

MANAGEMENT SOLICITATION

This Management Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Management of the Corporation for use at the Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held at Pier 4 and 5 of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario on Thursday, the 18th day of May, 2000, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon (Toronto time) for the purposes set out in the accompanying Notice of Meeting. This solicitation is made by the Management of the Corporation. It is expected that the solicitation will primarily be by mail. Proxies also may be solicited personally or by telephone by officers and directors of the Corporation. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Corporation. The information contained herein is given as of March 31, 2000.

The form of proxy forwarded to holders of Common Shares with the Notice of Meeting confers discretionary authority upon the proxy nominees with respect to amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting or other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. Management knows of no matter to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice of Meeting. However, if any other matters which are not now known to Management should properly come before the Meeting, the Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of Management nominees will be voted on such matters in the discretion of the Management nominees.

The form of proxy affords a Shareholder an opportunity to specify that the Common Shares registered in the Shareholder's name shall be voted for or withheld from voting in respect of the election of directors, the appointment of auditors and the authorization of the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors and for or against the special resolution to increase the size of the board of directors.

On any ballot that may be called for, the Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of Management nominees will be voted or withheld from voting in respect of the election of directors, the appointment of auditors and the authorization of the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors and for or against the special resolution to increase the size of the board of directors in accordance with the specifications made by Shareholders.

THE COMMON SHARES REPRESENTED BY PROXIES IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT NOMINEES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF EACH OF (I) THE ELECTION OF THE PERSONS NOMINATED BY MANAGEMENT AND NAMED HEREAFTER UNDER THE CAPTION "ELECTION OF DIRECTORS" AS DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION, (II) THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE AUDITORS OF THE CORPORATION, (III) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTORS TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITORS, AND (IV) A SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNLESS THE MANAGEMENT PROXY NOMINEES ARE OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY SHAREHOLDERS IN THE FORMS OF PROXY EXECUTED BY SHAREHOLDERS.

A proxy given by a Shareholder for use at the Meeting may be revoked at any time prior to its use. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked by depositing an instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder who has given the proxy or by his attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of such corporation, either at the registered office of the Corporation at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, at which the proxy is to be used, or with the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

NOTICE TO BENEFICIAL HOLDERS OF COMMON SHARES

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many Shareholders of the Corporation, as a substantial number of the Shareholders of the Corporation do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Shareholders who do not hold their Common Shares in their own name (referred to herein as “Beneficial Shareholders”) should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Corporation as the registered holders of Common Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder’s name on the records of the Corporation. Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the name of the Shareholder’s broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominees for many Canadian brokerage firms). Common Shares held by brokers or their nominees can only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, the broker/nominees are prohibited from voting Common Shares for their clients. The Corporation does not know for whose benefit the Common Shares registered in the name of CDS & Co. are held.

Applicable regulatory policy requires intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders’ meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting. Often, the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker is identical to the form of proxy provided to registered Shareholders. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered Shareholder how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Independent Investor Communications Corporation (“IICC”). IICC typically mails a scannable Voting Instruction Form in lieu of the Form of Proxy. The Beneficial Holder is requested to complete and return the Voting Instruction Form to them by mail or facsimile. Alternatively the Beneficial Holder can call a toll-free telephone number to vote the Common Shares held by the Beneficial Holder. IICC then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting. **A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a Voting Instruction Form cannot use that Voting Instruction Form to vote Common Shares directly at the Meeting as the Voting Instruction Form must be returned as directed by IICC well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Common Shares voted.**

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The present term of office of each director of the Corporation will expire immediately prior to the election of directors at the Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders. Each of the persons whose name appears below is proposed to be elected as a director of the Corporation to serve until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders or until his successor is elected or appointed. The Board of Directors of the Corporation has determined the board of directors will be comprised of nine members to be elected at the Meeting. It is intended that on any ballot that may be called for relating to the election of directors, the Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of Management proxy nominees will be voted in favour of the election of such persons as directors of the Corporation unless the holder of such shares has specified in his, her or its proxy that such shares are to be withheld from voting in respect of the election of directors. In the event that any vacancies occur in the slate of Management nominees, it is intended that discretionary authority shall be exercised to vote the Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of Management nominees for the election of such

other persons as directors as may be determined by the Management proxy nominees in accordance with their best judgment.

