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# Crocus Investment Fund

December 31, 2014 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 (the "Receiving Order") appointing Deloitte Restructuring Inc. (formerly Deloitte & Touche Inc., hereafter referred to as "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 Receiving 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, 2014 Quarterly Report.

## 2.0 Activities of the Receiver

The following summarizes the major activities of the Receiver since September 30, 2014:

- Preparing the September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014 Quarterly Reports.
- Preparing correspondence and planning for a third interim distribution.
- Administering the interim distributions of funds as outlined in the Court Orders of September 4, 2009, December 12, 2011, and October 14, 2014.
- Corresponding with numerous shareholders, brokers, dealers and intermediaries regarding the distributions and status of the Fund.
- Supervising and directing agents retained by the Receiver.
- Ongoing monitoring of the remaining investee companies and discussions with various stakeholders of the investees with respect to possible courses of action regarding Crocus' investment in the investees.
- Fulfilling the duties of Crocus as General Partner of the Manitoba Science & Technology Fund ("MS&T").
- Corresponding with Crocus' landlord and sub-tenants regarding ongoing tenancy and sub-tenancy issues, including matters related to building operating costs.
- Corresponding with the Receiver's counsel regarding the litigation with the landlord.
- Corresponding with the Receiver's counsel regarding the litigation with one of the investees.

# 3.0 Operations

The ongoing activities related to Crocus consist of investment monitoring, financial reporting, shareholder services and tax reporting. The Receiver no longer employs any former employees of Crocus 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 in Winnipeg (the "Leased Property"). The majority of the balance of the space which Crocus leased has been sublet.

# 4.0 Financial position

Financial information for Crocus has been prepared by the Receiver for the first fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2014, and is attached as Appendix 1.

The following summarizes the financial position of the Fund:

- Investments in cash and cash equivalents (Guaranteed Investment Certificates and Government Bonds) of approximately \$2.5 million. This excludes funds held in trust for shareholders relating to prior distributions.
- Accounts receivable of approximately \$0.3 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 \$6.0 million. The portfolio valuation is primarily carried at the June 28, 2005 value which was derived from the external valuations completed after Crocus ceased trading in December 2004.

## 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 approximately \$64.1 million.

Cumulatively to December 31, 2014, 40 of the 46 investments within the Crocus portfolio have been realized upon or are considered closed.

In summary, since its appointment, the Receiver has realized proceeds of approximately \$60.7 million for investments with a June 28, 2005 book value of approximately \$59.2 million, representing a recovery of approximately 103%. Crocus' carrying value for these investments, when it ceased trading in December 2004, was approximately \$95.0 million, which would represent a recovery of approximately 64%. In addition, since its appointment, the Receiver has eliminated exposure on approximately \$2.3 million in guarantees that had been reserved by Crocus.

### 5.2 Status

The status of the remaining investments is as follows:

### Novra Technologies Inc. ("Novra")

 Novra is an investment held by the Fund representing both equity and debt obligations due to Crocus. The Receiver and the investee have entered into a long term agreement for the repayment of the indebtedness.

Manitoba Science & Technology Fund, Diamedica Inc., Genesys Ventures Inc., and ST Partnership

• Crocus is an investor in MS&T which is a limited partnership holding several science and technology investments. Crocus is the sole owner of the General Partner and the limited partners gave the General Partner a mandate to wind down the partnership. Crocus and MS&T's holdings include Diamedica Inc., Genesys Ventures Inc. and ST Partnership. There are numerous interrelationships amongst these entities. In some cases, the ability to negotiate divestitures of MS&T's science and technology investments is limited

given that certain of the companies are publicly traded with limited market liquidity. As a result, the timing of a complete disposition is unknown.

### Canad Corporation Ltd. ("Canad")

On June 19, 2014, the Receiver caused Crocus to commence proceedings against Leon Norman Ledohowski ("Leo"), LRC Holding Corporation Inc., and Canad Corporation Ltd. ("Canad") as Respondents in a Court of Queen's Bench filing. In its Notice of Application, Crocus sought various forms of relief including declarations that Leo had exercised his powers as a director of Canad, and that Canad had conducted its business and affairs in a manner that was oppressive of, or unfairly prejudicial to, or which unfairly disregarded, the interests of Crocus as a shareholder of Canad. The Notice of Application also sought an Order that Canad be liquidated and dissolved and that the proceeds from such liquidation be distributed to the shareholders of Canad. The Notice of Application was supported by an Affidavit sworn by the undersigned, in his capacity as Senior Vice-President of the Receiver. No affidavit evidence has yet been filed on behalf of the Respondents. Counsel for Canad have indicated that they intend on filing a motion to expunge portions of the Affidavit filed by the Receiver.

# 6.0 Commitments and contingencies

The primary remaining obligation of the Fund is for the lease on the Leased Property which terminates on September 30, 2016. The agent for the landlord had previously notified the Receiver of a claim for past building operating costs of approximately \$0.2 million. The Receiver had several meetings with the agent regarding the quantification and potential settlement of the claim. No resolution was reached and on October 23, 2013, the agent for the landlord issued a statement of claim against Crocus and the Receiver for approximately \$0.1 million. The Receiver has filed a statement of defence and plead that as at October 31, 2013 it had overpaid building operating costs by approximately \$42,000. An examination for discovery took place on March 20, 2014 and the litigation continues.

There remains one known contingency for an indemnity provided by Crocus to an investee company.

## 7.0 Share value

The estimated net asset value of the Class A and Class I shares (the "Share Value") as at December 31, 2014 was \$0.62 per share, as detailed in Appendix 1. 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 it takes 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 difference between the head lease cost and sublease revenue for the Leased Property;
- Any additional guarantees or indemnities granted by Crocus which have not yet been identified; and/or
- 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.

