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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

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The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") of Bird Construction Inc.'s ("the Company" or "Bird") financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2012 consolidated financial statements of Bird Construction Inc. and the notes thereto presented in comparison to the preceding year. This discussion contains forward looking statements, which are subject to a variety of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these statements. See "Forward Looking Information". Some of the factors that could cause results or events to differ from current expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described under "Risks Relating to the Business" and "Risks Relating to the Shares" included in the Company's most current Annual Information Form dated March 12, 2013. This MD&A has been prepared as of March 12, 2013. Additional information about the Company is available through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and includes the Company's Annual Information Form and other filings, including those filed by its predecessor, Bird Construction Income Fund ("the Fund").

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

(thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)	2012	2011
<b>Income Statement Data</b>		
Revenue	\$ 1,454,869	\$ 974,470
Net income <sup>(1)</sup>	58,245	29,595
Basic and diluted earnings per share <sup>(3)</sup>	1.38	0.70
<b>Adjusted Net Income <sup>(4)</sup></b>		
Adjusted net income	61,959	32,053
Adjusted net income per share	1.47	0.76
<b>Cash Flow Data</b>		
Cash flows from operations before changes in non-cash working capital	108,699	51,389
Cash flows from operations	60,326	15,960
Additions to property and equipment <sup>(2)</sup>	25,643	8,944
Cash dividends/distributions paid	29,718	27,612
Cash dividends declared per share <sup>(3)</sup>	0.71	0.66
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>		
Total assets	718,147	632,475
Working capital	154,427	122,962
Loans and borrowings (including current portion)	48,174	43,495
Shareholders' equity	191,565	162,413

<sup>(1)</sup> includes comprehensive income, hereafter referred to as net income

<sup>(2)</sup> computer software purchases included in intangible assets

<sup>(3)</sup> adjusted for the April 2011 three-for-one stock split

<sup>(4)</sup> adjusted net income is a non-GAAP measure and does not have standardized meaning. See page 4.

## 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

- During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company generated record quarterly revenues of \$420.3 million and a record amount for quarterly net income of \$24.7 million. Revenues of \$420.3 million exceeded fourth quarter 2011 revenues by \$88.3 million or 27%, while fourth quarter 2012 net income was \$11.8 million higher than the \$12.9 million recorded a year earlier. The increase in net income is attributable to higher revenues and improved gross profit percentages that more than offset higher general and administrative expenses. The increase in revenues is in part a result of an improved contribution from H.J. O'Connell, Limited ("O'Connell"), an increase in the level of construction activity in the northern Alberta and construction progress made on a number of commercial and institutional construction projects.
- For the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company's adjusted net income (non- GAAP measure) was \$25.6 million compared with \$14.2 million in 2011. Adjusted net income per share was \$0.61 in 2012 compared with \$0.34 in 2011.
- During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company reported net income of \$58.2 million on record construction revenues of \$1,454.9 million, compared with \$29.6 million and \$974.5 million, respectively, in 2011. The increase in earnings in 2012 compared with 2011 reflects higher revenues and related higher gross profits offset to some extent by higher general and administrative expenses. The increase in revenues is in part a result of the contribution derived from O'Connell for a full year, but also an increase of construction activity in northern Alberta. The Company also benefited from the timing in the execution of a number of commercial and institutional projects in 2012.
- For the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company's adjusted net income (non-GAAP measure) was \$62.0 million compared with \$32.1 million in 2011. The increase in adjusted net income is a result of higher 2012 revenues combined with higher gross margin percentages, all offsetting higher general and administrative expenses. The adjusted net income per share for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$1.47 compared with \$0.76 in 2011.



- On December 9, 2012, the Company announced that it entered into an agreement to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Nason Contracting Group Ltd. ("Nason"). The acquisition was completed on January 17, 2013. The total cost of the acquisition, including transaction expenses was approximately \$13.3 million, subject to closing adjustments. The \$12.8 million purchase price and related transaction expenses of \$0.5 million were funded with approximately \$8.3 million of cash and the issuance of 363,007 common shares from treasury valued at \$5.0 million. Nason is a recognized leader in the construction of water and wastewater facilities in Western Canada. Nason has a 40-year track record of successful construction projects throughout Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Nason's head office, shops and yard are located in St. Albert, Alberta. Nason performs the majority of its work with its own forces, having particular strength in the execution of mechanical, electrical and instrumentation work.
- The Company's Board of Directors approved a 9% increase in the monthly dividend from \$0.055 to \$0.060 per share effective with the March 2012 dividend.
- During 2012, the Company secured \$1,293.2 million of new construction contracts including change orders on existing contracts and put in place work valued at \$1,454.9 million. The Company has in place backlog at December 31, 2012 of \$1,073.9 million, compared to \$1,235.6 million as at December 31, 2011.
- In the second quarter, the Company successfully achieved substantial completion of the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement Project II. The project featured the construction of ten schools and was completed within the original time schedule.
- In May, Bird announced that it has been awarded a number of construction contracts totalling approximately \$235.0 million. The projects are located in a number of our operating districts within all of Bird's market segments. For a listing of the jobs, refer to Bird's previously issued press release.
- In June, the Company announced that Maple Leaf Foods awarded a subsidiary of Bird a contract to construct a new prepared meat processing facility located in Hamilton, Ontario. The 402,000 square foot plant will be the largest and most technologically advanced of its kind in Canada and is expected to achieve LEED® Silver environmental certification.
- In the third quarter of 2012, the Company was part of consortia shortlisted for a response to the Request for Proposal calls for the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement project located on Baffin Island, Nunavut and the North Island Hospitals project located on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.
- In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company successfully achieved substantial completion of the RCMP "E" Division headquarters project. The RCMP "E" Division headquarters will be the largest RCMP division facility in Canada and will attain LEED® Gold certification.
- In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company successfully achieved substantial completion of the Ontario Provincial Police ("OPP") modernization project. The OPP project consists of 17 facilities including the construction of new detachments, regional command centers and forensic identification units.
- In the fourth quarter, the Company was part of a consortium awarded a bulk excavation and civil works construction contract by Nalcor Energy at its Muskrat Falls Hydroelectric Generating Station, located on the Lower Churchill River in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

### ADJUSTED NET INCOME MEASURE (NON-GAAP INFORMATION):

As disclosed in note 5 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, \$6.0 million of the total purchase price attributable to the O'Connell acquisition was allocated to the value of the backlog acquired, \$8.4 million was allocated to the value attributed to customer relationships and \$0.8 million of transaction costs was expensed in the period. For accounting purposes, these intangible assets are assumed to have finite useful lives and accordingly, the amounts are amortized and expensed to income over the expected useful life of the respective assets. Management believes this accounting principle implies that there is a decline in the value of the acquisition to the Company immediately. Management believes that this principle is not consistent with the economics used by it to support the O'Connell acquisition, as the earnings potential of the business is not diminished by the amortization of the intangible assets. Accordingly, adjusted net income excludes the non-cash amortization expense associated with intangible assets, including the intangible asset amortization relating to the Rideau transaction completed in 2008. Adjusted net income also excludes transaction costs incurred in 2012 associated with the acquisition of Nason and in 2011 with the O'Connell

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acquisition as such costs are non-recurring expenses undertaken to achieve increased long-term future earnings and cash flows and are not associated with the income generating activities undertaken during the year. Management believes that the presentation of adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share provides useful information to shareholders and potential investors as it provides increased transparency and predictive value. Management uses adjusted net income to set targets, assess performance of the Company and set the Company's dividend payout rate.

### NON-GAAP MEASURE:

Adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share have no standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and are not considered GAAP measures. Therefore, these measures may not be comparable with similar measures presented by others.

Adjusted Net Income (Non-GAAP Information)  
(thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	2012	2011
Net income as reported in financial statements (GAAP)	\$ 58,245	\$ 29,595
Add: Amortization of intangible assets	4,811	2,648
Add: Transaction costs	319	756
Add: Associated tax effect	(1,416)	(946)
Adjusted net income (Non-GAAP Measure)	\$ 61,959	\$ 32,053
Adjusted net income per share (Non-GAAP Measure)	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.76

During 2012, adjusted net income of \$62.0 million (\$1.47 per share) compares to \$32.1 million (\$0.76 per share) in 2011. During the periods reported, adjusted net income adjusts net income for amortization of intangible assets relating to business combinations.

### NATURE OF THE BUSINESS:

The Company operates as a general contractor with offices in St. John's, Halifax, Saint John, Wabush, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, St. Albert and Vancouver. The Company and its predecessors have been in operation for over 90 years and focus primarily on projects in the industrial, mining, commercial and institutional sectors of the general contracting industry. The Company utilizes fixed price, design-build, unit price, cost reimbursable, guaranteed upset price and construction management contract delivery methods.

While Bird self-performs some scopes of work on its projects, particularly in the industrial market sector and in conjunction with the civil construction and contract mining operations conducted by O'Connell, the majority of the overall construction risk rests with its subcontractors. The scope of the work of each subcontractor is defined by the same contract documents that form the basis of the Company's agreement with its clients. The terms of the agreement between the Company and its clients are replicated in the agreement between the Company and its subcontractors. These "flow-down" provisions substantially mitigate the risk borne by the Company. Depending on the value of the work, the Company may require bonds or other forms of contract security from subcontractors which will help mitigate exposure to possible additional costs should a subcontractor not be able to meet their contractual obligations. Bird's primary constraint on growth is the securement of new work at reasonable margins and the availability of qualified professional staff who can be assigned to manage the projects.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Company's mission statement is as follows:

**Bird Construction Company turns ideas into reality through a tradition of building trust, delivering exceptional client service and creating value.**

The Company's long record of success is based on trust that has been built with clients, employees and business partners and a commitment to providing exceptional customer service. We are committed to providing a remarkable customer experience for our clients by understanding their goals for their project and then ensuring that these objectives are achieved. The Company's core values include:

### **Safety**

- Safety is a moral obligation. Our goal is to attain a zero incident frequency.

### **Teamwork**

- We believe that the best results are achieved when everyone works together; our staff, our clients, our consultants and our subcontractors and suppliers.

### **Honesty and Integrity**

- We do what we say. We are always honest, truthful and conduct ourselves with integrity.

### **Fairness**

- We treat others as we would wish to be treated.

### **Professionalism and Excellence**

- We conduct ourselves in a manner of which we are proud; as individuals, and as representatives of our Company and industry.

### **Personal Growth**

- We support employees in their goal to expand their skills and experience. We believe that employees are entitled to meaningful, satisfying work as they help advance the goals of the Company.

## **STRATEGY:**

The Company will pursue organic growth by expanding its construction activities for clients in the industrial, commercial and institutional market sectors. The Company will continue to utilize a range of contract formats and also will continue to pursue design-build projects across all market sectors. The design work required for these projects is typically specialized and varies widely based on the project type. Accordingly, the Company will continue to outsource design services in order to efficiently access the best expertise available. The Company's long-standing record of providing a quality product to its clients on time and standing behind that product after completion of construction has provided the opportunity for the Company to work with many clients on a repeat basis. The Company will continue to emphasize operational excellence as a means for generating new opportunities and thereby creating value.

The Company has secured and will continue to pursue design-build contracts with clients participating in the Public Private Partnership ("PPP") market in the institutional sector. In addition to the Company's more traditional role of acting as a construction contractor to the PPP project, the Company is actively looking to acquire an equity position in PPP projects as a means to support its construction operations and generate additional construction opportunities. The Company has accumulated shareholders' equity in order to have the financial capacity to pre-qualify for PPP construction contracts and should the right opportunities arise, acquire a non-controlling ownership interest in the PPP concession, using internally-generated funds. In the third quarter of 2012, the Company was part of consortia shortlisted to proceed to prepare bids for the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement project and the North Island Hospitals project located on Vancouver Island. The Company is seeking a minority equity position in these pursuits in addition to serving as a member of the respective design-build team.

The Company has developed expertise in the construction of water and wastewater treatment facilities and will continue to capitalize on this expertise. On December 9, 2012, the Company announced that it entered into an agreement to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Nason. The acquisition was completed on January 17, 2013. Nason has a 40-year track record and is a recognized leader in the construction of water and wastewater facilities in Western Canada. Nason performs the majority of its work with its own forces and has particular strength in the execution of mechanical, electrical and instrumentation work.

While there has been some recent signs of uncertainty in the market, the Company is still well positioned to capitalize on numerous construction activities in northern Alberta. In addition, the Company is also positioning itself to address the maintenance requirements of our oil sands clients. Achievement of this strategic initiative may be accomplished through an acquisition or through organic growth, or a combination of both. With oil sands production methods becoming increasingly more environmentally friendly, the Company will seek to develop construction expertise in the area of steam-assisted gravity drainage ("SAGD") as the industry moves in this direction. Through the acquisition of O'Connell, the Company expects to benefit from the many attractive opportunities that are expected to arise through the continued development of Canada's resource sector.

The Company has secured several heavy civil construction contracts with earth moving components in northern Alberta and the Company will continue to pursue these opportunities in the future.

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The Company will continue its efforts to attract and retain a highly skilled professional work force to increase its capacity and productivity to deliver increasing revenues and earnings in the future. Bird prides itself in providing a working environment for its employees based on the principles of honesty, integrity, excellence and professionalism. We support employees in their goal to expand their skills and experience. The Company believes that employees are entitled to meaningful, satisfying work as they help advance the goals of the organization.

The Company emphasizes providing a safe working environment for its employees and those of its subcontractors. Our safety program is supported through ongoing safety training programs, on-site safety supervision and audits of these programs.

### KEY PERFORMANCE DRIVERS:

Securing profitable construction contracts and then controlling the costs during the execution of that work are key drivers of success for the Company.

In order to achieve this, new work must be available, which is a function of the general state of the economy. In periods of strong economic growth, capital spending will generally increase and there will be more opportunities available in the construction industry. Economic conditions in the construction industry generally improved in the latter half of 2011 and throughout the first half of 2012 with this improvement being reflected in the Company's revenues and gross margins reported in the last half of 2011 and through-out 2012.

The Company must be successful in securing profitable work when it is available. The construction industry is highly fragmented and accordingly, the Company competes with a number of international, national, regional and local construction firms. One of the Company's competitive advantages rests in its long-standing reputation for delivering high quality projects that fully meet the needs of the customer.

The Company's success in securing work is also reflected in the value of backlog, which is the total value of all contracts awarded to the Company, less the total value of work completed on these contracts as of the date of the reporting period. This includes all contracts that have been awarded to the Company whether the work has commenced or will commence. The following table shows the Company's backlog at the end of the comparative reporting periods. In 2012, the Company experienced a strong level of securements of \$1,293.2 million, but the amount of backlog has declined during the year as a result of generating a record level of annual revenues in 2012. This level of year-end backlog is substantial, leaving the Company well positioned for 2013.

(thousands of dollars)	2012	2011
Backlog	\$ 1,073,900	\$ 1,235,600

Once the Company has secured a potentially profitable contract, the profitability of that contract, measured by the gross profit percentage, is primarily a function of management's ability to control the costs associated with that contract. The following table shows the gross margin percentage realized by the Company in the comparative periods.

2012	2011
9.8%	8.2%

In 2012, a gross profit percentage of 9.8% represents an improvement compared to last year. The improvement is due to the timing and mix of construction projects executed in the respective periods, including the effects from the completion of a number of significant projects in 2012.

### Financial condition

In order to pursue and secure projects, the Company must have adequate working capital and equity retained in the business to support its surety and contract security requirements. The Company continually monitors the adequacy of its working capital and equity to satisfy contract security needs. The following shows the working capital and equity of the Company in the comparative reporting periods.

(thousands of dollars)	2012	2011
Working capital	\$ 154,427	\$ 122,962
Shareholders' equity	\$ 191,565	\$ 162,413



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The increase in working capital in the year ended December 31, 2012 represents the extent to which net income adjusted for non-cash charges to income exceeds working capital used to fund dividends and the acquisition of property and equipment not financed with debt.

