

*Quarterly Financial Report*

**MARINE ATLANTIC INC.**

*December 31, 2014*

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## Quarterly Financial Report

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The following Quarterly Financial Report of the financial results of Marine Atlantic Inc. (“the Corporation”) is for the nine months ended December 31, 2014. This report should be read in conjunction with the Corporation’s 2014/15 – 2018/19 Corporate Plan Summary and the Corporation’s 2013/2014 Annual Report which includes the audited annual financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014. Information about the Corporation, including the Annual Report and the Corporate Plan Summary, can be found at [www.marineatlantic.ca](http://www.marineatlantic.ca) once approved by the Federal Government.

The unaudited financial statements and the accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards and are reported in Canadian dollars.

## OVERVIEW OF THE CORPORATION

Marine Atlantic Inc. is a transportation company that provides a vital link between the Island of Newfoundland and the Province of Nova Scotia. The Corporation is a fundamental component of Atlantic Canada’s economy – particularly in Newfoundland and Labrador – as it transports goods (such as food, medical supplies, and retail products), as well as people (including both resident travelers and tourists). As a federal Crown corporation, Marine Atlantic is mandated to provide its ferry service on a year-round basis to both passenger and commercial traffic.

Headquartered in St. John's, NL Marine Atlantic operates terminals in the Newfoundland and Labrador ports of Port aux Basques and Argentia and the Nova Scotia port of North Sydney. The Corporation provides ferry services on two routes: a year-round 96 nautical mile daily ferry service between Port aux Basques and North Sydney and a seasonal 280 nautical mile tri-weekly ferry service between Argentia and North Sydney (which operates only during the higher traffic period between mid-June and mid-September).

To fulfill its mandate, Marine Atlantic operates a fleet of four ice-class ferries: the MV *Blue Puttees*, MV *Highlanders*, MV *Atlantic Vision* and the MV *Leif Ericson*.

The Corporation reports annually to the Government of Canada through the Minister of Transport. Marine Atlantic is tasked with fulfilling the constitutional mandate to "maintain in accordance with the traffic offering a freight and passenger steamship service between North Sydney and Port aux Basques." This service is vital to connect the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador with mainland Canada.

Marine Atlantic is a key employer in each of the three towns in which it operates. Employment levels within the Corporation peak at more than 1,200 persons during the busy summer season. The workforce at Marine Atlantic is predominately unionized; approximately 96 per cent of employees are members of one of the five labour unions covered by six collective agreements.

To ensure the safe operations of vessels at sea, Marine Atlantic Inc. is governed by various acts and regulations. These include: *Canada Labour Code*, Marine Occupational Safety and Health Regulations, *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act* and Regulations, *Marine Liability Act* and Regulations, *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, *Canada Marine Act*, *Coastal Trade Act*, Domestic Ferries Security Regulations (DFSR), and the Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSR) Part III. The Corporation also falls under the umbrella of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), the pre-eminent of all international treaties concerning the safety of merchant ships.

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**QUARTERLY RESULTS**

**Financial Performance snapshot (in thousands)**

<b>Three months ending December 31, 2014</b>							
	Actual	Budget	Prior Year	Variance to Budget <sup>1</sup>		Variance to Prior Year <sup>1</sup>	
				\$	%	\$	%
Revenue	\$23,014	\$20,573	\$21,458	\$2,441	12%	\$1,556	7%
Expenses	\$57,730	\$56,172	\$60,364	(\$1,558)	(3%)	\$2,634	5%

  

<b>Nine months ending December 31, 2014</b>							
	Actual	Budget	Prior Year	Variance to Budget <sup>1</sup>		Variance to Prior Year <sup>1</sup>	
				\$	%	\$	%
Revenue	\$89,870	\$85,752	\$88,712	\$4,118	5%	\$1,158	1%
Expenses	\$182,488	\$185,411	\$190,865	\$2,923	2%	\$8,377	4%

<sup>1</sup> Positive Variance indicates a favourable result compared to Budget/Prior Year

