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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AUDITED

For the year ended December 31, 2015

WSP Global Inc.

Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2015 and 2014

(in millions of dollars)



March 14, 2016

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of WSP Global Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of WSP Global Inc., which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of WSP Global Inc. as at December 31, 2015 and 2014 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP¹

¹ CPA auditor, CA, public accountancy permit no. A119427

WSP Global Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position As at December 31, 2015, and 2014

(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	December 31, 2015 \$	(Adjusted Note 4) December 31, 2014 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash (note 6)	204.1	201.5
Restricted cash	4.7	-
Trade, prepaid and other receivables (note 7)	1,530.2	1,241.4
Income taxes receivable	24.5	16.9
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	829.0	587.9
	<u>2,592.5</u>	<u>2,047.7</u>
Non-current assets		
Other assets (note 8)	108.6	125.9
Deferred income tax assets (note 21)	55.6	91.3
Property, plant and equipment (note 9)	269.5	202.4
Intangible assets (note 10)	406.6	378.8
Goodwill (note 11)	2,734.3	2,067.7
	<u>6,167.1</u>	<u>4,913.8</u>
Total assets		
	<u>6,167.1</u>	<u>4,913.8</u>
Liabilities and equity		
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 13)	1,256.0	1,115.3
Billings in excess of costs and anticipated profits	549.2	386.0
Income taxes payable	48.7	26.8
Dividends payable to shareholders (note 22)	37.2	33.2
Current portion of long-term debts (note 14)	142.6	11.0
Other current financial liabilities (note 15)	18.7	44.3
	<u>2,052.4</u>	<u>1,616.6</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term debts (note 14)	846.8	788.1
Other non-current financial liabilities (note 15)	4.8	2.0
Provisions (note 13)	72.8	75.0
Retirement benefit obligations (note 16)	208.7	228.6
Deferred income tax liabilities (note 21)	69.9	54.5
	<u>3,255.4</u>	<u>2,764.8</u>
Total liabilities		
	<u>3,255.4</u>	<u>2,764.8</u>
Equity		
Equity attributable to shareholders		
Share capital (note 17)	2,409.7	1,976.6
Contributed surplus (note 17)	201.7	200.0
Accumulated other comprehensive income	313.2	30.2
Retained earnings (deficit)	(8.2)	(55.0)
	<u>2,916.4</u>	<u>2,151.8</u>
Non-controlling interest	(4.7)	(2.8)
	<u>2,911.7</u>	<u>2,149.0</u>
Total equity		
	<u>2,911.7</u>	<u>2,149.0</u>
Total liabilities and equity		
	<u>6,167.1</u>	<u>4,913.8</u>
Commitments and contingencies (note 26)		

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

Approved by the Board of Directors

(signed) Pierre Shoiry _____ Director

(signed) Pierre Seccareccia _____ Director

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WSP Global Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Earnings For the years ended December 31, 2015, and 2014

(in millions of Canadian dollars, except the number of shares and per share data)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenues	6,064.0	2,902.4
Personnel costs	3,420.0	1,762.8
Subconsultants and direct costs	1,577.2	552.5
Occupancy costs	215.0	124.2
Other operational costs	418.2	224.9
Acquisition and reorganization costs (note 19)	3.9	69.8
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	64.2	33.8
Amortization of intangible assets	75.8	43.7
Exchange loss (gain)	(0.8)	(3.6)
Share of income of associates and joint venture (net of tax)	(3.1)	(5.7)
Total net operational costs	5,770.4	2,802.4
Net finance expenses (note 20)	33.2	12.5
Earnings before income taxes	260.4	87.5
Income tax expense (note 21)	71.8	25.3
Net earnings for the year	188.6	62.2
Net earnings (loss) attributable to:		
Shareholders	188.8	62.8
Non-controlling interests	(0.2)	(0.6)
	188.6	62.2
Basic net earnings per share attributable to shareholders	2.05	0.98
Diluted net earnings per share attributable to shareholders	2.05	0.98
Basic weighted average number of shares	92,280,269	64,023,625
Diluted weighted average number of shares	92,324,972	64,023,625

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income For the years ended December 31, 2015, and 2014

(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Comprehensive income		
Net earnings for the year	188.6	62.2
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to net income</i>		
Currency translation adjustments	339.0	23.4
Fair value re-evaluations – available-for-sale assets (net of tax recovery of \$1.6 (\$1.1 in 2014)) (note 8)	(4.1)	(3.3)
Translation adjustments on financial instruments designated as net investment hedge (net of a tax recovery of \$13.2 (\$2.7 in 2014))	(84.8)	(17.7)
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to net income</i>		
Actuarial gain/(loss) on pension schemes (net of a tax expense of \$10.2 (tax recovery of \$4.6 in 2014))(note 16 and 21)	34.1	(17.5)
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>472.8</u>	<u>47.1</u>
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:		
Shareholders	471.8	47.7
Non-controlling interests	1.0	(0.6)
	<u>472.8</u>	<u>47.1</u>

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity For the year ended December 31, 2014

(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	Attributable to Shareholders				Total \$	Non- controlling interests \$	Total equity \$
	Share capital \$	Contributed Surplus \$	Retained earnings (deficit) \$	Accumulated other comprehensive income \$			
Balance – January 1, 2014	934.4	-	(5.4)	45.3	974.3	(0.7)	973.6
Common shares issued under the DRIP (note 17)	46.4	-	-	-	46.4	-	46.4
Common shares issued via private placements (note 17)	475.4	-	-	-	475.4	-	475.4
Common shares issued via public offerings (note 17)	720.4	-	-	-	720.4	-	720.4
Capital reduction(note 17)	(200.0)	200.0	-	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive income							
Net earnings for the year	-	-	62.8	-	62.8	(0.6)	62.2
Actuarial gain/(loss) on pension schemes (net of tax) (note 16)	-	-	-	(17.5)	(17.5)	-	(17.5)
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	23.4	23.4	-	23.4
Fair value re- evaluations – available-for-sale assets (net of tax)(note 8)	-	-	-	(3.3)	(3.3)	-	(3.3)
Net investment hedge (net of tax)	-	-	-	(17.7)	(17.7)	-	(17.7)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	62.8	(15.1)	47.7	(0.6)	47.1
Declared dividends to shareholders (note 22)	-	-	(112.4)	-	(112.4)	(1.5)	(113.9)
Balance – December 31, 2014	1,976.6	200.0	(55.0)	30.2	2,151.8	(2.8)	2,149.0

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(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	Attributable to Shareholders				Total \$	Non- controlling interests \$	Total equity \$
	Share capital \$	Contributed Surplus \$	Retained earnings (deficit) \$	Accumulated other comprehensive income \$			
Balance – January 1, 2015	1,976.6	200.0	(55.0)	30.2	2,151.8	(2.8)	2,149.0
Common shares issued under the DRIP (note 17)	70.2	-	-	-	70.2	-	70.2
Common shares issued via private placements (note 17)	138.0	-	-	-	138.0	-	138.0
Common shares issued via public offerings (note 17)	195.3	-	-	-	195.3	-	195.3
Common shares issued in business acquisitions (note 4 and 17)	29.6	-	-	-	29.6	-	29.6
Stock-based compensation expense (note 12)	-	1.7	-	-	1.7	-	1.7
Comprehensive income							
Net earnings for the year	-	-	188.8	-	188.8	(0.2)	188.6
Actuarial gain/(loss) on pension schemes (net of tax) (note 16)	-	-	-	34.1	34.1	-	34.1
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	337.8	337.8	1.2	339.0
Fair value re- evaluations – available-for-sale assets (net of tax)(note 8)	-	-	-	(4.1)	(4.1)	-	(4.1)
Net investment hedge (net of tax)	-	-	-	(84.8)	(84.8)	-	(84.8)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	188.8	283.0	471.8	1.0	472.8
Declared dividends to shareholders (note 22)	-	-	(141.2)	-	(141.2)	(1.7)	(142.9)
Purchase of non- controlling interest	-	-	(0.8)	-	(0.8)	(1.2)	(2.0)
Balance – December 31, 2015	2,409.7	201.7	(8.2)	313.2	2,916.4	(4.7)	2,911.7

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows For the years ended December 31, 2015, and 2014