The increase in amount of shareholders' equity represents the extent to which 2012 earnings exceeded dividends declared and the cost relating to share based payments.

The Company believes it has sufficient working capital and equity to conduct its business in the ordinary course plus an amount to accommodate potential strategic initiatives.

### Safety

At Bird Construction we believe that ensuring the safety of our employees, contractors and visitors to our job sites or offices is a moral obligation. Here, safety is not a competing priority with schedules or profitability, it is a company value and is embedded in the way we operate our business. We believe that safety is everybody's responsibility from the workers on our project sites to the leadership of the organization.

To this end, Bird commits every reasonable effort in the interest of incident prevention to provide for safe and healthy working conditions, to eliminate hazards that can cause injury to workers or damage to property and equipment, and to promote a culture of shared accountability. We continue to work with our employees, our subcontractors, our clients and our suppliers in a spirit of consultation and cooperation to achieve this.

In 2012, Bird executed over 4.3 million man hours of work - a Company record - (2011 - 3.1 million man hours of work), while incurring eleven lost time incidents (LTI) for an LTI frequency of 0.50 (2011 - 0.30).

Lost Time Incident Frequency	
2012	2011
0.50	0.30

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

### FISCAL 2012 COMPARED WITH FISCAL 2011

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company generated a near record level of annual earnings of \$58.2 million on record construction revenue of \$1,454.9 million, compared with \$29.6 million and \$974.5 million, respectively, in 2011. The increase in 2012 earnings is a result of notably higher construction revenue and the related effect on gross profit, combined with an increase in the gross margin percentage in 2012, offset to some extent by higher general and administrative expenses, higher finance costs and a higher incidence of income tax expense, consistent with a higher level of pre-tax earnings.

In 2012, the Company generated adjusted net income (non-GAAP measure) of \$62.0 million or 93.1% higher than the amount recorded in 2011.

Record construction revenue of \$1,454.9 million in 2012 was \$480.4 million or 49.3% higher than the amount recorded in 2011. The significant increase in revenues was primarily attributable to the increase in construction activity derived from a full year contribution from O'Connell, combined with higher revenues principally derived from increased construction activity in northern Alberta. The Company also benefited from a considerable increase in revenues from progress made on a number of commercial projects associated with a general improvement in the economy. In 2011, the Company reported revenues from O'Connell for a four month period from September to December 2011 compared with a full year of revenue contribution in 2012.

In 2012, the Company's gross profit of \$143.0 million compares with \$80.3 million recorded a year ago. The increase is a result of considerably higher construction revenues and higher gross profit margin percentages in 2012 compared with those earned in 2011. In 2012, the gross profit margin percentage was 9.8% compared with 8.2% in 2011. The Company realized higher gross margin percentages as a result of the impact of the timing and mix of construction projects executed in 2012 compared with 2011, including the effects from the completion of a number of significant projects in 2012.

General and administrative expenses of \$62.3 million in 2012 were \$20.4 million higher than the amount recorded in 2011. The increase in costs is in part attributable to the inclusion of O'Connell's general and administrative costs for a full 12 months in 2012, compared with only four months of expenses in 2011. In addition, the Company incurred higher staff costs necessary to support the higher revenue base, higher variable compensation expense consistent with higher 2012 earnings,

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and higher amortization expense primarily relating to intangible assets from the acquisition of O'Connell. Although total general and administrative costs increased in 2012 to support the increase in construction activity, they continue to represent approximately 4.3% of construction revenues, consistent with the Company's experience in 2011.

Finance income of \$4.1 million compares with \$3.8 million reported in 2011. The increase in finance income is a result of interest income relating to the accretion of holdback receivables, consistent with higher revenues and the related impact on holdback receivables and a smaller loss in 2012, resulting from a decline in the market value of the Company's investment in a portfolio of preferred shares.

Finance costs of \$3.7 million were \$2.1 million higher than 2011, primarily due to interest costs on the long-term debt used to finance the acquisition of O'Connell and to a lesser extent, interest on long-term debt used to finance equipment purchases of O'Connell in 2012.

In 2012, income tax expense of \$22.7 million was \$11.7 million higher than 2011, consistent with higher pre-tax earnings in 2012.

### THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 COMPARED WITH THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

**Selected Quarterly Financial Information**  
**Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income**  
**Fourth Quarter**  
(thousands of dollars)

	For the three months ended December 31	
	2012 (unaudited)	2011 (unaudited)
Construction revenue	\$ 420,292	\$ 332,002
Costs of construction	365,886	300,257
Gross Profit	54,406	31,745
General & administrative expenses	19,573	15,076
Income from operations	34,833	16,669
Finance income	1,084	979
Finance costs	(1,054)	(759)
Income before income taxes	34,863	16,889
Income tax expense	10,159	3,965
Net income and comprehensive income for the period	\$ 24,704	\$ 12,924
Adjusted net income and comprehensive income for the period	\$ 25,561	\$ 14,150
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.30
Adjusted net income per share	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.34

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company generated record quarterly earnings of \$24.7 million on record quarterly construction revenue of \$420.3 million compared with \$12.9 million and \$332.0 million, respectively, in 2011. Similar to the year-to-date results, the increase in current quarter earnings is a result of higher construction revenue combined with an increase in the gross margin percentage offset to some extent by higher general and administrative expenses. The increase in earnings is in part attributable to higher margins primarily due to favourable work conditions, a change in the timing and mix of work executed, combined with reaching substantial completion on a number of projects in the final quarter of the year.

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company generated adjusted net income (non-GAAP measure) of \$25.6 million compared with \$14.2 million in 2011.

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Record construction revenue of \$420.3 million in the fourth quarter was \$88.3 million or 26.6% higher than the amount recorded in 2011. The growth in construction revenue primarily reflects the increase of construction activity on projects in the industrial market resulting from an increase in revenues derived from both O'Connell operations and our northern Alberta projects.

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company's gross profit of \$54.4 million compares with \$31.7 million recorded a year ago. An increase of \$22.7 million or 71.6% is a function of both higher revenues and higher gross profit margin percentages in 2012 compared with the same period a year ago. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the gross profit margin was 12.9% compared with 9.6% in 2011, as a result of the timing and mix of construction projects executed in the respective periods, including the effects from the completion of a number of significant projects in 2012.

General and administrative expenses of \$19.6 million in the quarter were \$4.5 million higher than the amount recorded in 2011. The increase is attributable to higher variable compensation costs consistent with higher earnings, and higher costs attributable to a larger staff complement required to manage increased construction activity, offset by lower amortization expense relating to intangible assets, primarily relating to the O'Connell acquisition. General and administrative costs represent 4.7% of construction revenues in 2012 compared with 4.5% of construction revenues in 2011.

Finance income of \$1.1 million is comparable to the \$1.0 million reported in 2011.

Finance costs of \$1.0 million were \$0.2 million higher than 2011, primarily due to interest costs on long-term debt used to finance equipment purchases in 2012.

In 2012, income tax expense of \$10.2 million was \$6.2 million higher than 2011, consistent with higher pre-tax earnings in the fourth quarter of 2012. Additionally, the company's effective tax rate increased, as the Company generated significant earnings in jurisdictions with higher income tax rates.

### **FUTURE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:**

Successful financial performance of the Company is dependent upon securing profitable construction contracts and then controlling the costs associated with the execution of the work. The ability to secure contracts is a function of the general state of the economy. Current period earnings reflect the execution of projects with modestly higher margins, consistent with generally improving market conditions, notwithstanding a degree of uncertainty due to the current economic state. At December 31, 2012, the Company's backlog stands at \$1.1 billion.

The Company's acquisition of O'Connell in 2011 enables Bird to undertake heavy civil opportunities in Canada's commodity, mining and hydro power markets. Recent volatility in commodity pricing has caused some of O'Connell's clients to re-examine their capital spending plans, which has resulted in uncertain timing for future construction prospects; however, the Company is well positioned to capitalize on these opportunities as they come to market. In addition, Bird's financial strength will allow O'Connell to pursue larger scale projects that it could not previously undertake because of limited financial capacity. In addition, the products and services offered by Bird and O'Connell complement each other. There are opportunities for O'Connell to apply their earth moving expertise to Bird projects and for Bird to offer their building expertise to O'Connell projects. With the expertise acquired through O'Connell, the Company plans on pursuing and self-performing civil construction projects with earth moving components. With the recent acquisition of Nason, their expertise in mechanical, electrical and instrumentation aspects of water and wastewater projects in remote locations will complement Bird's general contracting and civil construction knowledge and this synergy will provide further growth opportunities for the Company.

The industrial market contributed 43% of 2012 revenues (31% in 2011). The increase in revenues from the sector in 2012, relative to 2011, is a result of a full year's contribution from O'Connell, combined with the fact that O'Connell's clients executed significant capital expenditure programs in 2012. In addition, for the most part, oil sands capital expenditure programs in 2012 continued the positive momentum established in the last half of 2011. Although the outlook for the level of 2013 oil sands activity is somewhat uncertain due to a combination of constraints surrounding pipeline capacity and volatile commodity pricing, reasonable amounts of oil sands activity is expected to continue into 2013, and Bird has the capacity to participate successfully in this sector moving forward. Mining sector activity is also expected to be somewhat uncertain, which may put pressure on the Company's ability to replicate 2012 results in 2013; however, the Company is currently pursuing a number of hydroelectric and other civil work programs which could contribute to results in 2013 and beyond.

The institutional sector represented 37% of 2012 revenues (58% in 2011). While the proportion of total volume of institutional projects declined, the Company still executed a respectable volume of institutional work in 2012. The Company anticipates that institutional spending will be limited, as all levels of government are still under pressure to

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address budget deficits. However, the Company will continue to be active in the PPP sector and will be submitting proposals for projects of this nature in 2013 and beyond. Competition for these projects will continue to be intense and there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in achieving contract awards.

The retail and commercial sector represented 20% of 2012 revenues (11% in 2011). In 2012, the economic recovery continued to progress with a resultant increase in revenues derived from the sector. The total commercial revenues in 2012 almost tripled those realized in 2011, reflecting the construction of a variety of facilities in this sector. For 2013, the Company expects this sector to remain consistent with 2012, although the market will remain very competitive.

While we remain confident in our longer-term prospects, we do not believe that the 2012 results will be replicated in 2013, based on the level of profitability we anticipate our backlog will produce and the market conditions we foresee in 2013.

### Backlog

During the year, the Company secured \$1,293.2 million in new construction contracts (including change orders to existing contracts). The Company's backlog is \$1,073.9 million at December 31, 2012, compared to \$1,235.6 million as at December 31, 2011. With respect to the current backlog, \$865.4 million is expected to be put in place during 2013, leaving \$208.5 million to carry forward to 2014 and beyond. The following table outlines the changes in the amount of the Company's backlog throughout the current fiscal period and with a comparison to the prior year.

<b>Backlog</b> (millions of dollars)	
December 31, 2010	\$ 1,229.6
Securements and Change Orders in 2011	975.2
Acquired with O'Connell	152.3
Cancellations	(147.0)
Realized in construction revenues in 2011	(974.5)
December 31, 2011	1,235.6
Securements and Change Orders in 2012	1,293.2
Realized in construction revenues in 2012	(1,454.9)
December 31, 2012	\$ 1,073.9

In addition to backlog, at December 31, 2012, the value of uncompleted construction management contract work, for which the Company acts as an agent for the customer, is \$96.0 million, compared with \$136.4 million at December 31, 2011.

### ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Company's significant accounting policies are outlined in the notes to the December 31, 2012 and 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Future accounting changes

IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* was issued in November 2009 and addresses classification and measurement of financial assets. It replaces the multiple category and measurement models in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement* for debt instruments with a new mixed measurement model having only two categories: amortized costs and fair value through profit or loss. IFRS 9 also replaces the models for measuring equity instruments. Such instruments are either recognized at fair value through profit or loss or at fair value through other comprehensive income. Where equity instruments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, dividends are recognized in profit or loss to the extent that they do not clearly represent a return of investment; however, other gains and losses (including impairments) associated with such instruments remain in accumulated comprehensive income indefinitely. Requirements for financial liabilities were added in October 2010, and they largely carried forward existing requirements in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement*, except that fair value changes due to credit risk for liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss would generally be recorded in other comprehensive income. In January 2012, the effective date was revised to January 1, 2015, with earlier application permitted. The extent of the impact of adoption of IFRS 9 (2010) has not yet been determined.

In May 2011, the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB") issued IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. IFRS 10 replaces the guidance in IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* and SIC-12 *Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities*. IAS 27 (2008) survives as IAS 27 (2011) *Separate Financial Statements*, only to carry forward the existing accounting

requirements for separate financial statements. IFRS 10 provides a single model to be applied in the control analysis for all investees, including entities that currently are SPEs in the scope of SIC-12. In addition, the consolidation procedures are carried forward substantially unmodified from IAS 27 (2008). The Company intends to adopt IFRS 10 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The Company does not expect IFRS 10 to have a material impact on the financial statements.

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. If an entity applies this Standard earlier, it shall also apply IFRS 10, IFRS 12, IAS 27 (2011) and IAS 28 (2011) at the same time. IFRS 11 replaces the guidance in IAS 31 *Interests in Joint Ventures*. Under IFRS 11, joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. IFRS 11 essentially carves out of the previous definition of jointly controlled entities, those arrangements which although structured through a separate vehicle, such separation is ineffective and the parties to the arrangement have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities and are accounted for as joint operations in a fashion consistent with jointly controlled assets/operations under IAS 31. In addition, under IFRS 11, generally there is no longer a free choice of equity accounting or proportionate consolidation for joint ventures; the equity method of accounting is required subject to certain exceptions. The Company intends to adopt IFRS 11 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The extent of the impact of adoption of IFRS 11 has not yet been determined.

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. If an entity applies this Standard earlier, it need not apply IFRS 10, IFRS 11, IAS 27 (2011) and IAS 28 (2011) at the same time. IFRS 12 contains the disclosure requirements for entities that have interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements (i.e. joint operations or joint ventures), associates and/or unconsolidated structured entities. Interests are widely defined as contractual and non-contractual involvement that exposes an entity to variability of returns from the performance of the other entity. The required disclosures aim to provide information in order to enable users to evaluate the nature of, and the risks associated with, an entity's interest in other entities, and the effects of those interests on the entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. The Company intends to adopt IFRS 12 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The Company does not expect IFRS 12 to have a material impact on the financial statements because of the nature of the Company's interest in other entities.

In May 2011, the IASB published IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement*, which is effective prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The disclosure requirements of IFRS 13 need not be applied in comparative information for periods before initial application. IFRS 13 replaces the fair value measurement guidance contained in individual IFRSs with a single source of fair value measurement guidance. It defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, i.e. an exit price. The standard also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and sets out disclosure requirements for fair value measurements to provide information that enables financial statement users to assess the methods and inputs used to develop fair value measurements and, for recurring fair value measurements that use significant unobservable inputs (Level 3), the effect of the measurements on profit or loss or other comprehensive income. IFRS 13 explains 'how' to measure fair value when it is required or permitted by other IFRSs. IFRS 13 does not introduce new requirements to measure assets or liabilities at fair value, nor does it eliminate the practicability exceptions to fair value measurements that currently exist in certain standards. The Company intends to adopt IFRS 13 prospectively in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The Company does not expect IFRS 13 to have a material impact on the financial statements.

### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS:

The table below summarizes the results for the eight most recent quarters (in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts). Although the Company experiences some seasonality in its business, variations in net income from quarter to quarter primarily reflect the differences in the profitability of the contracts administered in the respective quarters. Contracts typically extend over several quarters and sometimes over several years. For purposes of quarterly financial reporting, the Company must estimate the cost required to complete each contract to assess the overall profitability of the contract and the amount of gross profit to recognize for the quarter. Such estimating includes contingencies to allow for certain known and unknown risks. The magnitude of the contingencies will depend on the nature and complexity of the work to be performed. As the contract progresses and remaining costs to be incurred and risk exposures become more certain, contingencies will typically decline, although certain risks will remain until the contract has been completed, and even beyond. As a result, earnings may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter, depending on whether large and/or complex contracts are completed or nearing completion during the quarter, or have been completed in immediately prior quarters.



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There are also a number of other factors that can affect the Company's revenues and profit from quarter to quarter. These include the timing of contract awards, the value of subcontractor billings and project scheduling. Management does not believe that any individual factor is responsible for changes in revenue from quarter to quarter.

(thousands of dollars)	2011				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	171,155	192,752	278,561	332,002	294,654	343,083	396,840	420,292
Net income <sup>(1)</sup>	4,109	3,013	9,549	12,924	6,435	9,002	18,104	24,704
Earnings per share <sup>(2)</sup>	0.10	0.07	0.23	0.30	0.15	0.22	0.43	0.58

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenue and net income include the contribution of O'Connell from August 31, 2011, the date of acquisition

<sup>(2)</sup> Adjusted for the April 2011 three-for-one stock split

### FINANCIAL CONDITION, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY:

The Company believes that its strong balance sheet, including equity of \$191.6 million and \$154.4 million of working capital provides it with the financial capacity to support all of our contract security requirements, including the ability to secure performance bonds, issue labour and material bonds, issue letters of credit to support contract requirements and provide parent company performance guarantees. Although the Company has more recently introduced long-term debt into its capital structure coincident with the acquisition of O'Connell, management believes that the amount of long-term debt totaling \$48.2 million at December 31, 2012 is manageable in light of the level of earnings of the Company to support interest and principal payments under the debt, combined with the amount of Shareholders' equity retained in the business. The Company expects to utilize cash from operations, existing working capital, including cash and cash equivalent balances, and draws on its credit facilities to fund liabilities as they become due, finance future capital expenditures and pay dividends on shares.

The following table outlines the amount of Shareholders' equity, working capital, long-term debt and backlog at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

Financial Condition table (thousands of dollars)	2012		2011	
Shareholders' equity	\$	191,565	\$	162,413
Working capital	\$	154,427	\$	122,962
Long-term debt	\$	48,174	\$	43,495
Backlog	\$	1,073,900	\$	1,235,600

In conjunction with the acquisition of O'Connell, the Company initially secured total long-term debt financing of \$45.6 million, which combined with the use of \$37.8 million of cash and the assumption of a contingent consideration obligation valued at \$2.1 million was used to finance the transaction. The long-term debt secured was originally comprised of five-year term debt of \$30.6 million, one-half of which was financed using fixed interest rates and the remainder using variable interest rates. The debt was secured by the equipment owned by O'Connell. In addition, a vendor take-back of \$15.0 million due in four annual equal payments was used in part to finance the total acquisition price. During 2012, the Company made \$12.2 million of principal repayments and issued \$15.3 million of new debt to finance purchases of heavy equipment in the year to support the ongoing operations of O'Connell. The following table provides details of outstanding debt as at December 31, 2012 and principal repayments due over the next five years, excluding the amortization of debt financing costs of \$0.3 million.

Debt	Amount	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
(thousands of dollars)						
Loans and borrowings	\$ 48,460	\$ 13,957	\$ 14,288	\$ 14,472	\$ 5,743	\$ -

### Credit Facilities

The Company has a number of credit facilities available to it to support the issuance of letters of credit, finance future capital expenditures and finance the day-to-day operations of the business.

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### Issuance of Letters of Credit

The Company has available \$131.5 million of demand facilities used to primarily support the issuance of letters of credit. All letters of credit issued under these facilities are supported by the pledge of Company-owned financial instruments.

Letters of credit are typically issued to support the Company's performance obligations relating to PPP construction projects. The following table outlines the amount of the credit facilities, the amount of issued letters of credit and the amount of collateral pledged in support of the outstanding letters of credit.

(thousands of dollars)	2012		2011	
Operating line of credit	\$	131,500	\$	131,500
Letters of credit issued	\$	31,561	\$	42,750
Collateral pledged to support letters of credit	\$	40,215	\$	52,685

In 2012, the amount of outstanding letters of credit declined by \$11.1 million compared with the previous year end. This reduction reflects the expiry of a number of letters of credit on their scheduled termination dates.

### Operating Lines of Credit

(a) Five-year committed revolving line of credit:

The Company has a five-year committed unsecured revolving line of credit for \$30.0 million with a Canadian chartered bank. This facility may be used in the normal course of business for general working capital purposes, and to fund future capital expenditures and qualifying permitted acquisitions. At December 31, 2012, no amounts were outstanding under this facility. This credit facility includes standard default and covenant provisions whereby accelerated repayment may be required if the Company were to violate certain financial covenants.

(b) Committed revolving line of credit:

A subsidiary of the Company has a committed revolving credit facility of \$20.0 million to be used to finance normal course operations of the subsidiary. Borrowings under this facility are secured by a first charge against the accounts receivable of O'Connell. This credit facility is used for the purpose of financing general working capital requirements. At December 31, 2012, the Company had no outstanding amounts due under this facility. This credit facility includes standard default and covenant provisions whereby accelerated repayment may be required if the subsidiary were to violate certain financial covenants.

At December 31, 2012, the Company was in compliance with all debt covenants relating to its operating lines of credit. The Company expects to continue to comply with these provisions.

### Equipment Financing

(a) A subsidiary of the Company has an equipment financing facility with a Canadian chartered bank for \$20.0 million for the purpose of financing future equipment purchases. At December 31, 2012, the Company has drawn \$3.2 million under this facility. Draws under this facility are permitted until May 31, 2015. The facility allows the Company access to term financing for up to five years with a maximum amortization period of 84 months. Interest can be set using either a fixed or variable rate option. Any draws under this facility will be secured by equipment purchased with the proceeds from the loan.

(b) In addition, the Company has an operating lease line of credit for \$42.5 million with the financing arm of a major heavy equipment supplier to finance operating equipment leases. Draws under this facility are recognized as operating leases for accounting purposes. At December 31, 2012, the Company has drawn \$25.1 million under this facility. The Company's total lease commitments are outlined under Contractual Obligations.

### Liquidity

A manageable amount of long-term debt used to finance the acquisition of O'Connell, a high proportion of working capital represented by cash and other liquid securities and access to a number of unutilized credit facilities will enable the Company to meet its obligations as they become due. The amount of equity retained in the business supports the Company's strategic objectives including active participation in the PPP infrastructure market, while also providing the Company with sufficient financial capacity to withstand a downturn in the construction industry should it occur.

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### Financial Position

The following table provides an overview of the Company's financial position for the period indicated.

	2012	2011
<b>Financial Position Data</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,079	\$ 173,402
Investment in marketable securities	15,956	16,752
Working capital	154,427	122,962
Long-term debt	48,174	43,495
Shareholders' equity	191,565	162,413

As a component of working capital, the Company maintains significant balances of cash and cash equivalents and investments in liquid securities. At December 31, 2012, these balances consisted of \$183.1 million of cash and cash equivalents and \$16.0 million of liquid securities for a total of \$199.1 million. The \$199.1 million is comprised of the Company's \$154.4 million of working capital plus a working cash balance of \$42.1 million, which offsets a corresponding non-cash net liability position, and \$2.5 million of cash held to finance the current dividend payable. These components are summarized in the following table for December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

#### Working Capital Components

(thousands of dollars)

	2012	2011
Investment in marketable securities (preferred shares)	\$ 15,956	\$ 16,752
Cash and cash equivalents held for working capital	138,471	106,210
	154,427	122,962
Cash held for dividends payable	2,529	2,318
Dividends payable	(2,529)	(2,318)
Working cash	42,079	64,874
Non-cash net current liabilities	(42,079)	(64,874)
Working capital	\$ 154,427	\$ 122,962

The Company's non-cash net current asset/liability position fluctuates significantly in the normal course of business from period to period, primarily due to the timing of differences between the settlement of payables due to subcontractors and suppliers, billings and collection of accounts receivable from clients, and also the timing of settlement of income taxes payable. The working cash balance absorbs these fluctuations with no net impact to the Company's net working capital position or ability to access surety support.

### Cash Flow Data

The following table provides an overview of cash flows during the years indicated:

(thousands of dollars)	2012	2011
<b>Cash Flow Data</b>		
Operating activities	\$ 60,326	\$ 15,960
Investing activities	(24,051)	(60,882)
Financing activities	(26,598)	883
Increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,677	\$ (44,039)

### Operating Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2012, operating activities generated cash of \$60.3 million. This was comprised of \$108.7 million of cash from operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital, and \$48.4 million of cash used to fund an increase in the Company's non-cash working capital position, which represents a normal course fluctuation in the Company's net current liability position. In some periods, this fluctuation will be a use of cash, as in the current period, but in other periods, it will be a source of cash, tending to balance out over time and having no net impact on the Company's working capital.

### Investing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company used \$24.1 million of cash in investing activities, while in 2011, investing activities used cash of \$60.9 million. The higher level of investing activity in 2011 in large part represents the cash required to fund the O'Connell transaction in August of that year. In 2011, the Company used \$65.1 million of net cash to acquire a 100% interest in O'Connell. Partially offsetting the use of cash to acquire O'Connell in 2011 was the net receipt of cash of approximately \$12.5 million resulting from the maturity of bonds included in the Company's bond and preferred share investment portfolio.

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In 2012, the Company used \$25.6 million to purchase property and equipment including software compared with \$8.9 million in 2011. The increase in capital expenditures in 2012 relates primarily to purchases of heavy equipment to support the ongoing operations of O'Connell. Partially offsetting the use of cash in 2012 was the net receipt of cash of approximately \$0.7 million, resulting from the redemption of preferred share investments held in the Company's investment account.

### Financing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2012, \$26.6 million of cash was used in financing activities compared to a source of cash of \$0.9 million in 2011. In 2012, the Company paid monthly dividends totaling \$29.7 million. In addition, the Company received cash from the issuance of long-term debt of \$15.3 million, used primarily to finance the purchases of heavy equipment to support the operations of O'Connell. Approximately \$12.2 million of cash was used to repay long-term debt in 2012. In 2011, the Company received cash from the issuance of long-term debt of \$30.7 million, net of \$0.4 million to finance the O'Connell acquisition, and \$2.2 million of cash was used to repay the debt during the year. Cash of \$25.5 million was used in 2011 to pay dividends and \$2.1 million was used to pay unitholder distributions declared in December 2010.

### DIVIDENDS:

The Company declared monthly dividends on common share payable on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month in which the dividend was declared. The following table outlines the historical dividend history.

January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011	\$0.165
April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011	\$0.165
July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011	\$0.165
October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011	\$0.165
January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012	\$0.170
April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012	\$0.180
July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012	\$0.180
October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012	\$0.180

Reflects the April 2011 three-for-one stock split.

Effective March 12, 2013, the Company increased its monthly dividend by 5.5%, bringing the monthly dividend rate to \$0.0633 per common share compared to \$0.060 per common share previously.

### CAPABILITY TO DELIVER RESULTS:

Productive capacity relates to the financial and non-financial resources available to the Company to execute its strategy and achieve planned results. From a financial perspective, the Company believes it has sufficient working capital and access to its operating lines of credit to execute its current operational and growth objectives. The belief is fully explained in sections of this MD&A dealing with financial condition and liquidity.

In addition to financial capacity, the success of the Company is very much dependent upon the management and leadership skills of senior management. On an annual basis, high-performing candidates are identified for training and progression into more senior critical positions within the Company. The Company's performance management system emphasizes the development of leadership skills. In addition, the Company sponsors internal and external training programs, including a Bird leadership program to provide a forum for high potential candidates to develop their leadership skills.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS:

At December 31, 2012, the Company has future contractual obligations totalling \$449.3 million. Obligations for accounts payable, finance and operating annual lease payments and for principal repayments under long-term debt over the next five years are:

(thousands of dollars)	Accounts Payable	Finance Leases	Operating Leases	Long-Term Debt	Total
2013	\$ 352,407	491	9,041	15,171	377,110
2014	17,734	594	6,681	14,903	39,912
2015	-	529	3,310	14,635	18,474
2016	-	67	1,560	5,870	7,497
2017	-	-	905	-	905
Thereafter	-	-	5,429	-	5,429
	\$ 370,141	1,681	26,926	50,579	449,327

### OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS:

The Company has operating lease obligations described under Contractual Obligations noted above and surety lien bonds issued on behalf of the Company totalling \$5.4 million at December 31, 2012.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES:

The accounting principles used by the Company to account for its construction contracts involve the use of estimates.

Construction revenue, construction costs, deferred contract revenue and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings include amounts that are derived using the percentage of completion basis. Percentage of completion is calculated based on the costs incurred on each construction contract to the end of the respective accounting period divided by the total estimated costs. Revenue from unit price contracts conducted in the heavy construction, civil construction and contract mining construction sectors is based on billable work completed. Contract costs for unit price contracts, including heavy construction, civil construction and contract surface mining construction sectors are adjusted so the gross profit recognized in the period is based on the percentage of revenue realized relative to total contract value. Any excess of progress billings over earned revenue determined using the percentage of completion method is carried as deferred revenue in the consolidated financial statements. Any excess of cost and estimated earnings over progress billings on construction contracts is carried as costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings in the consolidated financial statements.

Revenue and estimated costs to complete for each contract are updated and reviewed by management at least once each financial reporting period. In making such estimates, judgments are required to evaluate issues related to scheduling, material costs, labour costs, labour productivity, changes in contract scope and subcontractor costs. Due to the nature of construction contracts, estimates may change significantly from one accounting period to the next.

Construction contracts typically extend over several quarters and sometimes over several years. For purposes of quarterly financial reporting, the Company must estimate the cost required to complete each contract to assess the amount of income to be recognized for the quarter. Such estimating includes contingencies to allow for certain known and unknown risks. The magnitude of the contingencies will depend on the nature and complexity of the work to be performed. As the contract progresses and the remaining costs to be incurred and risk exposures become more certain, contingencies will typically decline, although certain risks will remain until the contract has been completed, and even beyond. As a result of this, earnings may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter, depending on whether large and/or complex contracts are completing or nearing completion during the quarter, or have been completed in immediately prior quarters.

The value of many construction contracts increases over the duration of the construction period due to the issuance of change orders to modify the original contract scope of work or conditions. Construction work related to a change order may proceed, and costs may be incurred, in advance of final determination of the value of the change order. Revenue on change orders is recognized by the Company to the extent that management estimates that realization is probable. As many change orders are settled at the end of the construction project, significant increases or decreases in revenue and income may arise during any particular accounting period.



Allowances for accounts receivable may require an assessment and estimate of the credit-worthiness of the client and the timing of collection. Furthermore, provisions for litigation involve the use of estimates, as determined by management. Amounts arising from negotiated settlements or court judgments may vary significantly from management's estimate. Similarly, the estimate for warranty claims may differ significantly from actual experience. These adjustments will also impact on the amount of profit recognized in a reporting period.

The acquisition of O'Connell required management to make judgments and estimates regarding the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired. The estimated fair value of property and equipment and the intangible assets relating to backlog, customer relationships and trade names were based on a forecast of future cash flows attributable to the assets, discounted to the present value using a market-based cost of capital.

### **OUTSTANDING COMMON SHARE DATA AND STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING:**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares. The Company has a total of 42,153,846 common shares outstanding at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. Subsequently, on January 17, 2013, in conjunction with the acquisition of Nason, the Company issued 363,007 common shares, from treasury, as partial consideration of the total purchase price. Therefore, the total number of outstanding common shares has increased to 42,516,853 which remain issued and outstanding at March 12, 2013.