**Statistics snapshot**

<b>Three months ending December 31, 2014</b>							
	Actual	Forecast	Prior Year	Variance to Forecast <sup>2</sup>		Variance to Prior Year <sup>2</sup>	
				#	%	#	%
Passengers	48,618	46,664	49,120	1,954	4%	(502)	(1%)
Passenger Units	17,216	16,781	17,661	435	3%	(445)	(3%)
Commercial Units	24,556	21,943	23,095	2,613	12%	1,461	6%
Auto Equivalent Units <sup>3</sup>	118,010	106,727	112,328	11,283	11%	5,682	5%
Trips	360	360	369	0	0%	(9)	(2%)

  

<b>Nine months ending December 31, 2014</b>							
	Actual	Forecast	Prior Year	Variance to Forecast <sup>2</sup>		Variance to Prior Year <sup>2</sup>	
				#	%	#	%
Passengers	280,414	280,842	296,509	(428)	(0%)	(16,095)	(5%)
Passenger Units	101,925	101,490	107,143	435	0%	(5,218)	(5%)
Commercial Units	76,878	73,851	77,936	3,027	4%	(1,058)	(1%)
Auto Equivalent Units <sup>3</sup>	427,894	414,774	437,885	13,120	3%	(9,991)	(2%)
Trips	1,314	1,270	1,417	44	3%	(103)	(7%)

<sup>2</sup> Positive Variance indicates a favourable result compared to Forecast/Prior Year

<sup>3</sup> Auto Equivalent Unit or AEU is the length of an average passenger automobile

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### Revenues

#### *Compared to Budget*

The Corporation's revenue was twelve per cent higher for the quarter compared to the budget. Commercial traffic was significantly higher than forecasted. On a year to date basis, revenue is five per cent higher than budget as commercial traffic has trended higher than anticipated. Onboard services revenue is also trending positively against budget.

#### *Compared to Prior Year*

When compared to prior year the Corporation's revenue was seven per cent higher for the quarter. The increase in commercial traffic more than offset the decrease in passenger and passenger related traffic. On a year to date basis the Corporation's revenue is one per cent higher compared to last year. In April 2014 the general tariff rates were increased by three per cent, partially offsetting the general traffic decline.

### Expenses

#### *Compared to Budget*

The Corporation's expenses were three percent (\$1.56 million) higher than budgeted during the quarter. The Corporation incurred \$1.56 million in losses on derivative financial instruments due the sharp decline in oil prices. Crewing levels, fuel and maintenance costs were higher due to fleet requirements which were mostly offset by savings in other non-labour expenses.

The Corporation's expenses were two percent (\$2.9 million) lower than budget year to date. Deferred training, projects, vacancies, and lower fuel prices have resulted in savings, partially offset by realized losses on derivative financial instruments

#### *Compared to Prior Year*

The Corporation's overall expenses were four percent lower for the quarter and five percent year to date compared to last year. Operating expenses were eight percent higher than prior year quarter. Higher staff levels and changes in fleet maintenance activities resulted in higher costs. Trips were lower this year although the price for fuel was higher. Employee future benefits were significantly lower on an actuarial basis. Amortization is higher as more newly acquired assets move into operation and the losses on derivative financial instruments were higher than last year. The charter agreement for the MV *Atlantic Vision* was renewed last year resulting in a change in cost for the quarter compared to last year

### Forecast

The Corporation's approved government funding for 2014/15 is \$127.4 million. Based upon results of the first nine months and the budget allocation for the remainder of the year, the Corporation is anticipating it will operate within its approved funding allocation. There have been no revisions to goals or objectives compared to the 2013/14 – 2017/18 Corporate Plan Summary.

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**RISK ANALYSIS**

The financial risks of the Corporation have previously been disclosed in the Corporation's 2013/14 – 2017/18 Corporate Plan Summary and the Corporation's 2013/14 Annual Report. There are no significant changes to the risks previously identified.

**REPORTING ON USE OF APPROPRIATIONS**

The Corporation received \$22.7 million in appropriations from the Government of Canada during the third quarter ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 (\$80.2 million year to date). Please refer to Note 2(a) to the unaudited interim financial statements for the Corporation's accounting policy for government appropriations. Note 3 to the unaudited interim financial statements reports on how the appropriations received were used during the period.

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**STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these quarterly financial statements in accordance with the Treasury Board of Canada Standard on Quarterly Financial Reports for Crown Corporations and for such internal controls as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of quarterly financial statements that are free from material misstatement. Management is also responsible for ensuring all other information in this quarterly financial report is consistent, where appropriate, with the quarterly financial statements.

