The McKenzie Falls hydro generating station was built in 1938 on the Eagle River two kilometres downstream of the Eagle River generating station. The Dryden Hydro Facility is operated by Regional Power pursuant to the Hydro Power O&M Agreement (see "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Hydro – Hydro Power O&M Agreement"). Power produced from the Dryden Hydro Facility is sold to the OEFC under a PPA dated October 23, 1990 pursuant to which the OEFC has committed to purchase all electricity produced by the Dryden Hydro Facility at contracted rates (subject to certain escalation provisions). The PPA has an initial term of 30 years ending on November 1, 2020.

#### **Wawatay Hydro Facility**

The Wawatay Hydro Facility is a hydro power facility with an installed capacity of 13.5 MW located near Marathon, Ontario. Commercial operations at the Wawatay Hydro Facility began in 1992. The Wawatay Hydro Facility is operated by Regional Power pursuant to the Hydro Power O&M Agreement (see "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Hydro – Hydro Power O&M Agreement"). Power produced by the Wawatay Hydro Facility is sold to the OEFC under a PPA dated April 1, 1992 pursuant to which the OEFC has committed to purchase all electricity produced by the facility at contracted rates (subject to certain escalation provisions). The PPA expires in 2042, 50 years from the facility's commercial operations date.

The Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation (the "Pic River FN") are entitled to receive a net profit interest in the revenue earned by the Wawatay Hydro Facility equal to 10% of any positive amount obtained by subtracting the sum of the facility's cumulative costs, the cumulative deemed interest charges and certain project financing charges from the cumulative revenues of the Wawatay Hydro Facility. The Pic River FN received payments totalling approximately \$219,428 in respect of the year ended December 31, 2015. The Pic River FN has also agreed that if its claim to any aboriginal interest in or rights to any lands or waters or activities carried on in, on or over any lands or waters shall at any time be upheld by a court, the Pic River FN will not exercise any such interest or rights so as to in any manner interfere with the operation of the Wawatay Hydro Facility or any modification or expansion thereof. The agreement requires the Wawatay Hydro Facility to use its best efforts to give priority to employing members of the Pic River FN who are equally qualified with other persons being offered employment and to require its contractors and subcontractors to use their best efforts to give such priority in employing personnel to work at the Wawatay Hydro

Facility. The Pic River FN is also entitled to 90 days' notice of any proposed sale of the Wawatay Hydro Facility and has the right to purchase all of the assets proposed to be sold at the price and upon the terms specified in the notice within such 90-day period.

## **Hydro Power O&M Agreement**

The Hydro Power Facilities are operated by Regional Power. Regional Power and its predecessors have operated the Sechelt Hydro Facility since its completion in 1997, the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility since its completion in 2000, the Wawatay Hydro Facility since its completion in 1992 and the Dryden Hydro Facility since 1986. Under the Hydro Power O&M Agreement, Regional Power operates, maintains and manages the Hydro Power Facilities in accordance with prudent industry practice and an annual operating plan developed by Regional Power and approved by MPT Hydro LP. The Hydro Power O&M Agreement had an initial term of 10 years, which expired on November 30, 2011, and the agreement was automatically renewed for the first of its two additional five-year terms, which will expire on November 30, 2016. Subject to the Hydro Power Facilities meeting certain production milestones over prescribed periods, the second five-year renewal will occur automatically unless Regional Power provides notice at least 180 days prior to the end of the first five-year renewal.

# **Hydro Bonds**

On June 6, 2012, MPT Hydro LP completed an offering of approximately \$80.4 million aggregate principal amount senior secured bonds and approximately \$20.2 million aggregate principal amount subordinated secured bonds (collectively, the "Hydro Bonds"). The Hydro Bonds are fully amortizing with 28-year and 29-year terms, bear interest at fixed rates of 4.56% and 7.00% and their principal amounts outstanding as of December 31, 2015 were \$65.0 million and \$20.2 million, respectively. The senior secured Hydro Bonds are secured by the assets comprising the Hydro Power Facilities and a limited recourse guarantee with respect to CPC's ownership interest in MPT Hydro LP and CPOT Title Corp. (the general partner of MPT Hydro LP). The subordinated secured Hydro Bonds are secured by the same security package, but are subordinated to any indebtedness owing to the holders of the senior secured Hydro Bonds. The Hydro Bonds are non-recourse to the Corporation's other businesses and assets.

The Hydro Bonds were issued under bond purchase agreements (the "Hydro Bond Purchase Agreements") entered into between each of the bond purchasers and MPT Hydro LP. The terms of the Hydro Bonds are governed by a trust indenture dated June 6, 2012 (such indenture, together with any supplements thereof, the "Hydro Bond Indenture") between MPT Hydro LP and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as trustee, a first supplemental indenture dated June 6, 2012 to the Hydro Bond Indenture providing for the issuance of the senior secured Hydro Bonds, and a second supplemental indenture dated June 6, 2012 to the Hydro Bond Indenture providing for the issuance of the subordinated secured Hydro Bonds. The Hydro Bond Purchase Agreements and the Hydro Bond Indenture contain terms, representations and warranties, covenants, indemnities and events of default that are customary for bond financing transactions of this nature. Subject to certain conditions, the senior secured and the subordinated secured Hydro Bonds are redeemable, in whole or in part, at the option of MPT Hydro LP and subject to certain additional conditions.

#### **Biomass**

## **Whitecourt Biomass Facility**

#### **Overview**

The Whitecourt Biomass Facility is a wood waste-fired electricity generating facility located near Whitecourt, Alberta, with a net installed capacity of 25 MW. The Whitecourt Biomass Facility consists of one General Electric Company steam turbine generator and began commercial operations in 1994.

# Whitecourt Power Sale Arrangements

During 2015, the electricity produced at the Whitecourt Biomass Facility was sold at the hourly average Power Pool spot price, with the revenue received by the Whitecourt Biomass Facility subject to a sharing mechanism with Millar Western when the spot price for electricity differs from a contractually-agreed upon amount (see "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Biomass – Whitecourt Biomass Facility – Wood Waste Supply Arrangements"). Prior to 2015, the first 20.7 MW of electricity produced at the Whitecourt Biomass Facility was sold pursuant to a PPA dated November 6, 1990 (the "Whitecourt PPA") between WPLP and TransAlta Utilities Corp. During 2015, the income earned from the sale of electricity produced by the Whitecourt Biomass Facility was less than WPLP earned under the Whitecourt PPA, and it is anticipated that this will continue to be the case (see "Risk Factors – Risks Related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities – Power Purchase Agreements" and "Dividends – Dividend Policies").

#### Renewable Energy Credits

In 1997, the Whitecourt Biomass Facility was the first power project to be certified under the Canadian federal government's EcoLogo environmental certification program, and it has continued to be re-certified under the latest EcoLogo standards. To qualify under the EcoLogo program, the facility was required to meet certain requirements, including not exceeding certain greenhouse gas emission thresholds and not using certain species of plants as fuel. During 2015, the Whitecourt Biomass Facility sold renewable energy credits ("RECs") certified under the EcoLogo program. Each REC represents one MWh of electricity generated from an eligible renewable energy resource. It is expected that the Whitecourt Biomass Facility will continue to sell its RECs for future periods, provided that the facility remains certified under the EcoLogo program.

# Wood Waste Supply Arrangements

Operating at full capacity, the Whitecourt Biomass Facility consumes approximately 300,000 green metric tonnes of wood waste per year. Wood waste fuel is delivered by a third party transport company at the Whitecourt Biomass Facility's cost. Millar Western operates a sawmill and a pulp mill that are located approximately three kilometres away from the Whitecourt Biomass Facility and the Fox Creek sawmill which is located approximately 65 kilometres away.

Pursuant to a fuel supply agreement between Millar Western and WPLP dated as of March 2, 2015, Millar Western supplies wood waste to the Whitecourt Biomass Facility. The fuel supply agreement has a term of 15 years

(extendable to 20 years upon mutual agreement between Millar Western and WPLP), and includes sharing mechanisms with Millar Western when the spot price for electricity differs from a contractually-agreed upon amount.

In July 2011, a five-year supply agreement was entered into with Blue Ridge Lumber Inc., a subsidiary of West Fraser Mills Ltd., for the supply of a maximum of 25,000 green metric tonnes of wood waste per year.

## **Chapais Biomass Facility**

#### **Overview**

The Chapais Biomass Facility is a wood waste-fired electricity generating facility located in Chapais, Québec with a net installed capacity of 28 MW that began commercial operations in 1995. The Chapais Biomass Facility is owned by Chapais Énergie, société en commandite ("CHESEC"), a limited partnership whose sole general partner is Chapais Électrique Limitée ("CHEL") and whose limited partners are CHEL and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CHEL. Northland Power Inc. provides O&M services to the facility. Electricity produced at the Chapais Biomass Facility is sold pursuant to a PPA dated December 1, 2015 between CHESEC and Hydro-Québec (the "Chapais PPA") at contracted rates which expires on June 30, 2019. The Chapais PPA was entered into after the expiry of its original PPA on November 30, 2015.

#### Corporation's Investment

CPOT Holdings Corp., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation, owns 105 of the 336 outstanding Class B preferred shares in the capital of CHEL (the "CHEL Class B Shares"). The remaining outstanding capital of CHEL consists of 50 common shares and 400 Class preferred A shares, all of which are owned by third parties (including Northland Power Inc.). Dividends on the CHEL Class B Shares have never been paid and the Corporation previously determined that its investment in CHEL Class B Shares was fully impaired and has written down its value to nil. CPOT Holdings Corp. is also a lender to CHESEC. On December 1, 2015, the CHESEC Tranche A Senior Debt held by CPOT Holdings Corp. was fully repaid. Any future cash flows to the lenders from Chapais will be made from 50% of the net cash flows via payments on the CHESEC Tranche B Senior Debt, of which CPOT Holdings Corp. holds 24.8%. The other 50% of the net cash flows will be paid to the third party manager.

#### Solar

#### **Amherstburg Solar Park**

The Amherstburg Solar Park is a 20 MW crystalline solar photovoltaic ("PV") electricity generating facility located in Amherstburg, Ontario which is owned by ASP Partnership, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of CPC. The facility achieved commercial operation on June 30, 2011 and utilizes SunPower solar PV panels and single-axis T20 Trackers, which are engineered to follow the sun during the day, thereby increasing electricity production over fixed-tilt systems. Electricity generated by the Amherstburg Solar Park is sold under two 20-year RESOP Contracts with the IESO at contracted prices, both of which expire in 2031. SunPower operates and maintains the Amherstburg Solar Park under an O&M agreement that expires in 2031.

On July 9, 2015, the Corporation completed a \$95 million refinancing from The Canada Life Assurance Company and The Great-West Life Assurance Company for the 20 MW Amherstburg Solar Park. As at December 31, 2015, approximately \$92.4 million aggregate principal amount secured debt related to the Amherstburg Solar Park was outstanding. The loan carries an interest rate of 3.49% and fully amortizes over the term of the facility's power purchase agreement, which expires in 2031. The debt is secured by Amherstburg Solar Park's assets and the ownership interests therein, and is non-recourse to the Corporation's other assets.

## **Environmental, Health and Safety Matters**

The Power Infrastructure Facilities and their respective operations are subject to complex and stringent environmental, health and safety regulatory regimes, including, Environmental, Health and Safety Laws. The Power Infrastructure Facilities are managed in a manner designed to maintain compliance with Environmental, Health and Safety Laws and the Corporation believes that the Power Infrastructure Facilities and their respective operations are in compliance in all material respects with Environmental, Health and Safety Laws.

Due to the nature of their operations, none of the Power Infrastructure Facilities are subject to any material contingent environmental liabilities or environmental remediation costs upon the retirement of assets.

See "Risk Factors – Risks Related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities – Environmental" and "Risk Factors – Risks Related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities – Regulatory Environment".

# **Climate Change Initiatives**

Proposed Canadian federal and provincial legislation and guidelines to govern and regulate greenhouse gases ("GHGs") emissions, air pollution and carbon trading systems are in various stages of development, making the final form and scope of such legislation and guidelines, and how they may apply to the Corporation's businesses, difficult to predict. It is also unclear how federal and provincial legislation and guidelines will be coordinated. The Canadian federal climate change framework is expected to broadly match any climate change regulation activities that are undertaken in the US, where attempts to pass climate change legislation, including legislation for a cap-and-trade system, have been delayed.

The Corporation mitigates the potential impact of future federal and provincial environmental legislation and guidelines by remaining diligent in the operation of its facilities, including stringent policies and procedures to prevent the improper discharge of emissions or other pollutants from its facilities.

# Greenhouse Gases and Other Air Pollutants – Federal Requirements

Each of the Cardinal Cogen Facility, the Whitecourt Biomass Facility and the Chapais Biomass Facility emits GHGs and each facility complies, in all material respects, with current federal and provincial environmental legislation and guidelines on GHG and other emissions. The following discussion focuses only on the Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility, as the Wind Power Facilities, the Hydro Power Facilities and the Amherstburg Solar Park do not emit any material amounts of GHGs or other pollutants and the Corporation only has minority preferred equity and debt investments in the Chapais Biomass Facility.

The Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility are subject to various regulations promulgated under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, 1999 (Canada) ("CEPA"), in addition to provincial requirements. Pursuant to CEPA, facilities with GHG emissions of 50,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent or more per year are required to report their annual emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and certain other GHGs to Environment Canada. Both the Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility are subject to, and in compliance with, these reporting requirements.

In January 2010, the Canadian federal government announced an updated non-binding, GHG emissions reduction target of 17% from 2005 emission levels by 2020. In May of 2015 under the previous Conservative government, Canada committed to reduce its GHG emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030. In November of 2015, under the newly elected Trudeau government, Canada reaffirmed that commitment. In December of 2015, Canada, along with 194 other countries reached an historic agreement to maintain global temperature increases to below 2 degrees Celsius. However the specifics as to how Canada will implement its international commitments and the requirements it will impose, in addition to those of the Provinces, remain unclear. Until the federal requirements are finalized, it is difficult to predict their impact on the Corporation's operations at this time.

The Canadian federal government, along with the provincial and territorial governments, has developed a national framework for managing and regulating air pollutant emissions such as NOx, sulphur oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter, including specific caps on pollutants for each sector, including electricity generation. The new framework, known as the Air Quality Management System, involves the establishment of specific air quality standards. These standards will be used by the provinces and territories to implement air quality improvements. Until the Air Quality Management System is finalized, it is difficult to predict what impact and effect it may have on the business, operating results and financial condition of the Corporation.

#### Greenhouse Gases and Other Air Pollutants - Provincial Requirements

#### Ontario

The Cardinal Cogen Facility is subject to various provincial regulations promulgated by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. Facilities with GHG emissions of 10,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent or more per year are required to report their GHG emissions to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. If a facility releases 25,000 CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent or more per year then the report to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change must be verified by a party that is accredited to ISO 14065. The 10,000 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent threshold was introduced on January 1, 2016. Prior to 2016, the reporting threshold was 25,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent. The Cardinal Cogen Facility emitted approximately 85,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent in 2015 and was in compliance with its various CO<sub>2</sub> reporting requirements. Ontario also regulates the reporting, allocation and retirement of NOx and sulphur dioxide ("SO<sub>2</sub>") emissions. The Cardinal Cogen Facility has no reportable SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and NOx emissions fall below the levels mandated by legislation.

The Western Climate Initiative ("WCI"), is an organization that includes Ontario, BC, Québec, Manitoba as well as California. The WCI seeks to develop regional strategies to address climate change, including setting an overall regional goal to reduce GHG emissions and the design of a market-based mechanism to help achieve the

reduction goal. On April 15, 2015, the Ontario government signed an agreement with Quebec to create a joint cap-and-trade system to reduce GHG emissions.

The Ontario government introduced the Climate Change Mitigation and Low Carbon Economy Act and the Cap and Trade Program Regulations in February 2016. The act provides the legislative basis for the cap-and-trade program and the regulations provide further details of the program. The cap-and-trade program will be the primary tool for Ontario as it seeks to achieve its 2020 target of emissions being 15 per cent below 1990 emission levels. The electricity generation sector will be required to participate in the new cap-and-trade program. The cap-and-trade program is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2017. The first auction of emission allowances is scheduled for March 2017. Each year caps will be set that limit the amount of allowable GHG emissions, measured in tonnes of CO2-equivalent. The January 1, 2017 start date will mean that the cap needs to decline by 3.7 per cent per year to achieve the 2020 target. Both pieces of legislation will be the subject of consultation and certain details may change and it is not clear how this initiative will coordinate with federal and provincial plans (other than Quebec). As a result, the Corporation cannot provide a detailed analysis of the impact of the new Ontario cap-and-trade program on its operations at this time.

#### Alberta

The Whitecourt Biomass Facility is subject to the Province of Alberta's various environmental regulations, including GHG emissions regulations. Facilities with GHG emissions greater than 50,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent per year are required to report their GHG emissions, whereas facilities with GHG emissions greater than 100,000 tonnes per year are subject to emissions intensity reduction requirements. The Whitecourt Biomass Facility has not been subject to emissions intensity reduction requirements. The Alberta government also regulates other air emissions such as carbon monoxide, NOx and particulates. The Whitecourt Biomass Facility emitted approximately 285,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent in 2015 (the most recent year in which it was required to report its emissions) and is in compliance with its GHG and air emissions compliance and reporting requirements.

#### Seasonality

Certain of the PPAs for the Power Infrastructure Facilities provide for higher prices to be paid for electricity delivered from October to March and lower prices from April to September. In addition, the Power Infrastructure Facilities' operating results may fluctuate due to spot pricing and seasonal factors which affect seasonal production at a particular facility. Seasonal factors include scheduled major maintenance, seasonal electricity demands, and environmental factors such as water flows, wind speeds and density, temperature, solar insolation and humidity.

Electricity generated by each of the Wind Power Facilities fluctuates with the natural wind speed and density in the area of the facility. During the autumn and winter periods, wind speed and density are generally greater than during the spring and summer periods.

A significant portion of electricity generated by the Hydro Power Facilities fluctuates with the natural water flows of the respective watersheds. Typically, the second quarter, during the spring run-off, is the most productive period for the Wawatay Hydro Facility and the Sechelt Hydro Facility. The Dryden Hydro Facility, which has lower variability, has historically produced the most electricity during the third quarter.

Production at the Whitecourt Biomass Facility will fluctuate as a result of its semi-annual maintenance activities generally scheduled for April and October of each year.

Solar PV cells convert sunlight directly into electrical energy in proportion to the sunshine intensity and the angle at which solar photovoltaic cells are radiated. As a result, solar PV cells are capable of producing electricity even in the winter and during cloudy weather, although at a reduced rate. In the case of the Amherstburg Solar Park, electricity production typically varies over the course of a day, with peak production occurring at midday, and by season, with peak production occurring in the summer (in 2015, approximately 63% of the facility's annual production occurred during the second and third quarter).

Spot prices for electricity vary at different times of the year as a result of increased or decreased energy consumption or supply constraints or surpluses, often as a result of weather conditions. Commencing in 2015, each of the Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility bid all of the electricity that such facility produced into the Ontario and Alberta electricity markets, respectively, and received revenue related to the applicable market price. Accordingly, the financial results of the Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility could fluctuate in accordance with such seasonal variations (see also "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Biomass – Whitecourt Biomass Facility – Whitecourt Power Purchase Agreement").

# **Power Infrastructure Industry**

Provincial governments have authority over the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity within the provinces of Canada. From time to time, the various federal and provincial governments have introduced programs designed to incentivize various activities in respect to the electricity generation industry, particularly renewable energy, and have also put forth specific renewable energy generation targets. One such initiative was the Wind Power Production Incentive ("WPPI"), a Canadian federal government program that provided incentive payments to eligible wind energy projects commissioned between March 31, 2002 and April 1, 2007. In January 2007, the Canadian government announced the ecoEnergy Renewable Power Program, with the objective to encourage the development of clean power generation projects in Canada and to bring electricity prices from such projects more in line with those of conventional sources of electricity. The ecoEnergy Renewable Power Program replaced WPPI, effective April 1, 2007. Each of the Erie Shores Wind Farm, Glen Dhu I Wind Facility, Glace Bay I Wind Facility, Glace Bay II Wind Facility, Ravenswood Wind Facility, Proof Line I Wind Facility and Ferndale Wind Facility qualified for WPPI and/or the ecoEnergy Renewable Power Program and is entitled to receive a payment of \$10 per MWh generated for the first 10 years of production.

#### **Competitive Conditions in the Power Infrastructure Industry**

In the short term, as a result of the PPAs between the Power Infrastructure Facilities and their respective power purchasers, the Corporation believes that it does not face any material competition with respect to its Power Infrastructure Facilities. To the extent that electricity produced by a facility is sold in the market (as is currently the case for the Cardinal Cogen Facility's and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility's production), the particular facility may face competition resulting from bidding electricity into the open market and receiving the market price, or may face competition in entering into a bilateral power purchase contract with another counterparty to sell electricity at a negotiated price.

# **Regulatory Environment**

The general movement toward restructuring the Canadian electricity industry from vertically-integrated provincial monopolies to a competitive market model has been uneven, as each province has determined its policy in this area based on its assessment of its unique regional circumstances and issues. Some provinces, such as Alberta, have restructured their electricity market culminating in full retail access. Other provinces, such as BC, do not appear to have any plans to introduce full retail competition (although BC transmission systems do provide open access to allow independent power producers to move electricity to the export market or to distribution utilities and large industrial customers within the province). Nova Scotia currently has a limited wholesale electricity market (open only to NSPI and a handful of small municipal utilities) and an open access transmission regime to support it, but legislation enabling the opening of a competitive retail market for renewable electricity has recently been passed and clarification of the regime detailing how this market will be regulated is expected to occur in 2016. Still other provinces, such as Ontario, incorporate a hybrid system with some aspects of retail competition in that consumers can purchase electricity from independent retailers, but a large component of the aggregate price paid by consumers is still determined by regulation.

#### **UTILITIES**

#### **District Heating Business**

#### Värmevärden

# Overview

The Corporation, through MPT District Heating Luxembourg S.à.r.l. ("MPT DH"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation, holds a 33.3% ownership interest in a portfolio of district heating operations located in Sweden, which is branded as Värmevärden. The remaining 66.7% ownership interest is held by an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary ("MEIF II Sub") of Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund II ("MEIF II"), which is managed by an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of MGL. MPT DH and MEIF II Sub are the 33.3% and 66.7%, respectively, shareholders of Sefyr Heat Luxembourg S.à.r.l. ("DH HoldCo"), which is the sole shareholder of Sefyr Värme AB ("DH OpCo"). DH OpCo, in turn, is the shareholder of certain entities (collectively with DH HoldCo and DH OpCo, the "Värmevärden Group"), which together own the 10 district heating operations comprising the Värmevärden district heating business. See "The Corporation – Structure".

District heating refers to a distribution system that delivers heat to numerous buildings or industrial users within a community. District heating systems are community-scale infrastructure installations and generally comprise one or more central heat production facilities where fuel, such as biomass or oil, is converted into heat and/or steam, which is distributed through a closed-loop underground network of pipelines to customers. Customers use the heat and/or steam for space heating, domestic hot water heating and/or industrial heating and processes. Once the heat has been utilized, the water is returned to the central plant for reheating. For most industrial customers, district heating systems are highly integrated into their industrial processes.

The district heating operations which comprise Värmevärden operate as an integrated business with a dedicated management team leading approximately 92 employees (approximately 2/3 of which are unionized), and comprise a 100% ownership interest in eight district heating operations and a majority ownership interest in three district heating operations (in which local municipalities hold minority ownership interests ranging from 40% to 49%).

Värmevärden's facilities include both heat production, with a total capacity of approximately 639 MW thermal, and distribution. In the year ended December 31, 2015, Värmevärden's total energy sales were approximately 1.2 terrawatt hours and its revenue was approximately SEK 580 million (or approximately \$89 million). The following table lists the name, ownership interest and service area in Sweden of Värmevärden's 10 district heating operations as at March 29, 2016:

Name	Ownership	Service Area
Avesta	100%	Avesta, Skogsbo and Krylbo
Nynashamn	100%	Nynashamn region
Hudiksvall	100%	City of Hudiksvall and 3 smaller regions
Kristinehamn	100%	Kristinehamn
Grums	100%	Municipality of Grums
Hofors	60%	Urban areas of Hofors
Hällefors	100%	Urban Hällefors and Grythyttan
Torsby	100%	Urban areas of Torsby
Ljusnarsberg	100%	Areas of Kopparberg
Säffle	51%	Area of Säfffle

Värmevärden's closed-loop networks of pipelines total approximately 300 kilometres in aggregate with approximately 4,000 supply points in aggregate (the majority of which are connections to multi-unit residential buildings). Värmevärden derives its revenue from both residential customers, primarily the residents of multi-unit residential buildings, and a number of industrial customers. Rates under residential contracts are set annually, which provides Värmevärden with some flexibility to manage any increases in the price of fuel. Industrial customers generally enter into long-term contracts which contain price escalators linked to a combination of inflation and fuel price indices. Current industrial contracts are scheduled to expire on a staggered basis over the next five years, but are generally expected to be renewed on comparable terms as a result of the extensive integration of Värmevärden's system into the operations of these industrial customers. See "Risk Factors – Risks Related to Värmevärden – Industrial and Residential Contracts". A small portion of Värmevärden's revenue is derived from other sources, such as sales of merchant power and electricity emissions certificates. Värmevärden's residential and industrial customers each pay a fixed capacity payment as well as for the volume of heat they consume.