Under the terms of the Company's Stock Option Plan, on March 7, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved the award of 625,000 stock options with a grant date of March 15, 2012 to eligible Company employees. The total number of stock options is exercisable in equal amounts on the first through fourth anniversary dates from the grant date. Details of the Company's stock options outstanding are outlined in the notes to the December 31, 2012 Consolidated Financial Statements.

The common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the trading symbol BDT.

### **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES:**

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Based on their evaluations as of December 31, 2012, the President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information relating to the Company which is required to be disclosed in reports filed under provincial and territorial securities legislation is accumulated, summarized and communicated to the Company's senior management, including the CEO and the CFO of the Company, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for designing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

As of December 31, 2012, under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the CEO and CFO, internal controls over financial reporting have been designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

As of December 31, 2012, under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the CEO and CFO, the Company has evaluated the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting and determined that the internal controls over financial reporting are operating as intended.

There have been no material changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2012 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### RISKS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS:

The following discussion addresses the more significant risk factors relating to the business. For a detailed discussion of all risk factors relating to the business, refer to the Company's most recently filed Annual Information Form filed on March 12, 2013, which is available through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### Economy and Cyclicalities

Activity within the construction industry is tied to the general state of the economy. Thus, in periods of strong economic growth, capital spending will generally increase and there will be more and better quality opportunities available within the construction industry. Bird attempts to insulate itself in various ways from the effects of negative economic conditions. However, there is no assurance that these methods will be effective in insulating Bird from a downturn in the economy. Investment decisions by our industrial clients are based on the long-term views of the economic viability of their current and future projects. The economic viability of the projects is dependent upon the client's view of the long-term price of commodities which is influenced by many factors. If our clients' outlook for commodity prices is not favourable, this may delay, reduce or cancel capital project spending. A decrease in construction activity in this sector could have an adverse effect on the Company's financial performance and results of operations. Furthermore, most of Bird's contracts are and will be relatively short-term (less than two years, generally). As such, any prolonged downturn in the economy could impact Bird's ability to generate new business or maintain a backlog of contracts with acceptable margins to sustain Bird through such downturns.

#### Competitive Factors

Bird competes with many international, national, regional and local construction firms, who often enjoy advantages in a particular market that Bird does not have or they may have more experience or a better relationship with a particular client. On any given contract bid or negotiation, Bird will attempt to assess the level of competitive pressure it may face and it will attempt to neutralize or overcome any perceived advantage that its competitors have. Depending on this assessment, Bird will decide whether or not to pursue a contract. In addition, this assessment bears directly on decisions that Bird will make including what level of profit can be incorporated in its contract price and what personnel should be assigned to the contract. The accuracy of this assessment and the ability of Bird to respond to competitive factors affect Bird's success in securing new contracts and its profitability on contracts that it does secure.

#### Ability to Secure Work

Bird generally secures new contracts either through a competitive bid process or through negotiation. Awards in both the public and private sectors are generally based upon price, but are also influenced by factors such as perceived level of services offered, construction schedule, project personnel, the make-up of the subcontractor team, prior experience with the prospective client and the type of project and the ability to provide bonds and other contract security. In order to be afforded an opportunity to bid for projects in the PPP market and other large projects, a strong balance sheet measured in terms of an adequate level of working capital is typically required. Bird operates in markets that are highly competitive and there is constant pressure to find and maintain a competitive advantage. In the current economic climate, competition is intense. This presents significant challenges for the Company. If those competitive challenges are not met, Bird's client base could be eroded or it could experience an overall reduction in profits. A decline in demand for Bird's services from the private sector could have an adverse impact on the Company if that business could not be replaced within the public sector. A portion of Bird's construction activity relates to government-funded institutional projects. All levels of government are now expected to come under pressure to address budget deficits and it is expected that governments may reduce their capital spending programs. Any reduction in demand for Bird's services by the public sector, whether as a result of funding constraints, changing political priorities or delays in projects caused by elections, could have an adverse impact on the Company if that business could not be replaced within the private sector. Government-funded projects also typically have long and sometimes unpredictable lead times associated with government review and approval.

The time delays associated with this process can constitute a risk to general contractors pursuing these projects. Certain government-funded projects, particularly PPP projects, may also require significant bid costs which can only be recovered if Bird is the successful bidder. A number of governments in Canada have procured a significant value of projects under a PPP contract format, which is an attractive market for the Company. A reduction in the popularity of this procurement method or difficulties in obtaining financing for these projects would have negative consequences for Bird.

#### Estimating Costs/Assessing Contract Risks

The contract price for a significant number of contracts performed by Bird is based, in part, on cost estimates that are subject to a number of assumptions. Erroneous assumptions can result in an incorrect assessment of risks associated with the contract, or its estimates of the project costs may be in error resulting in a loss or lower-than-anticipated profit. All significant cost estimates are reviewed by senior management prior to submission.

### Performance of Subcontractors

Successful completion of a contract by Bird depends, in large part, on the satisfactory performance of subcontractors who are engaged to complete the various components of the work. If subcontractors fail to satisfactorily perform their portion of the work, Bird may be required to engage alternate subcontractors to do the work and may incur additional costs. This can result in reduced profits, or, in some cases, significant losses on the contract and could also damage the reputation of Bird. In addition, the ability of Bird to bid for and successfully complete projects is, in part, dependent on the availability of qualified subcontractors and trades people. Depending on the value of the subcontract, Bird may require surety bonds or other security from the subcontractor in order to mitigate this risk. Bird closely monitors all subcontractor and trades person capacity concerns in order to mitigate any effect on operations. A significant shortage of qualified subcontractors and trades people could have a material impact on Bird's financial condition and results of operations.

### Maintaining Safe Work Sites

In spite of the best efforts of Bird to minimize the risk of incidents, they can happen. When they do, the impact on Bird can be significant. Bird's success as a general contractor is highly dependent on its ability to keep its construction worksites and offices safe. Failure to do so can have serious impact on the personal safety of its employees and others. In addition, it can expose Bird to fines, regulatory sanction or even criminal prosecution. Bird's safety record and worksite safety practices also have a direct bearing on its ability to secure work, particularly in the industrial sector. Certain clients will not engage particular contractors to perform their work if their safety practices do not conform to predetermined standards or if the general contractor has an unacceptably high incidence of safety infractions or incidents. Bird adheres to very rigorous safety policies and procedures which are continually reinforced on its work sites and offices. Management is not aware of any pending health and safety legislation or prior incidents which would be likely to have a material impact on any of Bird's operations, capital expenditure requirements, or competitive position. Nevertheless, there can be no guarantee with respect to the impact of future legislation or incidents.

### Ability to Hire and Retain Qualified and Capable Personnel

The success of Bird is highly influenced by the efforts of key members of management, including its executive officers and district managers. The loss of the services of any of Bird's key management personnel could negatively impact Bird. The future success of Bird also depends heavily on its ability to attract, retain and develop high-performing personnel in all areas of its operations. Most firms throughout the construction industry face this challenge, and accordingly, competition for professional staff is intense. If Bird ceases to be seen by current and prospective employees as a highly attractive place to work, it could experience difficulty in hiring and retaining the right people. This could have an adverse effect on current operations of Bird and would limit its prospects and impair its future success. Bird adheres to a performance management process whereby objectives are established for every employee for the next year and a performance review is completed at least on an annual basis. Bird sponsors both inside and outside training programs to allow its employees the opportunity to advance their career at Bird. Management also updates its succession plan regularly to ensure a continuous supply of qualified candidates is available to perform more senior level positions within the Company.

## TERMINOLOGY:

Throughout this report, management uses the following terms not found in GAAP Standards and which do not have a standardized meaning and therefore require definition:

- **"Gross Profit Percentage"** is the percentage derived by dividing gross profit by construction revenue. Gross profit is calculated by subtracting construction costs from construction revenue.
- **"Backlog"** (also referred to in the construction industry as "work on hand") is the total value of all contracts awarded to the Company, less the total value of work completed on these contracts as of the date of the most recently completed quarter. This includes all contracts that have been awarded to the Company whether the work has commenced or will commence in the normal course.
- **"Adjusted Net Income Measure (Non-GAAP Information)"** adjusts net income for the amount of amortization expense related to intangible assets resulting from business combinations and transaction expenses relating to the combinations which are expensed in the period incurred.
- **"Lost Time Incident Frequency"** is the number of lost time incidents recorded per 200,000 man-hours of work by Bird employees.

### **FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION:**

Certain statements included herein which express management's expectations or estimates of future performance may constitute "forward-looking statements". The words "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "contemplate", "target", "plan", "intends", and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

Forward looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by management, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. In particular, this MD&A includes many such forward looking statements and the Company cautions the reader that such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual financial results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from the Company's estimated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements and the forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Risks that may impact the Company's future results, performance or achievements include those described under "Risks Relating to the Business" in this MD&A and in the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 12, 2013 filed and available on SEDAR. The Company expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, events or otherwise.

## Reports to the Shareholders

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### Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The management of Bird Construction Inc. ("Company") is responsible for the preparation and integrity of the consolidated financial statements contained in the Annual Report. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and necessarily include some amounts that are based on management's best estimates and judgment. Financial information contained throughout this Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Management maintains appropriate systems of internal control. Policies and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the consolidated financial statements. The Board fulfills its responsibility in this regard through its Audit Committee which meets regularly with management and the Company's external auditors.

Signed  
"Paul A. Charette"  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Signed  
"Stephen R. Entwistle"  
CFO and Assistant Secretary

March 12, 2013

### Independent Auditors' Report

#### To the Shareholders of Bird Construction Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Bird Construction Inc., which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Bird Construction Inc. as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Signed "KPMG LLP"

Chartered Accountants  
March 12, 2013  
Winnipeg, Canada



## Consolidated Balance Sheet

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Note	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash	9 and 21	\$ 151,836	\$ 146,771
Bankers' acceptances and short-term deposits	9 and 21	31,243	26,631
Preferred share investments		15,956	16,752
Accounts receivable	6	403,013	321,261
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings		8,764	21,415
Inventory		3,389	2,166
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,908	2,081
Income taxes recoverable		2,329	1,963
Total current assets		<u>618,438</u>	<u>539,040</u>
Non-current assets:			
Property and equipment	7	53,503	44,888
Deferred income tax asset	11	7,999	6,130
Intangible assets	8	14,762	18,972
Goodwill	8	23,445	23,445
Total non-current assets		<u>99,709</u>	<u>93,435</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 718,147</u>	<u>\$ 632,475</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable		\$ 369,037	\$ 313,411
Deferred contract revenue		53,416	77,834
Dividends payable to shareholders		2,529	2,318
Income taxes payable		12,862	2,611
Current portion of loans and borrowings	10	13,957	9,795
Provisions	15	9,875	7,847
Other liabilities	12	2,335	2,262
Total current liabilities		<u>464,011</u>	<u>416,078</u>
Non-current liabilities:			
Loans and borrowings	10	34,217	33,700
Deferred income tax liability	11	22,480	16,487
Other liabilities	12	5,874	3,797
Total non-current liabilities		<u>62,571</u>	<u>53,984</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
Shareholders' capital	13	37,527	37,527
Contributed surplus	13	836	-
Retained earnings		153,202	124,886
Total shareholders' equity		<u>191,565</u>	<u>162,413</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		<u>\$ 718,147</u>	<u>\$ 632,475</u>

Subsequent event (note 27)

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.*

## Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

For the years ended December 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)

	Note	2012	2011
Construction revenue		\$ 1,454,869	\$ 974,470
Costs of construction		1,311,906	894,180
Gross profit		<u>142,963</u>	<u>80,290</u>
General and administrative expenses		<u>62,345</u>	<u>41,904</u>
Income from operations		80,618	38,386
Finance income	16	4,072	3,769
Finance costs	17	<u>(3,709)</u>	<u>(1,585)</u>
Income before income taxes		80,981	40,570
Income tax expense	11	<u>22,736</u>	<u>10,975</u>
Net income and comprehensive income for the year		<u>\$ 58,245</u>	<u>\$ 29,595</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share	14	\$ <u>1.38</u>	\$ <u>0.70</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.*

## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

For the years ended December 31  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)

	Note	Shareholders' Capital	Unitholders' Capital	Contributed surplus	Retained earnings	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2010		\$ -	\$ 37,527	\$ -	\$ 123,113	\$ 160,640
<i>Contributions by and dividends to owners</i>						
Conversion to corporation	13	37,527	(37,527)	-	-	-
Dividends declared to shareholders		-	-	-	(27,822)	(27,822)
Net income and comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	29,595	29,595
Balance at December 31, 2011		\$ 37,527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,886	\$ 162,413
Dividends per share declared during the year ended December 31, 2011					\$0.660	
Balance at December 31, 2011		\$ 37,527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,886	\$ 162,413
<i>Contributions by and dividends to owners</i>						
Stock-based compensation expense	13	-	-	836	-	836
Dividends declared to shareholders		-	-	-	(29,929)	(29,929)
Net income and comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	58,245	58,245
Balance at December 31, 2012		\$ 37,527	\$ -	\$ 836	\$ 153,202	\$ 191,565
Dividends per share declared during the year ended December 31, 2012					\$0.710	

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.*

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended December 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Note	2012	2011
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net income and comprehensive income for the year		\$ 58,245	\$ 29,595
Items not involving cash:			
Amortization	8	5,471	3,201
Depreciation	7	16,369	6,610
Loss on sale of property and equipment		28	316
Mark-to-market (gain)/loss on investments	16	45	(578)
Loss on disposal of investments	16	1	713
Interest and dividend income	16	(4,118)	(3,904)
Finance costs	17	3,709	1,585
Medium term incentive plan expense	12	4,091	2,868
Contingent consideration	12	1,286	-
Income tax expense	11	22,736	10,975
Stock-based compensation expense	13	836	-
Foreign exchange loss on deferred income tax		-	8
Cash flows from operations before changes in non-cash working capital		<u>108,699</u>	<u>51,389</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital relating to operating activities	21	(40,001)	(21,551)
Dividends and interest received		2,539	2,589
Interest paid		(2,184)	(326)
Income taxes paid		(8,727)	(16,141)
Cash flows from operating activities		<u>60,326</u>	<u>15,960</u>
<b>Cash flows from (used in) investing activities:</b>			
Acquisition of O'Connell	5	-	(65,103)
Additions to property and equipment	7	(24,382)	(8,077)
Additions to intangible assets	8	(1,261)	(867)
Proceeds on sale of property and equipment		842	677
Purchase of investments		-	(3,373)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		750	15,861
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities		<u>(24,051)</u>	<u>(60,882)</u>
<b>Cash flows from (used in) financing activities:</b>			
Dividends paid on shares		(29,718)	(25,504)
Proceeds from loans and borrowings		15,302	30,744
Repayment of loans and borrowings		(12,182)	(2,249)
Distributions paid on units		-	(2,108)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		<u>(26,598)</u>	<u>883</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year		9,677	(44,039)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year		<u>173,402</u>	<u>217,441</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	21	\$ <u>183,079</u>	\$ <u>173,402</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.*

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### 1. Structure of the Company

Bird Construction Inc. (the "Company") is a corporation incorporated in the province of Ontario, Canada. The address of the Company's registered office is 5700 Explorer Drive, Suite 400, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. The Company was created for the purpose of facilitating the conversion of Bird Construction Income Fund (the "Fund"), the predecessor of the Company, from an income trust structure to a corporation. The Company entered into an Arrangement Agreement with the Fund on January 1, 2011, whereby the Fund's unitholders transferred their trust units in the Fund to the Company in exchange for common shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis.