(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash flows generated from (used in) operating activities		
Net earnings for the year	188.6	62.2
Adjustments (note 23a))	59.7	59.6
Income tax expenses (note 21)	71.8	25.3
Income taxes paid	(32.2)	(25.4)
Net finance expenses (note 20)	33.2	12.5
Change in non-cash working capital items (note 23b))	(117.3)	90.5
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities	<u>203.8</u>	<u>224.7</u>
Cash flows generated from (used in) financing activities		
Dividends paid to shareholders	(67.0)	(52.4)
Net variation in long-term debts	90.7	579.9
Repayment of other financial liabilities	(63.7)	(3.5)
Repayment of balances payable to former shareholders	(3.8)	(0.1)
Repayment of finance leases	(10.1)	(8.8)
Finance expenses paid and financing costs	(31.7)	(11.7)
Issuance of common shares, net of issuance costs (note 17)	331.1	1,187.1
Dividends paid to a non-controlling interest	(1.7)	(1.5)
Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities	<u>243.8</u>	<u>1,689.0</u>
Cash flows generated from (used in) investing activities		
Business acquisitions (note 4)	(439.0)	(1,795.7)
Net proceeds from disposal of equity investment in associates (note 8)	93.3	-
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(88.1)	(39.6)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	4.6	1.6
Additions to intangible assets	(16.6)	(6.2)
Other investments	(1.9)	(0.5)
Dividends received from associates	11.5	1.8
Net cash generated from (used in) investing activities	<u>(436.2)</u>	<u>(1,838.6)</u>
Effect of exchange rate change on cash	<u>14.5</u>	<u>1.1</u>
Net change in cash	<u>25.9</u>	<u>76.2</u>
Cash net of bank overdraft – Beginning of year	<u>176.3</u>	<u>100.1</u>
Cash net of bank overdraft (note 6) – End of year	<u>202.2</u>	<u>176.3</u>

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1 Business description

WSP Global Inc. (the "Corporation" or "WSP") is a professional services firm working with governments, businesses, architects and planners and providing integrated solutions across many disciplines. The firm provides services to transform the built environment and restore the natural environment, and its expertise ranges from environmental remediation to urban planning, from engineering iconic buildings to designing sustainable transport networks, and from developing the energy sources of the future to enabling new ways of extracting essential resources. WSP operates in different market sectors: property & buildings, transportation & infrastructure, environment, industry, resources (including mining and oil & gas) and power & energy. The address of its main registered office is 1600, René-Lévesque Boulevard West, Montreal, Quebec.

The common shares of the Corporation are listed under the trading symbol "WSP" on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX").

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and IFRS Interpretation Committee Interpretations ("IFRC IC") as defined in Part I of the Handbook of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board. These financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through the consolidated statement of earnings and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

These financial statements were approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors on March 14, 2016.

Consolidation, joint arrangements and associates

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Corporation and its subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2015, and 2014.

Non-controlling interests represent equity interests in subsidiaries owned by outside parties. The share of net assets of subsidiaries, attributable to non-controlling interests, is disclosed as a component of equity. Their share of net earnings and comprehensive income is recognized directly in equity. Changes in the parent Corporation's ownership interest in subsidiaries that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions.

All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

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Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Corporation has control. The Corporation controls an entity when the Corporation is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is obtained by the Corporation. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealized gains/losses on transactions between group companies are eliminated. When necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform to the group's accounting policies.

Joint arrangements

Joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. The determination of whether an arrangement is a joint operation or joint venture is based on the rights and obligations arising from the contractual obligations between the parties to the arrangement. Joint arrangements that provide the Corporation with the rights to the individual assets and obligations arising from the arrangement are classified as joint operations and joint arrangements that provide the Corporation with rights to the net assets of the arrangement are classified as joint ventures.

The interests in joint arrangements that are classified as joint operations are accounted for by the Corporation recording its pro rata share of the assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and cash flows using the most recent financial statements of these joint arrangements available.

The interests in joint arrangements that are classified as joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method and disclosed as an investment in the statements of financial position.

Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Corporation has significant influence but not control. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method. Under this method, the investment is initially recognized at cost and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognize the investor's share of the profit or loss and of other comprehensive income after the date of acquisition.

Foreign currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is WSP's functional currency.

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Corporation's subsidiaries are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities not denominated in the functional currency of an entity are recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying for net investment hedges. Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings are disclosed within finance expenses. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are disclosed within exchange loss (gain).

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Assets and liabilities of entities with functional currencies other than the Canadian dollar are translated at the period-end rates of exchange, and the results of their operations are translated at average rates of exchange for the period. The resulting changes are recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income in equity as currency translation adjustments.

Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is responsible for allocating resources and assessing the performance of the operating segments and has been identified as the executive committee. In connection with the acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff, in the fourth quarter of 2014, the Corporation's internal reporting structure was modified effective January 1, 2015. The Corporation now manages through four reportable operating segments, which are the following: Canada, Americas (USA and South America), EMEIA (Europe, Middle East, India and Africa) and APAC (Asia Pacific – comprising mainly Asia and Australia).

Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of services in the ordinary course of the Corporation's activities. Revenue is shown net of value-added tax and after eliminating sales within the group.

The Corporation recognizes revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Corporation's activities as described below. The Corporation bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Revenues and profits from cost-plus contracts with ceilings and from fixed-price contracts are accounted for using the percentage-of-completion method, which is calculated on the ratio of contract costs incurred to total anticipated costs.

Revenues and profits from cost-plus contracts without stated ceilings and from short-term projects are recognized when costs are incurred and are calculated based on billing rates for the services performed.

Certain costs incurred by the Corporation for subconsultants and other expenses that are recoverable directly from clients are billed to them and therefore are included in revenues. The value of goods and services purchased by the Corporation, when acting as a purchasing agent for a client, is not recorded as revenues.

The effect of revisions to estimate revenues and costs is recorded when the amounts are known and can be reasonably estimated. These revisions can occur at any time and could be significant. Where total contract costs exceed total contract revenues, the expected loss is recognized as an expense immediately via a provision for losses to completion, irrespective of the stage of completion and based on a best estimate of forecast results including, where appropriate, rights to additional income or compensation, where they are probable and can be determined reliably.

Personnel costs

Personnel costs include all payroll costs relating to the delivery of consulting services and projects and administrative salaries, such as finance, information technologies, human resources and communications.

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Subconsultants and direct costs

Subconsultants and direct costs include subconsultant costs and other direct costs incurred to deliver consulting services and that are recoverable directly from the clients.

Other operational costs

Other operational costs include but are not limited to fixed costs, such as non-recoverable client services costs, technology costs, office costs, professional services costs and insurance.

Acquisition and reorganization costs

Acquisition and reorganization costs are items of financial performance which the Corporation believes should be separately identified on the face of the consolidated statement of earnings to assist in understanding the operating financial performance achieved by Corporation.

Acquisition and reorganization costs include the following:

- Transaction costs related to business acquisitions (successful or not)
- Costs of integrating newly acquired businesses
- Costs of restructuring and reorganization of existing operations
- Gains/(losses) on disposal of equity investments in associates

The above are examples; however, from time to time, it may be appropriate to disclose other items under this caption in order to highlight the operating financial performance of the Corporation.

Financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value, and their subsequent measurements are dependent on their classification, as described below. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial instruments were acquired or issued, their characteristics and the Corporation's designation of such instruments.

Loans and receivables

Trade, prepaid and other receivables and costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings are classified as loans and receivables. Financial assets classified as loans and receivables are accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method less any impairment loss.

Available for sale financial assets

Financial assets available for sale are non-derivatives, are carried at their fair value and recorded in non-current assets, unless it is anticipated that they will be sold within twelve months of the statement of financial position date. Realized gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of available for sale assets are included in the consolidated statement of earnings in the period in which they are realized. Unrealized gains and losses are recorded in other comprehensive income.

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Other liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, dividends payable to shareholders, long-term debts, and other financial liabilities are classified as other liabilities and are recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Deferred financing fees

Deferred financing fees are capitalized and amortized over the life of the credit facilities agreement.

Determination of fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount of consideration that would be agreed to be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Subsequent to initial recognition, the fair values of financial instruments that are quoted in active markets are based on bid prices for financial assets held and offer prices for financial liabilities. When independent prices are not available, fair values are determined by using valuation techniques that refer to observable market inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. The method of recognizing the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Corporation designates certain derivatives as either:

- (a) hedges of the fair value of recognized assets and liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedge);
- (b) hedges of a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction (cash flow hedge); or
- (c) Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation (net investment hedge).

The Corporation documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking various hedging transactions. The Corporation also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

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Fair value hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in the consolidated statements of earnings together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedge risk.

Cash flow hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognized in other comprehensive income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognized immediately in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss. However, when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset, the gains and losses previously deferred in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognized when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to the consolidated statements of earnings.

Net investment hedge

Hedges of net investments in foreign operations are accounted for similarly to cash flow hedges.