Värmevärden relies on various fuel sources, including biomass and oil, in its production of heat and has agreements with various fuel suppliers to ensure that such fuels are available. Biomass, a by-product of Sweden's large domestic forestry industry, accounted for approximately 50% of the fuel used by Värmevärden in 2015, with approximately 30% of fuel derived from a combination of waste products and biofuel. Some of Värmevärden's

facilities also partner with local industries, such as saw mills, paper mills and steel mills, to distribute the excess heat generated by their industrial processes to Värmevärden's district heating consumers. Such heat contributed approximately 15% of Värmevärden's fuel mix in 2015, with oil and electricity comprising approximately 5% of Värmevärden's fuel mix.

#### Governance

The DH HoldCo Board of Managers, which is analogous to the board of directors of a Canadian corporation, consists of four Managers: one Manager appointed by the Corporation, two Managers appointed by MEIF II and one independent Manager. The boards of other entities in the Värmevärden Group are similarly composed of representatives of each DH HoldCo shareholder. Generally, board matters are approved by a majority of Managers voting on the matter. However, certain board matters require the approval of all Managers appointed by the DH HoldCo shareholders, including (subject to specified monetary thresholds, as applicable): the annual business plan and budget, material litigation, material acquisitions and dispositions, material indebtedness, material capital expenditures, and the appointment, compensation and removal of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and any senior officer. In addition, certain other matters require the approval of at least 70% of the votes cast by DH HoldCo shareholders, including: significant changes in the scope or nature of the business, amendments to constating documents, the admission of new shareholders (with certain exceptions) and a change in the dividend policy, subject to certain exceptions. In addition, the Corporation and MEIF II each have a right of first refusal over the transfer of the other party's interest in DH HoldCo ordinary shares along with a tag-along right where greater than 66% of DH HoldCo ordinary shares are proposed to be transferred.

# DH OpCo Bond Financing

During February and March 2012, DH OpCo completed the issuance of senior secured bonds (the "Värmevärden Bonds") to certain institutional investors in Sweden for aggregate proceeds of SEK 1 billion (approximately \$150 million). The Värmevärden Bonds carry a coupon of 7.0%, have a term of five years and are non-amortizing. The terms and conditions governing the Värmevärden Bonds contain representations and warranties, covenants, indemnities and events of default that are customary for instruments of this nature.

## **Environmental Matters**

Värmevärden holds all material permits and approvals required for its various operations, which are subject to a complex and stringent environmental, health and safety regulatory regime, including Environmental, Health and Safety Laws. Värmevärden's facilities are managed in a manner designed to maintain compliance with Environmental, Health and Safety Laws. The Corporation believes that Värmevärden and its operations are in compliance in all material respects with Environmental, Health and Safety Laws.

In 2007, the European Union (the "EU") adopted a long-term climate change target, which is commonly referred to as 20-20-20. The goal of the target is for member states to increase the proportion of renewable energy to 20% of total production, reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 20% and reduce energy use by 20%, all by 2020. The government of Sweden has subscribed to the 20-20-20 targets and it has made biomass-fired and waste-fired district

heating facilities an important component in its overall plan to meet its  $CO_2$  reduction commitments. See "Risk Factors – Risks Related to Värmevärden – Regulatory Environment".

#### Seasonality

Värmevärden delivers heat to customers primarily for the heating of buildings. Since the demand for heat varies with weather, Värmevärden's financial results are seasonally affected in respect of both revenues and direct costs. Historically, Värmevärden's business has experienced significantly higher revenues and direct costs during the first and fourth quarters (the fall and winter months) compared to the second and third quarter (spring and summer months). Approximately 65% of Värmevärden's revenue is typically earned during the first and fourth quarters combined each year.

# **Competitive Conditions and Regulatory Environment**

District heating businesses face competition from other sources of heating available to consumer and industrial customers, such as standalone furnaces and hot water boilers. However, the Corporation believes that the relative cost of Värmevärden's heating service is below that of all alternative heating sources available to such customers, namely geothermal heat pumps, wood pellet-fuelled boilers, electric heating systems and oil burning furnaces and boilers. In addition, the Corporation believes that district heating systems enjoy higher reliability, lower maintenance costs and less exposure to electricity price fluctuations than competing heating sources.

The Swedish energy market, including the district heating industry, was deregulated in 1996. In 2008, the District Heating Act (the "DH Act") came into force. Under the DH Act, certain pricing transparency and disclosure provisions are required to be included in all district heating consumer contracts. The DH Act also provides for a mandatory non-binding mediation process for disputes between district heating operators and their customers, with a right for the customer to terminate the contract should the mediation not result in an agreement. The DH Act also addresses the relationship between the operator of a district heating system and third party heat suppliers wishing to access the system. In the event that a third party wishes to access a district heating system, the operator of the system is required to negotiate such access in good faith. However, there is no requirement that the operator grant access if the third party is not willing to accept the operator's terms.

In 2014, after a number of years of studies, public discussions and governmental preparations, the Swedish government implemented a number of changes to the DH Act. Previously, discussions had involved, among other things, price control and third party access to distribution networks to create competition. The changes implemented by the Swedish government have no price control clauses or regulation, but instead encourage businesses to proceed with ongoing initiatives to enhance customer relations. With respect to third party access, the changes include the right for industries with excess heat to supply this to the district heating networks on commercial terms. Overall, this is viewed as a positive outcome for the industry and is expected to have no negative impact on Värmevärden's business.

Other than the DH Act and other legislation and regulations of general application, Värmevärden is not subject to any other material regulatory oversight of its operations.

#### **Water Distribution Business**

#### **Bristol Water**

#### Overview

The Corporation indirectly holds a 50% interest in Bristol Water Holdings UK Limited ("Bristol Water Holdings"), the indirect owner of Bristol Water.

Founded in 1846, Bristol Water is the regulated monopoly provider of water services to an area of approximately 2,400 square kilometres centered on Bristol, England. Bristol Water is responsible for the abstraction, treatment, storage and distribution of approximately 267 million litres of water every day ("Ml/d") to approximately 1.2 million people. Bristol Water's system encompasses 65 water sources (including reservoirs, rivers, springs and wells), approximately 6,700 kilometres of water mains, 172 pumping stations and 135 treated water storage reservoirs.

#### Corporate Structure

Bristol Water has one class of ordinary shares, each of which carries the right to one vote at general meetings of the company and carries no right to dividends. Bristol Water is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bristol Water Holdings. CSE Water UK Limited ("CSE Water") holds 70% of the issued ordinary shares of Bristol Water Holdings, with the balance of 30% held by Sociedad General de Aguas de Barcelona, S.A. ("Agbar"). The Corporation indirectly holds a 71.4% interest in CSE Water, which represents a 50% indirect ownership interest in Bristol Water, and ITOCHU Corporation ("ITOCHU") indirectly holds a 28.6% interest in CSE Water, representing a 20% indirect ownership interest in Bristol Water. See "The Corporation – Structure". The board of directors of Bristol Water consists of the chairman of the board, one Agbar-appointed director, four independent directors, two directors from the company's senior management team and three directors appointed by CSE Water (two of whom are appointed by MPT Europe and one of whom is appointed by I-Environment Investments Limited ("I-Environment") pursuant to the CSE Water Shareholders Agreement discussed below).

# Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement

The Corporation, CSE Water, Agbar and Bristol Water Holdings are parties to a shareholders' agreement dated October 5, 2011, as amended (the "Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement") which governs the relations between CSE Water and Agbar, as shareholders of Bristol Water Holdings, and sets the parameters for how the business of Bristol Water Holdings and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Bristol Water Group"), including Bristol Water, will be conducted. The Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement governs, among other things, the composition and conduct of the boards of each entity in the Bristol Water Group, the appointment and removal of certain officers of Bristol Water, the procedures for undertaking certain material actions and undertaking certain material changes to the businesses and/or operations of any company in the Bristol Water Group and the conditions under which shares of the Bristol Water Group (and, in certain circumstances, the shares of subsidiaries of the Corporation that indirectly hold Bristol Water Holdings shares) may or must be transferred (including transfer restrictions, a right of first offer in the event a liquidator/manager/receiver is appointed in respect of a shareholder, a right of first refusal in the event a shareholder wishes to directly or indirectly transfer its ownership interest in Bristol Water Holding shares, a put option

in favour of Agbar whereby Agbar can require CSE Water to purchase Agbar's entire interest in Bristol Water Holdings in certain prescribed circumstances and a tag-along right in favour of Agbar whereby a third-party purchaser of more than 50% of the shares in Bristol Water Holdings from CSE Water must offer to buy Agbar's shares in Bristol Water Holdings on the same terms).

# CSE Water Shareholders' Agreement and Bristol Water Deed of Consent

In connection with ITOCHU's indirect investment in CSE Water, the Corporation, MPT Europe, CSE Water, ITOCHU and I-Environment entered into a shareholders' agreement dated May 10, 2012 (the "CSE Water Shareholders' Agreement") which governs the relations between MPT Europe and I-Environment, as shareholders of CSE Water, and sets the parameters for how the business of CSE Water will be conducted. The board of directors of CSE Water consists of three directors appointed by MPT Europe and one director appointed by I-Environment. The CSE Water Shareholders' Agreement governs, among other things, the composition and conduct of the board of CSE Water, the procedures for undertaking certain material actions and undertaking certain material changes to the businesses and/or operations of CSE Water, the disposal of any shares of Bristol Water Holdings by CSE Water, any amendment to the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement, I-Environment's approval of the exercise by CSE Water of certain of its rights under the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement (such as alteration of constitutional documents, I-Environment's right to direct CSE Water regarding the appointment of one of the Bristol Water directors, share issuances/redemptions/repurchases or a change in the nature or scope of the Bristol Water Group's business) and the conditions under which shares of CSE Water may or must be transferred (similar to those contained in the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement, but subject to certain provisions contained in the Bristol Water Deed of Consent described below). As well, the CSE Water Shareholders' Agreement contains provisions regarding the funding by its shareholders in the event that Agbar exercises its put option under the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement.

Concurrently with entering into the CSE Water Shareholders' Agreement, the Corporation, MPT Europe, CSE Water, Agbar, ITOCHU, I-Environment and Bristol Water Holdings entered into a deed of consent dated May 10, 2012 (the "Bristol Water Deed of Consent"), which supplements various provisions in the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement and provides for, among other things, a pre-emptive right in favour of Agbar for transfers of CSE Water shares directly or indirectly held by ITOCHU in the event that MPT Europe does not exercise its right of first refusal over such shares (subject to certain conditions and with a further right of first refusal granted to MPT Europe to acquire a specified proportionate amount of such shares in the event that Agbar exercises such pre-emptive right). Agbar has also agreed that if certain special termination events occur under the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement that are attributable to either the Corporation and its subsidiaries or to ITOCHU and its subsidiaries, then Agbar's related purchase rights under the Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement will be limited to the Bristol Water Holdings shares held by CSE Water that represent the Corporation's or ITOCHU's, as applicable, indirect interest.

#### Financing Structure

Bristol Water has long- and short-term structured debt financing in place, primarily composed of Artesian loans, bonds, credit facilities, debentures and preference shares.

#### Artesian Loans

As at December 31, 2015, Bristol Water had outstanding an aggregate amount of £126.3 million of UK Retail Prices Index ("RPI")-linked Artesian loans maturing in 2032 (with a real interest rate of 3.635%) and an aggregate amount of £57.5 million of 6.01% fixed-rate Artesian loans maturing in 2033. The Artesian loan financing structure is a bond issuance program designed to facilitate long-term debt financing by smaller UK water companies such as Bristol Water.

Subject to the restrictions set out in the UK *Water Industry Act 1991*, as amended (the "WIA") and its instrument of appointment issued under the WIA (the "Instrument of Appointment", see "Narrative Description of the Business – Utilities – Water Distribution Business – Bristol Water – Regulation of Water Distribution Industry – Instrument of Appointment"), Bristol Water has created fixed and floating security over its assets including, but not limited to, its bank accounts, its accounts receivables, its rights under certain contracts with third parties, its land and other property, but only to the extent that such security would not otherwise contravene the terms of the WIA or the Instrument of Appointment. Security has also been granted over the shares in Bristol Water.

#### **Bonds**

As at December 31, 2015, Bristol Water had outstanding £45.2 million of RPI-linked secured bonds maturing in 2041 (with a real interest rate of 2.701%).

#### Credit Facility

As at December 31, 2015, Bristol Water had £70 million of drawn and £70 million of undrawn credit facilities with two UK-based financial institutions, expiring between 2017 and 2019.

#### **Debentures**

Bristol Water has four outstanding tranches of debentures listed on the London Stock Exchange: (i) 4.00% consolidated irredeemable debenture stock in an amount of approximately £1.4 million; (ii) 4.00% perpetual irredeemable debenture stock in an amount of approximately £55,000; (iii) 4.25% perpetual irredeemable debenture stock in an amount of approximately £37,000; and (iv) 3.50% perpetual irredeemable debenture stock in an amount of approximately £73,000.

#### **Preference Shares**

Bristol Water has issued £12.5 million of 8.75% irredeemable cumulative preference shares of £1 each. The preference shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and are entitled to receive dividends at a rate of 8.75% per annum on their par value on a cumulative basis, such dividends being payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. In the event of a wind up of Bristol Water, the preference shareholders rank ahead of Bristol Water Core Holdings Limited, the sole holder of Bristol Water's ordinary shares (See "The Corporation – Structure") and such preference shareholders are entitled to receive at least £1 per preference share (the actual price to be determined in accordance with Bristol Water's constitution but, in any event, not to exceed £2 per preference share) and any dividends accrued but unpaid in respect of their shares. The preference shares usually do not carry any voting rights; however, in the

event that dividends on the preference shares are in arrears for six months or more, holders of the preference shares become entitled to vote at general meetings of members of Bristol Water.

#### Water Supply Operations

Bristol Water's water supply services consist of the abstraction of water and its subsequent treatment and distribution to homes and other premises.

#### Abstraction

Abstraction involves the removal of water from surface sources (such as rivers, reservoirs and canals) and from underground sources (such as aquifers). Bristol Water has the ability to abstract water from 23 licenced sources, linked by a flexible, integrated distribution system enabling economical use of such sources in terms of cost, energy and conservation. These water sources can be divided into three types: groundwater; surface water reservoirs; and surface river water. The proportion of water used from each type of source varies on a daily and seasonal basis according to the availability of water, the relative costs and other operational constraints.

Water Source	Approximate Percentage of Bristol Water's Requirements	Information on Water Source
Groundwater	15%	Groundwater sources principally consist of aquifers, from which water is abstracted through wells, springs and boreholes.
Surface Water Reservoirs	40%	Bristol Water owns 10 surface water reservoirs, five of which are raw water reservoirs that store run-off from the Mendip Hills, while the remaining five reservoirs are located adjacent to Bristol Water's treatment facilities.
Surface River Water	45%	Surface river water sources include the River Severn, other rivers and the Sharpness Canal. Bristol Water abstracts water from the Sharpness Canal pursuant to a long-term management agreement with British Waterways, which controls the canal.

#### Treatment

All abstracted water is treated by Bristol Water prior to being supplied to customers. Each of Bristol Water's 16 treatment plants is designed to address the characteristics of the water abstracted from the applicable source supplying water to the plant.

#### Distribution

Treated water is distributed to domestic household and non-domestic commercial customers through Bristol Water's distribution system of approximately 6,700 kilometres of networked potable water mains and approximately 478,000 pipes connecting mains in the street to customer properties.

Approximately 18% of Bristol Water's mains are over 100 years old, with the average age being approximately 60 years. The age profile of Bristol Water's mains is in the oldest quartile of UK water companies and, accordingly, Bristol Water has a robust capital investment program focused on water main replacement. As well, a key element of Bristol Water's strategy to meet customer demand for water is to reduce leakage, which is a common issue faced by all UK water companies.

#### Customers

During the first half of Bristol Water's financial year ending March 31, 2016, Bristol Water treated an average of 271 Ml/d of water for use by approximately 510,000 premises. Bristol Water has approximately 34,000 non-domestic customers (see "Narrative Description of the Business – Utilities – Water Distribution Business – Bristol Water – Regulation of Water Distribution Industry – Economic Regulation"). Bristol Water's large consumers include healthcare providers, infrastructure operators, utilities and other industrial users. No single customer accounts for over 0.4% of Bristol Water's revenues. Approximately 45% of domestic customers pay for their water on a metered basis. Bristol Water's strategy is to increase meter penetration (which tends to reduce usage) in order to enhance the efficient use of its water resources, promote environmental stewardship, identify potential leakages, comply with regulatory objectives and reduce operating expenses. Regulated water companies are not permitted to disconnect domestic customers from their water supply for failure to pay bills but industrial and commercial customers are subject to normal payment recovery processes, including disconnection. Throughout the industry, there is a focus on alternative methods to manage increasing levels of bad debts and the UK government is consulting on measures to help companies recover bad debts. Bristol Water has made substantial investments in effective debt management and the collection of bad debts.

Bristol Wessex Billing Services Limited, which is 50% owned by Bristol Water Holdings Limited and 50% owned by Wessex Water Services Limited ("Wessex Water"), the main provider of sewerage services in Bristol Water's service area, provides combined billing to customers for Bristol Water's water supply service and Wessex Water's wastewater services.

# **Employees and Management**

As at March 1, 2016, Bristol Water had approximately 439 employees. Bristol Water has a highly-skilled management team with significant industry knowledge and expertise and, in the case of the executive team, each with many years of experience in the water sector. Bristol Water has collective agreements with two different trade unions and estimates that, as at March 29, 2016, these unions collectively represented approximately 120 employees. Bristol Water enjoys a good relationship with the unions representing its employees (see "Risk Factors – Risks Related to Bristol Water – Labour Relations").

On January 21, 2016, Bristol Water set out proposals to close its sections (the "Sections") of the Water Companies Pension Scheme ("WCPS") to future accruals in consultation with relevant employees as represented by these unions, in an effort to reduce costs due to a challenging regulatory allowance for AMP6. Bristol Water is currently in ongoing discussions with staff, the unions and the Trustees of the WCPS with respect to closing the Sections to future accruals (see "Risk Factors – Risks Related to Bristol Water- Pension Plan Obligations" and "Risk Factors – Risks Related to Bristol Water – Labour Relations").

# Bristol Water O&M Agreement

In connection with the Corporation's investment in Bristol Water, Bristol Water Holdings entered into an operational and management agreement dated October 5, 2011 with Agbar pursuant to which Agbar provides strategic advice and certain limited management services to the Bristol Water Group.

#### Seasonality

Although there is little seasonal variation in demand, the proportion of water used from each type of Bristol Water's water sources varies on a daily and seasonal basis according to the availability of water, the relative costs and other operational constraints, and the quantity of treated water supplies fluctuates owing to a variety of seasonal factors, such as dry weather and burst pipes due to freeze/thaw cycles affecting the ground during winter months. There is also a seasonal effect on Bristol Water's cash flow as a result of unmetered customers who pay their water bills in semi-annual installments in March/April and in September/October of each year.

### **Regulation of Water Distribution Industry**

Bristol Water operates within a highly regulated industry in England and Wales, subject to a range of UK and EU legislation, as well as the terms of its Instrument of Appointment, and its operations are strongly influenced by economic, drinking water quality and environmental regulation.

#### Instrument of Appointment

The water sector in England and Wales is governed by the WIA, the *Water Resources Act 1991*, the *Water Act 2014* (the "WA") and related secondary legislation. Under the WIA, each regulated water company holds an Instrument of Appointment and is regulated through the conditions of that licence and the WIA. These conditions include, without limitation, provisions allowing the Instrument of Appointment to be terminated on 25 years' notice; restrictions on dealings with associated companies; corporate governance requirements; ensuring that the regulated water company has adequate financial resources and facilities, management resources and systems of planning and internal control to carry out the regulated activities and maintain an investment grade credit rating. A number of these conditions are often referred to as the "regulatory ring fence", which are designed to ensure that Bristol Water's regulated business is protected from any adverse developments in other parts of the Bristol Water Group and that Bristol Water has the ability to manage and finance itself. The ring-fenced members of the Bristol Water Group consist of Bristol Water and Bristol Water Core Holdings Limited (see "The Corporation – Structure"). Regulatory ring-fencing is common to each of the regulated water companies in England and Wales pursuant to their Instruments of Appointment. Failure to comply with the Instrument of Appointment conditions can result in penalties. See "Risk Factors – Risks Related to Bristol Water – Regulatory Environment."

#### **Economic Regulation**

The UK Water Services Regulatory Authority ("Ofwat") regulates water companies by capping the average increase in charges to most customers that a company can impose in any year. The price limit on amounts that a regulated water company may charge its customers is set by reference to inflation as measured by the RPI together with an adjustment factor known as "K", which is specific to each regulated water company and which can vary from

year to year (subject to additional adjustments for certain extraordinary events). The size of a regulated water company's K factor (which can be positive, negative or zero) reflects the scale of its capital investment program, its operating cost, its cost of capital and its operational and environmental obligations, taking into account the scope for it to improve efficiency. One of the elements that Ofwat considers when assessing the revenues that a regulated water company should earn is a return on capital invested in the business, with regulated capital value ("RCV") being used by Ofwat as the value of the capital base of each such company.

Each regulated water company's Instrument of Appointment also contains provisions which allow Ofwat to set different price limits for different parts of the company's business and allow Ofwat to make determinations that it believes will incentivise the company to respond efficiently, innovatively and sustainably to business challenges. In particular, the RPI+/-K factor formula for price limits on a company's "wholesale" activities (such as abstraction, treatment and distribution of water) is enshrined in each Instrument of Appointment. However, since Ofwat believes that the RPI+/-K factor is not necessarily the most appropriate form of price limit to use for "retail" (or "asset light") activities related to the provision of goods or services directly to customers (such as billing and debt management), each Instrument of Appointment grants Ofwat the flexibility to define the nature and form of price limits for such activities. Each Instrument of Appointment also contains provisions to prevent regulatory capital being transferred into a new business unit with a different approach to remunerating regulatory capital as well as an appeal process. To date, Ofwat has not proposed a new form of price limit for use in "retail" activities. However, since Bristol Water's "retail" activities only comprise a small portion of Bristol Water's RCV, any such future change is not expected to have a material negative effect on Bristol Water's financial performance or results of operations.

Ofwat conducts a periodic review (a "Periodic Review") every five years, in which it sets each regulated water company's price limit for the upcoming five year period. The previous regulatory price review period, the asset management plan 5 ("AMP5") five-year regulatory period, ran from April 2010 to March 2015. On December 12, 2014, Ofwat released its final determination of Bristol Water's price limits for asset management period 6 ("AMP6"), which runs from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020. This final determination of £409 million in total expenditures and an allowable cost of capital of 3.60% fell short of Bristol Water's proposed plan, which had undergone rigorous analysis and review by third-party experts. Bristol Water's board of directors formally rejected Ofwat's final determination in February 2015, which resulted in the CMA conducting a binding review, the results of which were received by the Corporation in October 2015. Although the CMA's final decision with respect to customer pricing was not in line with the Corporation's expectations and the pay-as-you-go ratio remained unchanged, the CMA review process did produce several changes to Ofwat's final determination that the Corporation views as positive. The CMA's final determination resulted in a net improvement of £40 million, due to an increase in total expenditures from £409 million to £429 million over AMP6 and by the removal of a £20 million obligation on Bristol Water to build a new treatment works facility at the Cheddar reservoir during AMP6. The CMA's final determination also raised the allowable average cost of capital to 3.67%. The 16% real reduction in customer bills from AMP5 will result in a reduction in revenue and EBITDA to both Bristol Water and the Corporation.

#### Customer Service

The service incentive mechanism ("SIM") is used by Ofwat to evaluate each regulated water company's customer service. Service is measured by a mix of customer satisfaction surveys and quantitative data relating to

complaints and the SIM ranks each water company's relative performance in terms of the quality of service that is delivered to customers. Depending upon Bristol Water's relative performance under the SIM, it could receive a revenue penalty or reward when price limits are considered at the time of each Periodic Review. During AMP5, Bristol Water was ranked 4th out of 18 regulated water companies under the SIM and was awarded a revenue reward under Ofwat's and the CMA's AMP6 final determination.

#### **Drinking Water Quality and Environmental Regulation**

The water industry in the UK is subject to substantial domestic and EU regulation, placing significant statutory obligations on Bristol Water relating to, among other factors, the quality of treated water supplied, monitoring water quality and the effects of Bristol Water's abstraction and discharge activities on the environment, biodiversity and human health and safety. Any pollution of controlled waters or other environmental harm caused by Bristol Water may also result in liability for remedial or compensatory works under a number of statutory liability regimes, as well as the potential for criminal prosecution under UK environmental legislation and substantial fines.

Energy used in water treatment and other activities carried out by Bristol Water results in indirect emissions of GHGs. Bristol Water is subject to the UK Climate Change Levy, although the forecast cost for 2016-2017 is an immaterial amount due to credits arising from Bristol Water's purchase of "green" energy. Bristol Water is also subject to the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme, a mandatory UK carbon emissions reduction plan for significant consumers of energy. Estimated costs to Bristol Water for 2016 – 2017 related to the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme are projected to be an immaterial amount.

Bristol Water's core water abstraction activities require permits from the UK Environment Agency and compliance with the conditions to which such permits are subject. Bristol Water is also required to maintain discharge permits in respect of its water treatment facilities. All material permits are valid and Bristol Water has no areas of material non-compliance.