The exchange involved entities under common control in which the entities, ultimately, are controlled by the same shareholders before and after the exchange. Accordingly, these consolidated financial statements reflect the financial position and results of operations and cash flows, as if the Company had always carried on the business formerly carried on by the Fund with all assets and liabilities recorded at the carrying values of the Fund.

The Company, through its subsidiaries and interests in joint ventures carries on business as a general contractor with offices in St. John's, Wabush, Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. The Company focuses primarily on projects in the industrial, mining, commercial and institutional sectors of the general contracting industry. The Company serves clients in the industrial, mining, institutional, retail, commercial, multi-tenant residential, light industrial, and renovation and restoration sectors using fixed priced, design-build, unit price, cost reimbursable, guaranteed upset price and construction management contract delivery methods. Management has determined that the Company operates in one reportable segment being the general contracting sector of the construction industry.

### 2. Basis of preparation

(a) Authorization of financial statements:

These consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue on March 12, 2013 by the Company's Board of Directors.

(b) Statement of compliance:

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

(c) Basis of measurement:

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of certain financial assets which have been classified as "fair value through profit and loss" instruments, and accordingly, are measured at fair value, and liabilities for cash settled share-based payment arrangements which are measured at fair value.

(d) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the reporting date. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of an asset or liability and/or the reported amount of revenue and expense in future periods. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Construction revenue, construction costs, deferred contract revenue, and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings include amounts derived using the percentage of completion method applied to construction contracts. Percentage of completion is calculated based on the costs incurred on each construction contract at the end of the respective accounting period divided by the total estimated costs for the contract. To determine the estimated cost to complete the construction contract, assumptions and estimates are required to evaluate issues related to schedule, material and labour costs, labour productivity, changes in contract scope and subcontractor costs. Due to the nature of construction, estimates may change significantly from one accounting period to the next.



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The value of many construction contracts increases over the duration of the construction period. Change orders may be issued by our clients to modify the original contract scope of work or conditions. In addition, there may be disputes or claims regarding additional amounts owing as a result of changes in contract specifications, delays, additional work or changed conditions. Construction work related to a change order or claim may proceed, and costs may be incurred, in advance of final determination of the value of the change order. Revenue on change orders and claims is recognized by the Company to the extent that management estimates that realization is probable and amounts can be reliably measured. As many change orders and claims are settled at the end of the construction project, significant increases or decreases in revenue and income may arise during any particular accounting period.

Provisions involve the use of estimates, as determined by management. Estimates and assumptions are required to determine when to record and measure a provision in the financial statements for legal and warranty claims. The outcomes can differ significantly from the estimates used in preparing the financial statements resulting in required adjustments to expenses and liabilities.

The acquisition of H.J. O'Connell, Limited ("O'Connell") required management to make estimates regarding the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired. The estimated fair value of property and equipment was based on a market approach which considered prices recently paid for similar assets in the market, adjusting for the age and condition of the equipment. Intangible assets relating to backlog, customer relationships and trade names were based on a forecast of future cash flows attributable to the assets, discounted to the present value using a market based cost of capital.

Impairment testing is performed annually for indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill resulting from business combinations, by comparing the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit ("CGU"), or groups of CGUs to its carrying amount. The recoverable amounts of the CGU has been determined based on a value in use calculation. There is a significant amount of uncertainty with respect to the estimates of recoverable amounts of the CGUs' assets given the necessity of making key economic projections which employ the following key assumptions: future cash flows, growth opportunities, including economic risk assumptions and estimates of achieving key operating metrics and drivers; and the discount rate.

Information about significant judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements is included in the significant accounting policies note related to revenue recognition (note 3 (b)) and the classification of leases (note 3 (s)).

### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting principles used in these consolidated financial statements are as follows:

(a) Consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its subsidiaries and partnerships, as well as its pro rata share of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and cash flows from joint venture operations. Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Company. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. All inter-company balances, transactions, revenues and expenses have been eliminated on consolidation. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following significant subsidiaries:

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	2012	2011
Company:	Ownership/Voting Interest	
<i>Fully consolidated subsidiaries</i>	100%	100%
Bird Construction Inc.	100%	100%
Bird Construction Income Fund	n/a	100%
Bird Construction Company Limited	100%	100%
Bird Construction Company (Limited Partnership)	100%	100%
Bird Management Ltd.	100%	100%
Bird Design - Build Limited	100%	100%
Bird Capital Limited	100%	100%
Bird Capital Limited Partnership	100%	100%
Bird Industrial Group Limited	100%	100%
Bird Design-Build Construction Inc.	100%	100%
Westrac Resources Ltd.	100%	n/a
Westrac Resources Limited Partnership	100%	n/a
Bird Construction Group (Limited Partnership)	100%	100%
Bird Construction Group Limited	100%	100%
H.J. O'Connell, Limited	100%	100%
Les Entreprises de Construction de Québec Ltée	100%	100%
H.J. O'Connell Construction Ltd.	100%	100%
<i>Proportionately consolidated joint ventures</i>		
Bird-Graham Schools Joint Venture	50%	50%
Bird-Graham Schools 2 Joint Venture	50%	50%
ByBird Joint Venture	50%	50%
Bouygues-Bird RCMP Joint Venture	40%	40%
O'Connell, Neilson, EBC Partnership	33.33%	33.33%
OKC-ONE Partnership	40%	n/a
Restigouche Hospital Centre Joint Venture	30%	30%

All of the above subsidiaries and joint ventures are incorporated or registered in Canada.

(b) Revenue recognition:

Contract revenue is recognized in profit or loss in proportion to the stage of completion of the contract. Revenue from fixed price construction contracts is recognized on the percentage of completion basis. Percentage of completion is calculated based on the costs incurred on each construction contract to the end of the respective accounting period divided by the total estimated costs. Revenue from cost reimbursable contracts is recognized progressively on the basis of costs incurred during the period plus the estimated fee earned. Revenue from unit price contracts in the heavy construction, civil construction and contract surface mining construction sectors is recognized based on the amount of billable work completed established by surveys of work performed. For agency relationships, such as construction management, where the Company acts as an agent for its clients, fee revenue only is recognized, generally in accordance with the contract terms. If the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably for management to estimate the ultimate profitability of the contract with a reasonable degree of certainty, no profit is recognized.

Revenue from change orders and claims is recognized to the extent that management estimates that realization is probable and amounts can be measured reliably. Any excess of progress billings over earned revenue on construction contracts is carried as deferred contract revenue in the financial statements. Any excess of costs and estimated earnings over progress billings on construction contracts is carried as costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings in the financial statements.

Losses from any construction contracts are recognized in full in the period the loss becomes apparent.

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(c) Construction costs:

Construction costs are expensed as incurred unless they result in an asset related to future contract activity. Construction costs include all expenses that relate directly to execution of the specific contract, including site labour and site supervision, direct materials, subcontractor costs, equipment rentals, design and technical assistance, and warranty claims. Construction costs also include overheads that can be attributed to the project in a systematic and consistent manner and include general insurance and bonding costs, and staff costs relating to project management. Construction costs also include expenditures for services which are specifically recoverable from the customer under the terms of the contract.

(d) Inventory:

Inventory, which consists of certain equipment parts and aggregate materials, is carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The cost of inventories of equipment parts and aggregate materials is determined at the weighted average cost to acquire the inventory. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less applicable selling costs.

(e) Property and equipment:

Property and equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. The cost of property and equipment includes the purchase price and the directly attributable costs required to bring the asset to the condition necessary for the asset to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. The cost of replacing or repairing a component of an item of property and equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that future economic benefits will occur and the cost can be measured reliably. The costs of routine maintenance of property and equipment are recognized in the statement of income as incurred. Depreciation of property and equipment over the estimated useful lives of the assets is as follows:

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|-----|--|---------------------|
| i.  | Diminishing balance method:              |                     |
|     | Buildings                                | 5% and 10%          |
|     | Equipment, trucks and automotive         | 20% - 40%           |
|     | Heavy equipment                          | hours of use        |
|     | Furniture, fixtures and office equipment | 20% - 55%           |
| ii. | Straight line method:                    |                     |
|     | Leasehold improvements                   | over the lease term |

When parts of an item of property and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate components of property and equipment and depreciated accordingly. The carrying amount of a replaced component is derecognized. The Company reviews the residual value, useful lives and depreciation methods used on an annual basis and, where revisions are required, the Company applies such changes in estimates on a prospective basis.

Gains and losses on disposals of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount of the asset and are included as part of general and administrative expenses in the statement of income and comprehensive income.

(f) Foreign currency translation:

Foreign currency transactions and balances are recorded in the accounts as follows:

- i. Monetary assets and liabilities at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date;
- ii. Non-monetary assets and liabilities at exchange rates prevailing at the time of the transaction;
- iii. Depreciation expense at the exchange rate in effect at the time the related assets are acquired; and
- iv. Revenues and expenses at the average exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

(g) Income taxes:

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in profit and loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable based on applying enacted income tax rates to the taxable income realized in the current year. Current tax includes adjustments to taxes payable or recoverable in respect of previous years.

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Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes, as well as for the benefit of tax losses available to be carried forward to future years provided they are likely to be realized. Deferred taxes are recognized using enacted or substantively enacted rates expected to apply in the periods in which the asset is realized or the liability is settled. Deferred taxes are measured on an undiscounted basis. Deferred taxes are presented as non-current. Current tax assets and liabilities, and deferred taxes and liabilities, are offset only when a legally enforceable right exists to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities relating to the same taxable entity and the same tax authority.

(h) Basic and diluted earnings per share:

The Company's basic earnings per share calculation is based on the net income available to common shareholders for the period divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net income available to common shareholders for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period, adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential common shares, which comprise stock options granted to employees. All amounts reported in these consolidated financial statements reflect the three-for-one stock split effected by way of a stock dividend on April 22, 2011.

(i) Medium term incentive plan:

The Company's Medium Term Incentive Plan ("MTIP") is a cash-settled share-based payment plan which provides for the granting of phantom shares. The phantom shares provide the holder with the opportunity to earn a cash benefit in relation to the value of a specified number of underlying notional shares. MTIP awards vest on November 30 of the third year following the year to which the award relates, if the employee has maintained continuous employment with the Company, except upon retirement or death. Annually, the Board of Directors determines the amount of the initial award, which is then used to determine the number of shares allocated to the employee. The total liabilities for this plan are computed based on the estimated number of phantom shares expected to vest at the end of the vesting period. The liability is measured at each reporting date at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in income. The fair value of the phantom shares outstanding at the end of a reporting period is measured based on the quoted market price of the Company's shares. The phantom shares earn notional dividends, equivalent to actual dividends declared on the Company's shares. Compensation expense relating to the initial award, notional dividends and changes in the market price of the phantom shares is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

(j) Share-based payments:

The Company's Stock Option Plan, as described in note 13, is a share-based payment plan which provides for the granting of stock options. The grant date fair value of share-based payment awards granted to employees is recognized as an employee expense, with a corresponding increase in contributed surplus, on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of awards for which the related service conditions are expected to be met, such that the amount ultimately recognized as an expense is based on the number of awards that do meet the related service conditions at the vesting date.

(k) Financial instruments:

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized on the consolidated balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument or derivative contract. Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently accounted for based on their classification as described below. The Company derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Company is recognized as a separate asset or liability. Financial liabilities are derecognized when their contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired.

*Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss if they are classified as held-for-trading or are designated as such upon initial recognition. Financial assets are designated at fair value through profit or loss if the Company manages such investments and makes purchase and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Company's documented investment policy. Financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss instruments are measured at fair value at each reporting period with any changes in fair

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value during the reporting period being included in income. The Company's financial assets at fair value through profit and loss include preferred share investments. The fair value of preferred share investments are based on their quoted market prices at the balance sheet date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

### *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted on an active market. Financial assets classified as loans and receivables are initially measured at fair value adjusted for directly attributable transaction costs, and subsequently are measured at amortized cost, using the effective interest rate method, which approximates fair value. The Company will recognize changes in the fair value of loans and receivables only if realized, or when an impairment in the value of the asset occurs. Loans and receivables are generally comprised of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

### *Cash and cash equivalents*

The Company considers cash, bank indebtedness, if any, bankers' acceptances and short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less, as cash and cash equivalents.

### *Financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value adjusted for transaction costs directly attributable to the liability except for financial liabilities classified as fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities classified as other liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The Company's other financial liabilities include accounts payable, dividends payable and loans and borrowings.

The Company has not classified any financial assets or liabilities as held-to-maturity or available-for-sale (see note 22).

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented on the balance sheet when, and only when, the Company has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Company had no "other comprehensive income or loss" transactions during the period and no opening or closing balances for accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

### (l) Goodwill:

Goodwill that arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately on the balance sheet. For the measurement of goodwill at initial recognition refer to note 3(r). Subsequently, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

### (m) Intangible assets:

Non-competition agreements, customer relationships, backlog and trade names represent intangible assets acquired in business acquisitions that meet the specified criteria for recognition. These assets are initially recorded at fair value.

Trade names are intangible assets with indefinite useful lives which are not amortized, but are tested for impairment annually. Intangible assets with finite lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Amortization is recognized in profit or loss over the estimated useful lives as noted below. The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

i.	Non-competition agreements	5 years
ii.	Customer relationships	5 - 8 years
iii.	Software	2 - 5 years
iv.	Contract backlog	as backlog revenue is realized in earnings

The Company reviews the residual value, useful lives and amortization methods used on an annual basis. Amortization of intangible assets is included in general and administrative expenses in the statements of income and comprehensive income.



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(n) Provisions:

Provisions are recognized when, at the balance sheet date, the Company has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to settle that obligation and the outflow can be estimated reliably. The amount recognized for provisions is the best estimate of the expenditure to be incurred. Where the Company expects some or all of the provision to be reimbursed, for example, through insurance, the reimbursement is recognized as an asset only when it is virtually certain of realization. The recoverable amount will not exceed the amount of the provision.

Provisions include:

- i. Provisions for potential legal claims relating to the Company's performance and completion of construction contracts. The Company attempts to settle claims within the construction period of the contracts, but a legal claim may take years to settle. A provision is recognized when it is more likely than not that a claim will require settlement. The amount recognized is the best estimate of the settlement amount.
- ii. Provisions for potential warranty claims relating to construction projects. These claims are usually settled during the project's warranty period. A provision is recognized when it is more likely than not that a warranty claim will arise. The amount recognized is the best estimate of the amount required to settle the warranty issue.

(o) Impairment:

*Property and equipment*

The carrying amounts of items included in property and equipment are reviewed for impairment at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there are indicators of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment and the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recorded in profit and loss to reflect the asset at the lower amount. For property and equipment, the recoverable amount is usually determined by the selling price of the asset less the costs to sell. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit" or "CGU").

*Intangible assets and goodwill*

Intangible assets and goodwill resulting from business combinations are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested annually for impairment. The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. The value in use is determined by the cash flows expected to arise from the CGU discounted using a pre-tax discount rate, which reflects the current market assessments of the time, value of money and asset-specific risk. Intangible assets and goodwill are assigned to the CGUs associated with the related acquisition. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGUs exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit and loss. Impairment losses recognized in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGUs, and then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the CGUs.

(p) Jointly controlled entities:

Joint ventures are those entities over whose activities the Company has joint control, established by contractual agreements. The Company's investments in joint ventures are accounted for using the proportionate consolidation method, whereby the consolidated financial statements reflect, line by line, the pro rata share of each of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and cash flows from the joint ventures, from the date that joint control commences until the date that joint control ceases. The joint ventures in which Bird participates are typically formed to undertake a specific construction project, and are jointly controlled by the partners and are dissolved upon completion of the project.