Any gain or loss on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge is recognized in other comprehensive income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand and balances with banks. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash is net of bank overdraft.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for the rendering of services in the ordinary course of business. Trade receivables are classified as current assets if payment is due within one year or less. Trade receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, less impairment.

Investments

Investment held in a jointly controlled entity is accounted for using the equity method. Investments in securities are accounted for at fair value with unrealized gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method.

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Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Corporation and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to the consolidated statement of earnings during the period in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the methods described below to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimates accounted for on a prospective basis.

The following table summarizes the depreciation methods, rates and periods used:

	Methods	Rates and periods
Buildings	Declining balance	1% to 4%
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line	Lease term
Furniture and equipment	Declining balance	10% to 33%
Computer equipment	Straight-line/Declining balance	3 to 8 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings within other operational costs.

Intangible assets

Software and non-competition agreements

Software and non-competition agreements acquired separately from a business acquisition are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired in business acquisitions

Intangible assets acquired in business combinations consist of software, customer relationships, contract backlogs and trade names. They are recognized separately from goodwill and are initially recognized at their fair value at the acquisition date. They are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortization

Software, contract backlogs, customer relationships, certain trade names and non-competition agreements are considered intangible assets with finite useful lives. Based on the strength, long history and expected future use, certain trade names are indefinite-lived intangible assets. The useful life of intangible assets that are not being amortized is reviewed each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances continue to

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support an indefinite useful life assessment. If not, the change in the assessment from indefinite to finite will be accounted for as a change in accounting estimates.

Intangible assets are amortized as follows:

	Method	Periods
Software	Straight-line	3 to 7 years
Contract backlogs	Straight-line	1 to 9 years
Customer relationships	Straight-line	2 to 14 years
Trade names	Straight-line	3 to 8 years
Non-competition agreements	Straight-line	3 to 5 years

Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets with finite useful lives are reviewed for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Indefinite-lived assets are not subject to amortization but are tested for impairment on an annual basis as at September 30, or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Impairment exists when the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units or "CGU"). The amount of impairment loss, if any, is the excess of the carrying value over its recoverable amount. Assets other than goodwill that have suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the consideration transferred for the acquired businesses over the estimated fair value at the acquisition date of net identifiable assets acquired. Goodwill is not subject to amortization and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment loss but is tested for impairment on an annual basis or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that it might be impaired.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each CGU expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. CGUs to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually as at September 30. If the recoverable amount of the CGU is less than its carrying amount, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognized for goodwill cannot be reversed in a subsequent period.

Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business. Trade payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. Trade payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Provisions

Provisions represent liabilities of the Corporation for which the amount or timing is uncertain. Provisions are recognized when the Corporation has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses. Provisions are measured at the present

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value of the expected expenditures to settle the obligation using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

Long-term incentive plan (“LTIP”)

The Corporation has in place a LTIP for key management personnel under which restricted share units (“RSUs”), stock options and performance share units (“PSUs”) have been and can be issued. The number of RSUs, stock options and PSUs to vest depend on whether certain Corporation performance conditions are met and/or whether the persons are still employed by the Corporation when the LTIP instruments are exercisable. The liability is calculated at fair value, by applying a pricing model at the end of each reporting period and recorded in non-current liabilities over the vesting period.

Income taxes

Income tax is recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the period, calculated using tax rates and laws that were enacted or substantively enacted for the reporting period.

The Corporation follows the liability method when accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying values of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. This approach also requires the recording of deferred income tax assets related to operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted income tax rates applicable when temporary differences and carry forwards are expected to be recovered or settled. Deferred income taxes are not recognized for the initial recognition of goodwill, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures where the Corporation controls the reversal of the temporary difference and reversal is not expected in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets for unused tax loss carry forwards and deductible temporary differences are only recognized when it is probable that there will be future taxable profits against which the assets can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting period and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are disclosed as non-current. They are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different entities where there is an intention to settle the balance on a net basis.

As tax legislation is complex and subject to interpretation, in determining current and deferred income taxes the Corporation takes into account the impact of uncertain tax positions and whether additional taxes, interest or penalties may be due. This assessment, based on judgement, requires estimates and assumptions considering facts and circumstances existing as at the reporting period. Estimates are reviewed each reporting period and updated, based on new information available. Interest and penalties are recorded as a component of income tax expenses.

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Governmental assistance and investment tax credits (ITCs)

Governmental assistance and ITCs are recorded when there is reasonable assurance that the Corporation will comply with all the relevant conditions and that the governmental assistance or ITCs will be received. Governmental assistance and ITCs are subject to examination and approval by regulating authorities, and, therefore, the amounts granted may differ from those recorded. Governmental assistance and ITCs determined to be earned by the Corporation are recorded as a reduction of the operating expenses incurred.

Leases

Leases are classified as either operating or finance, based on the substance of the transaction at inception of the lease. The Corporation leases certain office premises and equipment in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor. These are classified as operating leases. Payments made under these leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the consolidated statements of earnings on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Finance leases which transfer to the Corporation substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are capitalized at the inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Finance expenses are charged to the statements of earnings over the period of the agreement. Obligations under finance leases are included in other financial liabilities net of finance costs allocated to future periods. Capitalized leased assets are depreciated over the estimated life of the asset or the lease term.

Pension schemes

The Corporation maintains a number of defined contribution schemes and contributions are charged to the consolidated statements of earnings in the year in which they are due. In addition, the Corporation operates defined benefit schemes which require contributions to be made to separately administered funds. The cost of providing benefits under defined benefit schemes is determined separately for each scheme using the projected unit credit actuarial valuation method. Current and past service costs together with curtailment and settlement costs are charged to operating profit. Interest costs which are based on a notional charge based on scheme liabilities during the year, less expected returns on scheme assets, are charged to net finance expenses. Actuarial gains and losses are fully recognized in equity through the consolidated statements of comprehensive income as they arise. The consolidated statements of financial position reflect the schemes' full surplus or deficit at the consolidated statement of financial position date.

Share capital

Issuance costs directly attributable to the issuance of shares are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of income tax effects.

Dividends

Dividends on common shares are recognized in the Corporation's consolidated financial statements in the period in which the dividends are declared.

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Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are determined using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share are determined using the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period, plus the effects of dilutive potential shares outstanding during the period. The calculation of diluted earnings per share is made using the treasury stock method.

Future accounting standard changes

The following standards have been issued but are not yet effective:

IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15, 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' to specify how and when to recognize revenue as well as requiring the provision of more informative and relevant disclosures. IFRS 15 supersedes IAS 18, 'Revenue', IAS 11, 'Construction Contracts', and other revenue recognition related interpretations. The standard will be effective January 1, 2018 for the Corporation with earlier adoption permitted.

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments

In July 2014, the IASB amended IFRS 9, 'Financial Instruments' to bring together the classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting phases of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39, 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement'. The standard supersedes all previous versions of IFRS 9 and will be effective on January 1, 2018 for the Corporation with earlier application permitted.

IFRS 16 – Leases

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16, 'Leases' which requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for most leases. Lessees will have a single accounting model for all leases, with certain exemptions. For lessors, there is little change to the existing accounting in IAS 17, Leases. The new standard will be effective January 1, 2019, with limited early adoption permitted.

The Corporation has not yet quantified the effect of these Standards nor does it intend at this time to early adopt these Standards until the mandatory effective dates.

There are no other IFRS (or IFRIC) interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Corporation.

3 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical trends and other factors, including expectations of future events that are likely to materialize under reasonable circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Corporation makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a

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significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Other identifiable intangible assets and goodwill

Identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, excluding software and non-competition agreements, represented \$3,108.4 of total assets on the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 (\$2,420.8 as at December 31, 2014). These assets arise out of business combinations and the Corporation applies the acquisition method of accounting to these transactions. In measuring the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed and estimating their useful lives, Management used significant estimates and assumptions regarding cash flow projections, economic risk and weighted cost of capital.

These estimates and assumptions determine the amount allocated to other identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, as well as the amortization period for identifiable intangible assets with finite lives. If results differ from estimates, the Corporation may be required to increase amortization or impairment charges.

Claims provisions

In the normal course of business the Corporation faces legal proceedings for work carried out on projects. The Corporation has professional liability insurance in order to manage risks related to such proceedings. Management estimates the claims provisions, based on advice and information provided by its legal advisors and on its own past experience in the settlement of similar proceedings. Final settlements could have an effect on the financial position or operating results of the Corporation.

Retirement benefit obligations

The present value of obligations is calculated on an actuarial basis which depends on a number of assumptions relating to the future. These key assumptions are assessed regularly according to market conditions and data available to Management. Additional details are given in note 16.