#### **Competitive Conditions**

The water industry in England and Wales is essentially composed of a number of regional monopolies. The UK government, through Ofwat, has taken progressive steps to open up competition within the industry for large industrial and commercial customers and greenfield domestic developments. Currently, the two main forms of competition permitted in the water industry are (i) inset appointments and (ii) the water supply licensing regime. An inset appointment is made when an existing regulated water company is replaced by another as the supplier of water and services for one or more customers within a particular licenced area. The WA has also extended opportunities for competition in the water industry by introducing a water supply licensing regime in December 2005. The water supply licensing regime is designed to open up a small fraction of the water supply market by permitting a licenced water supplier to provide to non-household users with an annual consumption of not less than 5 million litres either (a) retail supply (i.e., the supply by a licensee of water purchased from a regulated water company's supply system to an eligible customer) or (b) combined supply (i.e., the introduction of water into a regulated water company's existing network for retail by the licensee to an eligible customer, plus retail supply). A regulated water company is obliged to allow a licenced water supplier to use its network for this purpose, subject to payment of charges and certain

conditions and rights of refusal. Ofwat is responsible for implementing the regime. To date, the above forms of competition have had no significant impact on Bristol Water.

The WA implements the proposals set out in the UK government's Water for Life paper (the "Water for Life Paper") published in December 2011. The Water for Life Paper supported the objective of introducing greater competition in the UK water industry and stated the UK government's intention to introduce a number of reforms, including abstraction licence trading to optimize efficient use of water resources across different regions, upstream competition through the introduction of separate network and supply licences, retail competition for non-household consumers, and the relaxation of the special regime applicable to mergers between water companies. The WA amends the WIA by expanding and revising the current water supply licensing regime and adding a sewerage licensing regime. It also increases choice in the retail market by enabling earlier repeal of the threshold which sets the water usage limit for when non-household customers can switch supplier. This will allow all business, charity and public sector customers to choose their water and sewerage supplier for the first time, and will enable multi-site operators to tender for one supplier. The WA also provides for the creation of a cross-border retail market between England and Wales and Scotland. In relation to merger control in the water sector, the WA amends the WIA to allow the CMA to determine whether or not to make a merger reference, or to accept undertakings in lieu of a reference. There is a new primary duty to secure the long-term resilience of water supply and sewerage systems with particular reference to managing the impacts of environmental pressures, population growth and changes in consumer behavior. The UK government has asked Ofwat to provide an assessment by the third quarter of 2016 of the costs and benefits of extending retail competition to household water customers.

Bristol Water's management does not expect that the implementation of the provisions contained in the WA will have a material negative effect on Bristol Water's financial performance or results of operations.

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE CORPORATION

#### **OVERVIEW**

The authorized capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and a limited number of preferred shares issuable in series. The aggregate number of preferred shares that may be issued is limited to 50% of the number of Common Shares outstanding at the relevant time. The following is a summary of the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the securities of the Corporation and securities exchangeable for securities of the Corporation.

As at March 29, 2016:

- there were 94,532,042 Common Shares and 3,000,000 Series A Preferred Shares issued and outstanding. There are no cumulative floating rate preferred shares, Series B ("Series B Preferred Shares") issued and outstanding;
- the Corporation had 4,293 Common Share purchase options ("Options") issued and outstanding (all of which are vested) with an exercise price of \$4.04 per Common Share;

- there were an aggregate of 3,249,390 Class B exchangeable limited partnership units (the "Class B Exchangeable Units") of MPT LTC Holding LP ("LTC Holding LP"), which are exchangeable for Common Shares, issued and outstanding;
- an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$42.7 million 6.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures of the Corporation, due December 31, 2016 (the "Capstone 2016 Debentures"), which are convertible into Common Shares, was outstanding:
- an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$27.4 million 6.75% extendible convertible unsecured subordinated debentures of CPC (successor issuer to ReD), due December 31, 2017 (the "CPC 2017 Debentures"), which are convertible into Common Shares, was outstanding; and
- no principal amount is advanced and outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility.

#### **COMMON SHARES**

Holders of Common Shares are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of Shareholders, to receive dividends if, as and when declared by the Board of Directors (subject to the rights of securities, if any, having priority over the Common Shares) and to receive *pro rata* the remaining property and assets of the Corporation upon its dissolution or winding-up (subject to the rights of securities, if any, having priority over the Common Shares).

#### PREFERRED SHARES

Each series of preferred shares will consist of such number of shares and having such rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions as may be determined by the Board of Directors prior to the issuance thereof. The aggregate number of preferred shares that may be issued is limited to 50% of the number of Common Shares outstanding at the relevant time.

With respect to the payment of dividends and distribution of assets in the event of liquidation, dissolution or wind up of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, each series of preferred shares ranks *pari passu* with every other series of preferred shares of the Corporation and the preferred shares will be entitled to a preference over the Common Shares and any other securities ranking junior to the preferred shares.

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation or any other distribution of assets of the Corporation among its shareholders for the purpose of winding-up its affairs, subject to the prior satisfaction of the claims of all creditors of the Corporation and of holders of shares of the Corporation ranking prior to any series of preferred shares, the holders of preferred shares will be entitled to receive an amount equal to \$25.00 per share, together with an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends up to but excluding the date of payment or distribution.

The Corporation may issue other series of preferred shares ranking on parity with any series of preferred shares without the authorization of the holders of preferred shares.

The holders of any series of preferred shares will not (except as otherwise provided by law and, except as noted below, in respect of meetings of the holders of preferred shares as a class and meetings of holders of preferred shares as a series) be entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, unless and until the Corporation shall have failed to pay eight quarterly dividends on the specific series of preferred shares, whether or not consecutive and whether or not such dividends were declared and whether or not there are any moneys of the Corporation properly applicable to the payment of such dividends. In the event of such non-payment, and for only so long as any such dividends remain in arrears, the holders of the specific series of preferred shares as at the applicable record date will be entitled to receive notice of and to attend each meeting of the Corporation's shareholders, other than meetings at which only holders of another specified class or series are entitled to vote, and will be entitled to vote together with all of the voting shares of the Corporation on the basis of one vote in respect of each preferred share of the specified class held by such holder, until all such arrears of such dividends have been paid, whereupon such rights shall cease.

Subject to applicable law, holders of any series of preferred shares will not be entitled to vote separately as a class or series on a proposal to amend the articles of the Corporation to (a) increase any maximum number of authorized shares of a class or series having rights or privileges equal to or superior to the applicable series of preferred shares or (b) create a new class or series of shares equal or superior to applicable series of preferred shares.

#### **Series A Preferred Shares**

The Series A Preferred Shares have an issue price of \$25.00 per share. For the period from and including June 30, 2011 up to, but excluding, July 31, 2016 (the "Initial Fixed Rate Period"), holders of Series A Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive fixed, cumulative, preferential cash dividends, if, as and when declared by the Board of Directors, payable quarterly each year, at an annual rate equal to \$1.25 per share. Thereafter, during "Subsequent Fixed Rate Periods" (that is, for the initial Subsequent Fixed Rate Period, the period from and including July 31, 2016 up to, but excluding, July 31, 2021 and for each succeeding Subsequent Fixed Rate Period, the period from and including the day immediately following the end of the immediately preceding Subsequent Fixed Rate Period up to, but excluding, July 31 in the fifth year thereafter), the holders of Series A Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive fixed, cumulative, preferential cash dividends, if, as and when declared by the Board of Directors, payable quarterly in each year during the Subsequent Fixed Rate Period, in an annual amount per share determined by multiplying the "Annual Fixed Dividend Rate" (that is, the rate equal to the sum of the yield to maturity determined on the 30th day prior to the first day of the applicable Subsequent Fixed Rate Period (assuming semi-annual compounding) of a Canadian dollar denominated non-callable Government of Canada bond with a term to maturity of five years plus 2.71%) applicable to such Subsequent Fixed Rate Period by \$25.00.

On July 31, 2016 and on July 31 every five years thereafter, and subject to certain other restrictions, the Corporation may, at its option, redeem all or any number of the outstanding Series A Preferred Shares by payment in cash of a per share sum equal to \$25.00, together with all accrued and unpaid dividends thereon.

Subject to the right of the Corporation to redeem the Series A Preferred Shares and provided that there will be a minimum of 1,000,000 Series B Preferred Shares outstanding after conversion, each holder of Series A Preferred Shares will have the right, at its option, on July 31, 2016 and on July 31 every five years thereafter to convert all or any

of the Series A Preferred Shares into Series B Preferred Shares on the basis of one Series B Preferred Share for each Series A Preferred Share converted. If the Corporation determines that after conversion there would remain outstanding fewer than 1,000,000 Series A Preferred Shares, then all, but not part, of the remaining outstanding Series A Preferred Shares will be automatically converted into Series B Preferred Shares, on the basis of one Series B Preferred Share for each Series A Preferred Share.

#### **Series B Preferred Shares**

The holders of the Series B Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive floating rate cumulative preferential cash dividends, if, as and when declared by the Board of Directors, payable quarterly each year, in the amount per share determined by multiplying the applicable Floating Quarterly Dividend Rate by \$25.00. The "Floating Quarterly Dividend Rate" means, for any Quarterly Floating Rate Period (that is, for the initial Quarterly Floating Rate Period, the period from and including July 31, 2016 up to, but excluding, October 31, 2016, and thereafter the period from and including the day immediately following the end of the immediately preceding Quarterly Floating Rate Period up to, but excluding, the next succeeding "Quarterly Commencement Date" (that is, the last day of each of January, April, July and October in each year)), the rate equal to the sum of the T-Bill Rate (that is for any Quarterly Floating Rate Period, the average yield expressed as a percentage per annum on three-month Government of Canada Treasury Bills, as reported by the Bank of Canada, for the most recent treasury bills auction preceding the 30th day prior to the first day of the applicable Quarterly Floating Rate Period) plus 2.71%.

The Corporation may, at its option, redeem all or any number of the outstanding Series B Preferred Shares by payment in cash of a per share sum equal to (i) \$25.00 in the case of redemptions on July 31, 2021 and on July 31 every five years thereafter (each a "Series B Conversion Date"), or (ii) \$25.50 in the case of redemptions on any date which is not a Series B Conversion Date after July 31, 2016.

Subject to the right of the Corporation to redeem the Series B Preferred Shares as described above and provided that there will be a minimum of 1,000,000 Series A Preferred Shares outstanding after conversion, each holder of Series B Preferred Shares will have the right, at its option, on any Series B Conversion Date, to convert all or any of the Series B Preferred Shares into Series A Preferred Shares on the basis of one Series A Preferred Share for each Series B Preferred Share converted. If the Corporation determines that after conversion there would remain fewer than 1,000,000 Series B Preferred Shares, then all, but not part, of the remaining outstanding Series B Preferred Shares will be automatically converted into Series A Preferred Shares, on the basis of one Series A Preferred Share for each Series B Preferred Share, on the applicable Series B Conversion Date.

#### **OPTIONS**

Pursuant to the terms of the ReD Arrangement, all of the outstanding options ("ReD Options") to purchase ReD Shares, which had been issued pursuant to ReD's stock option plan and which were held by certain directors and officers of ReD, were exchanged for replacement Options based on an exchange ratio reflecting the offer price paid by the Corporation per ReD Share. The Options entitle the holders thereof to purchase one Common Share per Option at an exercise price of \$4.04 per Common Share. The Options vest and expire on the same schedule as the ReD Options they replaced. The Options have a five-year term from the date of the grant of the original ReD Options, with one-third

of the granted options vesting after each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant of the original ReD Options. The Options are non-transferrable and will expire no later than May 15, 2017. The Corporation does not have a stock option plan and currently has no intention of issuing additional options.

#### **CLASS B EXCHANGEABLE UNITS**

In connection with the Fund's acquisition of the Leisureworld long-term care business in 2005 (which the Fund subsequently divested in 2010), the vendors of that business (the "LSCLP Vendors") acquired all of the Class B Exchangeable Units of LTC Holding LP, a limited partnership established under the laws of the Province of Ontario, which have economic rights equivalent in all material respects to those of the Common Shares (such as the entitlement to receive a distribution for each Class B Exchangeable Unit equivalent to any dividend paid on a Common Share). The distributions on the Class B Exchangeable Units are supported through an arrangement contained in the exchange agreement dated October 18, 2005, as amended and restated as of January 1, 2011 (the "Exchange Agreement") among the Corporation, LTC Holding LP and the LSCLP Vendors. The Exchange Agreement and the provisions of the Class B Exchangeable Units grant the LSCLP Vendors the right to require LTC Holding LP and the Corporation to directly or indirectly exchange each Class B Exchangeable Unit for a Common Share on a one-for-one basis (subject to customary anti-dilution provisions and other conditions contained in the Exchange Agreement). The Exchange Agreement also provides that, on October 18, 2020, any outstanding Class B Exchangeable Units will be automatically exchanged for Common Shares on a one-for-one basis. In addition, the Exchange Agreement prohibits certain of the LSCLP Vendors from acquiring additional Common Shares (subject to certain conditions), limits the amount of any Common Shares that such persons may sell from time to time and contains certain other transfer restrictions. Assuming the exchange, as at March 29, 2016, of all of the Class B Exchangeable Units for Common Shares in accordance with the Exchange Agreement, the LSCLP Vendors would hold, in aggregate on a pro forma basis, approximately 3.3% of the total number of Common Shares outstanding following such exchange.

In the event of a take-over bid for the Common Shares, a holder may exchange its Class B Exchangeable Units for Common Shares on a conditional basis in order to tender to such bid or, if such holder does not tender and Common Shares representing more than 90% of the aggregate number of outstanding Common Shares and Common Shares for which outstanding Class B Exchangeable Units may be exchanged are tendered to such bid, then the offeror will have the right to acquire the Class B Exchangeable Units held by such holder on the same terms as the Common Shares were acquired under the take-over bid.

#### **CAPSTONE 2016 DEBENTURES**

The following is a summary of the material attributes of the Capstone 2016 Debentures and certain provisions of the indenture dated as of December 22, 2009 (the "Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture") and the supplemental indenture dated as of January 1, 2011 (the "First Supplemental Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture", and together with the Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture, the "Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture") governing the Capstone 2016 Debentures, but does not purport to be complete. Reference should be made to the full text of the indentures, which can be found under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### General

On December 22, 2009, the Fund issued \$50 million principal amount of 6.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "Capstone 2016 Debentures"). On January 5, 2010, the underwriters of the offering of Capstone 2016 Debentures exercised in full their option to purchase an additional \$7.5 million principal amount of Capstone 2016 Debentures, bringing the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Capstone 2016 Debentures to \$57.5 million. In connection with the Conversion, the Capstone 2016 Debentures were assumed by the Corporation pursuant to the First Supplemental Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture.

The outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures have a maturity date of December 31, 2016 (the "Capstone 2016 Debenture Maturity Date") and are listed on the TSX, trading under the symbol "CSE.DB.A".

#### **Interest Payments**

The Capstone 2016 Debentures bear interest at a rate of 6.50% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on June 30 and December 31 of each year (or the immediately following business day if such date is not a business day) (the "2016 Debenture Interest Payment Date"). At the option of the Corporation, and subject to regulatory approval, the Corporation may issue and solicit bids to sell sufficient Common Shares in order to raise funds to satisfy all or any part of the Corporation's obligations to pay interest on the Capstone 2016 Debentures, but, in any event, the holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures are entitled to receive cash payments equal to the interest otherwise payable on the Capstone 2016 Debentures.

#### **Conversion Privilege**

The Capstone 2016 Debentures are convertible at a holder's option into fully-paid, non-assessable and freely-tradable Common Shares at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the earlier of the Capstone 2016 Debenture Maturity Date and the business day immediately preceding the date specified by the Corporation for redemption of the Capstone 2016 Debentures, at a conversion price of \$7.00 per Common Share (the "Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price"), being a ratio of 142.8571 Common Shares per \$1,000 principal amount of Capstone 2016 Debentures, all subject to certain terms and conditions and in the manner set forth in the Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture. No adjustment to the Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price will be made for dividends on Common Shares issuable upon conversion or for interest accrued on Capstone 2016 Debentures surrendered for conversion; however, holders converting their Capstone 2016 Debentures will be entitled to receive, in addition to the applicable number of Common Shares, accrued and unpaid interest in respect thereof for the period from and including the latest Capstone 2016 Debenture Interest Payment Date up to, but excluding, the date of conversion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Capstone 2016 Debentures may be converted during the period from the close of business on June 15 and December 15 of each year (or the first business day following such date if not a business day) to and including the next Capstone 2016 Debenture Interest Payment Date, as the registers of the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee will be closed during such periods.

Subject to the provisions of the Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture, the Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price will be adjusted on account of certain events including: (a) the subdivision or consolidation of the outstanding Common Shares; (b) the distribution of Common Shares to all or substantially all

Shareholders by way of distribution or otherwise, other than pursuant to any dividend reinvestment or share purchase plans or similar arrangements of the Corporation; (c) the issuance of options, rights or warrants to all or substantially all Shareholders entitling them for a period of not more than 45 days after June 15 and December 15 of each year (or the first business day following such date if not a business day) to acquire Common Shares or other securities convertible into Common Shares at less than 95% of the then current market price of the Common Shares (as calculated pursuant to the terms of the Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture, the "Current Market Price"); and (d) the distribution to all holders of any units, rights, options or warrants (other than those referred to in paragraph (c) above), evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation, or other assets (other than cash dividends and equivalent dividends in securities paid in lieu of cash dividends in the ordinary course). There will be no adjustment of the Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price in respect of any event described in (b), (c) or (d) above if, subject to prior regulatory approval, the holders of the Capstone 2016 Debentures are allowed to participate as though they had converted their Capstone 2016 Debentures prior to the applicable record date or effective date. The Corporation will not be required to make adjustments in the Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price unless the cumulative effect of such adjustments would change the Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price by at least one percent.

In the case of any reclassification of the Common Shares or a capital reorganization of the Corporation (other than a change resulting only from consolidation or subdivision) or in the case of any amalgamation, consolidation, arrangement or merger of the Corporation with or into any other entity, or in the case of any sale or conveyance of the properties and assets of the Corporation as, or substantially as, an entirety to any other entity, or a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation, the terms of the conversion privilege will be adjusted so that each Capstone 2016 Debenture will, after such reclassification, capital reorganization, amalgamation, consolidation, arrangement or merger, sale or conveyance or liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, be exercisable for the kind and number of securities of the continuing, successor or purchaser entity, as the case may be, which the holder thereof would have been entitled to receive as a result of such reclassification, capital reorganization, amalgamation, consolidation, arrangement or merger, sale or conveyance or liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, if on the effective date or record date thereof it had been the holder of the number of Common Shares into which the Capstone 2016 Debenture was convertible prior to the effective date of such event.

No fractional Common Shares will be issued on any conversion of the Capstone 2016 Debentures, but in lieu thereof, the Corporation will satisfy such fractional interest by a cash payment equal to the Current Market Price of such fractional interest.

#### **Redemption and Purchase**

The Corporation was prohibited from redeeming any Capstone 2016 Debentures prior to December 31, 2012, except in the event of the satisfaction of certain conditions after a change of control has occurred as described below under "Capital Structure of the Corporation – 2016 Debentures – Put Right upon a Change of Control". On and after December 31, 2012, but prior to December 31, 2014, the Capstone 2016 Debentures were permitted to be redeemed at the option of the Corporation, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior written notice, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest in respect thereof for the period from and including the latest Capstone 2016 Debenture Interest Payment Date up to, but excluding, the date of redemption, provided that the Current Market Price immediately preceding the date upon which

the notice of redemption was given was not less than 125% of the Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price. On and after December 31, 2014, and prior to the Capstone 2016 Debenture Maturity Date, the Corporation may redeem the Capstone 2016 Debentures in whole at any time or in part from time to time, on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior written notice, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest in respect thereof for the period from and including the latest Capstone 2016 Debenture Interest Payment Date up to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

The Corporation may purchase Capstone 2016 Debentures in the market, by tender or by private contract, subject to regulatory requirements; provided, however, that if an event of default in respect of the Capstone 2016 Debentures has occurred and is continuing, the Corporation will not have the right to purchase the Capstone 2016 Debentures by private contract.

In the case of redemption of less than all of the Capstone 2016 Debentures, the Capstone 2016 Debentures to be redeemed will be selected by the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee on a *pro rata* basis or in such other manner as the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee deems equitable, subject to the consent of the TSX.

#### **Payment upon Redemption or Maturity**

On redemption or on the Capstone 2016 Debenture Maturity Date, as applicable, the Corporation will repay the indebtedness represented by the Capstone 2016 Debentures by paying to the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee an amount equal to the principal amount of the outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon. The Corporation may, at its option, on not more than 60 days' and not less than 40 days' prior notice and subject to any required regulatory approvals, unless an event of default in respect of the Capstone 2016 Debentures has occurred and is continuing, elect to satisfy its obligation to repay, in whole or in part, the principal amount of the Capstone 2016 Debentures which are to be redeemed or which have matured by issuing freely-tradable Common Shares, in whole or in part, to the holders of the Capstone 2016 Debentures. The number of Common Shares to be issued will be determined by dividing the principal amount of the Capstone 2016 Debentures by 95% of the Current Market Price on the date fixed for redemption or the Capstone 2016 Debenture Maturity Date, as the case may be. Any accrued and unpaid interest will be paid in cash. No fractional Common Shares will be issued to holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures, but in lieu thereof, the Corporation will satisfy such fractional interest by a cash payment equal to the Current Market Price of such fractional interest.

#### **Cancellation**

All Capstone 2016 Debentures converted, redeemed or purchased will be cancelled and may not be reissued or resold.

#### **Subordination**

The Capstone 2016 Debentures are direct obligations of the Corporation, are not secured by any mortgage, pledge, hypothec or other charge and are subordinated to all indebtedness of the Corporation (whether outstanding as at the date of the Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture or thereafter incurred) which, by the terms of the instrument creating or evidencing such indebtedness, is not expressed to be *pari passu* with, or subordinate in right of

payment to, the Capstone 2016 Debentures. The Corporation and its subsidiaries are not restricted from incurring additional indebtedness for borrowed money, including indebtedness that ranks senior to the Capstone 2016 Debentures, or from mortgaging, pledging or charging the Corporation's real or personal property or properties to secure any indebtedness. As a result, the Capstone 2016 Debentures are effectively subordinate to claims of creditors (including trade creditors) of the Corporation's subsidiaries, except to the extent the Corporation is itself a creditor of such subsidiaries ranking at least *pari passu* with such other creditors.

# Put Right upon a Change of Control

The Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture provides holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures with a right, in the event of a change of control of the Corporation, to require the Corporation to purchase the Capstone 2016 Debentures at 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. Subject to certain conditions, the Corporation may satisfy the purchase price, in whole or in part, for any put Capstone 2016 Debentures through the issuance of Common Shares. If, in the event of a change of control, 90% or more of the then outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures are put to the Corporation, the Corporation has the right, but not the obligation, to redeem all of the remaining outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures at the same price paid for the put Capstone 2016 Debentures.

For these purposes, a change of control of the Corporation means the acquisition by any person, or group of persons acting jointly or in concert, of voting control or direction of  $66^2/_3\%$  or more of the votes attaching, collectively, to all outstanding Common Shares.

#### **Events of Default**

If an event of default in respect of the Capstone 2016 Debentures has occurred and is continuing, the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee may, in its discretion, and will, upon the request of holders of not less than 25% of the principal amount of the then outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures, declare the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures to be immediately due and payable. Certain events of default in respect of the Capstone 2016 Debentures may be waived by the holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures or by the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee, in accordance with the terms of the Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture.

# Offers for Capstone 2016 Debentures

If an offer that is a take-over bid within the meaning of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) is made for the Capstone 2016 Debentures and not less than 90% of the outstanding principal amount of the Capstone 2016 Debentures (other than Capstone 2016 Debentures held at the date of the commencement of the take-over bid by or on behalf of the offeror or associates or affiliates of the offeror or any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror) are taken up and paid for by the offeror, the offeror will be entitled to acquire, on the terms offered by the offerer in the take-over bid, the Capstone 2016 Debentures held by holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures who did not accept the offer.

# **CPC Credit Support**

CPC has provided credit support for the Corporation's obligations under the Capstone 2016 Debentures.

#### **CPC 2017 DEBENTURES**

# **General**

On August 30, 2012, ReD completed an offering of \$34.5 million principal amount of CPC 2017 Debentures. The CPC 2017 Debentures bear interest at a rate of 6.75% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on June 30 and December 31 of each year (or on the immediately following business day if such date is not a business day) and mature on December 31, 2017. Following the completion of the ReD Arrangement, each \$1,000 principal amount of CPC 2017 Debentures is convertible into 200 Common Shares and \$0.76923 in cash. The CPC 2017 Debentures were issued pursuant to a debenture indenture (the "CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture") dated August 28, 2012 between CPC (successor to ReD) and Equity Financial Trust Company, as debenture agent. The CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture was subsequently amended on October 1, 2013, November 12, 2013 and February 15, 2014.

Upon completion of the ReD Arrangement and pursuant to the terms of the CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture, the CPC 2017 Debentures that remained outstanding and were not duly converted prior to the effective time of the ReD Arrangement became convertible into Common Shares. In the first quarter of 2014, CPC and ReD were amalgamated, with the amalgamated company retaining CPC's name, and CPC becoming the successor issuer of the CPC 2017 Debentures. CPC is a reporting issuer in all the provinces of Canada and the CPC 2017 Debentures are listed on the TSX under the symbol "CPW.DB".

Other than as described in this section, the terms of the CPC 2017 Debentures are similar to the Capstone 2016 Debentures and general information on the CPC 2017 Debentures' interest payments, conversion privileges, redemption and purchase, payment upon redemption or maturity, cancellation, subordination, put right upon a change of control of Capstone, event of default and offers for the CPC 2017 Debentures can be found in the corresponding descriptions for the Capstone 2016 Debentures under "Capital Structure of the Corporation – Capstone 2016 Debentures" by reading references to the Capstone 2016 Debentures as references to the CPC 2017 Debentures.