(q) Finance income and finance costs:

Finance income comprises interest earned on cash and cash equivalents, interest accretion on holdbacks receivable, dividend income, gains on disposal of investments and changes in the fair value of financial assets classified as fair value through profit and loss. Interest income is recognized as it accrues in the income statement. Dividend income is recognized in the income statement on the date the Company's right to receive the payment is established. Interest income related to holdbacks receivable is recognized in the income statement using the effective interest rate method.

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Finance costs comprise interest expense related to holdbacks payable, accretion of the contingent consideration and loans and borrowings using the effective interest rate method.

(r) Business combinations:

The Company uses the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of the assets transferred to acquire a subsidiary, the liabilities assumed and the fair value of any equity interest issued by the Company. Acquisition related costs are expensed as incurred. Any excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred over the Company's share of the fair value of net identifiable assets acquired, all measured as of the acquisition date, is recorded as goodwill. If the fair value of the consideration transferred is less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired, such as in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognized directly in profit or loss.

(s) Leases:

Leases which transfer substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of the asset are recognized as finance leases. The asset is capitalized at the commencement of the lease at an amount equal to the lower of its fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The asset is depreciated on a basis consistent with similar owned assets. The related lease obligation is recorded on the balance sheet. The interest element of the lease payments is charged to profit or loss over the term of the lease.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments required under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the life of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognized as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

#### 4. Future accounting changes

A number of new standards, and amendments to standards and interpretations, are not yet effective for the period ended December 31, 2012, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements.

IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* was issued in November 2009 and addresses classification and measurement of financial assets. It replaces the multiple category and measurement models in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement* for debt instruments with a new mixed measurement model having only two categories: amortized costs and fair value through profit or loss. IFRS 9 also replaces the models for measuring equity instruments. Such instruments are either recognized at fair value through profit or loss or at fair value through other comprehensive income. Where equity instruments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, dividends are recognized in profit or loss to the extent that they do not clearly represent a return of investment; however, other gains and losses (including impairments) associated with such instruments remain in accumulated comprehensive income indefinitely. Requirements for financial liabilities were added in October 2010, and they largely carried forward existing requirements in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement*, except that fair value changes due to credit risk for liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss would generally be recorded in other comprehensive income. In January 2012, the effective date was revised to January 1, 2015, with earlier application permitted. The extent of the impact of adoption of IFRS 9 (2010) has not yet been determined.

In May 2011, the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB") issued IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. IFRS 10 replaces the guidance in IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* and SIC-12 *Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities*. IAS 27 (2008) survives as IAS 27 (2011) *Separate Financial Statements*, only to carry forward the existing accounting requirements for separate financial statements. IFRS 10 provides a single model to be applied in the control analysis for all investees, including entities that currently are SPEs in the scope of SIC-12. In addition, the consolidation procedures are carried forward substantially unmodified from IAS 27 (2008). The Company intends to adopt IFRS 10 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The Company does not expect IFRS 10 to have a material impact on the financial statements.

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In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. If an entity applies this Standard earlier, it shall also apply IFRS 10, IFRS 12, IAS 27 (2011) and IAS 28 (2011) at the same time. IFRS 11 replaces the guidance in IAS 31 *Interests in Joint Ventures*. Under IFRS 11, joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. IFRS 11 essentially carves out of the previous definition of jointly controlled entities, those arrangements which although structured through a separate vehicle, such separation is ineffective and the parties to the arrangement have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities and are accounted for as joint operations in a fashion consistent with jointly controlled assets/operations under IAS 31. In addition, under IFRS 11, generally there is no longer a free choice of equity accounting or proportionate consolidation for joint ventures; the equity method of accounting is required subject to certain exceptions. The Company intends to adopt IFRS 11 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The extent of the impact of adoption of IFRS 11 has not yet been determined.

In May 2011, the IASB issued IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, with early adoption permitted. If an entity applies this Standard earlier, it need not apply IFRS 10, IFRS 11, IAS 27 (2011) and IAS 28 (2011) at the same time. IFRS 12 contains the disclosure requirements for entities that have interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements (i.e. joint operations or joint ventures), associates and/or unconsolidated structured entities. Interests are widely defined as contractual and non-contractual involvement that exposes an entity to variability of returns from the performance of the other entity. The required disclosures aim to provide information in order to enable users to evaluate the nature of, and the risks associated with, an entity's interest in other entities, and the effects of those interests on the entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. The Company intends to adopt IFRS 12 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The Company does not expect IFRS 12 to have a material impact on the financial statements because of the nature of the Company's interest in other entities.

In May 2011, the IASB published IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement*, which is effective prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The disclosure requirements of IFRS 13 need not be applied in comparative information for periods before initial application. IFRS 13 replaces the fair value measurement guidance contained in individual IFRSs with a single source of fair value measurement guidance. It defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, i.e. an exit price. The standard also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and sets out disclosure requirements for fair value measurements to provide information that enables financial statement users to assess the methods and inputs used to develop fair value measurements and, for recurring fair value measurements that use significant unobservable inputs (Level 3), the effect of the measurements on profit or loss or other comprehensive income. IFRS 13 explains 'how' to measure fair value when it is required or permitted by other IFRSs. IFRS 13 does not introduce new requirements to measure assets or liabilities at fair value, nor does it eliminate the practicability exceptions to fair value measurements that currently exist in certain standards. The Company intends to adopt IFRS 13 prospectively in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2013. The Company does not expect IFRS 13 to have a material impact on the financial statements.

### 5. Acquisition of O'Connell

On August 31, 2011, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of O'Connell. The cost of the acquisition was \$85,493, which includes adjustments for working capital, plus the fair value of the obligation for the contingent consideration. The purchase price was comprised of \$37,777 cash, \$15,000 of vendor take-back notes, \$30,649 of equipment financing on the current O'Connell equipment fleet, and estimated contingent consideration of \$2,067 for future earn-out payments. The purchase price is subject to certain adjustments for potential future earn-out payments and for the final profit earned on contracts in progress at the date of acquisition.

O'Connell, its subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities operate in the heavy construction, civil construction and contract surface mining construction sectors. The products and services offered by Bird and O'Connell complement each other. There are opportunities for O'Connell to apply their earth moving expertise to Bird projects and for Bird to offer their building expertise to O'Connell projects.

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The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of O'Connell, as at the date of acquisition and details of the major classes of consideration transferred were as follows:

		Fair value recognized
<b>Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed</b>		
Cash		\$ 3,323
Accounts receivable		65,950
Prepaid expenses		312
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings		1,335
Inventory		1,572
Property and equipment		36,927
Intangibles		
Customer relationships		8,423
Trade names		4,173
Backlog		5,992
Accounts payable		(28,087)
Income taxes payable		(1,125)
Deferred contract revenue		(13,364)
Deferred income tax liability		(14,089)
<b>Net identifiable assets</b>		<u>71,342</u>
Goodwill		<u>14,151</u>
		<b>\$ 85,493</b>
<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Note</b>	
Cash consideration		\$ 37,777
Vendor take-back notes	10	15,000
Equipment debt	10	30,649
Estimated contingent consideration		2,067
<b>Total Consideration</b>		<b>\$ 85,493</b>
Cash and cash equivalents acquired		\$ (3,323)
Vendor take-back notes	10	(15,000)
Estimated contingent consideration	12	<u>(2,067)</u>
<b>Cash outflow on acquisition</b>		<b>\$ 65,103</b>
Acquisition costs expensed		\$ 756
Financing costs included in loans and borrowings		\$ 404

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The Purchase Agreement includes a provision recognizing the possibility for an additional payment to the vendors of O'Connell on the fifth anniversary date of the closing of the acquisition, should the annual net income of O'Connell in each of the next five years exceed annual net income thresholds. On each anniversary date subsequent to August 31, 2011, to the extent net income exceeds the annual net income thresholds, a portion of the excess net income will accrue to the benefit of the vendors. On the fifth anniversary date, the net cumulative balance owing, if any, is paid in cash to the vendors. On each anniversary date, interest at 5% per annum is applied to the outstanding cumulative amount owing and is paid in cash annually to the vendors. Management has prepared estimates of the amounts owing and probability-weighted the various outcomes. The probability-weighted outcome has been discounted using a discount rate appropriate for the acquisition. The initial range of possible outcomes on an undiscounted basis is between nil and \$3,797. The amount for the contingent consideration may be adjusted as the net income of O'Connell is realized and any excess purchase price is determined. Any difference between the initial estimate of the contingent consideration and the actual amount owing will be recorded in the net earnings of that period. At the acquisition date, the fair value of contingent consideration was estimated at \$2,067. In 2012, the amount has been increased by \$1,286 based on the increase in earnings that O'Connell has generated to date. The adjusted range of possible outcomes on an undiscounted basis is between nil and \$6,511.

The goodwill recognized on the acquisition is attributable mainly to the skills and technical knowledge of the acquired business's work force, and the synergies expected from the acquisition. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

The fair values of the net identifiable assets were determined provisionally at September 30, 2011. During the fourth quarter of 2011, an adjustment was recorded to increase accounts receivable, and accordingly, reduced goodwill by \$1,200. The fair values of the net identifiable assets were finalized in the third quarter of 2012 and no additional adjustments were made to reflect any new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date.

### 6. Accounts receivable

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Progress billings on construction contracts	\$ 300,250	\$ 226,678
Holdbacks receivable (due within one operating cycle)	100,227	83,869
Other	<u>2,536</u>	<u>10,714</u>
	<u>\$ 403,013</u>	<u>\$ 321,261</u>

Accounts receivable are reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,111, as at December 31, 2012 (\$997 - December 31, 2011).

Holdbacks receivable represent amounts billed on construction contracts which are not due until the contract work is substantially completed and the applicable lien period has expired.

At December 31, 2012, aggregate costs incurred under open construction contracts and recognized profits, net of recognized losses, amounted to \$797,075 (December 31, 2011 - \$920,400).

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**7. Property and equipment**

	2012					
	Land	Buildings	Leasehold improvements	Equipment, trucks and automotive	Furniture and office equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>						
Balance January 1, 2012	\$ 177	8,326	3,062	46,146	1,991	\$ 59,702
Additions	-	574	484	23,152	172	24,382
Additions under finance leases	-	-	-	1,472	-	1,472
Disposals	-	(247)	(932)	(1,801)	(247)	(3,227)
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 177	8,653	2,614	68,969	1,916	\$ 82,329
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
Balance January 1, 2012	\$ -	802	2,013	10,734	1,265	\$ 14,814
Disposals	-	(110)	(819)	(1,188)	(240)	(2,357)
Depreciation expense	-	662	541	14,980	186	16,369
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ -	1,354	1,735	24,526	1,211	\$ 28,826
<b>Net book value</b>	\$ 177	7,299	879	44,443	705	\$ 53,503

  

	2011					
	Land	Buildings	Leasehold improvements	Equipment, trucks and automotive	Furniture and office equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>						
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 172	2,565	2,386	10,903	1,765	\$ 17,791
Acquisitions through business combinations (note 5)	5	4,716	-	32,136	70	36,927
Additions	-	1,045	676	5,641	248	7,610
Additions under finance leases	-	-	-	467	-	467
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,001)	(92)	(3,093)
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 177	8,326	3,062	46,146	1,991	\$ 59,702
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ -	451	1,628	7,038	1,187	\$ 10,304
Disposals	-	-	-	(2,019)	(81)	(2,100)
Depreciation expense	-	351	385	5,715	159	6,610
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ -	802	2,013	10,734	1,265	\$ 14,814
<b>Net book value</b>	\$ 177	7,524	1,049	35,412	726	\$ 44,888

There were no events or circumstances requiring an impairment loss to be recognized in the period ending December 31, 2012 or 2011.

The carrying value of equipment, trucks and automotive held under finance leases at December 31, 2012 is \$1,582 (December 31, 2011 - \$426).



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**8. Intangible assets and goodwill**

	2012						
	Backlog	Non-competition agreements	Customer relationships	Trade names	Computer software	Total Intangible assets	Goodwill
<b>Cost</b>							
Balance January 1, 2012	\$ 5,992	900	10,323	4,173	2,531	\$ 23,919	\$ 23,445
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,261	1,261	-
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 5,992	900	10,323	4,173	3,792	\$ 25,180	\$ 23,445
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>							
Balance January 1, 2012	\$ 1,736	705	1,841	-	665	\$ 4,947	\$ -
Amortization expense	3,195	180	1,436	-	660	5,471	-
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 4,931	885	3,277	-	1,325	\$ 10,418	\$ -
<b>Net book value</b>	\$ 1,061	15	7,046	4,173	2,467	14,762	\$ 23,445
	2011						
	Backlog	Non-competition agreements	Customer relationships	Trade names	Computer software	Total Intangible assets	Goodwill
<b>Cost</b>							
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ -	900	1,900	-	1,664	\$ 4,464	\$ 9,294
Acquisitions through business combinations (note 5)	5,992	-	8,423	4,173	-	18,588	14,151
Additions	-	-	-	-	867	867	-
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 5,992	900	10,323	4,173	2,531	\$ 23,919	\$ 23,445
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>							
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ -	525	1,109	-	112	\$ 1,746	\$ -
Amortization expense	1,736	180	732	-	553	3,201	-
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 1,736	705	1,841	-	665	\$ 4,947	\$ -
<b>Net book value</b>	\$ 4,256	195	8,482	4,173	1,866	18,972	\$ 23,445

Goodwill consists of \$9,294 related to the acquisition of Rideau Construction in 2008 and \$14,151 related to the acquisition of O'Connell (see note 5). There were no events or circumstances requiring an impairment loss to be recognized in the period ending December 31, 2012 or 2011.

Backlog and customer relationships are expected to be fully amortized by 2014 and 2019, respectively.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill and intangible assets acquired in a business combination are allocated to the CGU, or the group of CGU's, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The aggregate carrying amounts of goodwill and intangible assets allocated to each CGU are as follows:

	2012	2011
Saint John & Halifax districts	\$ 9,340	\$ 9,900
O'Connell district	26,400	30,651
	<u>\$ 35,740</u>	<u>\$ 40,551</u>

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The recoverable amount of both the Rideau Construction and O'Connell units were determined based on a value in use calculation using cash flow projections from financial budgets approved by senior management covering a five year period. Cash flows for a further five-year period were extrapolated using nominal growth rates. A pre-tax discount rate of 15%, which is based on a market-based cost of capital, was applied in determining the recoverable amounts.

Management estimates that any reasonable fluctuation in key assumptions on which the CGUs' recoverable amounts are based would not cause the CGUs' carrying amounts to exceed their recoverable amounts.

### 9. Operating lines of credit

Letters of credit facilities:

The Company has authorized operating lines of credit totalling \$131,500 with two Canadian chartered banks, maintained for the primary purpose of issuing letters of credit. At December 31, 2012, the lines were drawn for outstanding letters of credit of \$31,561 (December 31, 2011 - \$42,750).

The letters of credit represent performance guarantees primarily issued in connection with design-build construction contracts related to Public Private Partnership projects. These letters of credit are supported through the hypothecation of certain financial instruments having a market value at December 31, 2012 of \$40,215 (December 31, 2011 - \$52,685).

	Expiry date				December 31, 2011
	2013	2014 to 2016	2017 and greater	December 31, 2012	
Letters of credit	\$ 14,636	16,925	-	\$ 31,561	\$ 42,750

Committed revolving credit facility:

A subsidiary of the Company has a committed revolving credit facility of \$20,000, to be used to finance normal course operations of the subsidiary. As at December 31, 2012, the subsidiary has not drawn on the facility. Borrowings under the facility are secured by a first charge against accounts receivable, and borrowings are limited to 75% of the net receivables of the subsidiary. Interest is charged at a rate per annum equal to the Canadian prime rate plus a spread. The facility expires on May 31, 2015.