Current Income Taxes

The Corporation is subject to income tax laws and regulations in several jurisdictions. An estimate is required in determining the worldwide provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Corporation recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due in the future. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period in which such determination is made. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate, on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Critical judgements in applying the Corporation's accounting policies

Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings

The Corporation values its costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings based on the time and materials charged into each project. Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings for each project are reviewed on a monthly basis to determine whether the amount is a true reflection of the amount that will be invoiced on the project. Where the review determines that the value of costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings exceed

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the amount that can be invoiced, adjustments are made to the costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings. The valuation of costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings involves estimates of the volume of work required to complete the project. Changes in the estimation of work required to complete the projects could lead to the undervaluation or overvaluation of costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings.

Deferred Tax Assets

The assessment of the probability of future taxable income in which deferred tax assets can be utilized is based on the Corporation's most recent approved budget forecast, which is adjusted for significant non-taxable income and expenses and specific limits to the use of any unused tax loss or credit. The tax rules in the numerous jurisdictions in which the Corporation operates are also carefully taken into consideration. The recognition of deferred tax assets that are subject to certain legal or economic limits or uncertainties is assessed individually by management based on the specific facts and circumstances.

4 Business acquisitions

The acquisitions have been accounted for using the acquisition method, and the operating results have been included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Corporation will report provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted during the measurement period, or additional assets or liabilities are recognized, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognized at that date.

The measurement period is the period from the date of acquisition to the date the Corporation obtains complete information about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date and is subject to a maximum of one year.

2015 Transactions

a) Acquisition of MMM Group Limited. ("MMM")

On October 15, 2015, the Corporation completed the acquisition of MMM, one of the largest privately-owned engineering consulting companies in Canada with approximately 2,000 employees.

The acquisition price of approximately \$425.0 was paid primarily in cash and by the issuance of shares to MMM employees for an aggregate amount of approximately \$22.1 at a price of \$42.25 per share.

The table below presents Management's preliminary assessment of the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. The final assessment of the fair values will be finalized after the values of assets and liabilities have been definitively determined. Accordingly, the following values are subject to change and such changes can be material.

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	Preliminary
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	
Current Assets	
Cash	14.1
Trade, prepaid and other receivables	91.1
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	32.2
Property and equipment	20.3
Computer Software	1.6
Intangible assets	34.1
Other non-current assets	3.2
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(67.4)
Billings in excess of costs and anticipated profits	(24.2)
Long-term debt	(1.0)
Other non-current liabilities	(0.9)
Deferred income tax liabilities	<u>(14.6)</u>
Fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities assumed	88.5
Goodwill	<u>336.5</u>
Total purchase consideration	425.0
Cash acquired	(14.1)
Share capital issued	<u>(22.1)</u>
Cash disbursements	<u>388.8</u>

Goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business and the synergies expected to arise with the Corporation after the acquisition. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

The receivables acquired had a fair value and gross contractual amount of \$83.0.

The acquired business contributed revenues of \$73.8 and net earnings of \$3.4 from October 15, 2015, to December 31, 2015. If the acquisition of MMM had occurred on January 1, 2015, the Corporation's revenues and net earnings for the year would have increased by \$262.0 and \$13.1, respectively.

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b) Other acquisitions made in 2015

In 2015, the Corporation concluded a number of other acquisitions, notably SPL Consultants Limited ('SPL') in the second quarter of 2015 and Faveo Group ("Faveo") and Caravel Investment Ltd., including its whole owned subsidiary, Levelton Consultants, (collectively 'Levelton') in the third quarter of 2015.

The table below presents Management's preliminary assessment of the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. The final assessment of the fair values will be finalized after the values of assets and liabilities have been definitively determined. Accordingly, the following values are subject to change and such changes can be material. These acquisitions were not individually material, therefore the Corporation has chosen to disclose the required information in aggregate.

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	Preliminary
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	
Current Assets	
Cash	10.8
Trade, prepaid and other receivables	34.2
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	5.2
Property and equipment	4.0
Computer Software	0.3
Intangible assets	2.9
Deferred income tax assets	0.9
Other non-current assets	0.4
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(24.0)
Billings in excess of costs and anticipated profits	(2.9)
Long-term debt	(4.4)
Other non-current liabilities	(1.3)
Retirement benefit obligations	(1.8)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(1.3)
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Fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities assumed	23.0
Goodwill	76.6
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Total purchase consideration	99.6
Cash acquired	(10.8)
Share capital issued	(7.5)
Consideration receivable (payable)	(3.9)
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Cash disbursements	77.4
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Goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business and the synergies expected to arise with the Corporation after the acquisition. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

The receivables acquired had a fair value and gross contractual amount of \$34.0.

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2014 Transactions

a) Acquisition of Focus Group Holdings Inc. ("Focus")

On April 10, 2014, the Corporation concluded the transaction pertaining to the acquisition of Focus Group Holdings Inc. ("Focus") by acquiring all of the issued and outstanding shares of Focus for an aggregate amount of \$363.7 or \$233.5 net of debt and cash acquired, as noted below. Focus is a multidisciplinary engineering and geomatics firm based in Alberta principally serving the oil and gas industry in western Canada.

The table below presents Management's final assessment of the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

	Final
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	
Current Assets	
Cash	9.8
Trade, prepaid and other receivables	60.1
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	11.9
Property and equipment	13.0
Computer Software	2.3
Intangible assets	34.4
Deferred income tax assets	1.4
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(57.5)
Long-term debt	(113.3)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(11.4)
Fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities assumed	(49.3)
Goodwill	282.8
Total purchase consideration	233.5
Cash acquired	(9.8)
Repayment of debt and payables	140.0
Cash disbursements	363.7

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Goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business and the synergies expected to arise with the Corporation after the acquisition. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

The receivables acquired (which mainly comprise trade receivables) had a fair value and gross contractual amount of \$52.1.

The acquired business contributed revenues of \$237.5 and net earnings of \$23.7 from April 10, 2014, to December 31, 2014. If the acquisition of Focus had occurred on January 1, 2014, the Corporation's revenues and net earnings for the year would have increased by \$85.0 and \$1.9, respectively.

b) Acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff

On October 31, 2014, the Corporation concluded the transaction pertaining to the acquisition of the entities comprising the business of Parsons Brinckerhoff Group Inc. (collectively, "Parsons Brinckerhoff"), the professional services arm of Balfour Beatty, for a consideration of US\$1,286.0 (CAD\$1,443.9) including cash retained by Parsons Brinckerhoff of US\$68.7 (CAD\$76.5), subject to certain closing and post-closing adjustments.

In 2015, the Corporation finalized the assessment of the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed related to this acquisition.

The final determination of the fair values required some adjustments to the preliminary assessments as shown below. The 2014 consolidated statement of financial position's comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect these changes. The Corporation also determined that the net impact on the net earnings as a result of these adjustments was not material to the periods subsequent to the acquisition date, and as such, were accounted for in the current year's consolidated statement of earnings.

The table below presents Management's final assessment of the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

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	Preliminary	Adjustments	Final
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed			
Current Assets			
Cash	76.5	-	76.5
Trade, prepaid and other receivables	539.3	(25.7)	513.6
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	407.9	(6.1)	401.8
Property and equipment	91.5	-	91.5
Computer Software	1.9	-	1.9
Intangible assets	216.9	3.6	220.5
Deferred income tax assets	44.4	38.8	83.2
Other non-current assets	82.5	-	82.5
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(534.9)	(12.2)	(547.1)
Billings in excess of costs and anticipated profits	(215.7)	-	(215.7)
Long-term debt	(0.5)	(2.4)	(2.9)
Provisions *	(36.1)	(77.5)	(113.6)
Retirement benefit obligations	(103.9)	(4.8)	(108.7)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(13.1)	(24.5)	(37.6)
Fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities assumed	556.7	(110.8)	445.9
Goodwill	914.4	83.6	998.0
Total purchase consideration **	1,471.1	(27.2)	1,443.9
Cash acquired	(76.5)	-	(76.5)
Cash disbursements	1,394.6	(27.2)	1,367.4

*: Provisions relate mainly to legal claim estimates.

** : Purchase price was reduced as part of final settlement which occurred in the second quarter of 2015.

Goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business and the synergies expected to arise with the Corporation after the acquisition. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

The receivables acquired (which mainly comprise trade receivables) had a fair value and gross contractual amount of \$489.4.

The acquired business contributed revenues of \$482.2 and a net loss of \$11.8 from November 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. If the acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff had occurred on January 1, 2014, the Corporation's revenues and net earnings for the year would have increased by \$2,317.8 and by \$7.4, respectively.