Name and Year First Became Director	Principal Occupation	Position with the Corporation	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned, Directly or Indirectly, or Controlled or Directed
N. Murray Edwards (1995)	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Magellan Aerospace Corporation since 1995 and President, Edco Financial Holdings Ltd. (private investment company) ⁽¹⁾	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director	18,719,716
Richard A. Neill (1996)	President and Chief Operating Officer, Magellan Aerospace Corporation since 1996 and prior thereto President, Orenda Division of Hawker-Siddeley (Canada) Inc. ⁽¹⁾	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	10,575
William G. Davis (1989)	Counsel, Torys (law firm) ⁽¹⁾	Director	3,359
William A. Dimma (1989)	Corporate Director ⁽¹⁾	Director	3,359
Bruce W. Gowan (1990)	Corporate Director	Director	71,083
Donald C. Lowe (1992)	Corporate Director ⁽¹⁾	Director	53,068
Larry G. Moeller (1995)	Vice-President, Finance, Edco Financial Holdings Ltd. (private investment company) ⁽¹⁾	Director	802,359
James S. Palmer (1995)	Chairman, Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer (law firm) ⁽¹⁾	Director	118,359
M. Douglas Young (1999)	Chairman, Summa Strategies Canada Inc. (strategic counselling firm) since 1997; during 1993 to 1997 he served as Canada's Minister of Transport, Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of National Defence	Director	1,071

Note:

- (1) Messrs. Edwards, Neill, Lowe, Davis and Dimma are the members of the Executive Committee. Messrs. Edwards, Davis, Dimma and Palmer are the members of the Audit Committee. Messrs. Edwards, Davis and Dimma are members of the Human Resources and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors. Messrs. Lowe and Moeller are members of the Environment and Safety Committee of the Board of Directors.

INCREASE IN SIZE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The articles and by-laws of the Corporation currently provide for the number of directors to be a minimum of 3 directors and a maximum of 9 directors. Pursuant to the by-laws, the Board of Directors are empowered to determine the number of directors under the by-laws by resolution of the directors and have determined the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at nine directors. The Board of Directors of the Corporation have approved an amendment to Section 4 of By-Law No. 1 to increase the number of directors to a minimum of 3 directors and a maximum of 12 directors. The *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) provides that where the Board of Directors amends a by-law, that the amendment must be submitted to the Shareholders of the Corporation at the next meeting of Shareholders for confirmation of such amendment by a special resolution. The Board of Directors also recommends for approval of the shareholders a similar amendment to the articles of the Corporation. The Board of Directors wishes to have the flexibility of adding additional directors to the Board of Directors between annual meetings or at subsequent annual meetings.

Pursuant to Sections 168(1) and 168(5) of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) any amendment to the Articles of the Corporation to increase the minimum or maximum number of directors must be submitted to the Corporation's Shareholders for approval as a special resolution. Special resolutions must be approved by a majority of at least 2/3 (66 2/3%) of the votes cast by Shareholders who vote in person or by proxy in respect of the resolution at the Meeting. At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following special resolution.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to Section 168(1)(m) of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) the Articles of the Corporation be amended so that the minimum number of directors is 3 and the maximum number of directors is 12.
2. Section 4 of By-Law No. 1 of the Corporation be amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting the following:

Number and Powers - Until changed in accordance with the Act, the board of directors shall consist of not fewer than the minimum number of three (3) directors and not more than the maximum number of twelve (12) directors as provided for in the articles.
3. The directors of the Corporation be empowered to determine the number of directors under such by-law by resolution of the directors.
4. The directors and the proper officers of the Corporation be and are hereby authorized to do all such acts and execute all instruments and documents necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing, including execution and filing appropriate Articles of Amendment with the Director under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario)."

VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

The authorized capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of preference shares, issuable in series, and an unlimited number of Common Shares, of which 64,609,682 Common Shares are issued and outstanding. Each Common Share carries one vote in respect of each matter to be voted upon at the Meeting of Shareholders. Holders of outstanding Common Shares of record at the close of business on April 11, 2000 are entitled to vote at the Meeting of Shareholders except to the extent that a person has transferred any Common Shares after that date and the transferee of such Common Shares establishes proper ownership and requests not later than 10 days before the Meeting that the transferee's name be included in the list of Shareholders eligible to vote at the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and officers of the Corporation, other than as set out in the table below, no person beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to any class of voting shares of the Corporation.

Name and Address of Holder	Class of Shares	Type of Ownership	Number of Shares	Percentage of Common Shares
N. Murray Edwards Calgary, Alberta	Common Shares	Direct	18,719,716	29.0%

The directors and senior officers of the Corporation, as a group, hold 19,789,345 Common Shares representing approximately 30.6% of the outstanding voting shares of the Corporation.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors (the "Board") and management of the Corporation believe that effective corporate governance is essential to enhancing and protecting shareholder value. In 1995, The Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSE") adopted a set of guidelines which were revised in 1999 (the "Guidelines") relating to corporate governance matters. The Guidelines address such matters as the constitution and independence of boards of directors, the functions to be performed by boards and their committees, and the relationship among a corporation's board, management and shareholders. All corporations listed on the TSE must now annually disclose their approach to corporate governance with specific reference to each of the Guidelines.

GUIDELINES	COMPLIANCE COMMENTS
<p>1. The Board should explicitly assume responsibility for the stewardship of the Corporation, including:</p> <p>a) the adoption of a strategic planning process;</p> <p>b) the identification of the principal risks of the Corporation's business and the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;</p> <p>c) the integrity of the Corporation's internal control and management information systems;</p>	<p>The Board of the Corporation has explicitly assumed responsibility for the stewardship of the Corporation and has assumed responsibility, both directly and through the activities of the Audit Committee, for the identification of the principal risks of the Corporation's business and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage those risks and the integrity of the Corporation's internal control and management information systems. The Board meets regularly with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the President and Chief Operating Officer. The Board also meets twice</p>

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<p>d) succession planning, including appointing, training and monitoring senior management; and</p> <p>e) the Corporation's communications policy.</p>	<p>annually with divisional management to review business and strategic plans and business risks. In addition, quarterly meetings of the Board are held to assess the compliance to and progress on the implementation of the business plans as well as to evaluate the management of the principal business risks.</p> <p>The responsibility of the Board for the succession planning process with respect to the appointment, training and monitoring of senior management is met through direct discussion at the Board meetings and through the activities of the Human Resources and Nominating Committee. The Board discusses on a regular basis the succession planning process..</p> <p>The Board reviews communications, including press releases and reports to Shareholders prior to issuance and senior officers of the Corporation are available to discuss with Shareholders their concerns.</p>
<p>2. The Board should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as unrelated directors.</p>	<p>The Board is composed of nine directors, seven of whom qualify as unrelated.</p>
<p>3. The analysis of the application of the principles supporting the conclusion in paragraph 2 above.</p>	<p>The Board has determined that, other than Messrs. Edwards and Neill, who are members of management, that the Directors are considered to be unrelated under the Guidelines. The remaining members of the Board are independent of management and are free from any interest and any business or other relationship (other than interests and relationships arising from shareholdings) which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with any such director's ability to act in the best interests of the Corporation.</p>
<p>4. The Board should appoint a committee of directors composed exclusively of outside, i.e., non-management directors, a majority of whom are unrelated directors, with the responsibility for proposing to the full Board new nominees to the Board and for assessing directors on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>The Human Resources and Nominating Committee, which is composed of a majority of unrelated directors, has the responsibility for proposing to the full board new nominees to the Board. The Board has no formal process for assessing directors on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>5. The Board should implement a process to be carried out by the Nominating Committee or other appropriate committee for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contribution of individual directors.</p>	<p>The Human Resources and Nominating Committee has no formal process for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contribution of individual directors.</p>