However, for a full description of the terms and conditions of the CPC 2017 Debentures, including, without limitation, provisions related to the redemption of the CPC 2017 Debentures at the option of CPC, a change of control of CPC and events of default and covenants, reference should be made to the full text of the CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture, which can be found under CPC's SEDAR profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### Redemption

The CPC 2017 Debentures were not redeemable before December 31, 2015 (except in certain limited circumstances following a change of control). On or after December 31, 2015 and at any time prior to December 31, 2016, the CPC 2017 Debentures may be redeemed by CPC, in whole or in part, from time to time, at the option of CPC with not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior notice at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to (but excluding) the redemption date, provided that the current

market price of the Common Shares is at least 125% of the conversion price (such amount being \$5.00, subject to further adjustment in accordance with the terms of the CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture (the "CPC 2017 Debenture Conversion Price")). On or after December 31, 2016, the CPC 2017 Debentures may be redeemed in whole or in part from time to time at the option of CPC at a price equal to their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon up to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

#### **Change of Control**

If a change of control of the Corporation occurs in which 10% or more of the consideration for the Common Shares in the transaction or transactions constituting the change of control consists of (i) cash, (ii) equity securities that are not traded or intended to be traded immediately following such transactions on a stock exchange, or (iii) other property that is not traded or intended to traded immediately following such transactions on a stock exchange (a "Cash Change of Control"), then, subject to regulatory approvals, during the period beginning ten trading days before the anticipated date on which the change of control becomes effective (the "Cash Change of Control Effective Date") and ending 30 days after the notice of the change of control is delivered, holders of 2017 CPC Debentures will be entitled to convert their CPC 2017 Debentures at a new conversion price (the "Cash Change of Control Conversion Price") calculated as follows:

Cash Change of Control Conversion Price = OCP/(1+(32.65% x (c/t))) where:

- "OCP" is the CPC 2017 Debenture Conversion Price in effect on the Cash Change of Control Effective Date:
- "c" is the number of days from the Cash Change of Control Effective Date to but excluding December 31, 2017; and
- "t" is the number of days from and including August 28, 2012 to but excluding December 31, 2017.

In the event that the Cash Change of Control Conversion Price calculated in accordance with the formula above is less than any regulatory permitted discount to market price, the Cash Change of Control Conversion Price shall be deemed to be that implied by the maximum permitted discount to market price. The foregoing adjustment does not apply after December 31, 2015, if, concurrent with or prior to the making of the notice of a Cash Change of Control, a notice of redemption is delivered to holders of all outstanding CPC 2017 Debentures.

#### **Corporation Credit Support**

Capstone has provided credit support for CPC's obligations under the CPC 2017 Debentures.

#### REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

The Corporation, as borrower, CPC, MPT Utilities Corp., MPT Utilities Europe, Cardinal GP, Cardinal LP, Whitecourt Power Limited Partnership, Whitecourt Power Ltd. and CSE Financing Corp., as guarantors (collectively, the "Revolving Credit Facility Guarantors"), the lenders that are parties thereto from time to time, and an administrative agent (the "Revolving Credit Facility Agent"), are parties to the Revolving Credit Agreement. The Revolving Credit Facility is a revolving credit facility in the aggregate amount of \$60 million. In March 2016, concurrently with the Cardinal Cogen Facility financing, the Corporation reduced the maximum amount available

under the Revolving Credit Facility from \$90 million to \$60 million and the lenders released the guarantees and security provided by Cardinal GP and Cardinal LP in favour of the Revolving Credit Facility lenders. The proceeds from the Cardinal Cogen Facility financing were used to repay the principal amount outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. See "Narrative Description of the Business - Power Infrastructure - Gas Cogeneration - Cardinal Cogen Facility - Cardinal Debt". The Revolving Credit Facility currently has a maturity date of November 12, 2018, and may be renewed annually for an additional year. As at March 29, 2016, there was no principal amount advanced and outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility and approximately \$30.0 million in letters of credit had been issued under the Revolving Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are available by way of floating rate loans and/or bankers' acceptances bearing interest as calculated under the Revolving Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility may also be made by way of the issuance of standby instruments. The Corporation is required to pay (i) a letter of credit fee and (ii) a fronting fee in respect of each standby instrument issued at a rate per annum equal to an applicable margin calculated on the maximum amount payable under such standby instrument. Drawings under the Revolving Credit Facility were used to repay the amounts outstanding under the Corporation's previous credit facility and may be used for general corporate purposes, including the issuance of standby instruments, working capital requirements and the financing of acquisitions and investments.

The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by (i) unconditional and unlimited guarantees from each of the Revolving Credit Facility Guarantors, (ii) general security agreements from the Corporation and each of the Revolving Credit Facility Guarantors (collectively, the "Revolving Credit Facility Parties") granting a first ranking security interest (subject to certain permitted liens) over all present and future personal property of the Revolving Credit Facility Parties, and (iii) first ranking securities pledge agreements (subject to certain permitted liens) made by each of the Revolving Credit Facility Parties in favour of the Revolving Credit Facility Agent.

The Revolving Credit Agreement contains terms, representations and warranties, positive and negative covenants (including, without limitation, covenants that restrict certain types of debt incurrence, liens, distributions, dispositions, sale-leaseback transactions, acquisitions, investments, hedging arrangements and non-arm's length transactions), indemnities, and events of default (including, without limitation, the change of control of the Corporation) that are customary for credit agreements of this nature. Financial covenants include the following, each calculated in accordance with the terms of the Revolving Credit Agreement: (a) a total leverage ratio not to be greater than 4.0:1 for each Test Period (defined below); (b) an interest coverage ratio not to be less than 2.50:1 for each Test Period; and (c) certain quarterly minimum requirements for consolidated cash available for debt service throughout the term of the Revolving Credit Facility. The foregoing ratios in (a) and (b) above will be calculated on a rolling four quarter basis, based on the most recently completed period of four consecutive fiscal quarters most recently ended (the "Test Period").

#### **THE ARRANGEMENT**

At the March 10 Meeting, Shareholders, Shareholders and holders of Class B Exchangeable Units (voting together) and holders of CPC 2017 Debentures approved the Arrangement, and at the March 17 Meeting, holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures approved the Arrangement. Closing of the Arrangement is expected to be completed in

early May of 2016 but remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the closing conditions set out in the Arrangement Agreement. For further information regarding the Arrangement, including information about the consideration to be paid to certain Securityholders upon completion of the Arrangement, see the Circular, which is available on the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

#### MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation currently consists of seven Directors. The Corporation must have a minimum of three Directors.

The term of office of any Director continues until: (a) the next annual meeting of Shareholders following his or her election or appointment; (b) the date on which his or her successor is elected or appointed or earlier if he or she dies, resigns or is removed or disqualified; or (c) his or her term of office is lawfully terminated for any other reason.

With the exception of Michael Bernstein, the Corporation's President and Chief Executive Officer, each of the Directors is "independent" in accordance with the applicable provisions of Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"). The Corporation currently has an Audit Committee and a Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee, each of which has a minimum of three Directors as members, all of whom must be and are "independent" in accordance with the applicable provisions of NI 52-110. The members of such committees are indicated below.

The name, province or state and country of residence, and principal occupation for the last five years for each Director as at March 29, 2016 are as follows:

# Name, Jurisdiction of Residence and Principal Occupation and Employment Date elected Director

# **Michael Bernstein**

Ontario, Canada

Director since June 18, 2013

Mr. Bernstein was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation effective July 6, 2009, after serving in those roles on an interim basis since April 2009. From April 2009 to the date of the Internalization Transaction, Mr. Bernstein's principal occupation was Senior Managing Director of the Macquarie Group and President of Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets Canada Ltd. From 2005 to 2009, Mr. Bernstein served as head of the infrastructure and utilities advisory practice for Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd. Previously, Mr. Bernstein was a senior member of the Power & Utilities Group at CIBC World Markets. Mr. Bernstein is a Chartered Financial Analyst and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Philosophy from Dartmouth College and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business. Mr. Bernstein is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and holds the ICD.D designation.

# Name, Jurisdiction of Residence and Date elected Director

# Name, Jurisdiction of Residence and Principal Occupation and Employment

Richard Knowles (5)

Ontario, Canada Director since June 18, 2013

#### Goran Mornhed (3)

New York, United States Director since June 5, 2012

# Jerry Patava (4)

Ontario, Canada Director since June 5, 2012 Mr. Knowles is currently on the Investment Advisory Committee of the Canada Post Pension Fund and is a member of the Davis Rea Wealth Management independent review committee. From 2004 to 2008, Mr. Knowles served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Sceptre Investment Counsel Ltd., and was previously President and Chief Executive Officer of Jones Heward Investment Management and Executive Vice President of Nesbitt Burns Inc. He is also past chairman of the Portfolio Management Association of Canada and former treasurer of North York General Hospital. Mr. Knowles is a Chartered Financial Analyst and holds an Honors Bachelor of Business degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Assumption University (Windsor).

Mr. Mornhed is a principal of Ariston Research LLC, a company engaged in the development and application of quantitative investment strategies. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Mornhed was the Chief Executive Officer of Countryside Ventures, the manager of Countryside Power Income Fund. Previously, Mr. Mornhed was the President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Energy Systems Inc. and the Chief Executive Officer of Trigen-Cinergy Solutions LLC. He has extensive experience with companies involved in developing, operating and owning power assets and he began his career in engineering consulting, where he specialized in energy, power generation (including renewable power) and district energy projects. Mr. Mornhed earned his Master of Business Administration degree from New York University and his Master of Science, Engineering degree from the University of Lund, Sweden Institute of Technology.

Mr. Patava is the Chief Executive Officer of the Great Gulf Group of Companies, a real-estate development company, a position he has held since 2007. He is also the lead director and a member of the governance and compensation committee of Trimac Transportation Ltd. (formerly Trimac Income Fund), a director, chair of the governance committee and a member of the audit committee of EnerCare Inc., and a director and a member of the audit committee of Ashton Woods USA, L.L.C. Mr. Patava served as a trustee of Osprey Media Income Fund from December 2004 until August 2007 and as a director of TransAlta Power, L.P. from May 2005 until December 2007. Mr. Patava was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Inc., a position he held from 1998 to 2005. Previously, he was Vice President and Treasurer of Canadian Pacific Limited from 1990 to 1997 and served as Vice President and director of RBC Dominion Securities Inc. from 1986 to 1990. Mr. Patava holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto and a Master of Business Administration degree from York University.

# Name, Jurisdiction of Residence and Principal Occupation and Employment **Date elected Director**

François R. Roy (2)

Ouébec, Canada

Director since March 15, 2004

# V. James Sardo(1)(5)

Ontario, Canada Director since November 4, 2009

#### Janet Woodruff (3)

British Columbia, Canada Director since June 18, 2013 Mr. Roy is a corporate director and is a trustee and member of the audit committee, governance and HR committee and vice chair of the independent committee of Noranda Income Fund, a director and chair of the audit committee of Neptune Technologies and Bioressources Inc., a director and member of the audit committee of Transcontinental Inc., and a director and member of the HR and governance committee of Ovivo Inc. He was the Vice Principal (Administration and Finance) of McGill University from 2007 to 2010 and, in that capacity, he was McGill's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administration Officer. Mr. Roy was the Chief Financial Officer of Telemedia Corporation between 2000 and 2003. Mr. Roy earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Toronto.

Mr. Sardo is a corporate director with significant operational and corporate governance expertise. He is currently a director of New Flyer Industries Inc. (since 2005) and Currency Exchange International Corporation (since May 2012). Mr. Sardo served as interim Chief Executive Officer of Royal Group Technologies Limited from 2004 to 2005 and was President of the Canadian operations of Moore Corporation Limited, a business forms and communications company, from 1999 to 2001, and President and Chief Executive Officer of SMK Speedy International Inc., an international automotive repair company, from 1997 to 1999. Mr. Sardo was Chief Executive Officer of Amre Inc., a Dallas-based marketer of home improvement products, from 1994 to 1995 and Chief Executive Officer of SNE Inc., a manufacturer and marketer of windows and doors, from 1991 to 1994. Previously, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Firestone Canada Inc. and a director of Cline Mining Corporation. Mr. Sardo earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Western Ontario and his Master of Business Administration degree at McMaster University. Mr. Sardo is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and holds the ICD.D designation.

Ms. Woodruff is a corporate director and is currently a director and member of the health, safety and environment committee of Keyera Corporation and a director and member of the audit committees of Altus Group, FortisBC Inc. and FortisBC Energy Inc. Ms. Woodruff was a consultant to the Transportation Investment Corporation from 2012 to 2015, during which time she served as acting Chief Executive Officer (2014-2015) and interim Chief Financial Officer (2012-2013). Prior thereto, she was Vice President and Special Advisor, BC Hydro (2010-11) and served as interim President (2009-10) and Vice President and CFO (2007-08) to BC Transmission Corporation. Ms. Woodruff was Chief Financial Officer of Vancouver Coastal Health Authority from 2003 to 2007 and from 1988 to 2002, held executive and senior management roles with Westcoast Energy Group. Ms Woodruff is a past director of Nordion Inc. and Pacific Northern Gas. Ms. Woodruff is a Fellow Chartered Accountant of British Columbia (FCPA, FCA), and a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors, holding the ICD.D designation. She earned her Master of Business Administration degree from York University and an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Ontario.

#### Notes:

- (1) Chairman of the Board.
- (2) Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board.

- (3) Member of the Audit Committee of the Board.
- (4) Chairman of the Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee of the Board.
- (5) Member of the Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee of the Board.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The name, province or state and country of residence, and principal occupation for at least the last five years for each person serving as the executive officers of the Corporation as at March 29, 2016 are as follows:

Name and Jurisdiction of Residence	Office with the Corporation	
Michael Bernstein	President and Chief Executive Officer <sup>(1)</sup>	
Ontario, Canada		
Jack Bittan	Executive Vice President, Business	
Ontario, Canada	Development <sup>(2)</sup>	
Michael Smerdon	Executive Vice President and Chief	
Ontario, Canada	Financial Officer <sup>(3)</sup>	
Aaron Boles	Senior Vice President, Communications	
Ontario, Canada	and Investor Relations <sup>(4)</sup>	
Jens Ehlers	Senior Vice President, Finance <sup>(5)</sup>	
Ontario, Canada		
Waleed Elgohary	Senior Vice President, Utilities <sup>(6)</sup>	
Ontario, Canada		
David Eva	Senior Vice President, Capstone Power	
Ontario, Canada	Development <sup>(7)</sup>	
Robert Roberti	Senior Vice President, Power Generation <sup>(8)</sup>	
Ontario, Canada		
Aileen Gien	Interim General Counsel & Corporate	
Ontario, Canada	Secretary <sup>(9)</sup>	

#### Notes:

Mr. Bernstein's biographical information is contained under the heading "Management of the Corporation – Directors".

Mr. Bittan was appointed Senior Vice President, Business Development effective April 15, 2011 and Executive Vice President, Business Development effective December 8, 2015. Prior to the Internalization Transaction, Mr. Bittan's principal occupation was as an Associate Director of the Macquarie group, Senior Vice President of MIRACL and Chief Financial Officer of MEAP. On January 1, 2015, Mr. Bittan was also appointed Chief Executive Officer of Capstone

Power Development (B.C.) Corp., a subsidiary of the Corporation.

Mr. Smerdon was appointed Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary effective August 14, 2009 and Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary effective January 1, 2011. Effective March 10, 2011, Mr. Smerdon ceased serving as Corporate Secretary of the Corporation. From 2002 to the date of the Internalization Transaction, Mr. Smerdon's principal occupation was as a Managing Director of the Macquarie group and MIRACL. Mr. Smerdon joined the Macquarie group in 1998 and he served with its infrastructure advisory group until 2002.

Mr. Boles was appointed Vice President, Communications and Investor Relations effective June 2, 2014 and Senior Vice President, Communications and Investor Relations effective January 1, 2015. From 2010 until joining Capstone, Mr. Boles was employed by the Macquarie group as a Senior Vice President, Communications. During the course of his

- career, Mr. Boles has also held senior roles in global communications consulting firms, as well as with the Capital Group, one of the world's largest privately held institutional investors.
- Mr. Ehlers was appointed Senior Vice President, Finance effective April 15, 2011. From April 2010 to the date of the Internalization Transaction, Mr. Ehlers' principal occupation was as an Associate Director of the Macquarie group and Senior Vice President of MIRACL. Prior to April 2010, Mr. Ehlers was employed by Home Trust Company, most recently as Vice President, Planning and Performance Measurement.
- Mr. Elgohary joined the Corporation on June 1, 2015 as Vice President, Utilities. Mr. Elgohary was appointed Senior Vice President, Utilities effective December 8, 2015. Prior to June 1, 2015, Mr. Elgohary was employed by Enwave Energy Corporation, as Senior Vice President, Operations and Corporate Secretary from 2013 to 2015. From 2011 to 2013, Mr. Elgohary was a lawyer at McCarthy Tetrault LLP.
- Mr. Eva joined the Capstone Power Development (B.C.) Corp. as Vice President, following the acquisition of Renewable Energy Developers Inc. on October 1, 2013 by the Corporation. Mr. Eva was appointed Senior Vice President, Capstone Power Development effective December 8, 2015. Prior to October 1, 2013, Mr. Eva was employed by Sprott Power Corp. from 2011 to 2013, where he served as Project Management Director.
- Mr. Roberti was appointed Senior Vice President, Power Generation effective April 15, 2011. Prior to the Internalization Transaction, Mr. Roberti's principal occupation was as an Associate Director of the Macquarie group and Senior Vice President of MIRACL. Mr. Roberti was previously the Chief Financial Officer of Clean Power Income Fund, which was acquired by the Fund in June 2007.
- Ms. Gien was appointed Interim General Counsel & Corporate Secretary on November 9, 2015. Prior to her appointment as Interim General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Ms. Gien served as Associate General Counsel of the Corporation since February 2014. She has been the General Counsel of Capstone Power Development (B.C.) Corp. since December 2014. From 2012 to 2014, Ms. Gien was legal counsel to Infrastructure Ontario and from 2010 to 2012, Ms. Gien was a lawyer at Torys LLP.

As at March 29, 2016, the Directors and the executive officers of the Corporation as a group own or exercise control or direction over, directly or indirectly, 435,184 Common Shares, representing less than 1% of the outstanding number of Common Shares, and no other voting securities of the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof. In addition, as at March 29, 2016, the Directors and the executive officers of the Corporation as a group own approximately 783,846 deferred share units, 589,843 restricted share units and 163,818 performance share units (details regarding the terms of these securities are contained in the Corporation's management information circular dated May 7, 2015 for its annual meeting of shareholders, available under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com).

#### CEASE TRADE ORDER, BANKRUPTCIES, PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

To the knowledge of the Corporation, no Director or executive officer of the Corporation (or a personal holding company of such person): (A) is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form or was within the last 10 years, a director, trustee, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any issuer that was subject to a cease trade order or similar order, or an order that denied the issuer access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued: (i) while the person was acting in the capacity as director, trustee, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (ii) was issued after the person ceased to be a director, trustee, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, trustee, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; (B) is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form or has been within the last 10 years, a director, trustee or executive officer of any issuer (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; (C) has in the last 10 years before the date of this Annual Information Form, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a

receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold such person's assets; (D) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (E) has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision, except for the following:

Mr. Roy ceased to be a director of Komunik Corporation on April 1, 2008. Komunik Corporation filed for protection under the *Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act* (Canada) in the fall of 2008.

Mr. Roy ceased to be a director of Pixman Nomadic Media Inc. on November 27, 2009. Between November 5, 2009 and February 17, 2010, the Alberta Securities Commission, British Columbia Securities Commission, the Ontario Securities Commission and the Autorité des marchés financiers issued cease trade orders in respect of Pixman Nomadic Media Inc. in connection with its failure to file annual audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009 and interim unaudited financial statements for the interim period ended September 30, 2009, as well as related continuous disclosure documents. On February 2, 2010, Pixman Nomadic Media Inc. filed a notice of intention to make a proposal to creditors under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada).

Between April 3, 2006 and May 3, 2006, Mr. Sardo, who was then a director of Royal Group Technologies Limited, was prohibited from trading in securities of Royal Group Technologies Limited pursuant to a management cease trade order issued by the Ontario Securities Commission in connection with the delay in filing of certain of Royal Group Technologies Limited's financial statements.

Mr. Sardo also served as a director of Cline Mining Corporation ("Cline") from May 23, 2013 to July 8, 2015. At the time of his appointment as a director of Cline on May 23, 2013, Cline was in default of its senior secured debt obligations. Mr. Sardo was appointed to the board of directors of Cline to assist the company with its assessment of strategic alternatives and to address Cline's financial challenges for the benefit of Cline and its stakeholders. Subsequently, Cline and certain of its subsidiaries obtained protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) ("CCAA") in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) on December 3, 2014 in connection with a proposed restructuring and recapitalization of those companies. On July 8, 2015, Cline completed a re-capitalization and emerged from CCAA, at which time Mr. Sardo resigned as a director of Cline.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

#### **Charter of the Audit Committee**

The text of the Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Audit Committee") is set out in Schedule "A" to this Annual Information Form.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is composed of three Directors, namely Goran Mornhed, François R. Roy (Chairman) and Janet Woodruff. Each member of the Audit Committee is "independent" and "financially literate", in accordance with the applicable provisions of NI 52-110.

#### Relevant Education and Experience of the Audit Committee Members

The education and experience of each Audit Committee member that is relevant to the performance of his or her responsibilities as a member of the Audit Committee are set forth in their respective biographies above under the heading "Management of the Corporation – Directors".

#### **External Audit Fees**

The following table outlines the fees billed to the Corporation by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Corporation's external auditors, for each of the Corporation's last two fiscal years, categorized by audit fees, audit-related fees, tax fees, and all other fees and includes a description of the nature of services comprising such non-audit fees:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Audit Fees	\$285,200	\$166,767
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$561,257	\$493,311
Tax Fees	\$0	\$0
All Other Fees	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$846,457	\$660,078

#### Notes:

The Corporation's audit-related fees include fees paid to the Corporation's auditors for statutory audits, attestation services, quarterly reviews and French translation services.

The Corporation's Audit Committee has implemented a policy restricting the services that may be provided by the Corporation's external auditors. Any service to be provided by the Corporation's external auditors must be permitted by law and by the policy, and must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the policy. The policy provides for the annual pre-approval of specific types of services, and gives detailed guidance to management as to the specific services that are eligible for such annual pre-approval. All other services must be specifically pre-approved by the Chairman of the Audit Committee as they arise throughout the year. In making its determination regarding services to be provided by the Corporation's external auditors, the Audit Committee considers the compliance with the policy and the provision of services in the context of avoiding any impact on auditor independence. This includes considering applicable regulatory requirements and guidance and whether the provision of the services would place the auditors in a position to audit their own work, result in the auditors acting in the role of the Corporation's management or place the auditors in an advocacy role on behalf of the Corporation. Four times a year, the Corporation's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer makes a presentation to the Audit

Committee detailing the services performed by the Corporation's external auditors on a year-to-date basis and provides details of any proposed assignments for consideration by the Audit Committee and pre-approval, if appropriate.

The Audit Committee has determined that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's provision of non-audit services during the financial year ending December 31, 2015 was compatible with maintaining its independence.

#### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Capstone's Corporate Social Responsibility Policy (a copy of which is available at <a href="https://www.capstoneinfrastructure.com">www.capstoneinfrastructure.com</a>) requires the Corporation to recognize and manage its impact on society and to see that its business activities and, where practical, those of supplier organizations, are conducted in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. Capstone's social responsibility commitment includes contributing to the quality of life in the communities where its businesses operate and, together with its employees, the Corporation has a history of community engagement and fundraising, supporting health organizations and causes, children's sports teams and various community and social services. The Corporation's commitment to environmental responsibility includes managing the impact of its businesses on resources such as water, energy and other raw materials as well as on its employees, customers, investors and the communities it serves. Capstone takes a comprehensive view of its responsibilities and seeks to integrate principles of sustainability into all areas of the company's strategy and operations. This includes:

- Review and evaluation of possible acquisitions: Capstone's due diligence process includes
  reviewing a business' environmental and occupational health and safety risk management as part of
  Capstone's assessment of the broader risk management framework.
- Ongoing management: Capstone maintains a comprehensive risk management system to manage its
  obligations and risks, which helps to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements as well as
  timely identification and resolution of issues.
- Stakeholder reporting: Capstone reports annually to Shareholders on environmental, social and governance sustainability standards and accomplishments.

The Corporation's Health and Safety Policy (a copy of which is available at <a href="https://www.capstoneinfrastructure.com">www.capstoneinfrastructure.com</a>) also applies to all of Capstone's businesses and supports the aims of the occupational health and safety laws and regulations in the jurisdictions where Capstone operates. This policy recognizes the needs and rights of employees and contractors to a healthy, safe workplace. At a minimum, Capstone's businesses must fully comply with all appropriate laws and regulations.

#### RISK FACTORS

The following information is a summary of certain risks applicable to an investment in the Corporation's securities and risks applicable to the Corporation, its subsidiaries and its investees (particularly, Värmevärden and CHESEC) and the facilities which they operate and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and must be read in

conjunction with, the detailed information appearing elsewhere in this Annual Information Form and in the Corporation's filings with the Canadian securities regulators from time to time.