## 8.0 Interim distributions

#### 8.1 First 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. Concurrent with the distribution, the Receiver also began distributing the net proceeds of the Class Actions settlements. Class A and Class I shareholders received \$3.83 per share from the approved distribution plus their portion of the Class Actions settlement.

As at December 31, 2014, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$52.8 million, or approximately 97%, of the first interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$1.9 million in unclaimed distributions.

#### 8.2 Second interim distribution

On December 12, 2011, the Court issued an Order authorizing a second interim distribution of approximately \$9.0 million to the Class A and Class I shareholders.

Mailings for the distribution took place in January 2012. As at December 31, 2014, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$8.1 million, or 90%, of the second interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$0.9 million in unclaimed distributions.

#### 8.3 Third interim distribution

On October 14, 2014, the Court issued an Order authorizing a third interim distribution of \$0.60 to the Class A and Class I shareholders. This distribution also included the remaining Class Action proceeds of approximately \$0.7 million.

Mailings for the distribution took place in October and November 2014. As at December 31, 2014, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$7.4 million, or 80%, of the third interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$1.9 million in unclaimed distributions.

#### 8.4 **Future distribution**

The Receiver is unable to determine when, or if any future distributions will take place.

## 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 for the period from June 28, 2005 to December 31, 2014 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 2015.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of January, 2015.

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

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Per: Steven P. Peleck

Senior Vice-President

# Appendix 1 – Crocus financial information as at December 31, 2014

## Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Net Assets As at December 31, 2014 (unaudited)

ASSETS	Dece	mber 31, 2014
Cash and equivalents	\$	2,523,765
Cash in Trust - Interim Distributions		4,737,556
Investments in Manitoba businesses		5,950,758
		13,212,079
Accounts receivable		276,663
Capital assets		97,457
		13,586,199
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		26,442
Due to Shareholders - Interim Distributions		4,737,556
NET ASSETS	\$	8,822,201
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	\$	188,014,669
Deferred selling costs adjustment	•	(9,134,637)
Interim Distributions - Class "A" shares		(71,951,299)
Interim Distributions - Class "I" shares		(349,770)
Interim Distributions - Class "L" shares		(200)
Deficit		(97,756,562)
	\$	8,822,201
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE		
Net assets	\$	8,822,201
Balance attributed to the Class "A" Common and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares	\$	8,822,201
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	\$	0.62

## Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio As at December 31, 2014 (unaudited)

## **INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES**

Canad Corporation of Canada Inc.

Diamedica Inc.

Genesys Venture Inc.

Manitoba Science & Technology Fund

Novra Technologies Inc.

ST Partnership

## **INVESTMENTS IN MANITOBA BUSINESSES**

5,950,758

\$

# Appendix 2 – Statement of receipts and disbursements to December 31, 2014

	ne 28, 2005 to arch 31, 2012	il 1, 2012 to nber 31, 2014	<u>Total</u>
Cash and Short Term Investments on Hand Contract Back Office Services Dividends-Portfolio Income Tax Refund Insurance Claim and Premium Refund Interest-Portfolio Interest-Short Term Investments Investment Principal Repayments Management Fees Proceeds on Disposal of Investments Rent/Sub-Lease Sundry Pre-Receivership Accounts Receivable Class Action Settlements	\$ 23,363,012 518,463 657,483 283,503 20,662 1,640,835 7,376,492 2,890,163 1,118,517 52,442,430 1,804,884 297,476 1,247,463 6,812,978	\$ 197,365 - 237,490 319,863 210,799 132,395 4,448,337 735,068 - - 681,946	\$ 23,363,012 518,463 657,483 480,868 20,662 1,878,325 7,696,355 3,100,962 1,250,912 56,890,767 2,539,952 297,476 1,247,463 7,494,924
Total Receipts	\$ 100,474,361	\$ 6,963,263	\$ 107,437,624
Advances to Investees Capital Tax Computer, Telephone and Office Expense Consulting Fees Employee Pension Insurance - Indemnification Investee Guarantee and Indemnification Investment Expenses Legal Fees Disbursements Taxes Legal Fees - Indemnification Disbursements Taxes Legal Fees - Indemnification Disbursements Taxes Legal Fees - Indemnification Disbursements Taxes Payroll & Benefits Receiver and Manager Fees Taxes Rent Settlements Shareholder Services Pre-Receivership Payables and Accruals	\$ 265,132 200,257 719,488 359,150 442,922 141,608 1,344,677 218,497 2,038,338 55,735 261,922 651,982 11,216 50,057 1,735,550 7,130,967 407,821 2,899,455 579,116 1,317,222 914,385	\$ 72,957 - - 24,898 - 295 192,315 6,868 24,084 76,423 1,769 9,254 - 1,123,622 56,181 1,189,332 - 607,631	\$ 265,132 200,257 792,445 359,150 442,922 166,506 1,344,677 218,792 2,230,653 62,603 286,006 728,405 12,985 59,311 1,735,550 8,254,589 464,002 4,088,787 579,116 1,924,853 914,385
Total Disbursements	 21,745,497	 3,385,629	 25,131,126
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements prior to:	 78,728,864	 3,577,634	 82,306,498
Interim Distributions - Class "A" Shares Interim Distributions - Class "I" & "L" Shares Class Action Settlements	 59,850,522 308,494 6,537,507	 7,707,019 41,475 600,160	 67,557,541 349,969 7,137,667
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$ 12,032,341	\$ (4,771,020)	\$ 7,261,321
Represented by: Short Term Investments and Bonds Cash in Trust - Interim Distributions			\$ 2,523,765 4,737,556
			\$ 7,261,321

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