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6. The existence of an orientation and education program for new recruits to the Board.	New directors are provided with an orientation program that includes the provision of published and non-published information that details the financial position and describes the business and organizational structures of the Corporation. Each new director is invited to visit the operating facilities and to meet with corporate and divisional management.
7. The size of the Board and the impact of the number of directors upon the Board's effectiveness.	The Board has determined that the present number of directors is adequate to operate effectively but may add additional directors if the right opportunity presents itself.
8. The adequacy and form of the compensation of directors should realistically reflect the responsibilities and risk involved in being an effective director.	The Board and the Human Resources and Nominating Committee periodically review the compensation of directors and have, effective January 1, 2000, revised the directors' compensation to better reflect the responsibilities and risks involved in being an effective director.
9. Committees of the Board should generally be composed of outside directors, a majority of whom are unrelated directors.	The Executive Committee is comprised of five directors, which includes the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the President and Chief Operating Officer. The Audit Committee and the Human Resources and Nominating Committee are comprised of a majority of unrelated directors. The Environment and Safety Committee includes two directors, both of whom are unrelated directors.
10. The Board's responsibility for (or a committee of the Board's general responsibility for) developing the Corporation's approach to governance issues.	The Audit Committee is responsible for developing the Corporation's approach to corporate governance and for ensuring the continuing effectiveness of the Board and its various committees.
11. The Board has developed: a) position descriptions for the Board and for the CEO, involving the definition of the limits to management's responsibilities; and b) the corporate objectives for which the CEO is responsible for meeting.	The Board has not formally developed position descriptions for the Board and for the Chief Executive Officer but has established policies and procedures which detail the responsibilities, and authorities of management. The Board approves annual budgets and corporate goals, which the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer are responsible for meeting, and meets regularly with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the President and Chief Operating Officer and other managers to establish and monitor corporate objectives.
12. The structures and procedures ensuring that the Board can function independently of management.	The Board can function independently of management at any time by having direct discussions among unrelated directors. The Audit Committee of the Board meets independently with the Corporation's auditors independent of management.
13. a) The Audit Committee of the Board should be composed only of outside directors.	The Audit Committee consists of Messrs. Edwards, Davis, Dimma and Palmer, three of whom are unre-

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b) The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee should be specifically defined. c) The Audit Committee should have direct communication channels with the internal and external auditors to discuss and review specific issues as appropriate. d) The Audit Committee's duties should include oversight responsibility for management reporting on internal controls and should ensure that management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal controls.	lated directors. The mandate of the Audit Committee includes oversight of the nature and scope of the annual audit, management's reporting on internal accounting standards and practices, financial information and accounting systems and procedures, financial reporting and statements and recommending, for Board approval, the audited financial statements and other mandatory disclosure releases containing financial information. The Audit Committee meets regularly with the external auditors of the Corporation, with management and separately, to assess internal controls and management information systems in place and the effectiveness of these systems.
14. The existence of a system which enables an individual director to engage an outside adviser at the expense of the Corporation in appropriate circumstances.	The Board permits the Directors, when appropriate, to engage outside advisors at the expense of the Corporation.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Corporation's executive compensation program is administered by the Human Resources and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee"). As part of its mandate, the Committee has primary responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to the appointment and remuneration of executive officers of the Corporation. The Committee also evaluates the performance of the Corporation's senior executive officers and reviews the design and competitiveness of the Corporation's compensation plan. The Committee met once during the financial year ended December 31, 1999.

Executive Compensation Program

The Corporation's executive compensation reflects the Corporation's desire to remunerate its executives at a level commensurate with the market rate for executives with similar levels of responsibility. The basis for compensation to be paid to each executive officer consists of a base amount and, in most cases, performance-oriented incentive compensation. Incentive compensation is contingent upon both the short-term and the long-term performance of the Corporation and the individual contribution towards that performance made by the executive officer concerned.

Base Compensation

Annual base salary levels for executive officers of the Corporation are reviewed annually based on performance, industry compensation levels, the size of the business unit for which the executive bears responsibility, the number of employees under direct and indirect supervision and the ability of the Corporation to pay. The recommendations of the Committee are then presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to implementation.