An investment in securities of the Corporation involves significant risk. Investors should carefully consider the risks described below, the other information described elsewhere in this Annual Information Form and those risks set out in subsequent filings by the Corporation with the Canadian securities regulators before making a decision to buy securities of the Corporation. If any of the matters set out in the following or other risks were to occur, the Corporation's business, prospects, financial condition, financial performance and cash flows could be materially adversely impacted and the ability of the Corporation to make payments of interest or dividends or upon redemption or maturity, as applicable, to its security holders could be adversely affected, the trading price of securities of the Corporation could decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment in such securities.

The Corporation recognizes the importance and benefits of timely identification, assessment and management of risks that may impact the Corporation's ability to achieve its objectives. In this respect, the Corporation is committed to prudent risk management practices within the context of an enterprise risk management ("ERM") framework. Further information regarding the Corporation's risk management practices and its ERM framework is contained under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in the MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is available under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the Corporation's website at <a href="www.capstoneinfrastructure.com">www.capstoneinfrastructure.com</a>. There is, however, no assurance that the risk management practices employed by the Corporation will avoid future loss due to the occurrence of the matters set out in risks described below or other unforeseen risks.

# RISKS RELATED TO THE CORPORATION'S SECURITIES

#### **Dividends on Common Shares and Preferred Shares are not Guaranteed**

Although the Directors of the Corporation have adopted a policy of paying a quarterly dividend to Shareholders and holders of Series A Preferred Shares are entitled to receive fixed, cumulative, preferential cash dividends, if, as and when declared by the Directors, payable quarterly each year, at an annual rate equal to \$1.25 per preferred share, the declaration of common and preferred share dividends is at the discretion of the Directors. Further, the Corporation's dividend policies may vary in the future depending upon, among other things, the Corporation's cash flows, earnings, financial requirements, the satisfaction of solvency tests imposed by the BCBCA for the declaration of dividends and other relevant factors.

#### **Volatile Market Price for the Corporation's Securities**

A publicly-traded company will not necessarily trade at values determined by reference to the underlying value of its business. The prices at which the Corporation's securities will trade cannot be predicted. The market price for the Corporation's securities may be subject to significant fluctuations in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond the Corporation's control, including, without limitation, the following: actual or anticipated fluctuations in the Corporation's quarterly results of operations; recommendations by securities research analysts; investor expectations on future dividends and financial performance (including the economics of various Power Infrastructure Facilities following the expiry of the applicable PPAs); changes in the economic performance or market

valuations of other issuers that investors deem comparable to the Corporation; changes to interest rates or foreign currency (particularly changes to the Swedish krona to Canadian dollar and UK pound sterling to Canadian dollar exchange rates); real or anticipated changes in the Corporation's credit ratings; the expected return on the Corporation's securities as compared to other financial instruments; additions or departures of the Corporation's executive officers and other key personnel; sales or anticipated sales of additional securities; significant acquisitions, divestitures or business combinations (including any developments relating to the completion of the Arrangement), strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments by or involving the Corporation or its competitors; and news reports relating to trends, concerns, technological or competitive developments, regulatory changes and other related issues in the Corporation's industry or target markets.

In recent years, financial markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that have particularly affected the market prices of securities of issuers and that have, in many cases, been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such issuers. Accordingly, the market price of the Corporation's securities may decline even if the Corporation's operating results, underlying asset values or prospects have not changed. Additionally, these factors, as well as other related factors, may cause decreases in asset values that are deemed to be other than temporary, which may result in impairment losses. There can be no assurance that such fluctuations in price and volume will not occur.

#### **Completion of the Arrangement**

On January 20, 2016, the Corporation announced that Irving had agreed to acquire all of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, Class B Exchangeable Units, Capstone 2016 Debentures and CPC 2017 Debentures pursuant to the Arrangement Agreement. The Corporation currently expects the Arrangement to close in early May of 2016. The Arrangement, however, is subject to the requirement to obtain various approvals and to the satisfaction or waiver of certain closing conditions, and the Arrangement Agreement may be terminated by the Corporation or by Irving in certain circumstances. There can be no assurance that these approvals will be obtained or that these conditions will be satisfied or waived within the time frame contemplated or at all. If these approvals are not obtained in a timely manner, or at all, if the conditions to closing are not satisfied or waived, or if the Arrangement Agreement is terminated by either the Corporation or Irving, the Arrangement may not proceed. If the Arrangement does not proceed, the Corporation's business and results of operations and the market price of the Common Shares, the Preferred Shares, the Capstone 2016 Debentures and the CPC 2017 Debentures may be materially and adversely affected.

#### **Shareholder Dilution**

The Corporation's constating documents permit the issuance of an unlimited number of Common Shares and a limited number of preferred shares issuable in series on such terms as the Directors determine without the approval of Shareholders, who have no pre-emptive rights in connection with such issuances. In addition, the Corporation is required to issue Common Shares upon the exercise, conversion or exchange of the Options, Class B Exchangeable Units, Capstone 2016 Debentures and the CPC 2017 Debentures in accordance with their terms and the Corporation may, in certain circumstances, determine to redeem outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures or CPC 2017 Debentures for Common Shares or to repay outstanding principal or interest amounts thereunder by issuing additional Common

Shares. Additionally, the Corporation may issue additional Common Shares under its DRIP. Accordingly, holders of Common Shares may suffer dilution. Shareholders have no pre-emptive rights in connection with such further issues of Common Shares.

# <u>Capstone 2016 Debentures and CPC 2017 Debentures Credit Risk, Subordination and Absence of Covenant</u> Protection

The likelihood that holders of the Capstone 2016 Debentures or the CPC 2017 Debentures (collectively, "Capstone Debentures") will receive payments owing to them under the terms of the Capstone Debentures depends on the cash flows of the Corporation or CPC, as applicable. In addition, the Capstone Debentures are unsecured obligations and are subordinate in right of payment to all of their existing and future senior indebtedness of Corporation or CPC, as applicable. If the Corporation or CPC, as applicable, becomes bankrupt, liquidates its assets, reorganizes or enters into certain other transactions, its assets will be available to pay its obligations with respect to the applicable Capstone Debentures only after it has paid all of its senior and secured indebtedness in full. There may not be sufficient assets remaining following such payments to pay amounts due on any or all of the applicable Capstone Debentures then outstanding. Although CPC has provided credit support to Capstone in respect of the Capstone 2016 Debentures and Capstone has provided credit support to CPC in respect of the CPC 2017 Debentures, the Capstone Debentures are effectively and structurally subordinate to claims of creditors (including trade creditors) of their respective subsidiaries and investees except to the extent the Corporation or CPC, as applicable, is a creditor of such subsidiaries ranking at least pari passu with such other creditors. The Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture and the CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture do not prohibit or limit the ability of the Corporation or CPC, as applicable, its subsidiaries or its investees to incur additional debt or liabilities (including senior indebtedness) or to make distributions or pay dividends, except, in respect of distributions or dividends, where an event of default has occurred and such default has not been cured or waived. These indentures do not contain any provision specifically intended to protect holders of Capstone Debentures in the event of a future leveraged transaction involving the Corporation.

#### RISKS RELATED TO THE CORPORATION AND ITS BUSINESSES

#### **Availability of Debt and Equity Financing**

In recent years, global financial market events have experienced volatility which has negatively impacted the liquidity of debt and equity markets and overall global economic activity. There can be no assurance that debt or equity financing will be available or, together with internally-generated funds, will be sufficient to meet or satisfy the Corporation's objectives or requirements or, if the foregoing are available to the Corporation, that they will be available on acceptable terms. In particular, Bristol Water is expected to continue to require access to the capital markets in connection with its capital investment program and certain of the Corporation's subsidiaries are expected to require access to the private debt markets to finance the construction of the Wind Development Projects, so the inability to raise debt or equity financing could have a material adverse effect on their respective businesses. In addition, the inability of the Corporation to access sufficient capital on acceptable terms could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's ability to meet its objectives or requirements, including, without limitation, repayment obligations under its various debt instruments or credit facilities.

#### **Default under Credit Agreements and Debt Instruments**

The Corporation and several of its subsidiaries and investees, as applicable, are parties to a number of credit agreements and debt instruments, including: the Revolving Credit Facility, the various loans and credit facilities at the Wind Power Facilities, the Hydro Bonds, the Amherstburg secured debt, the Cardinal Cogen Facility secured debt, Bristol Water's long- and short-term structured debt financing and the Värmevärden Bonds. These credit agreements and debt instruments each contain a number of customary financial and other covenants. A failure to comply with the obligations under the applicable credit agreement or debt instrument could result in a default, which, if not cured or waived, could result in the termination of distributions generated by the applicable entity and permit acceleration of the relevant indebtedness. Further, if the indebtedness under any of the credit agreements or debt instruments were to be accelerated, there could be no assurance that the assets of the applicable borrower, or the applicable guarantors, would be sufficient to repay that indebtedness in full.

A portion of the cash flow of each applicable subsidiary or investee is devoted to servicing its debt and there can be no assurance that such entity will continue to generate sufficient cash flows from operations to meet the required interest and principal payments on its credit facility or debt instruments. If such an entity were unable to meet such interest or principal payments, it could be required to seek renegotiation of such payments or obtain additional equity, debt or other financing.

Although many of the credit facilities related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities are fully-amortizing over the term of the applicable PPAs, there can also be no assurance that the Corporation, its subsidiaries or its investees could refinance any of their credit facilities or debt instruments or obtain additional financing on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Borrowings under the various credit facilities and debt instruments may be at variable rates of interest, which, in the absence of effective hedges, expose the Corporation to the risk of increased interest rates. This factor may increase the sensitivity of the Corporation's cash flows to interest rate variations.

#### **Geographic Concentration**

Approximately 49.3% of the Corporation's 2015 Adjusted EBITDA, excluding the corporate component, is derived from Power Infrastructure Facilities that are located in Ontario. In addition, Bristol Water's operations are all located in the Bristol area of the UK and Värmevärden's heat production facilities and distribution networks are all located in certain municipalities in Sweden. Accordingly, the Corporation, its subsidiaries and investees, as applicable, are subject to risks associated with adverse changes in local or regional economic conditions or adverse changes to the regulatory environment in Ontario, Nova Scotia, Bristol, the UK or certain municipalities in Sweden, as applicable.

#### **Foreign Currency Exchange Rates**

Through its investments in Bristol Water and Värmevärden, and as a result of certain capital expenditures related to the Wind Development Projects, the Corporation is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk through exchange rate movements attributable to future cash flows or capital expenditures (transaction exposure) and in the revaluation of net assets in foreign subsidiaries (translation or balance sheet exposure) as the revenue generated by and the assets of Bristol Water and Värmevärden are denominated in UK pounds sterling and Swedish krona, respectively,

and the cost of certain components, such as wind turbines for the Wind Development Projects, are denominated in Euros, US dollars and Danish kroner, as applicable. The Corporation's foreign currency exchange hedging strategy focuses on reducing foreign currency exchange risk primarily in relation to expected future dividends from and interest paid by Bristol Water and Värmevärden, as applicable, and foreign currency denominated capital expenditure costs. The Corporation selects a hedging strategy which takes into consideration hedging costs and tax implications. However, the Corporation could be exposed to losses by undertaking hedging activities.

#### **Acquisitions, Development and Integration**

The Corporation's strategy includes growth through identifying suitable acquisition and development opportunities, pursuing such opportunities, consummating acquisitions, constructing development projects and effectively integrating and operating (or contracting for the operation of) such businesses. The Corporation competes for acquisitions and development opportunities with individuals, corporations and institutions (both Canadian and foreign) which are seeking or may seek investments similar to those desired by the Corporation. Many of these investors have greater financial resources than those of the Corporation and/or operate according to more flexible conditions, and so there is a risk that the Corporation may not be successful in acquiring or developing such opportunities. Further, if the Corporation is unable to identify, pursue, integrate or manage acquisition or development projects, this could have an adverse impact upon its strategy and future financial performance. As well, in pursuing development opportunities, the Corporation may be required to make material capital expenditures with no guarantee that the development project will achieve commercial operation. Acquisition and development projects are subject to the normal commercial risks and satisfaction of closing conditions that may include, among other things, lender and various regulatory approvals. Such acquisition or development projects may not be completed or, if completed, may not be on terms that are the same as initially negotiated. Acquisitions and development activities present risks and challenges relating to the integration of the business into the Corporation and the potential assumption of unknown liabilities (which may not be subject to indemnification from vendors or other parties).

#### **Environmental, Health and Safety**

The Power Infrastructure Facilities, Bristol Water and Värmevärden are each subject to a complex and stringent environmental, health and safety regulatory regime, which includes Environmental, Health and Safety Laws. As such, the operation of these businesses carries an inherent risk of environmental, health and safety liabilities (including potential civil actions, compliance or remediation orders, fines and other penalties) and may result in the applicable business being involved from time to time in administrative and judicial proceedings related to such matters. The Corporation has not been notified of any such civil or regulatory action in regards to its operations. However, it is not possible to predict with certainty what position a regulatory authority may take regarding matters of non-compliance with Environmental, Health and Safety Laws. Changes in such laws, or more aggressive enforcement of existing laws, could lead to material increases in unanticipated liabilities or expenditures for investigation, assessment, remediation or prevention, capital expenditures, restrictions or delays in the business' activities, the extent of which cannot be predicted.

To mitigate the risk of administrative sanctions and to minimize safety risks to employees and contractors, the Corporation works continuously with all employees and contractors to ensure the development and

implementation of a progressive, proactive safety culture within all operations. The Corporation has safety committees operating within each operating unit to ensure existing safety programs are continuously improved.

# **Changes in Legislation and Administrative Policy**

There can be no assurance that certain laws applicable to the Corporation, its subsidiaries and its investees, including tax laws, will not be changed in a manner which could adversely affect the Corporation. In addition, there can be no assurance that the administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency will not be changed in a manner which adversely affects the holders of the Corporation's securities.

#### **Reliance on Key Personnel**

The Corporation's success depends heavily on its ability to attract, retain and motivate key employees, including its senior management, individuals with operational experience in industries related to the Power Infrastructure Facilities and the management of Bristol Water and Värmevärden. If the Corporation loses the services of any of these key personnel and cannot replace him or her in a timely manner, its business and prospects may be adversely affected. Since the Corporation and its businesses are managed by a small group of executive officers, the loss of the technical knowledge, management expertise and knowledge of operations of one or more of these key executives could result in a diversion of management resources, as the remaining members of management would need to cover the duties of any executive officer who leaves and would need to spend time usually reserved for managing the business to search for, hire and train new members of management. The loss of some or all of the Corporation's executives could negatively affect the Corporation's ability to develop and pursue its business strategy. The Corporation does not currently carry "key person" life insurance on any of its executives.

#### RISKS RELATED TO THE POWER INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

### **Market Price for Electricity**

A portion of the revenues generated by the Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility are tied, either directly or indirectly, to the wholesale market price for electricity in Ontario and Alberta, respectively. Wholesale market electricity prices are impacted by a number of factors including: the price of fuel; the management of generation and the amount of excess generating capacity relative to load in a particular market; the cost of controlling emissions of pollution; the structure of the market; weather and economic conditions that impact electrical load; electricity demand growth; weather conditions that affect the amount of energy production by intermittent generation facilities such as wind, hydro and solar; conservation and demand-side management; and government regulations or policies (including environmental regulations or policies). The volatility and uncertainty in the energy market and market prices for electricity could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial performance.

#### **Power Purchase Agreements**

Most of the electricity that is generated or capacity that is provided by the Power Infrastructure Facilities is sold to large utilities or creditworthy customers under PPAs, which provide a specified rate, but carry expiration dates

and termination provisions. As PPAs expire or are terminated, there can be no assurance that the applicable Power Infrastructure Facility will be able to renegotiate or enter into a power supply contract on terms that are commercially reasonable, if at all, and it is possible that the price received by a Power Infrastructure Facility for power under subsequent arrangements may be reduced significantly. It is also possible that subsequent PPAs may not be available at prices that permit the operation of a facility on a profitable basis and the affected facility may temporarily or permanently cease operations.

Further, if a Power Infrastructure Facility chooses to sell the power it produces on the open market upon expiry or termination of its PPA, the prices received will depend on market conditions at the time and there can be no assurance that the market price received for the electricity so offered will exceed the facility's marginal cost of operation.

#### **Completion of Wind Development Projects**

The Corporation may not complete construction and may not obtain or may face delays in obtaining all approvals, licenses and permits required for the construction and operation of its Wind Development Projects. The Corporation believes that it has the necessary permits based on the stage of each project's development but it does not currently hold all of the approvals, licenses and permits required for the later stages of construction and operation of certain of its Wind Development Projects, including environmental approvals and permits necessary to construct and operate certain of the projects. Federal and provincial environmental permits to be issued in connection with any Wind Development Project may contain conditions that need to be satisfied prior to construction, during construction and during and after the commercial operation date. It is not possible to forecast all of the conditions that may be imposed by such permits or the cost of any mitigating measures required by such permits. The failure to obtain or delays in obtaining all necessary licenses, approvals or permits, including renewals thereof or modifications thereto, could result in construction of any Wind Development Project being delayed or not being completed.

Delays and cost over-runs may also occur in completing the construction of the Wind Development Projects. A number of factors which could cause such delays or cost over-runs include, but are not limited to, permitting delays, changing engineering and design requirements, the performance of contractors, labour disruptions, adverse weather conditions and the availability of financing. If a Wind Development Project is not brought into commercial operation within the period stipulated in its respective PPA, the Corporation may be subject to penalty payments or the counterparty may be entitled to terminate the applicable PPA. Following the commencement of commercial operations, a Wind Development Project may not operate as planned and design or manufacturing flaws may occur, which could conceivably not be covered by warranty. In addition, the Corporation may in some cases be required to advance funds and post performance bonds in the course of constructing a Wind Development Project and, in the event that a Wind Development Project is not completed or does not operate to the expected specifications, such funds advanced and or performance bonds may not be recouped by the Corporation.

### **Operational Performance**

The Corporation's operating results, financial condition and cash flows are highly dependent upon the amount of electrical energy generated by the Power Infrastructure Facilities. The operational performance of the Wind

Power Facilities, the Hydro Power Facilities and the Amherstburg Solar Park are dependent upon wind speed and density, water flows and the availability and constancy of solar insolation, respectively. The weather-related risk at the Hydro Power Facilities is partially offset by their geographic diversification in the three different watersheds. Ambient temperatures, humidity and air pressure can also affect the performance of the Cardinal Cogen Facility.

The performance of the Power Infrastructure Facilities are also subject to risks related to the failure of a component to perform as expected, premature wear or failure, defects in design, material or workmanship, the failure to maintain the facility, longer than anticipated down times for maintenance and repair, and grid outages and curtailment. These risks are partially mitigated by the proven nature of the technologies employed at each facility, regular maintenance and the design of each facility. The Corporation has attempted to mitigate some of these risks at some of the Power Infrastructure Facilities by obtaining manufacturers' warranties for principal components and having manufacturers or other reputable third parties provide O&M services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that a Power Infrastructure Facility may not operate as planned and that design or manufacturing flaws may occur, which could conceivably not be covered by warranty, or mechanical breakdown could occur in equipment after the warranty period has expired, resulting in loss of production as well as the cost of repair.

# **Contract Performance and Reliance on Suppliers**

To a large extent, the Corporation's cash flows are dependent upon the parties to the various agreements relating to the Power Infrastructure Facilities fulfilling their contractual obligations, particularly the OEFC, the IESO and NSPI under various PPAs, Millar Western under its wood waste supply agreement for the Whitecourt Biomass Facility and the various parties providing O&M services to various Power Infrastructure Facilities. As such, there is the risk of the inability or failure by any such party to meet its contractual commitments.

The Corporation has entered into, and expects to enter into additional, purchase orders with third party suppliers for components for the Wind Development Projects. Failure of any supplier to meet its commitments could result in delays in construction and increase in construction costs for the Wind Development Project and a failure by the Corporation to comply with its obligations under certain PPAs leading to potential defaults under such PPAs.

# **Land Tenure and Related Rights**

The Power Infrastructure Facilities have various land tenure and resource access rights upon which they depend for their operations. There can be no assurance that these rights will not be challenged and, if challenged, whether such challenge will be successful. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that such rights will be able to be renegotiated or extended on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. At such time as any of these rights are successfully challenged or expire and cannot be renewed or renegotiated upon acceptable terms, the affected Power Infrastructure Facility will likely be unable to continue to operate. In addition, in these circumstances, there can be no assurance that the Corporation or its subsidiaries will have the necessary financial resources or will be able to obtain the necessary financial resources to fund or cause to be funded any required restoration and remediation works.

#### **Environmental**

The primary environmental risks associated with the operation of the Cardinal Cogen Facility and the Whitecourt Biomass Facility include potential air quality and emissions issues, soil and water contamination resulting from oil spills, issues around the storage and handling of chemicals used in normal operations and, in the case of the Whitecourt Biomass Facility, storage of wood waste fuel on site. The Corporation has procedures in place to prevent and minimize any impact of the foregoing, which meet generally acceptable industry practices.

The primary environmental risks associated with the operation of the Hydro Power Facilities include possible dam failure which could result in downstream flooding and equipment failure which could result in oil or other lubricants being spilled into the waterway. In addition, the operation of a Hydro Power Facility may cause the water in the associated waterway to flow faster, or slower, which could result in water flow issues which could impact fish population, water quality and potential increases in soil erosion upstream or downstream or around a dam or facility.

The primary environmental risks associated with the operation of the Wind Power Facilities include potential harm to the local migratory bird population, harm to the local bat population as well as concerns over sound levels and visual "harm" to the scenic environment around a particular facility.

In order to monitor and mitigate these risks, the Corporation completes facility inspections and ensures its facilities are in compliance with the appropriate regulatory requirements. However, in the event of environmental complaints or impacts, the Corporation could be subject to claims, costs and/or enforcement actions.

## **Regulatory Environment**

The Corporation's Power Infrastructure Facilities are highly regulated and must abide by the relevant market rules or operating procedures as administered by the electricity system operators or utility, as applicable, in each local jurisdiction. The performance of these facilities also depends in part on a favourable regulatory climate and on the ability to obtain, maintain, comply with or renew all material licences, permits or government approvals. While these facilities are currently compliant with all material regulatory requirements, the Corporation could incur significant expense to achieve or maintain compliance with any new laws, rules or regulations that are introduced or with any modifications to their necessary licences, permits or government approvals. If the Corporation is unable to comply with applicable regulations and standards, or material licences, permits or government approvals, it could become subject to claims, costs or enforcement actions.

# RISKS RELATED TO VÄRMEVÄRDEN

#### **Operational Performance**

Värmevärden controls and operates several district heating networks and maintains the associated assets with the objective of providing heat to its customers on a continuous basis. However, its district heating facilities are subject to risks related to the failure of a component to perform as expected, premature wear or failure, defects in design, material or workmanship, the failure to maintain its facilities, longer than anticipated down times for maintenance and repair, energy shortages, malicious intervention, failure by suppliers, human error, unavailability of

access to critical sites or key staff, labour disputes, pollution or contamination and other events. These risks are partially mitigated by the proven nature of the technologies employed at each district heating facility, regular maintenance and the design of each facility. In addition, Värmevärden's revenue and costs are also affected by the demand for heat, which varies with weather conditions. Unusually cold weather may result in Värmevärden's marginal cost of production exceeding its marginal revenue. Warmer weather may also lead to a decrease in demand for heat which could result in lower revenue.

#### **Fuel Costs and Availability**

Värmevärden purchases most of its fuel on a rolling basis and is therefore exposed to market price fluctuations. Although Värmevärden has the ability to pass on fuel price increases on an annual basis to its customers, this ability is limited in the short term. Additionally, price increases may make alternative heating technologies, such as pellet boilers and geothermal pumps, more competitive with the district heating service provided by Värmevärden. Further, Värmevärden could be materially and negatively affected if the supply of fuel, particularly biomass which comprises a majority of its fuel mixture, is interrupted or if there is an increase in the costs to transport the fuel to its district heating facilities. There can be no assurance as to the supply or price of fuel (or alternative fuel sources) available on the open market. As a result, Värmevärden is subject to the risk of significant increases in fuel costs or the unavailability of fuel.

## **Industrial and Residential Contracts**

Värmevärden has entered into a number of contracts with large industrial consumers for the supply of heat and/or steam which account for a material amount of Värmevärden's total revenue. Värmevärden is subject to counterparty credit risk and risk of reduction in demand from such industrial customers. Certain of the contracts also include termination and/or buyback options. Värmevärden enjoys a relatively stable base of residential customers as a result of the large majority of the Swedish population residing in multi-unit residential buildings, the majority of which derive their heat from district heating operations. However, residential customers are able to cancel their contracts with Värmevärden at any time upon short notice. As its industrial and residential contracts expire, there is a risk that Värmevärden may not be able to renegotiate or enter into new contracts or do so on commercially reasonable terms.

#### **Environmental**

The primary environmental risks associated with Värmevärden operations include potential air quality and emissions issues, soil contamination resulting from oil spills, issues around the storage and handling of chemicals used in normal operations and the storage of fuel on site. Värmevärden's procedures, in place to prevent and minimize any impact of the foregoing, meet generally acceptable industry practices.

#### **Regulatory Environment**

Värmevärden is subject to regulation under the DH Act as well as other legislation and regulations of general application. Värmevärden's business is presently not subject to price regulation or third party access requirements. However, there is the risk that price regulation or third party access could occur in the future.

Värmevärden's operations, including its heat production and distribution activities, require numerous licences and permits from various governmental authorities and such operations are subject to laws and regulations governing production, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, safety and other matters. Värmevärden may experience increased costs and delays in the production and distribution of district heating as a result of complying with applicable laws, regulations, licences and permits. While Värmevärden is currently compliant with all material regulations and standards, Värmevärden could incur significant expenses to achieve or maintain compliance with any new laws or regulations that are introduced. If Värmevärden is unable to comply with applicable regulations and standards, it could become subject to claims, costs and enforcement actions.

