

NOTE 15 Commitments

Operating lease commitments for the next five years are as follows:

(Amounts in \$000s)	Operating lease payments
2014	\$ 4,857
2015	4,223
2016	3,726
2017	3,609
2018	1,147

Operating lease commitments result principally from leases for cold storage facilities, office equipment, premises and production equipment. Operating lease payments recognized as an expense during the year are \$4.7 million (December 29, 2012: \$3.3 million).

The Company's lease arrangements do not contain restrictions concerning dividends; additional debt and further leasing imposed by the lessor and on aggregate contain the option to renew the contract for at least one additional term.

The Company has letters of credit outstanding as at December 28, 2013, relating to the procurement of inventories and the security of certain contractual obligations of \$1.4 million (December 29, 2012: \$1.2 million) that are denominated in USD. The Company also had a letter of credit outstanding as at December 28, 2013 relating to the securitization of the Company's SERP benefit plan (note 14) in the amount of \$11.2 million (December 29, 2012: \$11.1 million).

NOTE 16 Share capital

The share capital of the Company is as follows:

	December 28, 2013	December 29, 2012
Authorized:		
Preference shares, par value of CAD\$25 each, issuable in series	5,999,994	5,999,994
Subordinated redeemable preference shares, par value of CAD\$1 each, redeemable at par	1,025,542	1,025,542
Non-voting equity shares	198,123,180	198,123,180
Common shares, without par value	200,000,000	200,000,000

A summary of the Company's equity share transactions are as follows:

	December 28, 2013		December 29, 2012	
	Shares	(\$000s)	Shares	(\$000s)
Common shares:				
Balance, beginning of period	15,128,769	\$ 75,169	13,298,784	\$ 60,958
Stock options exercised (note 18)	156,941	1,395	71,023	650
Equity-settled reclassification from contributed surplus or liability (note 18)	—	3,696	—	814
	156,941	5,091	71,023	1,464
Share redemption (non-voting to common)	—	—	1,758,962	12,747
Balance, end of period	15,285,710	\$ 80,260	15,128,769	\$ 75,169
Non-voting equity shares:				
Balance, beginning of period	—	\$ —	1,788,062	\$ 12,973
Shares repurchased	—	—	(29,100)	(226)
Share redemption (non-voting to common)	—	—	(1,758,962)	(12,747)
Balance, end of period	—	\$ —	—	\$ —