Based on our knowledge, these unaudited quarterly financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Corporation, as at the date of and for the periods presented in the quarterly financial statements.



Paul Griffin  
President and CEO



Shawn Leamon, CGA  
Vice President of Finance

St. John's, NL  
February 19, 2015

**MARINE ATLANTIC INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Financial Position**

As at December 31, 2014  
(in thousands)

	<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Mar 31</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash (Note 4)	\$ 15,863	\$ 13,364
Accounts receivable	9,553	9,868
Inventories held for resale	316	313
Derivative financial instruments	-	739
Accrued pension asset	87,526	89,624
	<b>\$ 113,258</b>	<b>\$ 113,908</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 20,581	\$ 30,089
Derivative financial instruments	8,882	227
Deferred revenue	357	2,278
Payable to Government of Canada (Note 3)	5,841	2,604
Accrued vacation pay	5,268	5,560
Accrued pension liability	2,157	2,037
Accrued liability for non-pension post-retirement benefits	42,522	41,326
Accrued liability for post-employment benefits	11,481	11,191
	<b>97,089</b>	<b>95,312</b>
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>\$ 16,169</b>	<b>\$ 18,596</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>		
Tangible capital assets	205,715	218,790
Prepaid expenses	6,681	8,950
Inventories held for consumption	15,593	23,554
	<b>227,989</b>	<b>251,294</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus</b>	<b>\$ 244,158</b>	<b>\$ 269,890</b>

Contingencies (Note 7)

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**MARINE ATLANTIC INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Operations**

Period ended December 31, 2014  
(in thousands)

	For the 3 Months Ended		For the 9 Months Ended	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Revenues</b>				
Transportation	\$ 20,114	\$ 18,753	\$ 78,331	\$ 77,242
Fuel surcharge	2,871	2,674	11,436	11,316
Other income	29	31	103	154
	23,014	21,458	89,870	88,712
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Wages and benefits	19,242	17,774	63,378	61,121
Charter fees	10,778	11,676	32,562	33,728
Charter importation taxes	715	1,259	2,146	4,319
Fuel	6,080	5,939	24,999	23,654
Materials, supplies and services	2,877	3,452	10,250	10,577
Repairs and maintenance	2,958	1,425	8,205	6,749
Insurance, rent and utilities	1,724	2,006	5,096	5,170
Other	1,027	792	2,830	3,579
Employee future benefits (Note 5)	1,857	8,196	5,571	20,145
Foreign currency exchange (gain) loss	6	9	8	35
Realized loss (gain) on derivative financial instrument	1,559	(164)	1,510	30
Amortization	8,907	8,000	25,933	21,758
	57,730	60,364	182,488	190,865
(Deficit) before government funding	(34,716)	(38,906)	(92,618)	(102,153)
<b>Government funding</b>				
Operations	20,353	24,909	64,130	75,548
Capital	3,231	5,690	12,858	13,387
	23,584	30,599	76,988	88,935
Operating surplus	(11,132)	(8,307)	(15,630)	(13,218)
Accumulated operating surplus, beginning of period	267,617	260,779	272,115	265,690
<b>Accumulated operating surplus, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 256,485</b>	<b>\$ 252,472</b>	<b>\$ 256,485</b>	<b>\$ 252,472</b>

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**MARINE ATLANTIC INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses**

Period ended December 31, 2014

(in thousands)

	For the 3 Months Ended		For the 9 Months Ended	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Remeasurement gains (losses) arising during the year</b>				
Unrealized loss on foreign exchange of cash	\$ (60)	\$ 477	\$ (708)	\$ 1,057
Unrealized loss on derivatives	(5,795)	604	(7,884)	373
<b>Reclassifications to the statement of operations</b>				
Realized gain on derivatives	(1,559)	164	(1,510)	(30)
<b>Net remeasurement losses for the year</b>	(7,414)	1,245	(10,102)	1,400
Accumulated remeasurement losses on derivative financial instruments, beginning of period	(4,913)	(4,145)	(2,225)	(4,300)
<b>Accumulated remeasurement losses on derivative financial instruments, end of period</b>	\$ (12,327)	\$ (2,900)	\$ (12,327)	\$ (2,900)