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c) Other acquisitions made by the Corporation in 2014

In 2014, the Corporation concluded a number of other acquisitions, notably Technip TPS ('TPS') and Winward Group ('WINWARD') in the second quarter of 2014 and Texas Engineers, Inc., doing business as ccrd ('ccrd') and Dessau CEI S.A.S., Dessau International Inc.'s Colombian engineering subsidiary, in the fourth quarter of 2014.

The table below presents Management's final assessment of the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

These acquisitions were not individually material, therefore the Corporation has chosen to disclose the required information in aggregate.

	Final
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	
Current Assets	
Cash	19.9
Trade, prepaid and other receivables	36.9
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	5.4
Property and equipment	3.9
Computer Software	0.3
Intangibles assets	3.9
Deferred income tax assets	0.3
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(24.1)
Billings in excess of costs and anticipated profits	(14.5)
Long-term debt	(3.4)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(5.5)
Fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities assumed	23.1
Goodwill	42.7
Total purchase consideration	65.8
Cash acquired	(19.9)
Consideration receivable (payable)	(8.5)
Cash disbursements	37.4

Goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business and the synergies expected to arise with the Corporation after the acquisition. None of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

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5 Joint arrangements

The Corporation holds interests in various joint arrangements. The lists below present the most significant joint arrangements that have been identified and classified as joint operations.

2015

Name	Interest	Country
KierWSP	50%	England
Garrison Energy Center	35%	USA
PB Americas, Inc / Rummel, Klepper & Kahl	47%	USA
Maryland Transit Partners	27%	USA
Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas Anc	50%	USA
General Engineering Consultants	33%	USA
FTS-MK/ALLTECH (OOCEA)	40%	USA
MapLAX, A Joint Venture	51%	USA
Consortium ARCOP / FGM / JV	50%	Canada
KAWSP	40%	Qatar

2014

Name	Interest	Country
Consortium GENIVAR / AECOM	75%	Canada
Consortium SLG	43%	Canada
Consortium GENIVAR / EXP	50%	Canada
Consortium BPR / GENIVAR	50%	Canada
Consortium SNC LAVALIN / CIMA+ / GENIVAR	33%	Canada
Consortium GENIVAR / DESSAU	50%	Canada
Consortium GENIVAR / WASKA	80%	Canada
Consortium AXOR / GENIVAR	49%	Canada
Carillon WSP	40%	England
KierWSP	50%	England
Barhale WSP	35%	England
HyderWSP	50%	England
Parsons Brinckerhoff Hirota Associates	90%	US
PB / AZ&B	70%	US
Tollway Transportation Team	51%	US
PB – Dewberry	50%	US
Parsons Brinckerhoff – Metcalf & Eddy	50%	US
Arup PB Joint Venture	50%	US
Eastside LRT Partners	50%	US

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There are no significant contingent liabilities relating to the Corporation's interest in the above identified joint operations, and no contingent liabilities of the venture itself.

The Corporation also has a 50% interest in a joint arrangement which has been identified and classified as a joint venture, which is accounted for using the equity method (note 8).

6 Cash

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Cash	204.1	201.5
Less: Bank overdraft (note 15)	(1.9)	(25.2)
Cash net of bank overdraft	202.2	176.3

7 Trade, prepaid and other receivables

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Trade receivables	1,289.7	1,060.3
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(64.3)	(45.3)
Net trade receivables*	1,225.4	1,015.0
Amounts due from joint ventures and associates undertaking	20.7	21.9
Other receivables*	164.9	122.7
Prepaid expenses	119.2	81.8
	1,530.2	1,241.4

*Net trade receivables and other receivables include holdbacks amounting to \$102.9 (\$40.4 as at December 31, 2014).

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The aging of gross trade receivables past due was as follows:

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Past due 0-30 days	322.6	222.1
Past due 31-60 days	180.2	128.1
Past due 61-90 days	86.0	114.3
Past due 91-180 days	104.8	71.4
Past due over 180 days	135.6	88.4
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Balance – End of year	829.2	624.3

Allowance for doubtful accounts

The changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts were as follows:

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Balance – Beginning of year	45.3	7.8
Adjustments of allowance	13.1	36.3
Exchange differences	5.9	1.2
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Balance – End of year	64.3	45.3

The Corporation is exposed to credit risk with respect to its trade receivables and maintains provisions for potential credit losses. Potential for such losses is mitigated because customer creditworthiness is evaluated before credit is extended and no single customer represents more than 10.0% of revenues.

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8 Other assets

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Deferred financing fees	4.9	6.9
Investments		
Investment in associates*	3.1	32.3
Investment in a joint venture	3.2	1.0
Financial assets available for sale**	97.4	85.7
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	108.6	125.9

* In 2014, the Corporation had interests in two associates, Multiconsult AS and LINK Arkitektur AB, in which it ultimately held a 24.7% and a 27.9% interest. Both associates were located in Norway and provide consulting services comparable to the Corporation. The interests in these two associates were accounted for using the equity method. The Corporation disposed of both these associates during the course of 2015 (note 19).

** Included in Financial assets available for sale are investments in a multitude of mutual funds, based on employees' investment elections, with respect of the deferred compensation obligations of the Corporation as disclosed in note 16. The fair value of these investments is \$94.3 (\$83.8 in 2014), determined by the market price of the funds at the reporting date.

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Investment in associates		
Balance – Beginning of year	32.3	32.1
Share of net earnings from continuing operations and comprehensive income	2.6	6.4
Investment in associate via business acquisition	2.2	-
Dividends received from associates	(11.5)	(1.8)
Disposal on investment in associates	(24.9)	-
Exchange differences	2.4	(4.4)
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Balance – End of year	3.1	32.3

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9 Property, plant and equipment

	Land and buildings \$	Leasehold improvements \$	Furniture and equipment \$	Computer equipment \$	Total \$
Balance as at January 1, 2014					
Cost	25.4	23.3	54.0	43.4	146.1
Accumulated depreciation	(3.1)	(9.1)	(25.4)	(21.1)	(58.7)
Net value	22.3	14.2	28.6	22.3	87.4
Additions	0.3	6.6	16.0	17.4	40.3
Additions through business acquisitions (note 4)	10.1	49.8	31.7	16.8	108.4
Disposals	0.0	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.7)
Depreciation for the year	(0.9)	(5.9)	(13.0)	(14.0)	(33.8)
Exchange differences	0.0	0.8	(0.1)	0.1	0.8
	9.5	51.2	34.1	20.2	115.0
Balance as at December 31, 2014	31.8	65.4	62.7	42.5	202.4
Balance as at December 31, 2014					
Cost	35.8	80.3	99.7	77.7	293.5
Accumulated depreciation	(4.0)	(14.9)	(37.0)	(35.2)	(91.1)
Net value	31.8	65.4	62.7	42.5	202.4
Additions	0.4	25.6	31.8	30.6	88.4
Additions through business acquisitions (note 4)	-	13.4	7.2	3.7	24.3
Disposals	-	(1.3)	(1.7)	(1.4)	(4.4)
Depreciation for the year	(1.1)	(15.4)	(25.4)	(22.3)	(64.2)
Exchange differences	1.8	11.1	5.4	4.7	23.0
	1.1	33.4	17.3	15.3	67.1
Balance as at December 31, 2015	32.9	98.8	80.0	57.8	269.5
Balance as at December 31, 2015					
Cost	36.6	130.0	145.3	115.2	427.1
Accumulated depreciation	(3.7)	(31.2)	(65.3)	(57.4)	(157.6)
Net value	32.9	98.8	80.0	57.8	269.5

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10 Intangible assets

	Software \$	Contract backlogs \$	Customer relationships \$	Non- competition agreements \$	Trade names \$	Total \$
Balance as at January 1, 2014						
Cost	51.7	20.6	112.9	0.8	54.8	240.8
Accumulated amortization	(26.3)	(9.5)	(58.0)	(0.6)	-	(94.4)
Net value	25.4	11.1	54.9	0.2	54.8	146.4
Additions	7.2	-	0.1	-	-	7.3
Additions through business acquisitions (note 4)	4.5	117.0	115.6	1.9	24.3	263.3
Disposals	(0.7)	-	-	-	-	(0.7)
Amortization for the year	(12.2)	(11.8)	(17.1)	(0.5)	(2.1)	(43.7)
Exchange differences	-	0.6	3.9	(0.1)	1.8	6.2
	(1.2)	105.8	102.5	1.3	24.0	232.4
Balance as at December 31, 2014	24.2	116.9	157.4	1.5	78.8	378.8
Balance as at December 31, 2014						
Cost	56.9	139.0	232.9	2.6	81.0	512.4
Accumulated amortization	(32.7)	(22.1)	(75.5)	(1.1)	(2.2)	(133.6)
Net value	24.2	116.9	157.4	1.5	78.8	378.8
Additions	17.3	-	-	0.4	-	17.7
Additions through business acquisitions (note 4)	1.9	33.9	1.7	0.3	1.1	38.9
Disposals	(0.2)	-	-	-	-	(0.2)
Amortization for the year	(13.3)	(28.8)	(26.8)	(1.0)	(5.9)	(75.8)
Exchange differences	1.4	18.8	16.8	-	10.2	47.2
	7.1	23.9	(8.3)	(0.3)	5.4	27.8
Balance as at December 31, 2015	31.3	140.8	149.1	1.2	84.2	406.6
Balance as at December 31, 2015						
Cost	78.6	171.3	242.4	2.6	92.9	587.8
Accumulated amortization	(47.3)	(30.5)	(93.3)	(1.4)	(8.7)	(181.2)
Net value	31.3	140.8	149.1	1.2	84.2	406.6

The carrying amount of intangible assets assessed as having an indefinite useful life, which consists of the WSP trade name, is \$58.3 as at December 31, 2015 (\$51.6 in 2014).