## **Labour Relations**

Approximately two-thirds of Värmevärden's employees are represented by unions. While Värmevärden has traditionally maintained positive labour relations, there can be no future assurance that it will not, whether in connection with a renegotiation process or otherwise, experience strikes, labour stoppages or any other type of conflict with unions or employees. Such risks may be partially mitigated by Swedish legislation that prohibits labour disruptions in the provision of essential services, such as district heating.

#### RISKS RELATED TO BRISTOL WATER

#### **Ofwat Price Determinations**

Bristol Water operates in an industry that is substantially influenced by the service levels, regulatory targets and price determinations set by its economic regulator, Ofwat, as well as Ofwat's assessment of delivery against these measures. The price determinations periodically made by Ofwat limit the prices Bristol Water can charge its customers. Under the terms of Bristol Water's Instrument of Appointment, Ofwat is required to review Bristol Water's price limits periodically (currently every five years). Ofwat's determination of price limits may be referred to the CMA for a re-determination. As discussed under the heading "Narrative Description of the Business – Utilities – Water Distribution Business – Bristol Water – Regulation of Water Distribution Industry – Economic Regulation", in October 2015 Bristol Water received the CMA's final determination of price limits for AMP6. The next review, for the years 2020 to 2025, will commence on April 1, 2020 ("PR19"). Ofwat has published for consultation the documents on PR19 with the initial proposals for how it intends to drive outcomes for customers, the environment and communities. This consultation builds upon the approach Ofwat took with respect to its AMP6 price determinations, with a focus on challenges such as limited water resources, water quality and affordability. A negative decision in any such review process could have a materially adverse impact on Bristol Water's business, prospects, financial condition, financial performance and cash flows could be materially adversely impacted.

The conditions of Bristol Water's Instrument of Appointment, including any condition relating to the prices Bristol Water can charge its customers, can also be modified by Ofwat either with Bristol Water's agreement or, following reference to the CMA, on public interest grounds. Implicit within the current or future price limits set by Ofwat (as may be amended by the CMA) are assumptions concerning Bristol Water's operating and capital expenditures, outcome objectives and the achievement of operating cost savings. If these efficiencies are not achieved

or these assumptions are not reasonable, this may be reflected in less favourable outcomes in current or future profitability and cash flows, including potential penalties for the failure to meet specified outcomes.

During 2013, Ofwat obtained the consent of all regulated water companies (including Bristol Water) to certain amendments to their Instruments of Appointment which will enable Ofwat to set different price limits for different parts of each company's business. While these changes do not impact the RPI+/-K factor formula for price limits on a company's "wholesale" activities, there is no certainty that Ofwat will retain in future periods the RPI+/-K factor form of price limit for "retail" activities related to the provision of goods or services directly to non-domestic customers. Further changes to conditions in the Instruments of Appointment are planned by Ofwat in connection with the introduction of the retail market for non-household customers scheduled to start in April 2017, which may have an adverse impact on Bristol Water's ability to meet the conditions of its Instruments of Appointment.

#### **Failure to Deliver Capital Investment Programs**

Following the CMA's final decision on price limits for AMP6, Bristol Water continues to be required to undertake significant capital expenditures in its business, particularly in relation to new and replacement plant and equipment for water distribution networks and treatment facilities. Historically, Bristol Water has financed these capital expenditures from operating cash flows, from external debt, an issue of irredeemable preference shares and retained profits. There can be no assurance that operating cash flows will not decline or that external debt financing and other sources of capital will be available or at similar cost to that assumed by Ofwat in order to meet future capital expenditure requirements.

Delivery of capital investment programs could also be affected by a number of factors including adverse legacy effects of earlier capital investments (such as increased maintenance or enhancement costs), failure to adequately deliver specified outputs (with the potential for penalties to be assessed for the failure to meet such outputs), the insolvency of contractors retained in relation to capital programs or amounts funded in regulatory capital investment programs proving insufficient to meet the actual amount required. This may affect Bristol Water's ability to meet regulatory and other environmental performance standards, which may result in sanctions being imposed against Bristol Water. In addition, the failure by Bristol Water to successfully complete its capital investment programs could adversely impact future calculations of Bristol Water's RCV, which could adversely impact Ofwat's determination of future price limits for Bristol Water.

## **Economic Conditions**

Bristol Water's RCV and revenue are adjusted annually for inflation, so if RPI decreases, its RCV would be adjusted downward to reflect this decrease. Further, generally unfavourable economic conditions as well as other linked policy objectives of Ofwat may also adversely influence Ofwat's determination of future price limits. This may lead to pressure on leverage and other key financial ratios, which may have an adverse impact on the credit ratings of Bristol Water, and increase the cost or limit the availability of credit. Should such a situation occur, Bristol Water may be required to increase its equity base by either reducing its dividend payments or raising new equity capital. The movement of the Construction Price Index ("COPI") relative to RPI will also influence the calculation of RCV at the start of AMP6. If the COPI decreases relative to RPI then the initial RCV at the start of the regulatory period will be

lower, potentially adversely impacting financial leverage. The use of the COPI adjustment as part of the new regulation is currently unknown. As part of its consultation for PR19, Ofwat has indicated that it is currently reviewing ending the use of RPI as a measure of inflation and switching to the UK Consumer Price Index ("CPI") or the Consumer Price Index plus Housing ("CPIH") as a measure of inflation. Such change to CPI or CPIH may have an adverse impact on Bristol Water's financial condition.

#### **Operational Performance**

Bristol Water controls and operates a large water network and maintains the associated assets with the objective of providing high quality drinking water on a continuous basis. However, its facilities are subject to risks related to premature wear or failure, defects in design, material or workmanship, the failure to maintain its facilities, longer than anticipated down times for maintenance and repair, energy shortages, malicious intervention, failure by suppliers, human error, unavailability of access to critical sites or key staff, labour disputes, pollution or contamination and other events. These risks are partially mitigated by the proven nature of the technologies employed at each facility, regular maintenance and the design of each facility. In exceptional circumstances, a significant interruption of service provision or catastrophic damage could occur, resulting in significant loss of life, environmental damage and/or economic and social disruption. Further, a failure by Bristol Water to provide its water services could result in fines for breaches of statutory obligations, liability to third parties and/or Bristol Water being required to provide an alternative water supply of equivalent quality. Insurance coverage for such risks may be inadequate or unobtainable.

Management also has limited control over future energy or chemical costs, abstraction charges, levels of customer bad debt or taxes. Changes in these costs from the current position could materially affect Bristol Water's future profitability or financial position. In particular, domestic customers cannot currently be disconnected from their water supply for failure to pay their bill. This adds to debt collection costs and bad debt write offs. An allowance for bad debts is included when Ofwat sets price limits, which partially mitigates the risk of such bad debts.

#### **Outcome Incentives**

As part of the 2014 Periodic Review business plan submission and in line with Ofwat's guidance, Bristol Water has developed a package of 'outcomes' and associated performance measures that will help it to deliver the levels of service that customers have indicated that they want. Bristol Water has developed an incentive framework that will penalize failure to deliver agreed service standards, and in some areas, reward outperforming customer expectations. Accordingly, failures to deliver on performance measures set by Ofwat will result in penalties being applied. The maximum exposure for penalties is £44 million and the maximum reward is £10 million, and such penalties or rewards would occur as a gain or loss in revenue or rate base during the next five year regulatory period. Bristol Water has incorporated reporting and monitoring on these performance measures into its management systems and practices allowing it to analyze the risks posed by its performance against the incentive framework on a constant basis. As part of the 2014 Periodic Review redetermination process, the CMA reviewed and adjusted the setting of these performance measures. There can be no future assurance that Bristol Water will be able to avoid such penalties or achieve any awards during the AMP6 period.

# Failure to Deliver Water Leakage Target

Bristol Water is required to meet an annual target for water leakage. If Bristol Water fails to achieve the leakage target by a significant margin in any one year or by a small margin over a number of years, Ofwat may impose various sanctions, including a reduced revenue allowance at the next Periodic Review. In addition, if performance were to decline, Bristol Water may incur additional operating or capital expenditure to restore performance.

#### SIM and the Serviceability Assessment

The SIM is a comparative incentive mechanism to reward or penalize regulated water companies' service performance. The SIM compares all water companies' performance in terms of the quality of service that is delivered to customers. The SIM comprises both a quantitative measure of complaints and unwanted contacts, and a qualitative measure, based on survey evidence, that looks at how satisfied customers are with the quality of service that they receive. Depending upon Bristol Water's relative performance under the SIM, it could receive a reduced or increased revenue allowance when price limits are reset for a future Periodic Review.

Bristol Water is required to maintain the serviceability of its water assets, ensuring they continue to deliver a level of service and performance at least as good as in the past. Where serviceability falls below required reference levels of performance, Ofwat may impose a reduced revenue allowance at a future Periodic Review. In addition, if performance were to decline, Bristol Water may incur additional operating or capital expenditure to restore performance.

#### **Pension Plan Obligations**

Bristol Water operates both defined benefit and defined contribution pension arrangements. Pension arrangements for the minority of Bristol Water's employees are provided through Bristol Water's membership in the Water Companies' Pension Scheme ("WCPS"), which provides defined benefits based on final pensionable pay. Bristol Water's pension assets and liabilities are managed within a separate section of WCPS, which was closed to new employees in 2002 and is expected to be closed to future accrual in 2016. There can be no future assurance that Bristol Water will be able to close the WCPS to future accrual as planned or that the expected cost savings from closing the WCPS to future accrual will be realized over the course of AMP6.

All new employees are offered membership in a defined contribution pension plan outside of the WCPS. Estimates of the amount and timing of future funding for Bristol Water's defined benefit plan are based on various actuarial assumptions and other factors including, among other things, the actual and projected market performance of the plan assets, future long-term bond yields, average life expectancies and relevant legal requirements. The impact of these assumptions and other factors may require Bristol Water to make additional contributions to its pension plan which may not be recoverable under the regulatory price determination process.

## **Regulatory Environment**

Bristol Water is subject to various laws and regulations of the UK and the EU. Regulatory authorities may, from time to time, make enquiries of companies within their jurisdiction regarding compliance with regulations

governing their operations. In addition to regulatory compliance proceedings, Bristol Water could become involved in a range of third party proceedings relating to, for example, land use, environmental protection and water quality. These proceedings may include civil actions by third parties for infringement of rights, nuisance claims or other matters or criminal liability. Furthermore, the impact of future changes in laws or regulations or the introduction of new laws or regulations that affect the business cannot always be predicted and, from time to time, interpretation of existing laws or regulations may also change or the approach to their enforcement may become more rigorous.

If Bristol Water fails to comply with applicable law or regulations, in particular in relation to its Instrument of Appointment, or it has not successfully undertaken corrective action, regulatory action could be taken that could include the imposition of a financial penalty (of up to 10% of relevant revenue for each infringement) or the imposition of an enforcement order requiring Bristol Water to incur additional capital or operating expenditures to remedy its non-compliance. In the most extreme cases, non-compliance may lead to revocation of Bristol Water's Instrument of Appointment or the appointment of an administrator to manage the affairs, business and property of the company.

# **Competition**

Starting in 2017, the WA will expand the competitive market allowing retail competition for all non-household customers as an initial step in opening markets to competition. On March 14, 2016, Bristol Water entered into a joint venture agreement with Wessex Water to compete in the non-household retail market. Bristol Water's 30% minority holding will be held by Bristol Water Holdings Limited (UK), a subsidiary of the Corporation. While the joint venture agreement provides Bristol Water with the opportunity to compete in non-household retail market there can be no guarantee that this joint venture will be profitable once the market opens to competition in 2017.

Ofwat and the UK Environment Agency are considering the introduction of reforms to the regulation of water abstraction licences that would allow the trading of licences. Ofwat is also examining the scope for upstream competition in treated water supply and has already taken steps to introduce competition into the water supply market through inset appointments and the water supply licensing regime. The UK government has also asked Ofwat to provide an assessment by the third quarter of 2016 of the costs and benefits of extending retail competition to household water customers. Ofwat or the UK government may take steps that lead to other changes in the structure of the water industry with potentially adverse consequences to Bristol Water.

## **Seasonality and Climate Change**

Although there is little seasonal variation in demand, the proportion of water used from each type of Bristol Water's sources of water varies on a daily and seasonal basis according to the availability of water, the relative costs and other operational constraints, and the quantity of treated water supplies fluctuates owing to a variety of seasonal factors, such as dry weather and burst pipes due to freeze/thaw cycles affecting the ground during winter months. In addition, climate or weather pattern changes may adversely affect the availability of water resources or the demand by customers. As with other UK water companies, Bristol Water is dependent upon suitable weather conditions supplying raw water as inflow for its abstraction points and it has a drought contingency plan in place should there be a lack of such rainfall.

#### **Labour Relations**

Approximately 27% of Bristol Water's employees are represented by unions. While Bristol Water has traditionally maintained positive labour relations, there can be no future assurance that it will not, either in connection with a renegotiation process or otherwise, experience strikes, labour stoppages or any other type of conflict with unions or employees.

#### DIVIDENDS

#### **DIVIDEND POLICIES**

The Corporation's current dividend policy for the Common Shares is to pay a quarterly dividend of \$0.075 per Common Share (equivalent to \$0.30 on an annualized basis). The Corporation targets an average long-term dividend payout ratio of 70% to 80% of AFFO. Under the terms of the Arrangement Agreement, the Corporation agreed that it will not declare any Common Share dividends following the dividend paid on January 29, 2016 while the Arrangement Agreement is in force.

For the Initial Fixed Rate Period, holders of Series A Preferred Shares are entitled to receive fixed, cumulative, preferential cash dividends, if, as and when declared by the Directors, payable quarterly each year, at an annual rate equal to \$1.25 per share (see "Capital Structure of the Corporation – Preferred Shares – Series A Preferred Shares"). The holders of the Series B Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive floating rate cumulative, preferential cash dividends, if, as and when declared by the Directors, payable quarterly each year, in the amount per share determined by multiplying the applicable Floating Quarterly Dividend Rate by \$25.00 (see "Capital Structure of the Corporation – Preferred Shares – Series B Preferred Shares"). The Corporation's current policy is to pay a quarterly dividend of \$0.3125 on its Series A Preferred Shares (equivalent to \$1.25 per year). The Arrangement Agreement permits the Corporation to paying quarterly dividends to holders of Series A Preferred Shares not in excess of \$0.3125.

The Corporation's dividend policies are subject to the discretion of the Directors and may vary depending on, among other things, the Corporation's cash flows, earnings, financial requirements, the satisfaction of solvency tests imposed by the BCBCA for the declaration of dividends and other relevant factors. In particular, the Corporation is dependent on the operations of the Power Infrastructure Facilities, Värmevärden and Bristol Water to generate cash flows to fund the payment of dividends. In turn, the earnings and cash flows of the Power Infrastructure Facilities, Värmevärden and Bristol Water are affected by certain risks described elsewhere in this Annual Information Form (see "Risk Factors").

## **PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS**

For each of the quarters ended March 31, 2013 through December 31, 2015, the Corporation declared and distributed, as applicable, dividends of \$0.075 per Common Share. Holders of Class B Exchangeable Units have received distributions from LTC Holding LP equivalent to amounts paid in respect of Common Shares. See "Capital Structure of the Corporation – Class B Exchangeable Units".

For each of the quarters ended January 31, 2013 through January 31, 2016, the Corporation declared and distributed, as applicable, quarterly dividends of \$0.3125 per Series A Preferred Share.

## **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

Eligible holders of Common Shares participating in the Corporation's dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP") are entitled to invest the cash dividends paid on the Common Shares to purchase additional Common Shares without incurring brokerage commissions, service charges or brokerage fees. The Common Shares acquired under the DRIP are, at the discretion of the Corporation, either purchased on the open market ("Market Purchases") through the TSX and/or any alternative market or issued by the Corporation from treasury ("Treasury Purchases"). In the case of Treasury Purchases, the price of Common Shares purchased under the DRIP is the average of the daily volume weighted average price of Common Shares traded on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the applicable Common Share dividend payment date less a discount, if any, of up to 5% at the Corporation's election. In the case of Market Purchases, the price of Common Shares purchased under the DRIP is the average weighted cost of all Common Shares so purchased for the DRIP participants at prevailing market prices, excluding any brokerage commissions which will be paid by the Corporation. The Common Shares will be purchased over a period of five trading days following the Common Share dividend payment date.

#### MARKET FOR SECURITIES

# **COMMON SHARES**

The Common Shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol "CSE". The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices per outstanding Common Share and trading volumes for the outstanding Common Shares on the TSX for the periods indicated:

	Price Per Common Share		<b>Trading Volume</b>
	<u>High (\$)</u>	<u>Low (\$)</u>	
<u>2015</u>			
January	3.49	3.12	3,737,667
February	3.48	3.10	1,983,546
March	3.72	3.20	2,544,158
April	3.73	3.43	1,894,182
May	3.785	3.01	3,870,706
June	3.25	2.98	2,114,573
July	3.25	2.95	2,390,823
August	3.36	2.82	2,552,787
September	3.27	3.00	1,693.637
October	3.32	3.05	1,587,026
November	3.76	2.96	4,781,045
December	3.78	3.34	3,256,081

	Price Per Common Share		<b>Trading Volume</b>
	<u>High (\$)</u>	<u>Low (\$)</u>	
<u>2016</u>			
January	4.83	3.20	18,837,736
February	4.85	4.76	5,053,748
March (to March 28)	4.88	4.83	3,360,481

# **SERIES A PREFERRED SHARES**

The Series A Preferred Shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol "CSE. PR. A". The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices per outstanding Series A Preferred Share and trading volumes for the outstanding Series A Preferred Shares on the TSX for the periods indicated:

	Price Per Series A Preferred Share		<b>Trading Volume</b>
	<u>High (\$)</u>	<u>Low (\$)</u>	
<u>2015</u>			
January	17.16	15.69	44,153
February	16.49	13.80	46,558
March	14.00	12.89	88,847
April	14.20	13.05	47,573
May	14.10	13.00	43,795
June	13.99	12.65	41,575
July	13.25	10.00	118,808
August	10.99	9.50	84,240
September	11.01	9.75	83,764
October	11.51	9.50	140,630
November	13.21	10.85	100,470
December	13.02	11.99	68,428
<u>2016</u>			
January	15.30	12.00	290,462
February	13.41	11.48	69,914
March (to March 28)	12.26	11.49	46,014

# **CAPSTONE 2016 DEBENTURES**

The Capstone 2016 Debentures are listed on the TSX under the symbol "CSE.DB. A". The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices per \$100 principal amount of outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures and trading volumes for the outstanding Capstone 2016 Debentures on the TSX for the periods indicated:

	Price Per \$100 Principal Amount of Capstone 2016 Debentures		Trading Volume
	High (\$)	<u>Low (\$)</u>	
<u>2015</u>			
January	101.95	100.49	4,580
February	101.80	100.75	1,500
March	101.81	100.80	2,120
April	101.55	100.50	4,820

	Price Per \$100 Principal Amount of Capstone 2016 Debentures		<u>Trading Volume</u>
	<u>High (\$)</u>	<u>Low (\$)</u>	
<u>2015</u>			
May	102.26	100.50	3,500
June	102.50	100.26	4,700
July	101.51	100.30	4,180
August	101.31	100.49	2,600
September	101.00	100.25	3,740
October	101.01	100.75	2,040
November	101.55	101.00	4,580
December	101.55	100.00	4,060
<u>2016</u>			
January	101.45	100.10	16,660
February	101.26	101.00	3,580
March (to March 28)	101.48	101.04	3,740

# **CPC 2017 DEBENTURES**

The CPC 2017 Debentures are listed on the TSX under the symbol "CPW.DB". Prior to February 15, 2014, the CPC 2017 Debentures were listed on the TSX under the symbol "RDZ.DB" and under the symbol "SPZ.DB" before July 2, 2013. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices per \$100 principal amount of outstanding CPC 2017 Debentures and trading volumes for the outstanding CPC 2017 Debentures on the TSX for the periods indicated:

	Price Per \$100 Pri		<b>Trading Volume</b>
	CPC 2017 Debentures		
	<u>High (\$)</u>	<u>Low (\$)</u>	
<u>2015</u>			
January	102.22	100.80	4,460
February	102.50	101.22	2,690
March	102.00	101.00	13,720
April	102.25	101.51	6,410
May	102.01	101.50	13,280
June	102.00	101.50	1,510
July	102.51	101.75	890
August	102.50	101.26	5,970
September	102.75	101.27	3,100
October	102.75	101.52	1,760
November	102.65	102.00	2,350
December	102.10	101.20	1,280
<u>2016</u>			
January	107.00	100.75	26,280
February	107.85	106.51	17,120
March (to March 28)	108.13	107.50	14,140

#### **CREDIT RATINGS**

The following information has been obtained from the website of Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P").

The Corporation is rated BB+ on S&P's long-term issuer credit rating scale. An S&P issuer credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about an obligor's overall creditworthiness in order to pay its financial obligations. S&P's opinion focuses on the obligor's capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments as they come due. It does not apply to any specific financial obligation, as it does not take into account the nature of and provisions of the obligation, its standing in bankruptcy or liquidation, statutory preferences, or the legality and enforceability of the obligation.

A BB rating is the fifth highest of ten major rating categories used by S&P in its long-term issuer credit rating scale. Generally, these major rating categories may be modified by the addition of a "+" or "-" to show relative standing within the category, while the absence of either a "+" or "-" designation indicates the rating is in the middle of the category. Obligors rated BB, B, CCC and CC are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. BB indicates the least degree of speculation and CC the highest. While such obligors will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions. An obligor rated BB is less vulnerable in the near term than other lower-rated obligors; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.

The Corporation's long-term issuer credit rating has been assigned a stable outlook by S&P. An S&P rating outlook assesses the potential direction of a long-term credit rating over the intermediate term (typically six months to two years). In determining a rating outlook, consideration is given to any changes in the economic and/or fundamental business conditions. A stable outlook means that a rating is not likely to change.

The Corporation's Series A Preferred Shares are rated P-4(high) on S&P's Canadian national preferred share rating scale. The S&P Canadian preferred share rating scale serves issuers, investors, and intermediaries in the Canadian financial markets by expressing preferred share ratings (determined in accordance with global rating criteria) in terms of rating symbols that have been actively used in the Canadian market over a number of years. An S&P preferred share rating on the Canadian scale is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific preferred share obligation issued in the Canadian market, relative to preferred shares issued by other issuers in the Canadian market. There is a direct correlation between the specific ratings assigned on the Canadian preferred share scale and the various rating levels on the global debt rating scale of S&P. The Canadian scale rating is fully determined by the applicable global scale rating, and there are no additional analytical criteria associated with the determination of ratings on the Canadian scale. It is the practice of S&P to present an issuer's preferred share ratings on both the global rating scale and on the Canadian national scale when listing the ratings for a particular issuer.

A P-4 rating is the fourth highest of eight major rating categories used by S&P in its Canadian national preferred share rating scale. Generally, these major rating categories may be modified by "high" and "low" grades

which indicate relative standing within the category, while the absence of either a "high" or "low" designation indicates the rating is in the middle of the category.

The Series A Preferred Shares' rating of P-4(high) on S&P's Canadian national preferred share rating scale corresponds to B+ on S&P's global preferred share rating scale. A B+ rating is the sixth highest of ten major rating categories used by S&P in its global preferred share rating scale. Generally, these major rating categories may be modified by the addition of a "+" or "-" to show relative standing within the category, while the absence of either a "+" or "-" indicates the rating is in the middle of the category. Obligations rated BB, B, CCC, CC, and C are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, while BB indicates the least degree of speculation and C the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions. An obligation rated B is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated BB, but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

S&P cautions that ratings are statements of opinion as of the date they are expressed and not statements of fact or recommendations to purchase, hold, or sell any securities or make any investment decisions. S&P assumes no obligation to update any information following publication. Users of ratings or other analyses should not rely on them in making any investment decision. S&P's opinions and analyses do not address the suitability of any security. While S&P's has obtained information from sources it believes to be reliable, S&P's does not perform an audit and undertakes no duty of due diligence or independent verification of any information it receives. Ratings and other opinions may be changed, suspended, or withdrawn at any time.

The Corporation has made customary payments of fees to S&P in connection with the above-mentioned ratings, and expects to continue to make such payments to S&P in the ordinary course from time to time in connection with the confirmation of such ratings and future offerings of certain securities of the Corporation, if any. The Corporation has not made any payments to S&P in respect of any other service provided to the Corporation by S&P during the last two years.

#### TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares, Series A Preferred Shares and Series B Preferred Shares is Computershare Investor Services Inc. at its principal office in Montréal, Québec.

The transfer agent and registrar for the Capstone 2016 Debentures is Computershare Trust Company of Canada and the register for the Capstone 2016 Debentures is located at its office in Toronto, Ontario.

The transfer agent and registrar for the CPC 2017 Debentures is Equity Financial Trust Company and the register for the CPC 2017 Debentures is located at its office in Toronto, Ontario.

## INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

To the knowledge of the Corporation, except as otherwise disclosed elsewhere in this Annual Information Form, no Director or executive officer of the Corporation, no person or company that is the direct or indirect beneficial owner of, or who exercises control or direction over, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares, and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons or companies, has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction within the three most recently completed financial years of the Corporation, or during 2015 (up to March 29, 2016) that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Corporation.

