

**Financial Advisory** 

# Crocus Investment Fund

### September 30, 2010 Quarterly report

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### 1.0 Background

On June 28, 2005, pursuant to an application made by the Manitoba Securities Commission ("MSC") under Section 27 of The Securities Act, the Court of Queen's Bench (the "Court") made an Order appointing Deloitte & Touche Inc. ("Deloitte" or the "Receiver") as Receiver and Manager of the Crocus Investment Fund ("Crocus" or the "Fund"). The Receiving Order appointed Deloitte as Receiver over all of Crocus' current and future assets, undertakings and properties and granted the Receiver powers to carry out its duties as outlined in the Order.

The purpose of this Report is to report on the activities of the Receiver as well as to provide an update on the financial position of the Fund. The Report will cover the Receiver's operations and activities since the June 30, 2010 Quarterly Report.

## 2.0 Activities of the Receiver

The following summarizes the major activities of the Receiver since June 30, 2010:

- Preparation of the June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010 Quarterly Reports.
- Administering the interim distribution of funds as outlined in the Court Order of September 4, 2009.
- Corresponding with numerous shareholders, brokers, dealers and intermediaries regarding the distribution.
- Monitoring the status of the Manitoba Securities Commission ("MSC") hearings brought against the former members of the Board of Directors of Crocus and various other parties.
- Meeting and corresponding with various parties interested in acquiring certain of the investee companies.
- Supervising and directing agents retained by the Receiver.
- Meeting and corresponding with individual Crocus shareholders.
- Regular monitoring of the investee companies and discussions with various stakeholders of the investees with respect to possible courses of action regarding Crocus' investment in the investees.
- Ongoing discussions and negotiations with certain of the investee companies about possible exit strategies for Crocus.
- Meetings and discussions regarding debt agreements with certain of the investee companies.
- Fulfilling the duties of Crocus as General Partner of the Manitoba Science & Technology Fund ("MS&T").
- Corresponding with the plan actuary and employees about wind-up of the Crocus pension fund.
- Discussions and correspondence with Crocus' landlord and sub-tenants regarding ongoing tenancy and sub-tenancy issues.

### 3.0 Operations

The ongoing activities of Crocus consist of investment monitoring, financial reporting, shareholder services and tax reporting. The Receiver no longer employs any former Crocus employees but has sub-contracted certain information technology and back office services.

The Receiver continues to occupy approximately one half of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Crocus premises at 211 Bannatyne Avenue. The balance of the space which Crocus leased has been sublet.

### 4.0 Financial position

Financial statements for Crocus have been prepared for the fourth fiscal quarter and year ended September 30, 2010 and are attached as Appendix 1. The statements are internal and unaudited and have been prepared in a manner consistent with the financial information that was formerly provided to Crocus shareholders, with the exception that the portfolio valuation is carried at the June 28, 2005 value, unless the investment has been realized upon. The June 28, 2005 value was derived from the external valuations which were completed after Crocus ceased trading in December 2004.

The following are the financial highlights for the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2010:

- Net loss for the quarter of approximately \$0.5 million. The current quarter included an expense of approximately \$0.3 million relating to a deficiency in the pension plan funding for former Crocus employees.
- Investments in cash and equivalents (Guaranteed Investment Certificates and Government Bonds) of approximately \$14.6 million.
- Accounts receivable of approximately \$3.9 million. The majority of the balance consists of the balance due from the sale of one (1) portfolio investment. In addition the balance includes accrued interest on marketable securities and portfolio investments.
- Net carrying value of the remaining Crocus portfolio of investees of approximately \$11.7 million.
- Accounts payable of approximately \$0.1 million.

### 5.0 Portfolio

#### 5.1 Background

As at June 28, 2005 there were 46 individual investee companies in the Crocus portfolio with a gross carrying value of \$64.1 million.

During the quarter the Receiver realized on portions of several investments. Cumulatively to September 30, 2010, 32 of the 46 investments within the Crocus portfolio have been realized upon or are considered closed. There are 14 investments remaining.

