NOTE 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
Bristol Water debt service reserve – one year of Artesian loans	8,898	8,689
Erie Shores debt service reserve – six months	5,662	5,648
Hydro facilities debt service and maintenance reserves	4,484	_
Debt service and maintenance reserves	19,044	14,337
Cash on deposit	73	572
Construction holdbacks	112	38
Restricted cash	19,229	14,947
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	49,599	57,587
	68,828	72,534

NOTE 5. SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
Short-term cash deposits	6,471	82,202

The effective interest rate on short-term cash deposits was 0.45% and these deposits have an average maturity date of 54 days for the year ended December 31, 2012 (December 31, 2011 – 1.1% and 164 days).

NOTE 6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
Power	31,618	30,485
Utilities – water	43,480	39,252
Corporate	288	1,117
Total trade and other receivables	75,386	70,854

Substantially all of the accounts receivable for the power segment are with government authorities. Refer to note 10 (b) and 10 (c) for further detail of credit risk and economic dependence.

The utilities – water segment accounts receivable are composed of:

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
Trade receivables	39,181	39,105
Less: provision for impairment of receivables	(21,907)	(21,438)
Net trade receivables	17,274	17,667
Other receivables	6,044	3,674
Accrued income	20,162	17,911
	43,480	39,252

The aging of net trade receivables at Bristol Water was:

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
Past due 0-30 days	3,255	6,424
Past due 31-120 days	4,744	1,660
Past due more than 120 days	9,275	9,583
	17,274	17,667

As at December 31, 2012, based on a review of collection rates \$21,907 of trade receivables in the utilities - water segment were considered impaired and have been provided for (December 31, 2011 – \$21,438).

The increase in the provision for impairment of trade receivables at Bristol Water comprised:

	2012	2011
As at January 1	(21,438)	_
As at business acquisition	_	(21,262)
Charge to statement of income	(6,181)	(1,206)
Amounts written off during the year as uncollectable	6,225	447
Net foreign exchange difference	(513)	583
As at December 31	(21,907)	(21,438)

Charges for impaired receivables have been included in the consolidated statement of income as part of operating expenses.

The other classes within trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets.

Bristol Water has created an IAS 39 portfolio provision, but cannot identify which receivables are specifically impaired. Bristol Water policy is to consider a receivables impairment to be allocated on a collective basis and only impaired for the purposes of IFRS 7 disclosures when the loss can be specifically identified with the receivable.

Bristol Water is required to continue providing residential customers with water regardless of payment.

NOTE 7. OTHER ASSETS

Prepaid expenses 3,665 Inventory of spare parts and consumable supplies 3,553		Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
	Prepaid expenses	3,665	4,140
	Inventory of spare parts and consumable supplies	3,553	3,308
		7,218	7,448

The cost of inventories recognized in operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 was\$1,232 (December 31, 2011 - \$1,289).

NOTE 8. LOANS RECEIVABLE

The following table summarizes the loans receivable from Värmevärden and Chapais:

	Maturity	Interest Rate	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2011
Värmevärden	2021	7.944%	34,768	81,587
Chapais:				
Tranche A (original principal \$ 9,391)	2015	10.8%	3,675	4,659
Tranche B (original principal \$ 3,624)	2019	4.9%	562	562
Tranche C (original principal \$ 2,558)	2016	-%	_	_
		•	39,005	86,808
Less: current portion			(1,096)	(984)
Total long-term loans receivable			37,909	85,824
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Accrued interest on the loans receivable in the amount of \$63 for the year ended December 31, 2012 is included in accounts receivable (December 31, 2011 - \$42).

The estimated fair value of the loans receivable as at December 31, 2012 and 2011 approximates their carrying values.