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**MARINE ATLANTIC INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets**

Period ended December 31, 2014

(in thousands)

	For the 3 Months Ended		For the 9 Months Ended	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Surplus</b>	\$ (11,132)	\$ (8,307)	\$ (15,630)	\$ (13,218)
<b>Change in tangible capital assets</b>				
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(3,231)	(5,690)	(12,858)	(13,387)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	8,907	8,000	25,933	21,758
<b>Decrease (Increase) in tangible capital assets</b>	5,676	2,310	13,075	8,371
<b>Change in other non-financial assets</b>				
Net change in inventories held for consumption	7,958	6,995	7,961	(1,551)
Net change in prepaid expenses	2,269	3,398	2,269	11,993
<b>Decrease in other non-financial assets</b>	10,227	10,393	10,230	10,442
Remeasurement losses	(7,414)	1,245	(10,102)	1,400
Increase in net debt	(2,643)	5,641	(2,427)	6,995
Net financial assets (net debt), beginning of period	25,068	11,335	18,596	7,872
<b>Net financial assets (net debt), end of period</b>	\$ 22,425	\$ 16,976	\$ 16,169	\$ 14,867

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**MARINE ATLANTIC INC.**  
**Unaudited Statement of Cash Flow**

Period ended December 31, 2014

(in thousands)

	For the 3 Months Ended		For the 9 Months Ended	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Operating transactions</b>				
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 22,507	\$ 21,364	\$ 86,904	\$ 87,239
Other income received	35	42	127	172
Government funding - operations	19,538	25,493	59,521	77,169
Government funding - capital	3,234	5,690	20,704	17,202
Cash payments to suppliers	(22,965)	(24,473)	(81,209)	(83,835)
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(19,560)	(17,833)	(60,237)	(61,340)
Cash paid for employee future benefits	(364)	(4,024)	(1,867)	(13,983)
Interest and foreign exchange on cash	(73)	458	(740)	1,004
	2,352	6,717	23,203	23,628
<b>Capital transactions</b>				
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(3,234)	(5,690)	(20,704)	(17,202)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-
	(3,234)	(5,690)	(20,704)	(17,202)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(882)	1,027	2,499	6,426
Cash, beginning of period	16,745	17,486	13,364	12,087
<b>Cash, end of period</b>	\$ 15,863	\$ 18,513	\$ 15,863	\$ 18,513
Cash consists of:				
Restricted cash			\$ 8,736	\$ 9,120
Unrestricted cash			7,126	9,393
			\$ 15,862	\$ 18,513

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### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Marine Atlantic Inc. (“the Corporation”) is incorporated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. The *Marine Atlantic Inc. Acquisition Authorization Act* of 1986 established the Corporation as a parent Crown Corporation. As a result of the *National Marine Policy (1995)*, the mandate of the Corporation was narrowed to the operation of a ferry system.

The Corporation operates a ferry service between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. Marine Atlantic Inc.’s business is seasonal in nature, with the highest activity in the summer (second quarter) and the lowest activity in the winter (fourth quarter), due to the high number of leisure travellers and their preference to travel during the summer months. The Corporation also takes advantage of the low activity during the winter months to perform a significant portion of the required annual maintenance on vessels and terminals.

These unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with the Treasury Board of Canada Standard on Quarterly Financial Reports for Crown Corporations. The basis of accounting used is Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for government agencies as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (“PSAB”) of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. These interim financial statements do not include all of the disclosures provided in Marine Atlantic Inc.’s annual audited financial statements. The disclosures provided below are incremental to those included with the annual financial statements. The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto for the year ended March 31, 2014.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

#### (a) Government funding

The Corporation receives government funding to fund its current cash requirements, related to operating expenses in excess of commercial revenues and to acquire tangible capital assets. The funding received is included in income for the period when funding has been authorized and all requirements are met by the Corporation. Any difference between amounts provided and amounts required represents a receivable from (payable to) the Government of Canada. On occasion, the Corporation sells assets for which the net proceeds are required to be returned to the Consolidated Revenue Fund. On these occasions, the net proceeds are applied against the operating funding requirements in the period of disposition.