In summary, since its appointment the Receiver has realized proceeds of approximately \$55.4 million for investments with a June 28, 2005 book value of approximately \$52.6 million representing a recovery of approximately 105%. Crocus' carrying value for these investments when it ceased trading in December 2004 was approximately \$88.0 million, which would represent a recovery of approximately 63%. In addition, since its appointment the Receiver has also eliminated exposure on approximately \$2.3 million in guarantees that had been reserved.

#### 5.2 Status

The Receiver continues discussions with a number of the investee companies regarding the possible exit of Crocus' interest. The Receiver has also entered into long term agreements for the repayment of amounts advanced by Crocus with several of the investees.

The Receiver continues to monitor all remaining investees.

#### 5.3 Investment in litigation

On November 29, 2006, the Receiver issued a statement of claim against the Goldeyes for unpaid interest which at the time totalled approximately \$306,000. A statement of defence was received and was reviewed by the Receiver and counsel. The Receiver filed a motion to have this matter dealt with summarily by the Court. Counsel for the Goldeyes requested an examination of the Receiver on its affidavit and brought a motion seeking an Order to compel the Receiver to produce certain documents. The Receiver produced the documents sought and the Goldeyes' motion was not proceeded with. The parties then engaged in a series of cross-examinations on affidavits. A summary judgment motion was heard on May 14, 2008. On December 24, 2008, the Court issued a judgment dismissing the summary

judgment motion. In essence, the Court has concluded that the matter was not clear enough to deal with the matter summarily and that a trial was required.

#### 5.4 Manitoba Science & Technology Fund

One (1) investee, MS&T, is a limited partnership holding several science and technology investments. Crocus is an investor in the limited partnership and is the sole owner of the General Partner. A number of the investments held by the limited partnership are common to the investments held by Crocus. At a meeting held on February 29, 2008, the limited partners gave the General Partner a mandate to wind down the partnership. The Receiver has proceeded with this mandate and reports to the limited partners on a quarterly basis.

### 6.0 Commitments and contingencies

Receiver's Report #12 outlined the remaining obligations of Crocus. The primary obligation was for the lease of real property at 211 Bannatyne which terminates on September 30, 2016. In addition, as part of the settlements with the former officers and directors of the Fund, the Receiver had agreed to hold an additional \$3.0 million until December 31, 2010 should an officer or director seek indemnification as a result of certain current or newly initiated proceedings.

During the quarter, the Receiver funded the remaining obligation of Crocus pertaining to the wind-up of the Crocus portion of the pension plan with the Canadian Labour Congress. The payment totalled \$320,000.

The only outstanding contingent item known to the Receiver is one (1) indemnity provided by Crocus relating to an investee company.

### 7.0 Interim distribution

On September 4, 2009 the Court issued an Order authorizing a rateable interim distribution of approximately \$54.7 million to the Class A and Class I shareholders. The Court declined the Receiver's request for a proportionate reduction in the number of shares to reflect the interim payment.

The Receiver began the distribution in October 2009. Concurrent with the distribution the Receiver also began distributing the net proceeds of the Class Action settlements. Class A and Class I shareholders received \$3.83 per share from the approved distribution plus their portion of the Class Action settlement. Depending on the type of account held, it may be necessary for the shareholder to complete applicable transfer or deregistration forms prior to receiving their distribution.

As at September 30, 2010 the Receiver had paid out approximately \$51.6 million or 95% of the authorized interim distribution, however there remains approximately \$2.9 million in unclaimed distributions. The Receiver prepared a subsequent mailing and continues to carry out other procedures to locate and contact shareholders with unclaimed distributions.

The Receiver is unable to determine when any future distributions may take place.

### 8.0 Share value

The net asset value per Class A and Class I shares ("share value") as at September 30, 2010 was \$2.13. As noted in previous Reports, the Receiver emphasizes that the share value is an accounting book value partially based on the June 28, 2005 carrying value of the investment portfolio.