Committed revolving credit facility:

The Company has a \$30,000, five-year unsecured revolving credit facility. The facility matures on September 28, 2017. As at December 31, 2012, the Company has not drawn on the facility. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the Canadian prime rate plus a spread. A commitment fee of 0.25% is due on the unutilized portion of the facility. The Company is in compliance with the working capital and debt-to-equity covenants of this facility.

Equipment lease line of credit:

A subsidiary has established an operating lease line of credit of \$42,500 with the financing arm of a major heavy equipment supplier to finance operating equipment leases. Draws under this facility are generally recognized as operating leases (see note 18).

### 10. Loans and borrowings

	Maturity	Interest rate	2012	2011
Term Facility 1 (a)	October 1, 2016	Fixed 3.57%	\$ 7,906	\$ 9,842
Term Facility 2 (a)	October 1, 2016	Variable 3.22%	7,736	9,799
Term Facility 3 (b)	September 30, 2016	Fixed 4.24%	3,776	4,707
Term Facility 4 (b)	September 30, 2016	Variable 4.12%	3,068	4,071
Term Facility 5 (c)	June 15, 2016	Fixed 3.27%	9,941	-
Vendor take-back notes (d)	August 31, 2015	Fixed 5.00%	11,250	15,000
Committed Term Facility (e)	April 26, 2016	Fixed 3.90%	3,203	-
			46,880	43,419
Finance lease liabilities (f)			1,580	450
Transaction costs, net of amortization of \$118			(286)	(374)
			48,174	43,495
Less: current portion of long-term debt			13,526	9,683
Less: current portion of finance lease liabilities			431	112
Current portion of loans and borrowings			13,957	9,795
Non-current portion of loans and borrowings			\$ 34,217	\$ 33,700

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(a) Term Facilities 1 & 2:

On August 31, 2011, the Company obtained two five-year secured term facilities which were used to fund the acquisition of O'Connell (see note 5). Both facilities mature on October 1, 2016. Term Facility 1 was for an initial principal amount of \$10,315 and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.57%. The principal of Term Facility 1, together with interest, is to be paid in 60 blended equal installments in the amount of \$188, which are payable monthly. Term Facility 2 was for an initial principal amount of \$10,315 and bears interest at the 30-day bankers' acceptance rate plus a spread. Principal repayments under Term Facility 2 in the amount of \$172 are payable monthly. Interest on Term Facility 2 is paid monthly in arrears. Both facilities are secured by specific equipment of a subsidiary of the Company.

(b) Term Facilities 3 & 4:

On August 31, 2011, the Company obtained two five year secured term facilities which were used to fund the acquisition of O'Connell (see note 5). Both facilities mature on September 30, 2016. Term Facility 3 was for an initial principal amount of \$5,009 and bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.24%. The principal of Term Facility 3, together with interest, is to be paid in 60 blended equal installments in the amount of \$93, which are payable monthly. Term Facility 4 was for an initial principal amount of \$5,009 and bears interest at the three month bankers' acceptance rate plus a spread. Principal repayments under Term Facility 4 in the amount of \$83 are payable monthly. Interest on Term Facility 4 is paid monthly in arrears. Both facilities are secured by specific equipment of a subsidiary of the Company.

(c) Term Facility 5:

On June 15, 2012, a subsidiary of the Company obtained a four year secured term facility which was used to finance equipment purchases. The facility matures on June 15, 2016. Term Facility 5 was for an initial principal amount of \$11,270 and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.27%. The principal of Term Facility 5, together with interest, is to be paid in 48 blended equal installments in the amount of \$251, which are payable monthly. The facility is secured by specific equipment of a subsidiary of the Company.

(d) Vendor take-back notes:

On August 31, 2011, vendor take-back notes ("Notes") of \$15,000 were assumed by the Company on the acquisition of O'Connell. The Notes bear interest at 5% per annum, payable annually. The principal amount of the Notes is repayable in annual installments of \$3,750 on the first through fourth anniversary dates of the acquisition. The Notes mature on August 31, 2015.

(e) Committed term facility:

A subsidiary of the Company has a committed term credit facility of up to \$20,000 to be used to finance equipment purchases of the subsidiary. The subsidiary has drawn on the facility and the outstanding balance at December 31, 2012 is \$3,203. Principal repayments in the amount of \$84 are payable monthly. Interest is paid monthly in arrears. Borrowings under the facility are secured by a first charge against certain of the subsidiary's equipment, and interest is charged at a rate per annum equal to the Canadian prime rate plus a spread. Draws under this facility are permitted until May 31, 2015.

(f) Finance lease liabilities:

Finance leases relate to automotive equipment and mature between September 2014 and November 2016, and bear interest at the 30-day bankers' acceptance rate plus a spread. The Corporation has the option to purchase the automotive equipment under lease at the conclusion of the lease agreements.

The aggregate amount of principal repayments for all long-term debt in each of the next five years is as follows:

Within 1 year	\$ 13,526
Year 2	13,732
Year 3	13,945
Year 4	<u>5,677</u>
	<u>\$ 46,880</u>

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Future minimum lease payments under finance leases with the present value of the net minimum lease payments are as follows:

	2012
Within one year	\$ 491
After one year but not more than five years	1,190
More than five years	-
Total minimum lease payments	1,681
Less amounts representing interest	101
Present value of minimum lease payments	1,580
Less: current portion of finance lease liabilities	431
Non-current portion	\$ 1,149

**11. Income taxes**

	2012	2011
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>		
Income tax expense is comprised of:		
Current income taxes	\$ 18,612	\$ 8,734
Deferred income taxes	4,124	2,241
	<u>\$ 22,736</u>	<u>\$ 10,975</u>
<b>Income tax rate reconciliation</b>		
Combined federal and provincial income tax rate	27.6%	27.8%
Increases (reductions) applicable to:		
Non-deductible adjustments	0.8	-
Future rate changes	-	(0.2)
Dividend income	(0.3)	(0.5)
	<u>28.1%</u>	<u>27.1%</u>

**Composition of deferred income tax assets and liabilities**

	2012	2011
Provisions and accruals	\$ 3,570	4,157
Timing of recognition of construction profits	(13,459)	(6,576)
Property and equipment	(2,169)	(4,352)
Intangible assets	(4,275)	(4,974)
Other	81	(192)
Tax loss carry forward	1,771	1,580
	<u>\$ (14,481)</u>	<u>(10,357)</u>
Balance sheet presentation		
Deferred income tax asset	7,999	6,130
Deferred income tax liability	(22,480)	(16,487)
	<u>\$ (14,481)</u>	<u>(10,357)</u>

The Company's statutory tax rate is the combined federal and provincial tax rates in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates.

The tax loss carry forward expires in 2029. The Company has deferred tax assets in the amount of \$94 that have not been recognized in these consolidated financial statements in respect of capital losses realized on the disposal of bonds and preferred share investments in 2011. A deferred tax asset has not been recognized because it is not probable the Company will generate future taxable capital gains.

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**Movement in temporary differences for the year ended December 31, 2012**

	Balance January 1, 2012	Recognized in profit or loss	Balance December 31, 2012
Provisions and accruals	\$ 4,157	(587)	\$ 3,570
Timing of recognition of construction profits	(6,576)	(6,883)	(13,459)
Property and equipment	(4,352)	2,183	(2,169)
Intangible assets	(4,974)	699	(4,275)
Other	(192)	273	81
Tax loss carryforward	1,580	191	1,771
	<u>\$ (10,357)</u>	<u>(4,124)</u>	<u>\$ (14,481)</u>

**Movement in temporary differences for the year ended December 31, 2011**

	Balance January 1, 2011	Acquisition (see note 5)	Recognized in profit or loss	Foreign Currency Adjustment	Balance December 31, 2011
Provisions and accruals	\$ 5,585	2,443	(3,871)	-	\$ 4,157
Timing of recognition of construction profits	(1,067)	(5,212)	(297)	-	(6,576)
Property and equipment	61	(5,340)	927	-	(4,352)
Intangible assets	(300)	(5,292)	618	-	(4,974)
Other	24	(688)	472	-	(192)
Tax loss carryforward	1,642	-	(90)	28	1,580
	<u>\$ 5,945</u>	<u>(14,089)</u>	<u>(2,241)</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ (10,357)</u>

**12. Other liabilities**

	2012	2011
Estimated contingent consideration (see note 5)	\$ 3,724	\$ 2,154
MTIP liability	<u>4,485</u>	<u>3,905</u>
	<u>8,209</u>	<u>6,059</u>
Less: current portion - MTIP	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,262</u>
Non-current portion	<u>\$ 5,874</u>	<u>\$ 3,797</u>

	MTIP	
	2012	2011
Balance January 1,	\$ 3,905	\$ 6,754
Annual award of phantom shares	2,841	1,977
Cash payments of vested shares	(3,511)	(5,717)
Shares awarded - notional distributions	408	545
Change in fair value of phantom shares	<u>842</u>	<u>346</u>
Balance December 31,	4,485	3,905
Less: current portion	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,262</u>
	<u>\$ 2,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,643</u>

As at December 31, 2012, a total of 690,614 unvested phantom shares are outstanding valued at \$9,133 of which \$4,485 has been recognized to date in the accounts of the Company.

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	<u>Contingent consideration</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Balance January 1,	\$ 2,154	\$ -
Acquisition of O'Connell (Note 5)	-	2,067
Change in estimated liability	1,286	-
Accretion	<u>284</u>	<u>87</u>
Balance December 31,	<u>\$ 3,724</u>	<u>\$ 2,154</u>

Refer to note 5 for information relating to the contingent consideration liability arising from the business combination. The change in the contingent consideration liability during the year represents the increase in estimated net income of O'Connell for the five years following the date of acquisition. The change in the contingent consideration is included in general and administrative expenses in the statements of income and comprehensive income.

### 13. Shareholders' capital

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares and has issued an outstanding 42,153,846 common shares as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. The Company is authorized to issue preference shares in series with rights set by the Board of Directors, up to a balance not to exceed 35% of the outstanding common shares.

	<u>Number of shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Balance, January 1, 2011	-	\$ -
Converted on January 1, 2011 from trust units	14,051,282	37,527
Issued pursuant to stock dividend, April 14, 2011	<u>28,102,564</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012	<u>42,153,846</u>	<u>\$ 37,527</u>

On March 3, 2011, the Board of Directors approved a three-for-one stock split to be effected by way of a stock dividend. Each shareholder of record of the Company on April 14, 2011, received two additional common shares for each common share held on that date. The additional shares were distributed on April 22, 2011.

#### Stock options:

On May 6, 2011, at the Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders, the Shareholders of the Company approved the implementation of the Company's Stock Option Plan. The Board of Directors, in their sole discretion, selects eligible employees to be granted options, the number of options granted, the exercise price, the term of the option and the vesting periods. The number of common shares issuable under the Stock Option Plan shall not exceed 10% of the number of common shares outstanding.

Details of changes in the balance of stock options outstanding are as follows:

	<u>Number of share options outstanding</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price</u>
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	-	\$ -
Granted during the period	<u>625,000</u>	<u>\$ 13.98</u>
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	<u>625,000</u>	<u>\$ 13.98</u>



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The following table summarizes information about stock options issued during the year and stock options outstanding and exercisable as at December 31, 2012:

Number of stock options issued and outstanding	Number of stock options exercisable	Exercise price	Weighted average fair value of the option	Expiry Date	Remaining contractual life (years)
625,000	-	\$ 13.98	\$ 3.25	March 15, 2019	6.2

The fair value of stock options issued during the year ended December 31, 2012 have been calculated using the Black-Scholes fair value option pricing model, using the following assumptions:

	2012
Expected volatility <sup>(1)</sup>	39.7%
Dividend yield	5.0%
Risk free interest rate	1.6%
Weighted average expected life in years	4.75

<sup>(1)</sup> Expected volatility was determined using historical volatility.

The expense recognized during the year ended December 31, 2012 for stock-based compensation is \$836 (December 31, 2011 - \$nil).

### 14. Earnings per share

Details of the calculation of earnings per share are as follows:

	2012	2011
Profit attributable to shareholders (basic and diluted)	\$ 58,245	\$ 29,595
Average number of common shares outstanding	42,153,846	42,153,846
Effect of stock options on issue	-	-
Weighted average number of common shares (diluted)	42,153,846	42,153,846
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.70
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.70

At December 31, 2012, 625,000 options were excluded from the diluted weighted average number of common share calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

### 15. Provisions

	Warranty Claims	Legal	Total
Balance January 1, 2012	\$ 3,792	4,055	\$ 7,847
Provisions made during the year	5,934	3,219	9,153
Provisions used during the year	(1,225)	(1,016)	(2,241)
Provisions reversed during the year	(1,606)	(3,278)	(4,884)
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 6,895	2,980	\$ 9,875

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	Warranty Claims	Legal	Total
Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 7,886	6,813	\$ 14,699
Provisions made during the year	2,621	1,100	3,721
Provisions used during the year	(1,839)	(847)	(2,686)
Provisions reversed during the year	(4,876)	(3,011)	(7,887)
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 3,792	4,055	\$ 7,847

Various claims and litigation arise in the normal course of the construction business. It is management's opinion that adequate provision has been made for any potential settlements relating to such matters and that they will not materially affect the financial position or future operations of the Company.

### 16. Finance income

	2012	2011
Interest and dividend income	\$ 2,565	\$ 2,591
Interest income relating to accretion on holdbacks receivables	1,553	1,313
Realized loss on investments	(1)	(713)
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(45)	578
	\$ 4,072	\$ 3,769

### 17. Finance costs

	2012	2011
Interest on long-term debt	\$ 2,210	\$ 649
Accretion of accounts payable and other liabilities	1,499	936
	\$ 3,709	\$ 1,585

### 18. Leases

Future minimum annual lease payments relating to lease commitments on buildings, equipment and vehicles over the next five years are:

	Maturities			December 31,
	Within 2013	From 2014 to 2017	Beyond 2017	2012
Operating leases	\$ 9,041	12,456	5,429	\$ 26,926

The Company leases numerous pieces of heavy equipment under operating leases. The leases typically run for a period of three to four years with an option to purchase the equipment at the end of the lease. Expenses under lease commitments on buildings and equipment are \$9,485 (December 31, 2011 - \$7,773).

### 19. Commitments and contingent liabilities

#### (a) Commitments:

Outstanding surety lien bonds issued on behalf of the Company in connection with liens by subcontractors and suppliers at December 31, 2012 totalled \$5,440 (December 31, 2011 - \$7,741).

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(b) Contingencies:

The Company is contingently liable for the usual contractor's obligations relating to performance and completion of construction contracts. These include the Company's contingent liability for the performance obligations of its subcontractors. Where possible and appropriate, the Company obtains performance bonds or alternative security from subcontractors. However, where this is not possible, the Company is exposed to the risk that subcontractors will fail to meet their performance obligations. In that eventuality, the Company would be obliged to complete the subcontractor's contract, generally by engaging another subcontractor and the cost of completing the work could exceed the original subcontract price. The Company makes appropriate provision in the financial statements for all known liabilities relating to subcontractor defaults.

### 20. Related party transactions

Compensation of key management personnel represents the aggregate amounts paid and accrued to members of the Company's Executive and the Company's Board of Directors.

2012						
	Base Salary	MTIP	Stock-based compensation	Annual Profit Sharing	Other Taxable Benefits	Total
Executive & Directors	\$ 2,987	2,945	448	5,501	179	\$ 12,060

  

2011						
	Base Salary	MTIP	Stock-based compensation	Annual Profit Sharing	Other Taxable Benefits	Total
Executive & Directors	\$ 2,219	2,341	-	2,886	141	\$ 7,587

The Executive comprises the following positions:

- President & Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary
- Vice Chair
- Senior Vice President(s)
- Vice President Operations Pacific & District Manager
- Vice President & District Manager
- Vice President Finance
- Vice President Risk Management and General Counsel
- Vice President National Strategic Development
- Vice President Human Resources

At December 31, 2012, Directors and Executive Officers of the Company controlled 6% (December 31, 2011 - 6%) of the voting shares of the Company.