#### (b) Financial instruments

Cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and payable to the Government of Canada are measured at cost.

Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses until the derivative financial

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instrument is derecognized at which point the accumulated remeasurement gain (loss) is reversed and reclassified to the statement of operations. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

(c) Insurance claims receivable

Accounts receivable includes recoverable insurance claims which are recognized when the Corporation has reasonable assurance the claim will be accepted and paid by the insurance underwriter.

(d) Inventory

Inventories consisting primarily of items used for consumption onboard vessels are valued at the lower of historical cost or replacement cost.

(e) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are comprised of vessel, facilities and equipment which are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Major spare parts that are included in the Corporation's vessel spare parts inventory are accounted for as tangible capital assets. For this purpose, major spare parts are those that are expected to be used for more than one fiscal period in connection with a tangible capital asset.

The cost of work in progress includes materials, direct labour and overhead. Amounts included in work in progress are transferred to the appropriate tangible capital asset classification when available and ready for use and are then amortized.

Amortization is calculated at rates sufficient to write off the cost, less any residual value, of tangible capital assets over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. The cost, less any residual value, of projects onboard the vessel are amortized over the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the useful life of the vessel. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the term of the lease agreement or the asset's useful life.

Estimated useful lives and amortization methods are reviewed at the end of each year. The rates for significant classes of tangible capital assets are as follows:

Vessel	5% to 10%
Shore facilities	2.5% to 5%
Equipment (includes vessel projects)	10% to 25%
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease agreement

When conditions indicate that a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Corporation's ability to provide goods and services, the cost of the asset is written down to residual value, if any. Write-downs are not reversed.

(f) Employee future benefits

The Corporation accrues its obligations under employee benefit plans and the related costs, net of plan assets, as the benefits accrue to employees. The Corporation has adopted the following policies:

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### Post-retirement benefits

#### i) Accrued pension asset (liability)

The Corporation maintains, through a trustee, a registered defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, an unfunded supplementary retirement arrangement for senior managers hired prior to March 1, 2001, and an unfunded supplementary retirement arrangement adopted in 2006 for designated positions providing benefits for service since 2004. Eligibility under the latter supplementary arrangement was extended to benefits accrued for service since 2009 for all members of the registered defined benefit pension plan who are affected by the maximum pension payable by the registered plan. Benefits generally are based on employees' length of service and final or best average earnings for all benefits.

The cost of pensions is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service and management's best estimate of expected plan investment performance, salary escalation, inflation, and retirement ages of employees. The discount rate used to calculate the interest cost on the pension obligations is based on its expected return on plan assets for the registered pension plan and a proxy of the cost of borrowing for the other plans.

The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets is based on estimated returns, consistent with market conditions applicable on the measurement date, for each major asset class and the target asset mix specified in the plan's investment policy. A market-related value of plan assets is used for purposes of the financial statements, and the expected return on plan assets is based thereon. The market-related value of plan assets is determined using a method which amortizes gains or losses relative to the expected return over five years. Actuarial gains or losses arise from the difference between the actual rate of return and the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets and from changes in the pension obligations due to changes in actuarial assumptions used or actual experience differing from that which is expected based on the assumptions.

Actuarial gains and losses for the registered pension plan and for the supplementary retirement arrangement adopted in 2006 are amortized over the estimated average remaining service period of the members. Actuarial gains and losses for the former supplementary retirement arrangements are amortized over the average life expectancy of plan members.

Adjustments for plan amendments, net of offsetting unamortized actuarial gain/losses, related to prior period employee services are recognized in the statement of operations in the period of the plan amendment.

The estimated average remaining service period of the members covered by the registered pension plan and the supplementary retirement arrangement adopted in 2006 is 11.3 years (2013 – 11.4 years). For the former supplementary retirement arrangements, the average life expectancy of plan members is 17.0 years (2013 – 17.0 years).

#### ii) Health and dental plans

The Corporation provides life insurance and health and dental care benefits to current and retired employees. Union and non-union/management employees become eligible for basic and optional life insurance the first of the month following 60 days of continuous employment. Union employees become eligible for extended health and dental benefits the first of the month following the attainment of 1,040 hours of work and non-union/management employees become eligible the first of the month following date of hire.