Future events will determine the ultimate realizable value of the portfolio. Such matters may have a material effect on the share value which is ultimately available for distribution to Crocus shareholders. The future events identified to date include:

- Possible further increases/reductions in the value of the portfolio as a result of ongoing investee performance.
- The length of time taken to realize on the portfolio.
- Professional costs incurred by the Receiver and its counsel as a result of current and future negotiations and litigation.
- Any provision for the costs of the difference between the head lease and subleases for the premises maintained by Crocus.
- Any additional guarantees or indemnities granted by Crocus which have not yet been identified.
- All other costs of monitoring the portfolio and realizing on the assets.

The Receiver will continue to provide updates on the share value in future Quarterly Reports.

### 9.0 Shareholder communication

The Receiver has continued to post Court Orders, Receiver's Reports, Quarterly Reports, Media Statements and shareholder letters on its website at www.deloitte.com/ca/crocusfund.

### 10.0 General

A Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from June 28, 2005 to September 30, 2010 is attached as Appendix 2.

The Receiver will continue to keep the Court apprised of ongoing developments with the next Quarterly Report to be filed in mid-January 2011.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of October, 2010.

**DELOITTE & TOUCHE INC.,** in its capacity as Receiver and Manager of Crocus Investment Fund and not in its personal capacity.

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Per: S. P. Peleck Senior Vice-President

### Appendix 1 – Crocus financial statements as at September 30, 2010

Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Net Assets As at September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

ASSETS	Sept	ember 30, 2010
Cash and equivalents	\$	14,637,801
Cash in Trust - Interim Distribution		2,880,924
Cash in Trust - Class Action Settlements		367,081
Investments in Manitoba businesses		11,663,420
		29,549,226
Accounts receivable		3,946,360
Capital assets		319,372
		33,814,958
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		122,046
Due to Shareholders - Interim Distribution		2,880,924
Due to Shareholders - Class Action Settlements		367,081
NET ASSETS	\$	30,444,907
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	\$	188,014,669
Deferred selling costs adjustment		(9,134,637)
Interim Distribution - Class "A" shares		(54,462,836)
Interim Distribution - Class "I" & "L" shares		(264,956)
Deficit		(93,707,333)
	\$	30,444,907
NET ASSET VALUE PER CLASS "A" COMMON SHARE and		
SERIES TWO CLASS "I" SPECIAL SHARE	\$	2.13

**Crocus Investment Fund** 

#### **Consolidated Statement of Operations**

### For the period ended September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

	Qua	arter Ended	Yea	ar to Date
REVENUE	Septer	mber 30, 2010	Septen	nber 30, 2010
Interest and Dividend Revenue	\$	52,405	\$	292,433
Management Fees & Other Recoveries		51,188		396,184
		103,593		688,617
EXPENSES				
Amortization of Capital Assets		25,137		100,550
Occupancy		92,113		368,194
Administrative, Office and Investment		76,065		370,435
Legal		39,866		129,022
Pension Expense		256,267		256,267
Receiver and Manager		150,978		899,709
Salaries and Benefits		-		22,831
		640,426		2,147,008
OPERATING INCOME BEFORE NON-RECURRING ITEMS		(536,833)		(1,458,391)
Amount realized in excess of June 28, 2005 carrying value		(6,853)		(902,640)
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	\$	(543,686)	\$	(2,361,031)

#### **Crocus Investment Fund**

**Consolidated Statement of Deficit** 

### For the period ended September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

	Septe	September 30, 2010	
DEFICIT-Beginning of period, September 30, 2009	\$	(91,346,302)	
Loss for the period		(2,361,031)	
DEFICIT-END OF PERIOD	\$	(93,707,333)	

#### **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

#### For the period ended September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

	September 30, 2010		
NET ASSETS - September 30, 2009	\$	87,533,730	
Interim Distribution - Class "A" shares		(54,462,836)	
Interim Distribution - Class "I" & "L" shares		(264,956)	
Loss for the period		(2,361,031)	
NET ASSETS - END OF PERIOD	\$	30,444,907	

Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio As at September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

#### NET INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES

4658702 Manitoba Ltd Canad Corporation of Canada Inc. Diamedica Inc. D.L.J.S. Enterprises Ltd. Enterprise Swine Ltd. Enterprise Swine II Ltd. Genesys Venture Inc. Manitoba Science & Technology Fund Muddy Waters Smokehouse Novra Technologies Inc. Online Enterprises Inc. ST Partnership Winnipeg Goldeyes Baseball Club Inc. W.O.W. Hospitality Concepts Inc.

#### NET INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES

\$ 11,663,420

Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio As at September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

#### BONDS AND DEBENTURES

City of Winnipeg	\$ 372,404
	 372,404
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	
Canadian Western Bank	2,000,000
HSBC	3,332,049
Scotia Bank	12,027,393
Other	 153,960
	 17,513,402
CASH & EQUIVALENTS	\$ 17,885,806
Represented by:	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 14,637,801
Cash in Trust - Interim Distribution	2,880,924
Cash in Trust - Class Action Settlements	 367,081
	\$ 17,885,806

Crocus Investment Fund Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the period ended September 30, 2010 (unaudited)

#### Net Asset Value of Class "A" Common Shares and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares

The net asset value of the Fund's issued Class "A" Common Shares and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares is calculated as follows:

	September 30, 2010	
Net assets - end of year	\$	30,444,907
Balance attributed to the Class "A" Common and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares	\$	30,444,907
Number of issued Class "A" Common Shares Number of issued Series Two Class "I" Special Shares		14,220,000 69,126
NET ASSET VALUE PER CLASS "A" COMMON SHARE and		14,289,126
SERIES TWO CLASS "I" SPECIAL SHARE	\$	2.13

Appendix 2 – Statement of receipts and disbursements to September 30, 2010

Deloitte & Touche Inc., Receiver and Manager of CROCUS INVESTMENT FUND Statement of Receipts and Disbursements For the Period June 28, 2005 to September 30, 2010		
ReceiptsCash and Short Term Investments on Hand Contract Back Office ServicesDividends-PortfolioIncome Tax RefundInsurance Claim and Premium RefundInterest-PortfolioInterest-Short Term InvestmentsInvestment Principal RepaymentsManagement FeesProceeds on Disposal of InvestmentsRent/Sub-LeaseSundryPre-Receivership Accounts ReceivableClass Action Settlements	\$	23,363,012 518,463 657,483 252,362 20,662 1,614,937 7,174,055 1,551,930 1,020,576 49,875,768 1,332,463 223,796 1,247,368 6,812,978
Total Receipts		95,665,853
Disbursements Advances to Investees Capital Tax Computer, Telephone and Office Expense Consulting Fees Employee Pension Insurance - Indemnification Investee Guarantee and Indemnification Investment Expenses Legal Fees Legal Fees Legal Fees - Indemnification Payroll & Benefits Receiver and Manager Fees Records Review Rent Settlements Shareholder Services Pre-Receivership Payables and Accruals	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 265,132\\ 200,257\\ 649,305\\ 306,540\\ 442,922\\ 129,978\\ 1,344,677\\ 194,625\\ 1,967,355\\ 662,601\\ 1,735,550\\ 5,637,297\\ 1,288,814\\ 2,157,618\\ 620,000\\ 973,442\\ 914,385\end{array}$
Total Disbursements		19,490,498
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements prior to:		76,175,355
Interim Distribution - Class "A" Shares Interim Distribution - Class "I" & "L" Shares Class Action Settlements		51,578,696 264,956 6,445,897
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		17,885,806
Represented by: Short Term Investments and Bonds Cash in Trust - Interim Distribution Cash in Trust - Class Action Settlements	\$	14,637,801 2,880,924 367,081 17,885,806
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