Certain directors, or their related parties, hold positions in other entities that result in them having control over the financial reporting or operating policies of these entities. All transactions with directors and entities over which they have control are provided in the normal course of business based on terms similar to those that prevail in arm's length transactions. The aggregate value of transactions during the year with entities over which directors have control was \$2,939 (December 31, 2011 - \$nil) and the outstanding balance receivable at December 31, 2012 was \$802 (December 31, 2011 - \$nil).

On November 12, 2012, the Board of Directors approved the implementation of a Deferred Share Unit Plan ("DSU") providing for the issuance of DSUs to the Directors of the Company. The DSU is a cash-settled share-based payment plan which is effective commencing January 1, 2013.

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**21. Other cash flow information**

	2012	2011
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	\$ (80,173)	\$ (46,855)
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	12,651	(17,541)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	173	(1,114)
Inventory	(1,223)	(594)
Accounts payable	54,472	43,363
Deferred contract revenue	(24,418)	14,392
Provisions	2,028	(6,852)
Medium term incentive plan	(3,511)	(5,717)
Operating cash flows from discontinued operations	-	(633)
	<u>\$ (40,001)</u>	<u>(21,551)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash	\$ 151,836	\$ 146,771
Bankers' acceptances and short-term deposits	<u>31,243</u>	<u>26,631</u>
	<u>\$ 183,079</u>	<u>\$ 173,402</u>

Included in the cash and cash equivalents balance is \$23,459 (December 31, 2011 - \$14,107) held in joint venture bank accounts. Bankers' acceptances and short-term deposits include cash that was deposited as collateral for letters of credit issued by the Company. As such, these amounts are not available for general operating purposes.

The statement of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2012 excludes additions of equipment totalling \$1,472 acquired and financed by finance leases (December 31, 2011 - \$467).

**22. Financial instruments**

The Company's preferred share investments and contingent consideration have been classified as fair value through profit and loss. The Company's cash, bankers' acceptances, short-term deposits, bank overdraft, if any, and accounts receivable are classified as loans and receivables. The Company's accounts payable, dividends payable to shareholders and long-term debt have been classified as other financial liabilities. The basis of the determination of the fair value of the Company's financial instruments is more fully described in note 3(k).

**A. Classification and fair value of financial instruments:**

	2012	2011
Financial Instruments at Fair Value through profit or loss		
Preferred Share Investments:	\$ 15,956	\$ 16,752
Contingent consideration	<u>(3,724)</u>	<u>(2,154)</u>
	12,232	14,598
Loans and Receivables and Other Financial Liabilities:		
Loans and Receivables:		
Cash	\$ 151,836	\$ 146,771
Bankers' acceptances and short-term deposits	31,243	26,631
Accounts receivable	<u>403,013</u>	<u>321,261</u>
	\$ 586,092	\$ 494,663
Other Financial Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(369,037)	(313,411)
Dividends payable to shareholders	(2,529)	(2,318)
Loans and borrowings	<u>(48,174)</u>	<u>(43,495)</u>
	<u>(419,740)</u>	<u>(359,224)</u>
Total Financial Instruments	<u>\$ 178,584</u>	<u>\$ 150,037</u>

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The following table presents information about the Company's financial instruments measured at fair value as at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of inputs utilized by the Company to determine such fair value. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 - inputs used in a valuation technique are not based on observable market data in determining fair values of the instruments.

Determination of fair value and the resulting hierarchy requires the use of observable market data whenever available. The classification of a financial instrument in the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement of fair value.

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
<b>2012</b>				
Preferred shares	15,956	-	-	15,956
Total Financial Assets through profit and loss	\$ 15,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,956
Contingent consideration	-	-	(3,724)	(3,724)
Total Financial Liabilities through profit and loss	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,724)	\$ (3,724)
<b>2011</b>				
Preferred shares	16,752	-	-	16,752
Total Financial Assets through profit and loss	\$ 16,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,752
Contingent consideration	-	-	(2,154)	(2,154)
Total Financial Liabilities through profit and loss	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,154)	\$ (2,154)

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

The fair value of the loans and borrowings approximate their carrying values on a discounted cash flow basis as the majority of these obligations bear interest at market rates.

### B. Risk Management:

In the normal course of business, the Company is exposed to a number of risks related to financial instruments that can affect its operating performance. These risks and the actions taken to manage them are as follows:

#### i. Credit Risk:

Credit risk relates to the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet their contractual obligation.

With respect to accounts receivable, concentration of credit risk is limited due to the geographic dispersion of revenues and a diversified customer base. Before entering into any construction contract and during the course of the construction project, the Company goes to considerable lengths to satisfy itself that the customer has adequate resources to fulfill its contractual payment obligations as construction work is completed. If a customer was unable or unwilling to pay the amount owing, the Company will generally have a right to register a lien against the project that will normally provide some security that the amount owed would be realized.

Bankers' acceptances and short-term deposits are subject to minimal credit risk as they are placed with only major Canadian financial institutions. As is reasonably practical, these investments are placed with a number of different Canadian financial institutions, thereby reducing the Company's exposure to a default by any one financial institution.

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Accounts receivable outstanding for greater than 90 days and considered past due by the Company's management, represent 5.1% (December 31, 2011 - 3.5%) of the balance of progress billings on construction contracts receivable at December 31, 2012. Management has recorded an allowance of \$1,111 (December 31, 2011 - \$997) against these past due receivables, net of amounts recoverable from others.

	Amounts past due			
	Up to 12 months	Over 12 months	2012	2011
Trade receivables	\$ 10,898	\$ 3,961	\$ 14,859	\$ 7,655
Impairment	-	(1,111)	(1,111)	(997)
Total Trade receivables	\$ 10,898	\$ 2,850	\$ 13,748	\$ 6,658

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of loans and receivables during the period was as follows:

	2012	2011
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 997	\$ 129
Impairment loss recognized	155	868
Amounts written off	(41)	-
	\$ 1,111	\$ 997

ii. Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk relates to the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Company has working capital of \$154,427 which is available to support surety requirements related to construction projects. As a component of working capital, the Company maintains significant balances of cash and cash equivalents and investments in liquid securities. These investments, less \$40,215 hypothecated to support outstanding letters of credit, are available to meet the financial obligations of the Company as they come due.

The Company has committed lines of credit totalling \$50,000 available to finance operations and \$20,000 available to finance equipment purchases. Draws on these lines, together, at December 31, 2012 totalled \$3,203. In addition, the Company has a line of credit totalling \$131,500 available for issuing letters of credit for which \$31,561 was drawn at December 31, 2012. Additional draws on this line require hypothecation of additional securities or cash deposits. The Company believes it has access to sufficient funding through the use of these facilities to meet foreseeable operating requirements.

Principal repayments due on the loans and borrowings are disclosed in note 10. As disclosed in note 12, payments required pursuant to the Company's Medium Term Incentive Plan granted in 2010, 2011 and 2012 are due on the vesting dates of November 2013, November 2014 and November 2015, respectively, or upon retirement, if earlier.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments as at December 31, 2012.

	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	Up to 12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years
Trade payables	\$ 369,037	\$ 370,141	\$ 352,407	\$ 17,734	\$ -
Dividends payable	2,529	2,529	2,529	-	-
Contingent consideration	3,724	6,511	-	-	6,511
Finance lease liabilities	1,580	1,681	491	1,123	67
Long-term debt	46,594	50,579	15,171	29,538	5,870
	\$ 423,464	\$ 431,441	\$ 370,598	\$ 48,395	\$ 12,448



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iii. Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and equity prices, will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings in liquid securities.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk to the extent that its credit facilities are based on variable rates of interest. The Company has the option to convert all variable-rate term facilities to fixed-rate term facilities.

At December 31, 2012, the interest rate profile of the Company's long-term debt was as follows:

Fixed rate facilities	\$	36,076
Variable rate facilities		<u>10,804</u>
Total long-term debt	\$	<u>46,880</u>

As at December 31, 2012, a one percent change in the interest rate applied to the Company's variable-rate long-term debt will change annual income before income taxes by approximately \$108.

The Company has exposure to fluctuations in the market prices of its preferred shares portfolio. Investments are made only in securities authorized in the investment guidelines approved by the Company's Board of Directors. The Company's CFO and CEO must authorize all transactions and detailed reports summarizing the performance of the investment portfolio are made to the Board of Directors quarterly. As at December 31, 2012, a one percent change in the market price of the investments will change income before income taxes by approximately \$159 (December 31, 2011 - \$167).

### 23. Capital disclosures

The Company's capital management objectives are to:

- Ensure that the Company has the financial capacity to support its current and anticipated volume and mix of business and to manage unforeseen operational and industry developments.
- Ensure that the Company has sufficient financial capacity to support the execution of its longer-term growth strategies.
- Provide its investors with the maximum long-term returns on equity and to generate sufficient cash flow to sustain shareholder dividends and payments on long-term debt.

In the management of capital, the Company defines capital as shareholders' equity and loans and borrowings. Loans and borrowings include bank indebtedness and the current and non-current portions of long-term debt and finance leases.

The Company manages its capital within the investment policy approved by the Board of Directors. The Company makes changes to capital based on changes in business conditions and the mix of construction contracts. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to Company shareholders, issue new debt or repay existing debt, issue new Company shares, and to a lesser degree, may adjust capital expenditures.

As a component of working capital, the Company maintains significant balances of cash and cash equivalents and investments in liquid securities. These cash, cash equivalents and investment balances are intended to cover net current liabilities, fund current dividends payable to shareholders and provide capital to support surety and contract security requirements related to the current and near-term backlog of construction projects.

Backlog is not a term found in the CICA Handbook. Backlog (also referred to in the construction industry as "work on hand") is the total value of all contracts awarded to the Company, less the total value of work completed on these contracts as of the date of the most recently completed quarter. This includes all contracts that have been awarded to the Company whether the work has commenced or will commence in the normal course.

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The amounts of shareholders' equity, working capital and loans and borrowings at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are as follows:

	2012	2011
Shareholders' equity	\$ 191,565	\$ 162,413
Working capital	\$ 154,427	\$ 122,962
Loans and borrowings	\$ 48,174	\$ 43,495

### 24. Joint Ventures

The consolidated financial statements include the proportionate share in joint ventures before inter-party eliminations as follows:

	2012	2011
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>		
Current assets	\$ 38,075	\$ 60,133
Property and equipment	497	142
Current liabilities	27,483	35,180
Retained earnings	11,089	25,095
	2012	2011
<b>Income and Comprehensive Income:</b>		
Construction revenue	\$ 56,586	\$ 105,827
Finance income	190	266
Cost of construction	(49,409)	(95,323)
Net income	\$ 7,367	\$ 10,770
<b>Statement of Cash Flow:</b>		
Cash flow from operating activities	\$ 7,318	\$ 11,291
Changes in non-cash working capital	16,826	(12,733)
Cash flow from/(used in) investing activities	(383)	216
Cash flow used in financing activities	(14,409)	(11,081)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash flow	\$ 9,352	\$ (12,307)

The Company and its joint venture partners have provided contract security in the form of letters of credit, related to the construction activities of the joint ventures. At December 31, 2012, the Company has issued letters of credit in the amount of \$14,168 (December 31, 2011 - \$21,605).

The Company is contingently liable for the obligations of the joint ventures. The assets of the joint ventures are available for the purpose of satisfying such obligations.

The Company provides services of its employees, management services, parental guarantees and letters of credit to the joint ventures.

These services were transferred at the exchange amount, agreed to between the parties. The value of services provided by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

	2012			
		Management Services and Parental Guarantee	Other	Total
Employee services	\$ 4,536	\$ 2,404	\$ 259	\$ 7,199

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2011			
Employee services	Management Services and Parental Guarantee	Other	Total
\$ 6,251	\$ 4,348	\$ 307	\$ 10,906

The Company has accounts receivable from the joint ventures at December 31, 2012 totalling \$2,724 (December 31, 2011 - \$3,551).

### 25. Dividends declared with a record date subsequent to the balance sheet date

The Board of Directors has declared dividends for the months of January 2013, February 2013, March 2013, and April 2013 as follows:

- the January dividend of \$0.06 per share will be paid February 20, 2013 to the Shareholders of record as of the close of business on January 31, 2013.
- the February dividend of \$0.06 per share will be paid March 20, 2013 to the Shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 28, 2013.
- the March dividend of \$0.0633 per share will be paid April 19, 2013 to the Shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 29, 2013.
- the April dividend of \$0.0633 per share will be paid May 20, 2013 to the Shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 30, 2013.

These dividends were not recorded in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.

### 26. Personnel costs

Salary and benefits expense of the Company included in costs of construction and general and administrative expense is:

	2012	2011
Wages, salaries and profit sharing	\$ 209,924	\$ 123,593
Benefits	42,126	20,875
MTIP	4,091	2,868
Stock-based compensation	836	-
Total	\$ 256,977	\$ 147,336

### 27. Subsequent Event

On January 17, 2013, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of Nason Contracting Group Ltd ("Nason"). The total cost of the acquisition, including transaction expenses, will be approximately \$13,300, subject to closing adjustments. The \$12,800 purchase price and related transaction expenses of \$500 were funded with approximately \$8,300 of cash and the issuance of 363,007 common shares from treasury, valued at \$5,000. Nason focuses primarily on water and wastewater projects in Western Canada. Nason performs the majority of its work with its own forces and has particular strength in the execution of mechanical, electrical and instrumentation work.

## Five Year summary

(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except Other Information)

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>OPERATING RESULTS:</b>					
Revenue .....	\$ 1,454,869	974,470	842,031	877,859	1,036,288
Income before income taxes .....	\$ 80,981	40,570	55,486	71,592	71,214
Income taxes .....	22,736	10,975	9,311	14,679	10,354
Net income .....	\$ 58,245	29,595	46,175	56,913	60,860
Distributions .....	\$ n/a	n/a	25,290	23,248	20,354
Dividends .....	\$ 29,929	27,822	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION:</b>					
Current assets .....	\$ 618,438	539,040	457,446	423,787	505,882
Current liabilities .....	464,011	416,078	320,316	299,604	422,417
Working capital .....	\$ 154,427	122,962	137,130	124,183	83,465
Property and equipment .....	\$ 53,503	44,888	7,487	8,398	9,306
Shareholders'/Unitholders' equity .....	\$ 191,565	162,413	160,640	139,755	101,684
<b>BACKLOG:</b>					
Firm price .....	\$ 1,073,875	1,235,551	1,229,554	901,352	1,104,700
Construction management .....	\$ 95,999	136,383	126,581	112,645	105,503
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b>					
Number of shares/units outstanding (restated for split) .....	42,153,846	42,153,846	42,153,846	42,153,846	42,153,846
Return on revenue .....	% 4.00	3.04	5.48	6.48	5.87
Return on prior year shareholders'/unitholders' equity .....	% 35.86	18.42	33.04	55.97	114.24
Net income per share/unit .....	\$ 1.38	0.70	1.10	1.35	1.44
Book value per share/unit .....	\$ 4.54	3.85	3.81	3.32	2.41

Note: Per share/unit amounts have been retroactively restated for the effect of the exchange of three shares for each share in April 2011. The balances have not been restated to reflect the closure of the Seattle district as discontinued operations. The 2010 financial position and operating results and the 2009 financial position balances have been retroactively restated to appropriately reflect IFRS adjustments. All other amounts are stated under previous Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

## Eligible Dividends

Bird Construction Inc. designates any and all dividends paid or deemed for Canadian federal, provincial or territorial income tax purposes to be paid on or after January 1, 2007 to be "eligible dividends", unless indicated otherwise in respect of dividends paid subsequent to this notification, and thereby notifies all recipients of such dividends of this designation.



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