Annual Bonus

Employees, including executive officers, are eligible for annual incentive awards which are determined by the Committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, with reference to the performance of their business unit as well as the Corporation as a whole. Performance is measured by comparing actual results against projected results, with specific reference to profit and asset control. Bonuses were awarded in the financial year ended December 31, 1999.

Stock Options

The Corporation's Employee Stock Option Plan is administered by the Committee. The Employee Stock Option Plan is designed to give each option holder an interest in preserving and maximizing shareholder value in the long term, to enable the Corporation to attract and retain individuals with experience and ability and to reward individuals for current performance and expected future performance. The Committee has the sole discretion to determine the key employees to whom it recommends that grants of options be made and to determine the terms of the options forming part of such grant.

The Committee prepares recommendations on the allocation of stock options and presents these recommendations to the Board of Directors for modification or approval. Any grant by and any determination made by the Committee requires confirmation by the Board of Directors.

For more details on the Employee Stock Option Plan, see "Management Incentive Plans and Other Arrangements with Officers".

COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS

The following table, presented in accordance with the Regulation made under the *Securities Act* (Ontario), sets forth all annual and long-term compensation for services in all capacities to the Corporation and its subsidiaries in respect of each of the individuals who served as a senior officer of, or who had a policy-making function in respect of, the Corporation during the financial years ended December 31, 1999, December 31, 1998, or December 31, 1997 (the "named executive officers").

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended	Annual Compensation			Long-Term Compensation	
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Other Annual Compensation (\$)	Awards Securities under Options, Granted (#)	All Other Compensation (\$)
N. Murray Edwards Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Dec. 31/1999	-	-	-	-	12,000 ⁽¹⁾
	Dec. 31/1998	-	-	-	-	14,000
	Dec. 31/1997	-	-	-	100,000	14,000
Richard A. Neill President and Chief Operating Officer	Dec. 31/1999	206,000	95,800	-	100,000	19,824 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
	Dec. 31/1998	200,000	75,727	-	-	17,137
	Dec. 31/1997	197,000	34,130	-	135,000	14,118
John B. Dekker Vice-President Finance, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary	Dec. 31/1999	105,000	14,700	-	10,000	325 ⁽³⁾

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended	Annual Compensation			Long-Term Compensation	
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Other Annual Compensation (\$)	Awards Securities under Options, Granted (#)	All Other Compensation (\$)
William A. Matthews Vice-President Marketing	Dec. 31/1999	135,000	40,500	–	5,000	13,850 ⁽³⁾

Notes:

- (1) All other compensation payable to Mr. Edwards consists of directors fees paid in cash and securities of the Corporation to Mr. Edwards.
- (2) In the case of Mr. Neill, all other compensation, consists of contributions by the Corporation to a defined contribution plan.
- (3) Includes the participation of each of Mr. Neill, Mr. Dekker and Mr. Matthews in a share purchase program which entitles him to contribute up to 7%, 5% and 7%, respectively, of his remuneration towards the purchase of Common Shares on the basis that the Corporation funds the acquisition of one Common Share for every two Common Shares previously acquired through the share purchase program and held for the previous 12 months. In the financial year ended December 31, 1999, an aggregate of 673, 34 and 531 Common Shares were issued to Mr. Neill, Mr. Dekker and Mr. Matthews, respectively, at an average price of \$9.56 per Common Share.
- (4) In addition Mr. Dekker participates in the Fleet Industries Pension Plan (the "Pension Plan"). The amount of pensions payable under the Pension Plan to Mr. Dekker and others is determined as 1.2% of such person's highest average earnings. Highest average earnings are defined as the average of a person's highest 36 consecutive months of earnings during that person's service with the Corporation. Pensions are not reduced by Canada Pension Plan payments. The following table shows the total annual retirement benefits payable under the Pension Plan to an eligible person (based on a straight line annuity) in the specified compensation and years of service categories assuming retirement at age 65 or over.

