

# Notes to consolidated financial statements

September 27, 2014 and September 28, 2013

(Millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

### Assets held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as assets held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. For this to be the case, the sale must be highly probable, assets must be available for immediate sale in their present condition, and management must be committed to a plan to sell assets that should be expected to close within one year from the date of classification. Assets held for sale are recognized at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. They are not depreciated.

### Investment in an associate

The Corporation's investment in its associate is accounted for using the equity method. An associate is an entity in which the Corporation has significant influence.

## Investment in a joint venture

The Corporation has an interest in a joint venture, whereby the venturers have a contractual agreement that establishes joint control over the economic activities of the entity. This investment is accounted for using the equity method. The Corporation's share in the joint venture's earnings is recorded in the cost of sales and operating expenses. The financial information related to this investment is not material and is not presented separately.

### **Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Principal components of a fixed asset with different useful lives are depreciated separately. Buildings and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives. Leasehold improvements are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the remaining lease term. The depreciation method and estimate of useful lives are reviewed annually.

Buildings	20 to 50 years
Equipment	3 to 20 years
Leasehold improvements	5 to 20 years

## Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases if substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership are transferred to the lessee. At the moment of initial recognition, the lessee records the leased item as an asset at the lower of the fair value of the asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments. A corresponding liability to the lessor is recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. In subsequent periods, the asset is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease and interest on the obligation is expensed through net earnings.

Leases are classified as operating leases if substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership are not transferred to the lessee. The lease payments are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## Investment properties

Investment properties are held for capital appreciation and to earn rentals. They are not occupied by the owner for its ordinary activities. They are recognized at cost. Principal components, except for land which is not depreciated, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their respective useful lives which vary from 20 to 50 years. The depreciation method and estimates of useful lives are reviewed annually.