

**Financial Advisory** 

# Crocus Investment Fund

### March 31, 2015 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 December 31, 2014 Quarterly Report.

## 2.0 Activities of the Receiver

The following summarizes the major activities of the Receiver since December 31, 2014:

- Preparing the December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015 Quarterly Reports.
- 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 March 31, 2015, 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 \$2.6 million. This excludes funds held in trust for shareholders relating to prior distributions.
- 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 March 31, 2015, 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 Steven P. Peleck, 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. The hearing date for the motion has been set for May 27, 2015.

### 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 March 31, 2015 was \$0.60 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 March 31, 2015, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$53.0 million, or approximately 97%, of the first interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$1.7 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 March 31, 2015, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$8.3 million, or 92%, of the second interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$0.7 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 March 31, 2015, the Receiver had paid out approximately \$7.3 million, or 85%, of the third interim distribution, however, there remains approximately \$1.3 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 March 31, 2015 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-July 2015.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 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: Jeff Keeble Senior Vice-President

### Appendix 1 – Crocus financial information as at March 31, 2015

#### Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Net Assets As at March 31, 2015 (unaudited)

ASSETS	Ma	rch 31, 2015
Cash and equivalents	\$	2,598,491
Cash in Trust - Interim Distributions		3,738,317
Investments in Manitoba businesses		5,950,758
		12,287,566
Accounts receivable		27,077
Capital assets		78,483
		12,393,126
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		108,936
Due to Shareholders - Interim Distributions		3,738,317
NET ASSETS	\$	8,545,873
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		(98,032,890)
	\$	8,545,873
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE		
Net assets	\$	8,545,873
Balance attributed to the Class "A" Common and Series Two Class "I" Special Shares	\$	8,545,873
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	\$	0.60
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#### Crocus Investment Fund Consolidated Statement of Investment Portfolio As at March 31, 2015 (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 March 31, 2015

#### Deloitte Restructuring Inc., Receiver and Manager of CROCUS INVESTMENT FUND Statement of Receipts and Disbursements For the Period June 28, 2005 to March 31, 2015

	June 28, 2005 to <u>March 31, 2012</u>		April 1, 2012 to <u>March 31, 2015</u>			<u>Total</u>
Receipts	¢ 00.000.010		•		-	00 000 0 : -
Cash and Short Term Investments on Hand	\$	23,363,012	\$	-	\$	23,363,012
Contract Back Office Services		518,463		-		518,463
Dividends-Portfolio		657,483		-		657,483
Income Tax Refund		283,503		200,033		483,536
Insurance Claim and Premium Refund		20,662		-		20,662
Interest-Portfolio		1,640,835		249,990		1,890,82
Interest-Short Term Investments		7,376,492		327,981		7,704,473
Investment Principal Repayments		2,890,163		210,799		3,100,96
Management Fees		1,118,517		132,395		1,250,912
Proceeds on Disposal of Investments		52,442,430		4,698,337		57,140,76
Rent/Sub-Lease		1,804,884		795,616		2,600,50
Sundry		297,476		-		297,47
Pre-Receivership Accounts Receivable		1,247,463		-		1,247,46
Class Action Settlements		6,812,978		681,946		7,494,924
Total Receipts	\$	100,474,361	\$	7,297,097	\$	107,771,458
Disbursements						
Advances to Investees	\$	265,132	\$	-	\$	265,132
Capital Tax		200,257		-		200,25
Computer, Telephone and Office Expense		719,488		80,341		799,82
Consulting Fees		359,150		-		359,15
Employee Pension		442,922		-		442,92
Insurance - Indemnification		141,608		24,898		166,50
Investee Guarantee and Indemnification		1,344,677		,000		1,344,67
Investment Expenses		218,497		445		218,94
Legal Fees		2,038,338		203,680		2,242,01
Disbursements		55,735		7,203		62,93
Taxes		261,922		25,555		287,47
Legal Fees - Indemnification		651,982		76,423		728,40
Disbursements		11,216		1,769		12,98
Taxes		50,057		9,254		59,31
Payroll & Benefits		1,735,550		5,204		1,735,55
Receiver and Manager Fees		7,130,967		1,179,358		8,310,32
Taxes		407,821		58,968		466,78
Rent		2,899,455		1,293,384		4,192,83
Settlements				1,295,504		579,11
Shareholder Services		579,116 1,317,222		-		,
		, ,		674,635		1,991,85
Pre-Receivership Payables and Accruals		914,385				914,38
otal Disbursements		21,745,497		3,635,913		25,381,410
xcess of Receipts over Disbursements prior to:		78,728,864		3,661,184		82,390,04
Interim Distributions - Class "A" Shares		59,850,522		8,651,384		68,501,90
Interim Distributions - Class "I" & "L" Shares		308,494		41,476		349,97
Class Action Settlements		6,537,507		663,857		7,201,364
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$	12,032,341	\$	(5,695,533)	\$	6,336,808
Represented by:						
Short Term Investments and Bonds					\$	2,598,49 <sup>2</sup>
Cash in Trust - Interim Distributions					Ŧ	3,738,31

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