#### INTEREST OF EXPERTS

The Corporation's auditor is PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants, and it has prepared an independent auditor's report dated March 3, 2016, in respect of the Corporation's consolidated financial statements with accompanying notes as at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2015, and 2014. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised that it is independent with respect to the Corporation within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

To the knowledge of the Corporation, except as may be described elsewhere in this Annual Information Form, there are no material legal proceedings to which the Corporation is a party or to which its property is subject, nor were there any such proceedings during 2015, and, to the Corporation's knowledge, no such proceedings are contemplated.

#### MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Except for certain contracts entered into in the ordinary course business of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, the following are the only contracts entered into by the Corporation or its subsidiaries on or after January 1, 2015 (or prior to January 1, 2014 if still in effect) that are material to the Corporation:

- (a) Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture (described under "Capital Structure of the Corporation Capstone 2016 Debentures");
- (b) CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture (described under "Capital Structure of the Corporation CPC 2017 Debentures); and
- (c) Arrangement Agreement (described under "General Development of the Business Recent Developments")

The description contained herein of each such material contract is a summary only of certain provisions of such agreement, which summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by the full text of the applicable agreement. Reference should be made to such agreement for the full text of its provisions. Copies of all material contracts listed above have been filed with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the

provinces and territories of Canada and can be found under the Corporation's or CPC's, as applicable, SEDAR profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information with respect to the Corporation, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of Common Shares and Common Shares authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans is contained in the Corporation's management information circular dated May 7, 2015 for its annual general meeting of shareholders. Additional financial information is provided in the Corporation's 2015 Annual Report, which contains the Corporation's audited annual consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis as at and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015. Such documentation, along with the information incorporated herein by reference as well as additional information relating to the Corporation may be found under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### **GLOSSARY**

In this Annual Information Form, unless the context otherwise requires:

- "Alberta EU Act" means the *Electric Utilities Act* (Alberta).
- "Adjusted EBITDA" means adjusted earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as revenue less operating and administrative expenses and project development costs plus interest income and dividends or distributions received from equity accounted investments. Operating expenses are adjusted to actual costs by transferring the portion of Cardinal gas payments required by IFRS to be included in other gains and losses. Adjusted EBITDA for investments in subsidiaries with non-controlling interests is included in Capstone's proportionate ownership interest by deducting amounts attributed to any non-controlling interest. See "Additional GAAP and Non-GAAP Performance Measures Definitions" in the Corporation's annual MD&A.
- "AFFO" means Adjusted Funds from Operations. AFFO measures cash generated by Capstone's infrastructure business investments that is available for dividends and general corporate purposes. For wholly owned businesses, AFFO is equal to Adjusted EBITDA less interest paid, repayment of principal on debt, and maintenance capital expenditures. For businesses that are not wholly owned, the cash generated by the business is only available to Capstone through periodic dividends. For these businesses, AFFO is equal to distributions received. Also deducted are taxes paid and dividends on preferred shares. See "Additional GAAP and Non-GAAP Performance Measures Definitions" in the Corporation's annual MD&A.
- "Agbar" means Sociedad General de Aguas de Barcelona, S. A.
- "Amherst Wind Facility" means the 31.5 MW wind power facility located near the town of Amherst, Nova Scotia.
- "Amherstburg Solar Park" means the 20 MW solar photovoltaic power facility located in Amherstburg, Ontario.
- "AMP" means asset management plan.
- "AMP5" means AMP period 5, commencing April 1, 2010 through to March 31, 2015.
- "AMP6" means AMP period 6, commencing April 1, 2015 through to March 31, 2020.
- "Arrangement" means the arrangement under Division 5 of Part 9 of the BCBCA on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Plan of Arrangement, subject to any amendments or variations to the Plan of Arrangement made in accordance with the terms of the Arrangement Agreement or made at the direction of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in the Final Order with the consent of the Corporation and Irving, each acting reasonably.
- "Arrangement Agreement" means the arrangement agreement dated January 20, 2016 between the Corporation and Irving.
- "Arrangement Resolution" means the special resolution approving the Plan of Arrangement that was approved at the Meetings by the Securityholders entitled to vote thereon pursuant to the Interim Order.
- "ASP Partnership" means Helios Solar Star A-1 Partnership.
- "Audit Committee" means the audit committee of the board of directors of the Corporation.
- "BC" means the Province of British Columbia.

- "BC Hydro" means British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.
- "BCBCA" means the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia).
- "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Corporation, as constituted from time to time.
- "Bristol Water" means Bristol Water plc.
- "Bristol Water Deed of Consent" means a deed of consent dated May 10, 2012 entered into by the Corporation, MPT Europe, CSE Water, Agbar, ITOCHU, I-Environment and Bristol Water Holdings.
- "Bristol Water Group" means Bristol Water Holdings and its subsidiaries, including Bristol Water.
- "Bristol Water Holdings" means Bristol Water Holdings UK Limited.
- "Bristol Water Shareholders' Agreement" means the shareholders' agreement dated October 5, 2011 among the Corporation, CSE Water, Agbar and Bristol Water Holdings to govern the relations between CSE Water and Agbar.
- "business day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or civic or statutory holiday in the Province of Ontario.
- "Capstone 2016 Debentures" means the 6.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures of the Corporation due December 31, 2016.
- "Capstone 2016 Debenture Conversion Price" means the conversion price for the Capstone 2016 Debentures of \$7.00 per Common Share, being a ratio of 142.8571 Common Shares per \$1,000 principal amount of Capstone 2016 Debentures.
- "Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture" means the indenture dated as of December 22, 2009 between the Fund and the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee, which indenture governed the Capstone 2016 Debentures until supplemented by the First Supplemental Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture.
- "Capstone 2016 Debenture Interest Payment Date" means June 30 and December 31 of each year (or the immediately following business day if such date would not otherwise be a business day).
- "Capstone 2016 Debenture Maturity Date" means the date on which the Capstone 2016 Debentures mature, being December 31, 2016.
- "Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee" means Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as trustee of the Capstone 2016 Debentures.
- "Capstone Debentures" means the Capstone 2016 Debentures and the CPC 2017 Debentures, collectively.
- "Cardinal Cogen Facility" means the 156 MW combined-cycle cogeneration facility fuelled by natural gas located in Cardinal, Ontario.
- "Cardinal GP" means Cardinal Power Inc., the general partner of Cardinal LP.
- "Cardinal GPA" means the gas purchase agreement made as of August 8, 1991 between Husky Oil Operations Limited and Cardinal LP.
- "Cardinal LP" means Cardinal Power of Canada, L. P.

"Cardinal NUG Contract" means the 20-year non-utility generator contract with the IESO that provides for the sale of electricity from the Cardinal Cogen Facility commencing January 1, 2015.

"Cardinal PPA" means the PPA made on May 29, 1992 between Ontario Hydro (continued as OEFC) and Cardinal LP, as amended.

"CCAA" means the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada).

"CEPA" means the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1995.

"Chapais Biomass Facility" means the 28 MW wood waste fired electricity-generating facility in Chapais, Québec.

"Chapais PPA" means the PPA dated December 1, 2015 between CHESEC and Hydro-Québec that expires on June 30, 2019.

"CHEL Class B Shares" means the Class B preferred shares of CHEL.

"CHEL" means Chapais Électrique Limitée, the general partner and one of the limited partners of CHESEC.

"CHESEC Tranche A Senior Debt" means the indebtedness owed by CHESEC to CPOT Holdings Corp., which bore interest at a rate of 10.789% per annum.

"CHESEC Tranche B Senior Debt" means the Tranche B Senior Debt owed by CHESEC to CPOT Holdings Corp.

"CHESEC" means the Chapais Énergie, société en commandite, a limited partnership.

"Circular" means the joint management information circular of the Corporation and CPC dated February 9, 2016.

"Class B Exchangeable Units" means Class B exchangeable limited partnership units of LTC Holding LP.

"CMA" means the UK Competition and Markets Authority.

"CO<sub>2</sub>" means carbon dioxide.

"cogeneration" means the simultaneous production of electricity and thermal energy in the form of heat or steam from a single fuel source.

"Common Shares" means common shares in the capital of the Corporation.

"Concord" means Concord Green Energy Inc.

"Conversion" means the plan of arrangement under the BCBCA pursuant to which the former Unitholders became Shareholders and the Corporation became the sole owner of all of the issued and outstanding Units.

"Corporation" refers to Capstone Infrastructure Corporation (which prior to April 15, 2011 was named "Macquarie Power and Infrastructure Corporation") and its subsidiary entities on a consolidated basis and, in the case of references to matters prior to January 1, 2011, refers to the Corporation's predecessor, Macquarie Power & Infrastructure Income Fund, and its subsidiary entities on a consolidated basis.

"Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee" means the corporate governance & compensation committee of the board of directors of the Corporation.

"CPC" means Capstone Power Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation.

"CPC 2017 Debentures" means the 6.75% extendible convertible unsecured subordinated debentures of CPC due December 31, 2017.

"CPC 2017 Debenture Indenture" means the indenture dated as of August 28, 2012 between the CPC (as successor to ReD) and Equity Financial Trust Company, as debenture agent, as amended on October 1, 2013, November 12, 2013 and February 15, 2014.

"CPI" means the UK Consumer Price Index.

"CPIH" means the UK Consumer Price Index plus Housing.

"CSE Water" means CSE Water UK Limited.

"CSE Water Shareholders' Agreement" means the shareholders' agreement dated May 10, 2012 between the Corporation, MPT Europe, CSE Water, ITOCHU and I-Environment.

"DH Act" means Swedish District Heating Act.

"DH HoldCo" means Sefyr Heat Luxembourg S.à.r.l.

"DH OpCo" means Sefyr Värme AB.

"Digby Neck Wind Facility" means the 0.9 MW wind power facility located near Digby, Nova Scotia, which was sold by a subsidiary of the Corporation on May 19, 2015.

"Director" or "Directors" mean the directors of the Corporation or any one of them.

"Dispatch" means the process by which the IESO directs the real-time operation of registered facilities to cause a specified amount of electric energy or ancillary service to be provided to or taken off the electricity system.

"**DRIP**" means the Corporation's dividend reinvestment plan.

"Dryden Hydro Facility" means, collectively, the 1.25 MW Eagle River hydro power generating station, the 0.95 MW McKenzie Falls hydro power generating station and the 1.05 MW Wainwright generating station, each of which is located near Dryden, Ontario.

"DSUs" means, collectively, (i) the deferred share units of the Corporation issued to the directors of the Corporation under the Corporation's director DSU plan, (ii) the deferred share units of the Corporation issued under the LTIP in lieu of cash awards under the Corporation's short-term incentive plan or CPC's long-term incentive plan, (iii) the performance-based vesting deferred share units of the Corporation issued under the LTIP in lieu of PSUs and (iv) the time-based vesting deferred share units of the Corporation issued under the LTIP in lieu of RSUs.

"EBITDA" means earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is net income (loss), including that net income (loss) related to the non-controlling interest and interest income excluding interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

"Enercon" means Enercon Canada Inc.

"Energy Savings Agreement" means the second energy savings agreement between Cardinal LP and Ingredion dated December 15, 2014 and effective January 1, 2015.

"Environmental, Health and Safety Laws" means, as applicable: (a) EU, federal, national, provincial, municipal, aboriginal and local laws; (b) regulations, by-laws, common law, licences, permits and other approvals; (c) government directions and orders; and (d) government guidelines and policies and other requirements governing or relating to, among other things: (i) air emissions; (ii) taking of water, management of water and discharges into water, including seasonality issues; (iii) the storage, handling, use, transportation and distribution of dangerous goods and hazardous and residual material (such as chemicals); (iv) the prevention of releases of hazardous materials into the environment; (v) the presence and remediation of hazardous materials in soil and ground water, both on and off site; (vi) workers' health and safety issues; (vii) sound regulation; and (viii) preservation of wildlife.

"Erie Shores PPA" the renewable energy supply contract dated as of November 24, 2004 between ESWFLP and OEFC, as assigned by OEFC to the OPA (now the IESO) on November 10, 2005.

"Erie Shores Wind Farm" means the 99 MW wind power facility, located near Port Burwell, Ontario, consisting of 66 wind turbines, each with 1.5 MW (nameplate) capacity.

"ERT" means the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal.

"ESWFLP" means Erie Shores Wind Farm Limited Partnership.

"EU" means the European Union.

"Ferndale Wind Facility" means the 5.1 MW wind power facility located near Lion's Head, Ontario.

"FFPP" means the fixed facility participation payment to which Cardinal LP is entitled under the Cardinal NUG Contract.

"Final Order" means the final order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in a form acceptable to the Corporation and Irving, each acting reasonably, approving the Arrangement, as such order may be amended, modified, supplemented or varied by the court (with the consent of the Corporation and Irving, each acting reasonably) at any time prior to the effective date of the Arrangement or, if appealed, then, unless such appeal is withdrawn, abandoned or denied, as affirmed or as amended (provided that any such amendment is acceptable to the Corporation and Irving, each acting reasonably) on appeal.

"First Supplemental Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture" means the supplemental indenture dated as of January 1, 2011, entered into between the Corporation and the Capstone 2016 Debenture Trustee, supplementing the Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture.

"FIT" means feed-in tariff.

"FIT Contract" means a contract with the IESO under the Province of Ontario's renewable energy FIT program.

"Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind Facility" means the 1.6 MW wind power facility located near Pictou, Nova Scotia.

"Floating Quarterly Dividend Rate" means, for any Quarterly Floating Rate Period, the rate equal to the sum of the T-Bill Rate plus 2.71%.

"Fund" means Macquarie Power & Infrastructure Income Fund, an unincorporated open-ended limited purpose trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario, which was wound-up and terminated on January 1, 2011.

"GHG" means greenhouse gas.

- "Glen Dhu I Wind Facility" means the 62.1 MW wind power facility located near Merigomish, Nova Scotia.
- "Glace Bay I Wind Facility" means the 17.5 MW wind power facility located near Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.
- "Glace Bay II Wind Facility" means the 2.3 MW expansion wind power facility located near Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.
- "Goulais Wind Facility" means the 25 MW wind power facility located near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
- "Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility" means the 10 MW wind power facility located near McIntyre, Ontario.
- "GWh" means gigawatt hour and is a unit of electrical energy equal to 1,000 MWh.
- "Higgins Mountain Wind Facility" means the 3.6 MW wind power facility located near Westchester Station, Nova Scotia, which was sold by a subsidiary of the Corporation on May 19, 2015.
- "Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility" means the 3.0 MW hydro power generating station located near Dease Lake, BC.
- "Hydro Bonds" means the bonds issued under the Hydro Bond Indenture.
- "Hydro Bond Indenture" means the trust indenture dated June 6, 2012 between MPT Hydro LP and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as trustee and any supplements thereof.
- "Hydro Bond Purchase Agreements" means the bond purchase agreements entered into between each of the bond purchasers of the Hydro Bonds and MPT Hydro LP.
- "Hydro Power Facilities" means the Dryden Hydro Facility, the Hluey Lakes Hydro Facility, the Sechelt Hydro Facility and the Wawatay Hydro Facility.
- "Hydro Power O&M Agreement" means the O&M agreement between Regional Power and MPT Hydro LP dated November 14, 2001.
- "I-Environment" means I-Environment Investments Limited.
- "IESO" means the Independent Electricity System Operator in Ontario.
- "Ingredion" means Ingredion Canada Incorporated.
- "Initial Fixed Rate Period" means, with respect to the Series A Preferred Shares, the period from and including June 30, 2011 up to, but excluding, July 31, 2016.
- "Instrument of Appointment" means the instrument of appointment issued to Bristol Water under the WIA.
- "Interim Order" means the interim order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in a form acceptable to the Corporation and Irving, each acting reasonably, providing for, among other things, the calling and holding of the Meetings, as such order may be amended, modified, supplemented or varied by the court with the consent of the Corporation and Irving, each acting reasonably.
- "Internalization Transaction" means the internalization of all management and administrative functions that were provided to the Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries by MPML.
- "Irving" means Irving Infrastructure Corporation.
- "ITOCHU" means ITOCHU Corporation.

- "K factor" means the adjustment factor, specific to each regulated water company in the UK, that is determined by Ofwat and used when determining the limit on amounts that a regulated water company can charge its customers.
- "LTC Holding LP" means MPT LTC Holding LP.
- "LTIP" means the Corporation's long-term incentive plan.
- "Macquarie group" means MGL and all direct or indirect subsidiaries or affiliates of MGL, all funds (or similar vehicles) that any such subsidiary or affiliate of MGL manages and all direct and indirect subsidiaries of such funds (or similar vehicles).
- "March 10 Meeting" means the meeting of Shareholders, holders of Class B Exchangeable Units and holders of CPC 2017 Debentures held on March 10, 2016.
- "March 17 Meeting" means the meeting of holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures that was adjourned on March 10, 2016 and held on March 17, 2016.
- "Meetings" means, collectively, the March 10 Meeting and the March 17 Meeting;
- "MEAP" means Macquarie Essential Assets Partnership.
- "MEIF II" means Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund II.
- "MEIF II Sub" means the subsidiary of MEIF II which owns a 66.7% interest in Värmevärden.
- "MGL" means Macquarie Group Limited, an Australian public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- "Millar Western" means Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.
- "MIRACL" means Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets Canada Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of MGL.
- "MI/d" means million litres per day.
- "MPML" means Macquarie Power Management Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of MGL.
- "MPT DH" means MPT District Heating Luxembourg S.à.r.l.
- "MPT Europe" means MPT Utilities Europe Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation.
- "MW" means megawatts and is 1,000 kilowatts.
- "MWh" means megawatt hour and is an hour during which one MW of electrical power has been continuously produced.
- "NI 52-110" means Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees.
- "NOx" means nitrogen oxide.
- "NSPI" means Nova Scotia Power Inc.
- "O&M" means operations and maintenance.
- "OEFC" means the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation.

"Ofwat" means the UK Water Services Regulatory Authority.

"OPA" means the Ontario Power Authority, now amalgamated with and known as the IESO.

"Options" means the Common Share purchase options issued by the Corporation.

"**Periodic Review**" means the periodic review conducted by Ofwat every five years, in which it sets each regulated water company's price limit for the upcoming five year period.

"Pic River FN" means the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation.

"Plan of Arrangement" means the plan of arrangement under the BCBCA pursuant to which the Arrangement is to be implemented.

"Power Infrastructure Facilities" means collectively, the Cardinal Cogen Facility, the Wind Power Facilities, the Hydro Power Facilities, the Whitecourt Biomass Facility, the Chapais Biomass Facility and the Amherstburg Solar Park.

"Power Pool" means the power pool created by the Alberta EU Act, through which all electrical power must be traded in Albert, subject to certain exceptions.

"PPA" means power purchase agreement.

"Proof Line I Wind Facility" means the 6.6 MW wind power facility located near Forest, Ontario.

"PSUs" means performance share units of the Corporation issued under the LTIP.

"PV" means photovoltaic.

"Quarterly Floating Rate Period" means, means, for the initial Quarterly Floating Rate Period, the period from and including July 31, 2016 up to, but excluding, October 31, 2016, and thereafter the period from and including the day immediately following the end of the immediately preceding Quarterly Floating Rate Period up to, but excluding, the next succeeding Quarterly Period Commencement Date.

"Quarterly Period Commencement Date" means the last calendar day of each of January, April, July and October in each year.

"RCV" means regulated capital value.

"Ravenswood Wind Facility" means the 9.9 MW wind power facility located near Forest, Ontario.

"REA" means a renewable energy approval permit.

"REC" means a renewable energy credit certified under the Canadian federal government's EcoLogo environmental certification program.

"ReD" means Renewable Energy Developers Inc.

"ReD Arrangement" means the plan of arrangement under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* pursuant to which the Corporation acquired all the issued and outstanding common shares of ReD.

"ReD Shares" means the common shares of ReD

"Regional Power" means Regional Power Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation, and, unless the context otherwise requires, includes its predecessor corporations and certain of the predecessors in title to the Hydro Power Facilities and Regional Power Opco Inc.

"RESOP" means the Province of Ontario's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program.

"**RESOP Contract**" means a 20-year contract pursuant to which electricity generated by the applicable facility is sold to the IESO under the RESOP.

"Revolving Credit Agreement" means the credit agreement dated November 12, 2013 between the Corporation, as borrower, the Revolving Credit Facility Guarantors, as guarantors, the lenders from time to time parties thereto, and an administrative agent, as amended.

"Revolving Credit Facility" means the revolving credit facility under the Revolving Credit Agreement in the amount of \$90,000,000.

"Revolving Credit Facility Agent" means the administrative agent under the Revolving Credit Agreement.

"Revolving Credit Facility Guarantors" means CPC, MPT Utilities Corp., MPT Utilities Europe, Cardinal GP, Cardinal LP, Whitecourt Power Limited Partnership, Whitecourt Power Ltd. and CSE Financing Corp., as guarantors under the Revolving Credit Agreement.

"RPI" means the UK Retail Prices Index.

"RSUs" means restricted share units of the Corporation issued under the LTIP.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

"Saint-Philémon Wind Facility" means the 24 MW wind power facility located near Saint-Philémon, Québec.

"SaskPower" means Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

"Sechelt Hydro Facility" means the 16 MW hydro power generating facility located near Sechelt, BC.

"SEDAR" means the Canadian Securities Administrators' System for Electronic Document Analysis and Review.

"SEK" means Swedish krona.

"Series A Preferred Shares" means the cumulative five-year rate reset preferred shares, series A, of the Corporation.

"Series B Preferred Shares" means floating rate preferred shares, series B, of the Corporation.

"Shareholder" means a holder of Common Shares.

"Securityholders" means, collectively, the Shareholders, the holders of Preferred Shares, the holders of Class B Exchangeable Units, the holders of Options, the holders of Capstone 2016 Debentures, the holders of CPC 2017 Debentures, the holders of PSUs, the holders of RSUs and the holders of DSUs.

"Siemens" means Siemens Canada Limited.

"SIM" means Ofwat's Service Incentive Mechanism.

- "Skyway 8 Wind Facility" means the 9.5 MW wind power facility located near Dundalk, Ontario.
- "SO<sub>2</sub>" means sulphur dioxide.
- "Springhill Wind Facility" means the 2.1 MW wind power facility located near Springhill, Nova Scotia, which was sold by a subsidiary of the Corporation on May 19, 2015.
- "subsidiary" has the meaning ascribed thereto in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions*.
- "Supplemented Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture" means the Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Capstone 2016 Debenture Indenture.
- "Suzlon" means Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation.
- "T-Bill Rate" means for any Quarterly Floating Rate Period, the average yield expressed as a percentage per annum on three-month Government of Canada Treasury Bills, as reported by the Bank of Canada, for the most recent treasury bills auction preceding the 30<sup>th</sup> day prior to the first day of the applicable Quarterly Floating Rate Period.
- "TNDC" means the Tahltan Nation Development Corporation.
- "TransAlta" means TransAlta Utilities Corp.
- "TSX" means the Toronto Stock Exchange.
- "UK" means the United Kingdom.
- "US" means the United States of America.
- "Unit" means a trust unit of the Fund.
- "Unitholder" means a holder of Units.
- "Vestas" means Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc.
- "Värmevärden" means the Corporation's Swedish district heating business.
- "Värmevärden Bonds" means the SEK 1 billion (approximately \$150 million) senior secured bonds issued by DH OpCo in February and March, 2012.
- "Värmevärden Group" means collectively Värmevärden AB, Värmevärden I Nynäshamn AB, DH HoldCo and DH OpCo.
- "WA" means the UK Water Act 2014.
- "Water for Life Paper" means the white paper released by the UK government in December 2011 which reviewed competition and innovation in UK water markets.
- "Wawatay Hydro Facility" means the 13.5 MW hydro power generating facility located near Marathon, Ontario.
- "WCI" means the Western Climate Initiative.
- "Wessex Water" means Wessex Water Services Limited.

"Whitecourt Biomass Facility" means the 25 MW wood waste fired electricity generating facility located near Whitecourt, Alberta.

"Whitecourt PPA" means the PPA dated November 6, 1990 between Whitecourt Power Limited Partnership (as successor owner of the Whitecourt Biomass Facility) and TransAlta.

"WIA" means the UK Water Industry Act 1991, as amended.

"Wind Development Projects" means the Ganaraska, Grey Highlands Clean, Riverhurst, Settlers Landing and Snowy Ridge wind projects under development, as described under the heading "Narrative Description of the Business – Power Infrastructure – Wind – Wind Development Projects".

"Wind Power Facilities" means the Erie Shores Wind Farm, Skyway 8 Wind Facility, the Saint-Philémon Wind Facility, the Goulais Wind Facility, the Grey Highlands ZEP Wind Facility, the Glen Dhu I Wind Facility, the Amherst Wind Facility, the Glace Bay I Wind Facility, the Glace Bay II Wind Facility, the Fitzpatrick Mountain Wind Facility, the Ravenswood Wind Facility, the Proof Line I Wind Facility and the Ferndale Wind Facility.

"WPLP" means Whitecourt Power Limited Partnership.

"WPPI" means the Canadian federal government's Wind Power Production Incentive.

"Zero Emissions People" means Zero Emissions People Wind Fund Inc.

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The term "Corporation" herein shall refer to Capstone Infrastructure Corporation and the term "Board" shall refer to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. "Capstone Infrastructure Group" means, collectively, the Corporation and each controlled subsidiary entity of the Corporation (a "Subsidiary"). The term "Management" herein shall refer to senior management of the Corporation and all Subsidiaries.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Audit Committee (the "Committee") is a standing committee appointed by the Board to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting including responsibility to:

- oversee the work of the Corporation's external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attestation services for the Corporation;
- ii. oversee the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements and financial reporting process, including the audit process and the Corporation's internal accounting controls and procedures and compliance with related legal and regulatory requirements;
- iii. oversee the qualifications and independence of the external auditors;
- iv. oversee the work of the Corporation's financial management and external auditors in these areas;
- v. oversee the Enterprise Risk Management process and the work of the internal auditor (see Internal Audit Mandate in Appendix A); and
- vi. provide an open avenue of communication between the external auditors, the Board and Capstone Infrastructure Group, including the Board of Directors of the Corporation and Management, thus enabling information and points of view to be freely exchanged.