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The Corporation performed its annual impairment test for the WSP trade name as at September 30, 2015 and 2014 in accordance with its policy described in note 2. As a result, no impairment for the WSP trade name was recorded.

During the year, the Corporation acquired intangible assets amounting to \$56.6 (\$270.6 in 2014), all of which are subject to amortization.

11 Goodwill

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Balance – Beginning of year	2,067.7	734.6
Goodwill resulting from business acquisitions (note 4)	413.1	1,323.5
Exchange differences	253.5	9.6
Balance – End of year	<u>2,734.3</u>	<u>2,067.7</u>

Goodwill amounting to \$2,734.3 (\$2,067.7 as at December 31, 2014) is allocated to the Corporation's CGUs. The carrying value of goodwill by CGU is identified in the table below:

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Goodwill allocated to CGU		
Canada	891.8	538.6
Americas	1,091.0	908.2
EMEIA	593.7	480.4
APAC	157.8	140.5
	<u>2,734.3</u>	<u>2,067.7</u>

Impairment test of goodwill

The Corporation performed its annual impairment test for goodwill as at September 30, 2015 and 2014 in accordance with its policy described in note 2. The recoverable value of each CGU exceeded their carrying values. As a result, no goodwill impairment was recorded.

At September 30, 2015, the recoverable amounts of our Canadian CGU, on which most of our oil and gas activities are included, exceeded its carrying amounts. Assuming all other assumptions remain the same, a 75-basis point increase in the discount rate would have caused the Canadian CGU' carrying amount to be comparable to its recoverable amount as at that date. No reasonable change in the key assumptions used for the other CGUs or group of CGUs would have resulted in an impairment loss as at September 30, 2015.

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Following the acquisition of MMM on October 15, 2015, the Corporation re-performed its impairment test for goodwill. The recoverable value of each CGU exceeded their carrying values. As a result, no goodwill impairment was recorded.

Valuation technique

Fair value less costs of disposal

The recoverable value of each CGU was based on fair value less costs of disposal. The following methodology and assumptions were applied to determine the fair value less costs of disposal for all CGUs.

The fair value less costs of disposal is calculated using the budgeted 2016 revenues and adjusted EBITDA margin and an anticipated growth for the following four years by the CGU. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as earnings before financial expenses, taxes, depreciation and amortization and acquisition and reorganization costs. The Corporation considered past experience, economic trends as well as industry and market trends in assessing if the level of adjusted EBITDA can be maintained in the future. For the purpose of this test, Management used a 5-year period to project future cash flows. Beyond this period, the Corporation used a growth rate of 3.0% and a discount rate varying between 7.75% and 13.25%. The discount rate represents the after tax weighted average cost of capital ("WACC"). The WACC is an estimate of the overall rate of return required by debt and equity holders on their investments. Determining the WACC requires analyzing the cost of equity and debt separately, and takes into account a risk premium that is based on the applicable CGU. Costs of disposal are calculated based on 0.75% of the total fair value so determined, which is in line with the transaction costs incurred in comparable transactions.

12 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP")

In 2011, the Corporation adopted a LTIP for certain employees. Under this plan, units could be issued in the form of restricted share units ("RSUs") or stock options. The total number of shares reserved and available for grant and issuance pursuant to RSUs and stock options is limited to 2,080,950 shares. In 2014, the Corporation also adopted a Performance Share Unit Plan ("PSUs").

RSUs

The RSUs are settled in cash, vest if certain Corporation performance targets are met and payable, at the earliest, on March 28, 2016. The measurement of the compensation expense and corresponding liability for these awards is based on the fair value of the award, and is recorded as an expense, or recovery, over the vesting period of the award. At the end of each financial reporting period, changes in the Corporation's payment obligation due to changes in the market value of the common shares on the TSX, or change in the number of units based on the expected Corporation's performance, are recorded as an expense or recovery. As at December 31, 2015, 177,473 RSUs are outstanding (172,555 in 2014). The Corporation recorded an expense of \$7.1 during the year (\$0.6 in 2014) related to the RSUs in Personnel Costs, and the cumulative obligation stands at \$7.7.

Stock options

Options granted under the stock option plan, to officers and employees, may be exercised during a period not exceeding ten years from the date of grant. Options vest 3 years after the date of grant. Any unexercised

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options will expire at the earlier of one month after the date a beneficiary ceases to be an employee or the expiration date of the stock options granted. As at December 31, 2015, 534,995 stock options were outstanding (281,589 in 2014) at exercise prices ranging from \$35.45 to 41.69. No options have vested as at December 31, 2015.

On March 31, 2014 the Board of Directors granted a single award of 20,000 stock options to an officer of the Corporation to purchase common shares of the Corporation. These stock options vest in three equal instalments over a period of two years, with the first instalment vesting on the date of the grant, the second on the first anniversary of the date of the grant and the third on the second anniversary of the date of the grant at an exercise price of \$35.12. These stock options may be exercised during a period not exceeding ten years from the date of the grant. As at December 31, 2015, 13,333 options had vested (6,667 in 2014).

The Corporation recorded a stock based compensation expense of \$1.2 during the year (\$0.5 in 2014) in Personnel Costs and the contributed surplus component of equity attributable to shareholders stands at \$1.7.

The fair value of stock options at the grant date was measured using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The historical share price of the Corporation's common shares is used to estimate expected volatility, and government bond rates are used to estimate the risk-free interest rate. The following table illustrates the inputs used in the measurement of the fair values of the stock options at the grant date granted during the period ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	2015	2014
Expected stock price volatility	20%-35%	22%-35%
Dividend	3.25%-3.75%	3.80%-4.20%
Risk-free interest rate	1.75%-2.25%	1.50%-2.50%
Expected option life	3-5 years	3-5 years
Fair value – weighted average of options issued	\$7.50-\$8.50	\$5.00-\$6.91

PSUs

The PSUs are settled in cash and vest if certain Corporation performance targets are met and payable at the earliest on March 25, 2017. The measurement of the compensation expense and corresponding liability for these awards is based on the fair value of the award, and is recorded as an expense or recovery over the vesting period of the award. At the end of each financial reporting period, changes in the Corporation's payment obligation due to changes in the market value of the common shares on the TSX, or change in the number of units based on the expected Corporation's performance, are recorded as an expense or recovery. As at December 31, 2015, there are 408,680 PSUs outstanding (169,943 in 2014). The Corporation recorded an expense of \$7.2 during the year (\$1.2 in 2014) related to the PSUs in Personnel Costs, and the cumulative obligation stands at \$8.4.

