

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Dollar amounts are in thousands of Canadian dollars (except share and per share amounts)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognized, together with a corresponding increase in contributed surplus in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled. The cumulative expense recognized for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Company's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The movement in cumulative expense recognized at the beginning and end of a period is recognized in administration expense.

Where the terms of an equity-settled transaction award are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the expense as if the terms had not been modified, if the original terms of the award are met. An additional expense is recognized for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment transaction, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognized for the award is recognized immediately. This includes any award where non-vesting conditions within the control of either the entity or the employee are not met. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new awards are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect of share-based awards is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share (further details are given in Note 22).

(K) Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial instruments are accounted for, presented, and disclosed in accordance with IFRS 7 – Financial Instruments: Disclosures ("IFRS 7"), IAS 32 – Financial Instruments: Presentation ("IAS 32") and IAS 39 – Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("IAS 39"). The Company recognizes financial assets and financial liabilities when the Company becomes a party to a contract. Financial assets and financial liabilities, with the exception of financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at fair value plus transaction costs on initial recognition. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value on initial recognition and transaction costs are expensed when incurred.

Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the classification of the financial instrument as follows:

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")

Financial assets are classified as FVTPL when acquired principally for the purpose of trading, if so designated by management (fair value option), or if they are derivative assets. Financial assets classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed or determinable payments and are not quoted in an active market. Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables are carried at amortized cost, using the effective interest method, less a provision for impairment. A provision for impairment is established when there is objective evidence that collection will not be possible under the original terms of the contract. Indicators of impairment include delinquency of payment and significant financial difficulty of the holder. The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced through an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities are classified as FVTPL if they meet certain conditions and are designated as such by management, or they are derivative liabilities. Financial liabilities classified as FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are financial liabilities that are not classified as FVTPL. Subsequent to initial recognition, other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of an instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument to the net carrying amount of the initial recognition.

Fair value measurements recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position are categorized using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in determining the fair values: