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## Crocus Investment Fund

December 31, 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 September 30, 2010 Quarterly Report.

## 2.0 Activities of the Receiver

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

- Preparation of the September 30, 2010 and December 31, 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").
- 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 a portion 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 first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 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 first quarter ended December 31, 2010:

- Net loss for the quarter of approximately \$0.1 million.
- Investments in cash and equivalents (Guaranteed Investment Certificates and Government Bonds) of approximately \$15.2 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 \$10.9 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. The Receiver also closed three (3) investments relating to the Enterprise Swine Systems ("ESS") Group. The primary assets of these investments were two vacant hog barns in rural Manitoba. The primary lender has commenced formal proceedings to recover the balances due under their first mortgage(s), and the Receiver is of the view that any recovery for Crocus on these investments in the short term is unlikely.

Cumulatively to December 31, 2010, 35 of the 46 investments within the Crocus portfolio have been realized upon or are considered closed. There are 11 investments remaining.

In summary, since its appointment the Receiver has realized proceeds of approximately \$56.1 million for investments with a June 28, 2005 book value of approximately \$53.3 million representing a recovery of approximately 105%. Crocus' carrying value for these investments when it ceased trading in December 2004 was approximately \$88.8 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. These agreements are amortized over various time periods with maturities ranging from 2012 to 2018.

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. As at December 31, 2010 the Receiver was not aware of any requests for indemnification and has referred the matter to counsel for review.

The only outstanding contingent item known to the Receiver is one (1) indemnity provision 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 December 31, 2010 the Receiver had paid out approximately \$52.1 million or 95% of the authorized interim distribution, however there remains approximately \$2.7 million in unclaimed distributions. The Receiver 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 December 31, 2010 was \$2.12. 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 December 31, 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-April 2011.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of January, 2011.

**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 December 31, 2010

#### **Consolidated Statement of Net Assets**

As at December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

ASSETS	December 31, 2010
Cash and equivalents	\$ 15,188,165
Cash in Trust - Interim Distribution	2,670,039
Cash in Trust - Class Action Settlements	340,001
Investments in Manitoba businesses	10,945,320
	29,143,525
Accounts receivable	3,917,283
Capital assets	305,409
	33,366,217
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	35,379
Due to Shareholders - Interim Distribution	2,670,039
Due to Shareholders - Class Action Settlements	340,001
NET ASSETS	\$ 30,320,798
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	(264,955)
Deficit	(93,831,443)
	\$ 30,320,798
NET ASSET VALUE PER CLASS "A" COMMON SHARE and	
SERIES TWO CLASS "I" SPECIAL SHARE	\$ 2.12

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

For the period ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

REVENUE	Decei	mber 31, 2010	Decembe	er 31, 2010
Interest and Dividend Revenue	\$	69,415	\$	69,415
Management Fees & Other Recoveries		141,527		141,527
	-	210,942		210,942
EXPENSES				
Amortization of Capital Assets		24,169		24,169
Occupancy		92,113		92,113
Administrative, Office and Investment		64,850		64,850
Legal		12,546		12,546
Receiver and Manager		165,308		165,308
		358,986		358,986
OPERATING LOSS		(148,044)		(148,044)
Amount realized in excess of June 28, 2005 carrying value		23,935		23,935
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	\$	(124,109)	\$	(124,109)

Quarter Ended

Year to Date

#### **Consolidated Statement of Deficit**

For the period ended December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

Loss for the period

**DEFICIT-END OF PERIOD** 

#### December 31, 2010

\$ (93,707,334)
(124,109)

\$ (93,831,443)

#### **Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio**

As at December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

#### **NET INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES**

Canad Corporation of Canada Inc.

Diamedica Inc.

D.L.J.S. Enterprises 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** 

\$ 10,945,320

#### **Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio**

As at December 31, 2010 (unaudited)

BONDS AND DEBE	:NIURES
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City of Winnipeg	\$ 372,404
	372,404
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	
Canadian Western Bank	2,000,000
HSBC	5,832,048
Scotia Bank	9,981,845
Other	11,908
	17,825,801
CASH & EQUIVALENTS	\$ 18,198,205
Represented by:	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 15,188,165
Cash in Trust - Interim Distribution	2,670,039
Cash in Trust - Class Action Settlements	340,001
	\$ 18,198,205

#### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

For the period ended December 31, 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:

	Dece	mber 31, 2010
Net assets - end of year	\$	30,320,798
Balance attributed to the Class "A" Common and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares	\$	30,320,798
Number of issued Class "A" Common Shares		14,220,000
Number of issued Series Two Class "I" Special Shares		69,126
		14,289,126
NET ASSET VALUE PER CLASS "A" COMMON SHARE and SERIES TWO CLASS "I" SPECIAL SHARE		2.12

# Appendix 2 – Statement of receipts and disbursements to December 31, 2010

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Receipts  Cash and Short Term Investments on Hand	\$	23,363,012		
Contract Back Office Services	Ψ	518,463		
Dividends-Portfolio		657,483		
Income Tax Refund		257,280		
Insurance Claim and Premium Refund		20,662		
Interest-Portfolio				
Interest-Short Term Investments		1,620,358		
		7,195,876		
Investment Principal Repayments		1,683,211		
Management Fees		1,062,816		
Proceeds on Disposal of Investments		50,491,107		
Rent/Sub-Lease		1,418,594		
Sundry		223,797		
Pre-Receivership Accounts Receivable		1,247,368		
Class Action Settlements		6,812,978		
Total Receipts		96,573,005		
Disbursements  Advances to Investoes	ф	0/E 100		
Advances to Investees	\$	265,132		
Capital Tax		200,257		
Computer, Telephone and Office Expense		655,826		
Consulting Fees		306,540		
Employee Pension Insurance - Indemnification		442,922		
Investee Guarantee and Indemnification		129,978		
		1,344,677		
Investment Expenses		194,625 1,979,901		
Legal Fees				
Legal Fees - Indemnification		662,601		
Payroll & Benefits		1,735,550		
Receiver and Manager Fees Records Review		5,822,605		
Rent		1,288,814 2,260,409		
Settlements				
Shareholder Services		620,000 1,022,860		
		914,385		
Pre-Receivership Payables and Accruals		914,365		
Total Disbursements		19,847,082		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements prior to:		76,725,923		
Interim Distribution - Class "A" Shares		51,789,786		
Interim Distribution - Class "I" & "L" Shares		264,955		
Class Action Settlements		6,472,977		
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		18,198,205		
Represented by:				
Short Term Investments and Bonds	\$	15,188,165		
Cash in Trust - Interim Distribution	Ŧ	2,670,039		
Cash in Trust - Class Action Settlements		340,001		
	\$	18,198,205		

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