In addition, the Committee will review and/or approve any other matter specifically delegated to the Committee by the Board.

The function of the Committee is oversight. It is not the duty or responsibility of the Committee or its members to:

- (i) plan or conduct audits,
- (ii) determine that the Corporation's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or other reporting standards: or
- (iii) conduct other types of auditing or accounting reviews or similar procedures or investigations.

The Committee and its Chairman are members of the Board, appointed to the Committee to provide broad oversight of the financial, risk and control related activities of the Corporation and are specifically not accountable or responsible for the day to day operation or performance of such activities.

Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Corporation's financial statements. Management is also responsible for maintaining appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies and systems of risk assessment and internal controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and transactions are properly authorized, recorded and reported and to assure the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the reliability of financial reporting and compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations.

The external auditors are responsible for planning and carrying out an audit of the Corporation's annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards to provide reasonable assurance that, among other things, such financial statements are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or other reporting standards.

# PROCEDURES, POWERS AND DUTIES

In addition to the procedures and powers set out in the resolution of the Board establishing this Committee, the Committee shall have the following procedures, powers and duties:

#### General

(a) Composition - The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three members. Each member of the Committee shall be an "independent" director (as that term is defined from time to time under the requirements or guidelines for audit committee service under securities laws and the rules of any stock exchange on which the Corporation's securities are listed for trading or if it is not so defined as that term is interpreted by the Board in its business judgement) and none of the members shall have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Corporation at any time over the past three years; provided that if a director is also a director of one or more Subsidiaries it will not disqualify the director from being a member of the Committee so long as the director would otherwise be eligible to be a member of the Committee.

All members of the Committee must be "financially literate" (as that term is defined from time to time under the requirements or guidelines for audit committee service under securities laws and the rules of any stock exchange on which the Corporation's securities are listed for trading or if it is not so defined as that term is interpreted by the Board in its business judgement) or must become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after their appointment to the Committee.

(b) Appointment and Replacement of Committee Members - Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee upon ceasing to be a director. The Board may fill vacancies on the Committee by appointing another director to the Committee. The Board shall fill any vacancy if the membership of the Committee is less than three directors. Whenever there is a vacancy on a Committee, the remaining members may exercise all its power as long as a quorum remains in office. Subject to the foregoing, the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board annually and each member of the Committee shall remain on the Committee until the next annual meeting of shareholders after his or her appointment or until his or her successor shall be duly appointed and qualified.

- (c) Committee Chairman The Chairman of the Committee shall be designated by the Board. The Chairman of the Committee shall be responsible for leadership of the Committee, including preparing the agenda, presiding over the meetings, making committee assignments and reporting to the Board. The designation of the Chairman of the Committee shall take place annually at the first meeting of the Board after a meeting of shareholders at which Directors are elected, provided that if the designation of the Chairman of the Committee is not so made, the Director who is then serving as the Chairman of the Committee shall continue as the Chairman of the Committee until his or her successor is appointed.
- (d) Conflicts of Interest If a Committee member faces a potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a matter before the Committee, that member shall be responsible for alerting the Committee Chairman. If the Committee Chairman faces a potential or actual conflict of interest, the Committee Chairman shall advise the Chairman of the Board. If the Committee Chairman, or the Chairman of the Board, as the case may be, concurs that a potential or actual conflict of interest exists, the member faced with such conflict shall disclose to the Committee the member's interest and shall not participate in consideration of the matter and shall not vote on the matter.
- (e) Compensation of Committee Members The members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive such remuneration for acting as members of the Committee as the Board may from time to time determine. No member of the Committee shall receive from the Corporation any compensation other than the fees to which he or she is entitled as a director, a member of a committee of the Board, a member of the Board of Directors of a Subsidiary or a committee thereof.
- (f) Separate Executive Meetings The Committee shall meet periodically with the Chief Financial Officer, the head of the internal audit function (if other than the Chief Financial Officer) and the external auditors in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or each of these groups believes should be discussed privately and such persons shall have access to the Committee to bring forward matters requiring its attention. However, the Committee shall also meet periodically without Management present.
- (g) Meetings of the Committee -

Procedures for Meetings - Subject to any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements and the Articles of the Corporation, the time at which and place where the meetings of a Committee shall be held and the calling of Committee meetings and the procedure in all things at such meetings shall be determined by the Committee.

Calling of Meetings - The Committee shall meet as often as it deems appropriate to discharge its responsibilities. Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall

be given in writing, by any means of transmitted or recorded communication, including facsimile, telex, telegram or other electronic means that produces a written copy, to each member of a Committee at least 48 hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting. However, a member may in any manner waive a notice of a meeting. Attendance of a member at a meeting constitutes a waiver of notice of the meeting, except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called. Whenever practicable, the agenda for the meeting and the meeting materials shall be provided to members before each Committee meeting in sufficient time to provide adequate opportunity for their review.

Quorum - No business may be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum of the Committee is present. A majority of members constitute quorum for the transaction of Committee business.

Chairman of Meetings - If the Chairman of a Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, one of the other members of the Committee who is present shall be chosen by the Committee to preside at the meeting.

Secretary of Meeting - The Chairman of the Committee shall designate a person who need not be a member of the Committee to act as secretary or, if the Chairman of the Committee fails to designate such a person, the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation shall be secretary of the Committee. The agenda of each Committee meeting will be prepared by the secretary of the Committee and, whenever reasonably practicable, circulated to each member prior to each meeting.

Minutes - The secretary of the Committee shall prepare and maintain minutes of the proceedings of the Committee. Minutes shall be kept in minute books provided for that purpose. The minutes of Committee meetings shall accurately record the discussions of and decisions made by the Committee, including all recommendations to be made by the Committee to the Board and shall be distributed to all Committee members.

- (h) Professional Assistance The Committee may require the external auditors and internal auditors to perform such supplemental reviews or audits as the Committee may deem desirable. In addition, the Committee may retain such special legal, accounting, financial or other consultants as the Committee may reasonably determine to be necessary to carry out the Committee's duties at the Corporation's expense in accordance with the procedures for retaining professional advisors as set out in the Corporation's Corporate Governance Guidelines.
- (i) Reliance Absent actual knowledge to the contrary (which shall be promptly reported to the Board), each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely on (i) the integrity of those persons or organizations within and outside Capstone Infrastructure Group from which it receives information, (ii) the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons or organizations and (iii) representations made by Management and the external auditors as to any information technology, internal audit and other non-audit services provided by the external auditors to the Corporation and Capstone Infrastructure Group.

- (j) Reporting to the Board The Committee will report through the Committee Chairman to the Board following meetings of the Committee on matters considered by the Committee, its activities and compliance with this Charter.
- (k) Powers of the Committee -

Access - The Committee is entitled to full access to all books, records, facilities, and personnel of the Corporation and Capstone Infrastructure Group, as related to the investment activities and affairs of the Corporation. The Committee may require such officers, directors and employees of the Corporation and Capstone Infrastructure Group and others as it may see fit from time to time to provide any information about the Corporation and Capstone Infrastructure Group it may deem appropriate and to attend and assist at meetings of the Committee.

Delegation - The Committee may delegate from time to time to any person or committee of persons any of the Committee's responsibilities that lawfully may be delegated.

Adoption of Policies and Procedures - The Committee may adopt policies and procedures for carrying out its responsibilities.

## **AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. Selection and Oversight of the External Auditors and Independence Requirements

The external auditors are ultimately accountable to the Committee and the Board as the representatives of the shareholders of the Corporation and shall report directly to the Committee and the Committee shall so instruct the external auditors. The Committee shall evaluate the performance of the external auditors and make recommendations to the Board on the reappointment or appointment of the external auditors of the Corporation to be proposed in the Corporation's proxy circular for shareholder approval and shall have authority to terminate the external auditors. If a change in external auditors is proposed, the Committee shall review the reasons for the change and any other significant issues related to the change, including the response of the incumbent auditors, and enquire on the qualifications of the proposed auditors before making its recommendation to the Board. The Board is responsible for selecting the external auditor to be proposed in the Corporation's proxy circular for shareholder approval and appointment.

The Committee shall approve in advance the terms of engagement and the compensation to be paid by the Corporation to the external auditors with respect to the conduct of the annual audit.

The Committee shall review the independence of the external auditors and shall make recommendations to the Board on appropriate actions to be taken which the Committee deems necessary to protect and enhance the independence of the external auditors. In connection with such review, the Committee shall:

(a) perform an annual assessment of the auditor's performance in accordance with recommendations of the Canadian Public Accountability Board ("CPAB"), Chartered Professional Accountants Canada ("CPA Canada") and Institute of Corporate Directors ("ICD"). The annual assessment should focus on the independence, objectivity and quality of audit work performed by the audit team

and the engagement partner and quality of interactions between the external auditor and the Committee;

- (b) perform a comprehensive review of the auditor's performance no less than every five years in accordance with recommendations of the Canadian Public Accountability Board ("CPAB"), Chartered Professional Accountants Canada ("CPA Canada") and Institute of Corporate Directors ("ICD"). The comprehensive review should be deeper and broader than the annual assessment and focus on the audit firm, its independence, objectivity and professional skepticism and identify significant trends and the impact of tenure on the audit firm's performance.
- (c) actively engage in a dialogue with the external auditors about all relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors;
- (d) require that the external auditors submit to it on a periodic basis, and at least annually, a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the Corporation and Capstone Infrastructure Group, on the one hand, and the external auditors and their affiliates on the other hand, and that it has remained independent for the full-year;
- (e) require that (i) both the lead audit partner and the partner responsible for performing a second review respecting the audit be rotated at least every seven years and be subject to a seven year time out and (ii) all other partners on the audit engagement team who provide more than 10 hours of audit, review or attestation services with respect to the Corporation's consolidated financial statements or who serve as the lead partner in connection with any audit or review related to financial statements of a subsidiary whose assets or revenues constitute at least 20% of the consolidated assets or revenues of the Corporation be rotated at least every seven years and be subject to a two year time out;
- (f) require that the audit partners and any audit firm employee on the audit of the Capstone Infrastructure Group are prohibited from being an officer of the Capstone Infrastructure Group;
- (g) require that immediate family members of an audit partner or any audit firm employee on the audit of the Capstone Infrastructure Group are prohibited from being a director or in a senior audit facing role at the Capstone Infrastructure Group until lapse of a "cooling off" period of at least five years and, after the five years "cooling off" period, can have no continuing financial relationship with the audit firm. The five year "cooling off" period is measured from the time that the former audit firm partner or employee ceases to be on the engagement team of the Capstone Infrastructure Group;
- (h) require that the audit firm engagement team in any given year cannot include a person who had been a former officer of the Capstone Infrastructure Group during that year;
- (i) require that officers of the Capstone Infrastructure Group are prohibited from receiving any remuneration from the audit firm;

- (j) require that members of the audit team and firm are prohibited from having a business relationship with the Capstone Infrastructure Group or any officer of the Capstone Infrastructure Group unless the relationship is clearly insignificant to both parties;
- (k) require that the audit firm, its partners, its employees on the audit of the Capstone Infrastructure Group and the immediate family members are prohibited from having loans or guarantees with the Capstone Infrastructure Group;
- (I) require that the audit firm is prohibited from having a financial interest in any entity with a controlling interest in the Capstone Infrastructure Group;
- (m) consider whether there should be a regular rotation of the external audit firm itself; and
- (n) consider the auditor independence standards promulgated by applicable auditing regulatory and professional bodies.

The Committee shall prohibit the external auditor and its subsidiaries from providing certain non-audit services to the Corporation. This is to ensure the auditor does not assume the role of management, become an advocate for their own client, or audit their own professional expertise. All non-audit services to be provided to the Corporation or any of its affiliates by the external auditors or any of their affiliates shall be subject to pre-approval by the Committee Chair (including, among others, provision of taxation planning and consulting services). The Committee may approve policies and procedures for the pre-approval of non-audit services to be rendered by the external auditors, which policies and procedures (i) shall include reasonable detail with respect to the services covered, (ii) shall require that the Committee be informed of each non-audit service and (iii) shall not include delegation of the Committee's responsibilities to Management.

The auditor will not normally provide the following services:

- (o) bookkeeping or other services relating to the accounting records or financial statements of the Capstone Infrastructure Group;
- (p) appraisal or valuation and fairness opinions;
- (q) financial information or information technology systems design and implementation;
- (r) internal audit outsourcing services;
- (s) management functions, including temporary staff assignments or human resource services, including recruitment of senior management;
- (t) legal or litigation support services;
- (u) broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking;
- (v) actuarial services; or

(w) accounting and tax work on behalf of members of the senior management team of Capstone or the senior executives of Capstone's subsidiaries.

Under this policy, any fee arrangement between the Capstone Infrastructure Group and the auditor must not contain any contingent or success fees element.

Committee approval is required prior to the hiring by Capstone Infrastructure Group of partners, employees and former partners and employees of the external auditors.

The Committee shall require the external auditors to provide to the Committee, and the Committee shall review and discuss with the external auditors, all reports which the external auditors are required to provide to the Committee or the Board under rules, policies or practices of professional or regulatory bodies applicable to the external auditors, and any other reports which the Committee may require. Such reports shall include:

- (x) a description of the external auditors' internal quality-control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the external auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the external auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and
- (y) a report describing (i) all critical accounting policies and practices used in the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements, (ii) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles or other standards related to material items that have been discussed with Management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the external auditors (iii) other material written communication between the external auditors and Management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences; and (iv) disagreements between Management and/or the internal auditors and the external auditors regarding financial reporting.

The Committee is responsible for resolving disagreements between Management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting.

# 2. Oversight of Internal Audit Function

The Committee shall determine the appropriate internal audit function for the Corporation and oversee its processes, reports and the terms of compensation for any individuals engaged in such function, if any. The Internal Audit Mandate is attached as Appendix A.

# 3. Oversight and Monitoring of Audits

The Committee shall review with the external auditors and Management the audit function generally, the objectives, staffing, locations, co-ordination, reliance upon Management, any internal audit and general audit approach and scope of proposed audits of the financial statements of the Corporation, the overall audit plans, the responsibilities of Management and the external auditors, the audit procedures to be used and the timing and estimated budgets of the audits.

The Committee shall meet periodically with the internal finance management staff to discuss the progress of their activities and any significant findings stemming from any internal audits and any difficulties or disputes that arise with Management and the adequacy of Management's responses in correcting audit-related deficiencies.

The Committee shall discuss with the external auditors any difficulties or disputes that arise with Management or any internal auditors during the course of the audit and the adequacy of Management's responses in correcting audit-related deficiencies.

The Committee shall review with Management the results and scope of any internal and all external audits.

The Committee shall take such other reasonable steps as it may deem necessary to satisfy itself that the audit was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable legal requirements and auditing standards of applicable professional or regulatory bodies.

# 4. Oversight and Review of Accounting Principles and Practices

The Committee shall, as it deems necessary, oversee, review and discuss with Management, the external auditors and any internal auditors:

- (a) the quality, appropriateness and acceptability of the Corporation's accounting principles and practices used in its financial reporting, changes in the Corporation's accounting principles or practices and the application of particular accounting principles and disclosure practices by Management to new transactions or events:
- (b) all significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements, including the effects of alternative methods within generally accepted accounting principles and other standards on the financial statements and any "second opinions" sought by Management from an independent auditor with respect to the accounting treatment of a particular item;
- (c) disagreements between Management and the external auditors or any internal auditors regarding the application of any accounting principles or practices;
- (d) any material change to the Corporation's auditing and accounting principles and practices as recommended by Management, the external auditors or any internal auditors or which may result from proposed changes to applicable generally accepted accounting principles and other standards;

- (e) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives on the Corporation's financial statements and other financial disclosures;
- (f) any reserves, accruals, provisions, estimates or Management programs and policies, including factors that affect asset and liability carrying values and the timing of revenue and expense recognition, that may have a material effect upon the financial statements of the Corporation;
- (g) the use of special purpose entities and the business purpose and economic effect of off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations, guarantees and other relationships of Capstone Infrastructure Group and their impact on the reported financial results of the Corporation;
- (h) any legal matter, claim or contingency that could have a significant impact on the financial statements, the Corporation's compliance policies and any material reports, inquiries or other correspondence received from regulators or governmental agencies and the manner in which any such legal matter, claim or contingency has been disclosed in the Corporation's financial statements;
- (i) the treatment for financial reporting purposes of any significant transactions which are not a normal part of the Corporation's operations;
- (j) the use of any "pro forma" or "adjusted" information not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and
- (k) Management's determination of goodwill impairment, if any, as required by applicable accounting standards.

The Committee will review and resolve disagreements between Management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting or the application of any accounting principles or practices.

5. Oversight and Monitoring of Internal Controls and Disclosure Controls

The Committee shall, as it deems necessary, exercise oversight of, review and discuss with Management and the external auditors:

- (a) the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's internal accounting and financial controls (including accounting and operational risk management controls) based on recommendations of Management and the external auditors for the improvement of accounting practices and internal controls;
- (b) any material weaknesses in the internal control environment, including with respect to computerized information system controls and security;
- (c) any material weaknesses in the disclosure control environment; and
- (d) Management's compliance with the Corporation's processes, procedures and internal controls.

## 6. Communications with Others

The Committee shall establish and monitor procedures for the receipt and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or audit matters and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters and review periodically with Management and senior finance officers of Capstone Infrastructure Group responsible for the internal audit function, these procedures and any significant complaints received. A key component of this is the Corporation's Whistleblower Policy.

# 7. Oversight and Monitoring of the Corporation's Financial Disclosures

#### The Committee shall:

- (a) review with the external auditors and Management and recommend to the Board for approval the audited financial statements and the notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis accompanying such financial statements, the Corporation's annual report and the financial information of the Corporation contained in any prospectus or information circular or other disclosure documents or regulatory filings of the Corporation; and
- (b) review with the external auditors and Management and review or approve, subject to the determination of the Board, each set of interim financial statements and the notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis accompanying such financial statements and any other disclosure documents or regulatory filings of the Corporation containing or accompanying financial information of the Corporation.

Such reviews shall be conducted prior to the release of any summary of the financial results or the filing of such reports with applicable regulators.

Prior to their distribution and filing, the Committee shall review and discuss earnings press releases. The Committee shall also review and discuss financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and ratings agencies prior to their distribution. The Chairman of the Committee may perform the review function in respect of the earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies, on behalf of the Committee, as is required. Such discussions may, in the discretion of the Committee, be done generally (i.e., by discussing the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made) and the Committee need not discuss in advance each instance in which the Corporation gives earning guidance if it has reviewed and approved the Corporation's policies and procedures with respect to such matters.

The Committee shall meet with Management to review and assess the process and systems in place for the review of public disclosure documents that contain audited and unaudited financial information and their effectiveness.

As part of the process by which the Committee shall satisfy itself as to the reliability of public disclosure documents that contain audited and unaudited financial information, the Committee shall require each of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation to provide a certificate addressed to the Committee certifying in respect of each annual and quarterly report the matters such officers are required to certify in connection with the filing of such reports under applicable securities laws.

The Committee shall review the disclosure with respect to its pre-approval of audit and non-audit services provided by the external auditors.

# 8. Oversight of Finance Matters

The Committee shall receive and review:

- (a) periodic reports on compliance with requirements regarding statutory deductions and remittances, the nature and extent of any non-compliance together with the reasons therefore and Management's plan and timetable to correct any deficiencies:
- (b) material policies and practices of Capstone Infrastructure Group respecting cash management and material financing strategies or policies or proposed financing arrangements and objectives of Capstone Infrastructure Group (documented in the Corporation's Treasury Policy); and
- (c) material tax policies and tax planning initiatives, tax payments and reporting and any pending tax audits or assessments.

The Committee shall meet periodically with Management to review and discuss the Corporation's major financial risk exposures and the policy steps Management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the use of financial derivatives and hedging activities.

The Committee shall meet as required with the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation to review issues arising out of compliance activities, as well as assess contingent legal and regulatory risks.

## 9. Committee Reporting

As required by applicable laws or regulations or stock exchange requirements, the Committee shall review and approve the information required to be reported to shareholders and others in the Corporation's Annual Information Form, and for such purposes, each member of the Committee shall provide information respecting that member's education and experience that relate to his or her responsibilities as a Committee member.

## 10. Board, Committee and Breach Reporting

To assist the Committee in monitoring and reviewing (at least annually) the effectiveness of the operational risk management framework and compliance with key risk management policies, Management will provide the following items to the Committee for its review:

- (a) Results of the annual enterprise risk management assessment ("ERM")
- (b) A summary of policies and procedures established during the period
- (c) Results of due diligence carried out on external service providers, if any
- (d) Current Business Continuity Plan for the operations
- (e) Results of internal audit reviews and a rolling four quarter internal audit plan.

As necessary:

- (f) Any significant changes to the ERM, including external factors to be considered (such as major regulatory or industry developments)
- (g) Any significant operational risk incidents relating to the Corporation, not already reported to the Board.

# 11. Additional Responsibilities

Each new member of the Committee shall receive such training as may be approved by the Chairman of the Committee. Training should cover the requirements and obligations of audit committees, issues of accounting principles, auditing standards, risk management and ethical compliance.

The Committee should request and review a report from Management at least twice each year as to compliance with the Corporation's prohibitions against any related party transactions between directors or employees and their families and the Corporation or any of the Capstone Infrastructure Group entities.

The Committee shall review on an annual basis, insurance programs and policies relating to the Corporation and its businesses.

The Committee shall review and/or approve any other matter specifically delegated to the Committee by the Board and undertake on behalf of the Board such other activities as may be necessary or desirable to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting.

## THE CHARTER

The Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and otherwise as it deems appropriate and recommend changes to the Board. The performance of the Committee shall be evaluated with reference to this Charter annually.

The Committee shall ensure that this Charter or a summary of it which has been approved by the Committee is disclosed in accordance with all applicable securities laws or regulatory requirements.

#### APPENDIX A: INTERNAL AUDIT MANDATE

## 1. Introduction

This Mandate establishes the purpose, scope, authorities and responsibilities for Capstone Infrastructure Corporation's ("Capstone") Internal Audit function ("Internal Audit"). This Mandate will be reviewed annually by the Audit Committee in conjunction with the Audit Committee Charter.

# 2. Purpose

Internal Audit provides the Audit Committee and Management with independent, objective assurance and best practice recommendations designed to evaluate and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Capstone's activities. Internal Audit achieves these objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach when evaluating and reporting on Capstone's risk management, control and governance processes.

Internal Audit supports the Audit Committee and Management in the effective discharge of their respective responsibilities by providing them with analyses, reports, recommendations and counsel concerning the subject areas reviewed and by promoting effective control at reasonable cost.

# 3. Scope of Internal Audit Activities

The scope of the internal audit function encompasses all of the operations of Capstone and its subsidiaries and includes, but is not limited to, activities to address the following:

- Risks are identified, managed and supported by adequate risk management systems:
- Reliability and integrity of financial and other operational information;
- Adequacy and effectiveness of controls to manage operations;
- Compliance with corporate policies, standards, procedures and applicable laws and regulations;
- Resources are acquired economically, used efficiently, and adequately protected;
- Operations are conducted in an effective and efficient manner
- Adequacy and effectiveness of systems design and implementation; and
- Adequacy of benchmarking processes and practices and key performance indicators.

These attributes are assessed by Internal Audit through the conduct of audits, information system reviews and special investigations, projects and consulting engagements.

# 4. Independence and Authority

In order to ensure independence of the Internal Audit function, the Audit Committee has assumed oversight responsibility on behalf of the Board. Internal Audit reports functionally to the Chair of the Audit Committee and administratively to the Chief Financial Officer (or his designate). Capstone has chosen to outsource Internal Audit to maximize the expertise available to evaluate and provide recommendations for Capstone's diverse and complex operations.

#### The Audit Committee will:

- a) Exercise functional authority over Internal Audit;
- b) Review and approve the Internal Audit mandate;
- c) Periodically arrange and participate in meetings with the internal auditor to review the results of internal audit activities and related reports; and
- d) Approve the appointment or removal of the Internal Auditor.

Internal Audit has full and unrestricted access to all activities, records, property and personnel of Capstone Infrastructure and its subsidiaries, for audit purposes. Documents and information given to Internal Audit during a periodic review will be handled in the same prudent and confidential manner as by those employees normally accountable for them.

Internal Audit has no direct responsibility or authority for any of the operations they review. The services performed by Internal Audit do not relieve other personnel of their respective operating responsibilities.

# 5. **Professional Standards and Proficiency**

Internal Audit will meet or exceed the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association Standards.

Internal Audit is comprised of staff with sufficient knowledge, skills, experience, and professional certifications to meet the requirements of this Charter.

# 6. Audit Planning

Quarterly, Internal Audit will provide the Audit Committee with a rolling twelve month internal audit projects work plan which includes recommendations for future projects for Audit Committee approval. The work plan is developed utilizing a risk based methodology to prioritize projects. Any significant deviation from the formally approved work plan will be communicated to management and the Audit Committee.

# 7. Reporting

Quarterly, Internal Audit will provide the Audit Committee with a summary report with the results of projects completed since the last report to the Audit Committee. Reports will include recommendations as well as auditee responses and action plans. The detailed audit report will be distributed to appropriate Capstone personnel including the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer.

Internal Audit shall be responsible for following up on audit recommendations. All significant findings will remain in an open issues file until cleared by the audit staff responsible.