PENSION PLAN TABLE

Highest Average Earnings	Years of Service				
	15	20	25	30	35
\$ 100,000	18,000	24,000	30,000	36,000	40,000
125,000	22,500	30,000	37,500	45,000	50,000
160,000	27,000	36,000	45,000	54,000	60,000
175,000	31,500	42,000	52,500	63,000	70,000
200,000	36,000	48,000	60,000	72,000	80,000

Mr. Dekker had 14 years of credited service under the Pension Plan as at December 31, 1999.

MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLANS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH OFFICERS

Stock Option Plan

The Corporation maintains the Employee Stock Option Plan. Eligibility for participation under the Employee Stock Option Plan is confined to directors, officers and employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries. The number of Common Shares that may be optioned at any time is limited to 5,200,000 in total, and 5% of the outstanding Common Shares with respect to any one participant in the Employee Stock Option Plan. The exercise price in respect of any option issued under the Employee Stock Option Plan shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and may not be less than the then prevailing market price of the Common Shares. Options issued under the Plan may be exercised during a period determined by the Board of Directors which may not exceed 10 years, are non-assignable and terminate immediately upon the termination of the participant's employment for just cause and 30 days after the resignation of the participant or the termination of the participant's employment without just cause.

During the year ended December 31, 1999, options were granted to acquire 600,000 Common Shares. As of March 31, 2000, options to purchase an aggregate of 2,820,802 Common Shares are currently outstanding under the Employee Stock Option Plan at prices ranging from \$1.65 to \$10.05 per share. There were 115,000 options granted to the named executive officers during the financial year ended December 31, 1999.

The following table sets forth, with respect to the named executive officers the number of Unexercised Stock Options/SARs and the value of in-the-money stock options at December 31, 1999:

AGGREGATED OPTION/SAR EXERCISES DURING THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED FINANCIAL YEAR AND FINANCIAL YEAR-END OPTION/SAR VALUES

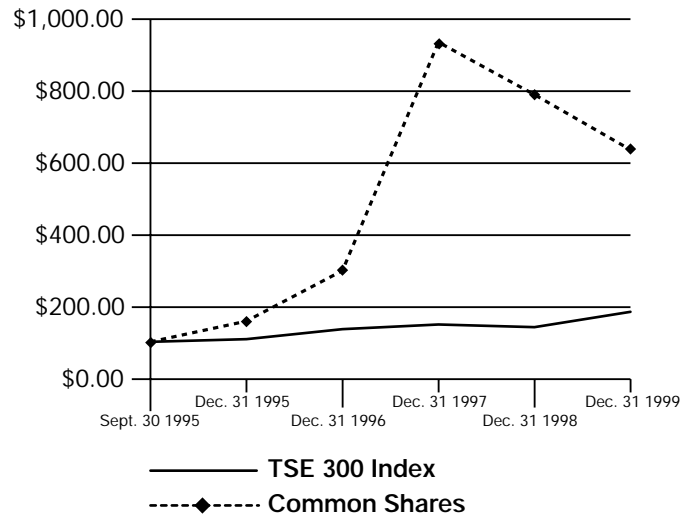
Name	Securities Acquired or Exercised (#)	Aggregated Value Realized (\$)	Unexercised Stock Options/SARs at FY-End (#) Exercisable/Unexercisable	Value of Unexercised in-the-Money Stock Options/SARs at FY-End (\$) Exercisable/Unexercisable
N. Murray Edwards	—	—	40,000 / 60,000	140,000 / 210,000
Richard A. Neill	17,500	112,875	216,500 / 241,000	936,500 / 559,500
John B. Dekker	10,000	75,500	55,000 / 37,500	272,560 / 128,250
William A. Matthews	—	—	16,000 / 29,000	7,200 / 10,800

The value of the exercisable options (market value of Common Shares less exercise price) at December 31, 1999 was based upon a year-end market price of \$6.75 per Common Share.