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The cost of non-pension post-retirement benefits is actuarially determined using management's best estimate of future participation rates in the retiree health and dental plan, average health care cost per plan member, health care trend rates and utilization, salary escalation and mortality rates.

Adjustments arising from actuarial gains and losses are amortized over the estimated average remaining service period of the related employee group.

The estimated average remaining service period of members covered by non-pension employee future benefit plans expected to receive benefits is 13.4 years (2013 – 13.4 years). Adjustments for plan amendments, net of offsetting unamortized actuarial gain/losses, related to prior period employee service are recognized in the statement of operations in the period of the plan amendment.

iii) Complimentary ferry services for employees and retirees

Current and retired employees of Marine Atlantic Inc. have travel benefits on the Corporation's vessels. Union and non-union/management employees become eligible for travel pass privileges after acquiring four months of continuous employment plus 694 regular hours worked or two years of service, whichever occurs earliest. No liability has been recognized in the statement of financial position for this benefit because it is not material.

### **Post-employment benefits**

i) Workers' compensation liabilities

For certain employees and former employees, the Corporation is a self-insured employer and is accountable for workers' compensation liabilities incurred. The cost of workers' compensation liabilities is actuarially determined using the net present value of liabilities for work-related injuries of current and former employees when awards are approved by the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of Newfoundland and Labrador; Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of New Brunswick; or Workers' Compensation Commission of Prince Edward Island; or legislative amendments are made and the anticipated future costs can be reasonably calculated. Management recognizes changes in the net present value of the liability, based on updated actuarial estimates of future costs, as a result of actual experience and changes in actuarial assumptions.

Adjustments arising from actuarial gains and losses are amortized over the average expected period over which benefits will be paid which is 10.0 years (2013 – 10.0 years).

ii) Other benefits

Other post-employment benefits are the income replacement for employees on short-term disability and group benefit continuation for employees on long-term disability. The cost of these other post-employment benefits is actuarially determined using the net present value of the liabilities associated with employees currently on short-term or long-term disability taking into account inflation rates, interest rates, mortality rates and health care cost trend rates. Management recognizes changes in the net present value of the liability, based on updated actuarial estimates of future costs, as a result of actual experience and changes in actuarial assumptions.

Union employees become eligible for short-term disability benefits the first of the month following 60 days of continuous employment. This benefit is not available to non-union/management employees as they have a separate sick leave plan. The short-term disability

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plan for union employees provides regular income to replace income lost because of a disability due to disease or non-work related injury. Benefits begin after the waiting period and continue until the employee is no longer disabled or until the end of the benefit period, whichever comes first. In order to qualify for short-term disability benefits, an employee must have met the eligibility period and meet the definition of disabled. The amount of weekly benefit is determined by the employees' collective agreement. An employee in receipt of short-term disability benefits has his/her extended health insurance maintained for a period of six months, his/her dental insurance maintained for a period of three months and his/her basic life insurance continued for a period of six months after which the employee can make application for a waiver of life premium to maintain coverage. Their travel pass privileges are maintained during the duration of their disability. Accidental death and dismemberment benefits are not provided to employees who are not active in the workplace.

Non-union/management employees become eligible for long-term disability benefits the first of the month following 60 days of continuous employment. This plan is not available to union employees. The long-term disability plan for non-union/management employees provides regular income to replace income lost because of a lengthy disability due to disease or non-work related injury. Benefits begin after a 26 week waiting period and continue until the employee is no longer disabled as defined by the policy or the employee reaches age 65, whichever comes first. The amount of weekly benefit is determined by whether the employee is a management employee or non-union employee. An employee in receipt of long-term disability has his/her extended health and dental insurance continued, along with his/her travel pass privileges, during the duration of his/her illness provided he/she continues to meet the definition of disabled and have not yet reached age 65. Basic life insurance is continued for a period of six months after which the employee can make application for a waiver of life premium to maintain coverage. Accidental death and dismemberment benefits are not provided to employees who are not active in the workplace.

There is also a sick leave plan for non-union/management employees hired after September 1, 2001 as they work and accumulate sick leave credits. Employees hired prior to September 1, 2001 are eligible for sick leave based on years of service. This plan is not available to union employees. The sick leave plan provides benefits that accumulate but do not vest. No liability has been recognized on the statement of financial position for this benefit because it is not material.