Performance Graph

The following graph shows changes over the five-year period ended December 31, 1999 in the value of \$100 invested on September 30, 1995 in: (1) the Common Shares; and (2) the TSE 300 Total Return Index:

CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN ON \$100 INVESTMENT MADE ON OCTOBER 1, 1995 (ASSUMING DIVIDENDS REINVESTED)⁽¹⁾



	Sept. 30 1995	Dec. 31 1995	Dec. 31 1996	Dec. 31 1997	Dec. 31 1998	Dec. 31 1999
TSE 300 Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 104.05	\$ 130.84	\$ 147.90	\$ 143.18	\$ 185.74
Common Shares	100.00	157.14	300.00	933.33	795.24	642.86

Note:

(1) The TSE 300 Index is the total return index.

Compensation of Directors

Effective January 1, 2000, each director who is not a salaried employee of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries is entitled to be paid an annual fee of \$17,500 per annum for such individual's services as a director. The directors are also entitled to a fee of \$1,000 for each meeting attended in person of the Board of Directors or of any standing committee and \$500 for each such meeting attended by telephone. On an annual basis, aggregate cash compensation paid to all directors was \$74,500 for the financial year ended December 31, 1999. The remuneration described above is paid quarterly in arrears. Directors are also entitled to the reimbursement of their expenses incurred in attending meetings. In addition, directors that have served in such capacity for more than five years are entitled, upon their resignation, to receive a lump sum payment equal to the annual amount then payable to each director for service as a director.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation approved a directors stock plan on December 15, 1995 to be effective on January 1, 1996 (the "Directors Stock Plan") which is intended to encourage stock ownership by, and to provide effective incentives for, the directors of the Corporation to promote the success and business of the Corporation and to reward such directors in relation to the long term performance and growth of the Corporation. The total number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to the Directors Stock Plan is 51,802 and the only recipients of shares under the Directors Stock Plan are directors who would otherwise be entitled to directors fees of the Corporation. The issuance of Common Shares represents payment of 25% of the annual fees of directors to be paid each year by the

Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may amend or cancel the Directors Stock Plan, subject to regulatory approvals in the case of any amendments. The number of Common Shares to be issued each year will be based on the weighted average trading prices of the Common Shares of the Corporation on the first two trading days of the calendar year in which the entitlement is earned.

The Corporation issued 3,357 Common Shares under the Directors Stock Plan at a price of \$8.04 per Common Share in respect of \$26,990 of fees otherwise payable to participating directors in respect of the financial year ended December 31, 1999.

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

None of the current directors or senior officers of the Corporation and none of their respective associates is or has been indebted to the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries at any time during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999.

INTEREST OF INSIDERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

There were no material interests, direct or indirect, of directors and senior officers of the Corporation, proposed management nominees for election as a director, any shareholder who beneficially owns more than 10% of the shares of the Corporation, or any known associate or affiliate of such persons, in any transaction since the commencement of the Corporation's last completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation or any of its affiliates, other than as described in this Management Information Circular and below.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the Corporation for the benefit of the directors and officers of the Corporation and its subsidiaries. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1999, the premium for such insurance was \$51,500, which was paid by the Corporation. The aggregate insurance coverage obtained under the policy is limited to \$20,000,000 for any one loss. The deductible to be borne by the Corporation is \$2,000,000 in respect of any one loss.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Management proposes to nominate Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants, of Hamilton, Ontario as the auditors of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of shareholders. Ernst & Young LLP have been the auditors of the Corporation for more than five years.

REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

In the past, the directors have negotiated, on an arm's length basis, the remuneration of the auditors with the auditors of the Corporation. Such remuneration has been based upon the complexity of the matters dealt with by the auditors and the time spent by the auditors in providing services to the Corporation. Management feels that the remuneration negotiated in the past with the auditors of the Corporation has been reasonable in the circumstances and would be comparable to fees charged by other auditors providing similar services. Accordingly, on any ballot that may be called for relating to the authorization of the board of directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors, the Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of Management nominees will be voted in favour of the resolution authorizing the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors, unless a Shareholder has specified in his, her or its proxy that such shares are to be withheld from voting in the authorization of the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

CERTIFICATE

The contents and the sending of this information circular have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

March 31, 2000

John B. Dekker (signed)
Corporate Secretary