### (g) Revenue recognition

The Corporation recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured. Transportation revenue and fuel surcharges are recorded when ferry services are provided. The Corporation requires customers to pay in advance when booking a reservation. These amounts received are recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue when ferry services are provided. Interest income is recorded as it is earned and collection is reasonably assured.

### (h) Expenses

Expenses are reported on an accrual basis. Expenses for the operations of the Corporation are recorded when goods or services are received.

Expenses include provisions to reflect changes in the value of assets or liabilities, including provisions for bad debt and inventory obsolescence. Expenses also include amortization of tangible capital assets and utilization of inventories and prepaid expenses.

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(i) Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses are disbursements made before the completion of the work, delivery of the goods or rendering of services or advance payments under the terms of lease agreements. Prepaid expenses also include costs related to the importation of chartered vessels that are amortized to charter importation taxes on the statement of operations over the remaining terms of the related lease agreements.

(j) Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated at exchange rates in effect at the financial statement date. Revenues and expenses are translated using exchange rates in effect at the date of the transaction. Commitments and contingencies denominated in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates in effect at the financial statement date. An exchange gain or loss that arises prior to settlement is recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. In the period of settlement, the cumulative amount of remeasurement gains and losses is reversed in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses and an exchange gain or loss measured in relation to the exchange rate at the date of initial recognition is recognized in the statement of operations.

(k) Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are potential liabilities which may become actual liabilities when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. If the future event is likely to occur or fail to occur, and a reasonable estimate of the loss can be made, an estimated liability is accrued and an expense recorded. If the likelihood is not determinable or an amount cannot be reasonably estimated, the contingency is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

(l) Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenses during the period. Items requiring the use of significant estimates include accrued pension asset, accrued liabilities for non-pension post-retirement benefits and post-employment benefits, useful lives of tangible capital assets and litigation. Estimates are based on the best information available at the time of preparation of the financial statements and are reviewed annually to reflect new information as it becomes available. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### 3. (PAYABLE TO) RECEIVABLE FROM GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

The Corporation receives its funding from the Government of Canada based primarily on cash flow requirements. Items recognized in the statement of operations and accumulated surplus in one year may be funded by the Government of Canada in different years. Accordingly, the Corporation has different net results of operations for the year on a government funding basis than on a generally accepted accounting principles basis.

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### 4. Receivable from (payable to) Government of Canada

	Dec 31, 2014 (9 months)	Mar 31, 2014 (12 months)
Receivable from (payable to) Government of Canada, beginning of period	\$ (2,604)	\$ (2,687)
Parliamentary appropriations received during the period	(80,225)	(153,017)
Recognized during the period:		
Operations	64,130	117,742
Tangible Capital Assets	12,858	35,358
Government funding (deficit) surplus	3,237	(83)
(Payable to) receivable from Government of Canada, end of period	\$ (5,841)	\$ (2,604)

### 4. CASH

Cash includes restricted cash consisting of cash denominated in Euros plus accumulated interest held in an escrow account. The total balance denominated in Euros is \$6,223 (March 31, 2014 – \$6,223), which translates to \$8,736 Canadian dollars at December 31, 2014 (March 31, 2014 – \$9,476).

### 5. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

During the three months ended December 31, 2014, the net employee future benefit expense was \$5,571 (December 31, 2013– \$20,145). The expense included costs for the Corporation's defined benefit pension plan, life insurance and health and dental care benefits to retirees and Workers' Compensation.

### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Corporation is related in terms of common ownership to all Government of Canada created departments, agencies and Crown corporations. The Corporation enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business under the same terms and conditions that apply to unrelated parties. During the period, the Corporation incurred expenses of \$242 (2013 – \$1,051) with other federal Crown corporations, departments and agencies. In addition to these transactions, the Government of Canada provides funding to the Corporation as described in notes 2(a) and 3. The Corporation is given the right to use the crown land on which the terminals sit free of charge by Transport Canada. No amount was recorded since the fair value of the service received for free is not reliably measurable.

### 7. CONTINGENCIES

Legal Contingencies have been reduced to account for amounts that have been settled.