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13 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Trade payables	346.6	315.3
Employee benefits payable	338.3	296.2
Sale taxes	55.1	40.8
Amounts due to joint venture and associated undertakings	2.4	1.9
Accrued expenses and other payables	415.0	383.5
Provisions	171.4	152.6
	1,328.8	1,190.3
Less: Non-current provisions	72.8	75.0
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,256.0	1,115.3

	Claims provisions \$	Property provisions \$	Other provisions \$	Total \$
Balance as at December 31, 2013	32.1	14.5	0.4	47.0
Business acquisitions	80.5	2.4	34.3	117.2
Additional provision	7.6	0.3	1.4	9.3
Paid or otherwise settled	(19.9)	(1.6)	(3.0)	(24.5)
Exchange differences	2.0	0.6	1.0	3.6
Balance as at December 31, 2014	102.3	16.2	34.1	152.6
Business acquisitions	4.5	9.1	-	13.6
Additional provision	12.1	5.4	0.2	17.7
Paid or otherwise settled	(5.9)	(1.9)	(25.3)	(33.1)
Exchange differences	13.9	2.7	4.0	20.6
Balance as at December 31, 2015	126.9	31.5	13.0	171.4

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14 Long-term debts

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Credit facilities	978.9	786.1
Mortgage bearing interest at 4.2%, payable in monthly instalments of less than \$0.1 including principal and interest, secured by a hypothec over land and building with a net book value of \$9.5, renewable in August 2018	6.2	6.4
Debts bearing interest at Colombia's prime rate plus a margin varying from 6.18% to 8.42%, maturing by August 2016	3.2	4.6
Other long-term debts	1.1	2.0
	<hr/> 989.4	<hr/> 799.1
Less: Current portion	142.6	11.0
	<hr/> 846.8	<hr/> 788.1

Credit facilities

WSP has in place a US\$1,400.0 million credit facility with a syndicate of financial institutions (the "Lenders") comprised of:

a senior secured revolving credit facility in the maximum amount of US\$1,000.0, maturing on December 31, 2019; and

a senior secured non-revolving term credit facility consisting of three tranches in the maximum principal amounts of US\$100.0, US\$100.0 and US\$200.0, each available as a single drawdown and maturing on October 31, 2016, October 31, 2017, and October 31, 2018, respectively.

The credit facilities are secured by a first ranking hypothec over the universality of the movable assets of the Corporation and some of its subsidiaries. The credit facilities bear interest at Canadian prime rate, US-based rate, Bankers' acceptances rate and LIBOR plus an applicable margin up to 3.0% that will vary depending on the type of advances and the Corporation's ratios, as defined in the agreement with the Lenders. The Corporation pays a commitment fee on the available unused credit facilities.

Under these credit facilities, the Corporation is required, among other conditions, to respect certain covenants on a consolidated basis. The main covenants are in regard to its consolidated funded debt to consolidated adjusted EBITDA and the interest coverage ratios, which are non-IFRS measures. Management reviews compliance with these covenants on a quarterly basis in conjunction with filing requirements under its credit facilities. All covenants have been met as at December 31, 2015.

Under the credit facilities, the Corporation may issue irrevocable letters of credit up to US\$250.0, decreasing the amount available on such credit facilities. The Corporation issued, in the normal course of business,

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irrevocable letters of credit totaling \$223.8 as at December 31, 2015 (\$168.3 in 2014) for its own commitments, thus decreasing such available credit facilities.

As at December 31, 2015, the Corporation had available other operating lines of credit amounting to \$55.1 (\$41.2 in 2014), of which \$25.1 (\$12.8 in 2014) were unused at year-end.

Credit facilities allocation by borrowed currency:

	December 31, 2015 \$	Base currency	December 31, 2014 \$	Base currency
Sterling	31.3	15.3	-	-
US dollar	796.9	575.5	543.0	493.6
Emirati Dirham	1.8	4.8	-	-
Euro	-	-	14.1	10.7
Canadian dollar	148.9	148.9	229.0	229.0
	<u>978.9</u>		<u>786.1</u>	

The instalments due on long-term debts over each of the next four years amount to \$142.6 in 2016, \$138.1 in 2017, \$282.2 in 2018 and \$426.5 in 2019.

15 Other financial liabilities

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Bank overdraft (note 6)	1.9	25.2
Loan Payable	3.9	4.3
Notes payable*	14.3	9.5
Obligations under finance leases	3.4	7.1
Other obligations	-	0.2
	<u>23.5</u>	<u>46.3</u>
Less: Current portion	<u>18.7</u>	<u>44.3</u>
	<u>4.8</u>	<u>2.0</u>

* Notes payable to the vendors in business acquisitions bear interest at fixed rate varying from 3.0% to 4.0%, prime rate or are without interest. As at December 31, 2015, the prime rate was 2.7% (3.0% in 2014).

The instalments due on financial liabilities over each the next three years amount to \$18.7 in 2016, \$4.3 in 2017 and \$0.5 in 2018.

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16 Pensions schemes

Pension costs included in personnel costs consist of the following:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Defined benefit schemes	9.2	1.7
Defined contribution schemes	69.9	58.2
	<hr/> 79.1	<hr/> 59.9

The Corporation operated both defined contribution and defined benefit pension schemes. Defined contributions are charged to the consolidated statements of earnings as they are incurred.

In Canada, the Corporation has defined contribution retirement savings plans for its employees. Pursuant to these plans, the Corporation pays a contribution equivalent to the employee contribution up to a maximum varying from 3% to 5% of the employee's salary. An employee acquires the whole employer contributions after two years of continuous service or if he loses his job due to a layoff resulting from a lack of work.

In the United Kingdom, there are five separate defined benefit schemes, all of which are closed to new members. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Corporation in independently administered funds.

In Sweden, a proportion of the multi-employer Government-run defined benefit plan is carried on the Corporation's consolidated statement of financial position. Future service accrual under this arrangement ceased in 2008 where the employees became fully included in the Government plan's arrangements. The multi-employer Government plan retains substantial other assets to meet the balance of pension liabilities. As the directors are unable to identify the underlying assets and liabilities of this element of the scheme, it is treated as a defined contribution scheme for the purposes of IAS 19 "Employee Benefits."

In the US, as a result of the acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff (see note 4), the Corporation now maintains a deferred compensation plan accounted for under IAS 19 where an element of employee's compensation is deferred and invested in available-for-sale assets (as disclosed in note 8) in a trust, the assets of which are for the ultimate benefit of the employees but are available to the Corporation's creditors in the event of insolvency.

For funded and unfunded defined benefit plans, any deficit of the fair value of plan assets over the present value of the defined benefit obligation is recognized as a liability in the consolidated statement of financial position. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized in full as they arise in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. These reflect changes in actuarial assumptions, and differences between actuarial assumptions and what has actually occurred.

The actuarial cost charged to the consolidated statements of earnings in respect of defined benefit plans consists of current service costs, finance expense, expected return on plan assets, past service costs and costs of curtailments.

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The liabilities of the Corporation arising from defined benefit obligations and their related current service cost are determined using the projected unit credit method. Valuations are performed annually. Actuarial advice is provided by both external consultants and actuaries. The actuarial assumptions used to calculate the benefit obligations vary according to the economic conditions of the country in which the plan is located and are set out below. To develop the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption, the Corporation considered the current level of expected returns on risk-free investments (primarily UK government bonds) and the historical level of risk premium associated with the other asset classes in which the portfolio is invested. The expected return for each asset class was then applied to the schemes' asset allocations to develop the overall expected long-term rate of return on assets for the combined portfolios.

Assumptions

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
United Kingdom		
Rate of increase in pensionable salaries	-	-
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	1.75% to 3.05%	3.60%
Discount rate	3.95%	3.50%
Inflation assumption	2.10% to 3.10%	3.30%
Life expectancy at age 65 (for member currently aged 65)		
- Men	87.9	87.8
- Women	90.2	90.2
Sweden		
Rate of increase in pensionable salaries	-	-
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	-	-
Discount rate	3.25%	2.70%
Inflation assumption	1.50%	1.50%
Life expectancy at age 65 (for member currently aged 65)		
- Men	86.9	88.0
- Women	89.5	90.0
United States		
Discount rate	2.80% to 3.55%	2.80% to 3.50%

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The major categories of plan assets are as follows:

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Fair value \$	%	Fair value \$	%
Equities	47.6	26	59.7	39
Bonds	77.5	42	77.8	50
Others	60.4	32	17.3	11

As at December 31, 2015 approximately 26% (39% in 2014) of the plan assets are directly invested in publically traded securities. As well, the plan invests in pooled funds which are not publically traded but have underlying securities which are publically traded – including these pooled funds, approximately 89% (90% in 2014) of the plan assets could be considered publically traded securities.

	December 31, 2015 \$	December 31, 2014 \$
Fair value of plan assets (United Kingdom)	185.5	154.8
Present value of funded obligations (United Kingdom)	(232.0)	(229.3)
Deficit (United Kingdom)	(46.5)	(74.5)
Present value of unfunded obligations (Sweden)	(40.2)	(43.2)
Present value of unfunded obligations (United States)	(120.2)	(110.9)
Present value of unfunded obligations (Norway)	(1.8)	-
Pension liability	(208.7)	(228.6)

Amounts recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings are as follows:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current service costs	9.2	1.7
Interest expenses	12.9	11.1
Expected return on plan assets	(6.0)	(6.3)
Net finance expenses on pension obligations	6.9	4.8

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Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Present value of obligation – Beginning balance	383.4	238.4
Deferred Compensation plan from acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff (note 4)	-	108.7
Defined Benefit plan from acquisition of Faveo (note 4)	1.8	-
Current service costs	9.2	1.7
Contributions from scheme members	0.4	0.3
Benefits paid	(20.0)	(8.0)
Interest expenses	12.9	11.1
Actuarial (gain)/loss (assumptions)	(40.2)	28.4
Actuarial (gain)/loss (experience)	(6.8)	(0.4)
Foreign exchange differences	53.5	3.2
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Present value of obligation – End of year	394.2	383.4

Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Fair value of plan assets – Beginning balance	154.8	134.0
Expected return on plan assets	6.0	6.3
Contributions from scheme members	0.4	0.3
Contributions from employer	13.0	9.9
Benefits paid	(6.7)	(4.8)
Actuarial gain/(loss) (experience)	(2.7)	5.9
Foreign exchange differences	20.7	3.2
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Fair value of plan assets – End of year	185.5	154.8

Analysis of the movement in net deficit

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Beginning balance	228.6	104.4
Deferred Compensation plan from acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff (note 4)	-	108.7
Defined Benefit plan from acquisition of Faveo (note 4)	1.8	-
Current service costs	9.2	1.7
Net interest expenses	6.9	4.8
Benefits paid	(13.3)	(3.2)
Contributions	(13.0)	(9.9)
Net actuarial loss/(gain) recognized in the period	(44.3)	22.1
Foreign exchange movements	32.8	-
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End of year	208.7	228.6

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	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Present value of scheme assets	185.5	154.8
Fair value of scheme liabilities	(394.2)	(383.4)
Deficit	<u>208.7</u>	<u>228.6</u>

Cumulative actuarial (losses)/gains recognized in equity are as follows:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Beginning balance	(13.0)	9.1
Net actuarial (loss)/gain recognized in the year	44.3	(22.1)
Balance – End of year	<u>31.3</u>	<u>(13.0)</u>

Sensitivity analysis of the overall pension deficit to changes in principal assumptions is shown below:

Assumption	Change	Impact on deficit
Discount rate	+/- 0.1%	Decrease/increase \$5.1
Inflation rate	+/- 0.1%	Decrease/increase \$2.8
Mortality	+/- 1 year	Decrease/increase \$9.6

The combined employee and employer contributions expected to be paid during the financial year ending December 31, 2016, amount to approximately \$15.0.

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17 Share capital

Authorized

An unlimited number of common shares without par value, voting and participating.

An unlimited number of preferred shares without par value, participating, issuable in series.

Issued and paid

	Common shares	
	Number	\$
Balance as at January 1, 2014	52,381,063	934.4
Shares issued related to public bought deal and private placements ⁽¹⁾	8,680,700	283.7
Shares issued related to public bought deal and private placements ⁽²⁾	26,160,000	912.1
Shares issued under the DRIP	1,366,957	46.4
Reduction of capital ⁽³⁾	-	(200.0)
Balance as at December 31, 2014	88,588,720	1,976.6
Shares issued related to acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾	718,207	29.6
Shares issued related to public bought deal and private placements ⁽⁵⁾	8,165,668	333.3
Shares issued under the DRIP (note 22)	1,783,262	70.2
Balance as at December 31, 2015	99,255,857	2,409.7

⁽¹⁾ In connection with the acquisition of Focus, WSP entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters (the "Underwriters") which purchased, on a bought deal basis by way of a short form prospectus, 5,333,000 common shares of WSP from treasury at a price of \$33.75 per common share. In addition, the Underwriters were granted an Over-Allotment option, which was exercised in its entirety. In total, 6,132,950 common shares were issued for gross proceeds of \$207.0.

Also in connection with the acquisition of Focus, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB") and the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the "Caisse") purchased, on a private placement basis, an aggregate of 2,370,000 common shares at a price of \$33.75 per common share. The CPPIB and the Caisse were each granted with an option to purchase additional common shares of WSP representing up to 15% of the number of common shares subscribed by them on closing subject to the Over-Allotment Option being exercised by the Underwriters. The Caisse exercised its Over-Allotment option in its entirety for 177,750 common shares. In total, 2,547,750 common shares were issued to the CPPIB and the Caisse for gross proceeds of \$86.0.

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Total issuance-related costs of these transactions of \$11.6 less a tax recovery of \$2.3 are accounted for against the gross proceeds.

⁽²⁾ In connection with the acquisition of Parsons Brinckerhoff, on October 3, 2014 the Corporation entered into an agreement with Underwriters to sell 14,000,000 subscription receipts from treasury. Each subscription receipt represented the holder's right to receive, without payment of additional consideration, one common share of the issuer. The Corporation completed its offering on September 22, 2014 at a price of \$35.85 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of \$502.0. In addition, the Underwriters were granted an Over-Allotment option of 2,100,000 subscription receipts. On October 15, 2014, the Underwriters exercised 1,000,000 of their Over-Allotment option for additional gross proceeds of \$35.9. Following the conclusion of the acquisition on October 31, 2014, each subscription receipt was automatically exchanged for one common share of the Corporation.

On October 3, 2014, the Corporation also entered into subscription agreements whereby the CPPIB and the Caisse purchased, on a private placement basis, 11,160,000 subscription receipts. On October 31, 2014, the Corporation issued 11,160,000 common shares in exchange for the concurrent placement subscription receipts for gross proceeds of \$400.0.

Total issuance-related costs of these transactions of \$32.0 less a tax recovery of \$6.2 are accounted for against the gross proceeds.

The holders of the subscription receipts and the placement subscription receipts were also entitled to receive an equivalent of the dividend declared on August 6, 2014. On November 7, 2014, they received a dividend equivalent payment of \$9.8, of which \$4.2 was reinvested in 124,637 common shares of the Corporation under the dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP").

⁽³⁾ In connection with the Corporation's reorganization, the stated capital of WSP, in respect of common shares, was reduced by \$200.0 and contributed surplus was increased by the same amount.

⁽⁴⁾ In connection with acquisitions of SPL completed on April 1, 2015, Levelton completed on July 1, 2015 and MMM completed on September 15, 2015.

⁽⁵⁾ On September 16, 2015, WSP entered into an agreement with Underwriters which purchased, on a bought deal basis by way of a short form prospectus, 4,142,000 common shares of WSP from treasury at a price of \$42.25 per common share. In addition, the Underwriters were granted an Over-Allotment option, which was exercised in its entirety. In total, 4,763,300 common shares were issued for gross proceeds of approximately \$201.0.

Also on September 16, 2015, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB and the "Caisse purchased, on a private placement basis, an aggregate of 2,958,580 common shares at a price of \$42.25 per common share. The CPPIB and the Caisse were each granted with an option to purchase additional common shares of WSP representing up to 15% of the number of common shares subscribed by them on closing subject to the Over-Allotment Option being exercised by the Underwriters. The CPPIB and the Caisse both exercised their Over-Allotment option, in its entirety. In total, 3,402,368 common shares were issued to the CPPIB and the Caisse for gross proceeds of approximately \$144.0.

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Total Issuance-related costs of these transactions of \$13.9 less a tax recovery of \$2.2, are accounted for against the gross proceeds.

As at December 31, 2015, and 2014, no preferred shares were issued.

18 Capital management

The Corporation's primary objectives when managing capital structure are as follows:

- maintain financial flexibility in order to meet financial obligations, to provide dividends, to execute growth plan and to continue growth through business acquisitions;
- manage the Corporation's activities in a responsible way in order to provide an adequate return for its shareholders; and
- comply with financial covenants required under the credit facilities.

For capital management, the Corporation has defined its capital as the combination of long-term debts, loan payable, shareholders' equity and non-controlling interest, net of cash (net of bank overdraft). The non-recourse debts are excluded.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Long-term debts	989.4	799.1
Loan payable (note 15)	3.9	4.3
Shareholders' equity	2,916.4	2,151.8
Non-controlling interest	(4.7)	(2.8)
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	3,905.0	2,952.4
Less: Cash net of bank overdraft	(202.2)	(176.3)
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	3,702.8	2,776.1
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The Corporation's financing strategy is to maintain a flexible structure consistent with the objectives stated above, to respond adequately to changes in economic conditions and to allow growth through business acquisitions. The Corporation monitors its capital structure using the consolidated funded debt to consolidated adjusted EBITDA ratio. This ratio is used to determine what would be the maximum debt level.

In order to maintain and adjust its capital structure, the Corporation may issue new shares in the market, contract bank advances and negotiate new credit facilities. In 2015, the Corporation issued shares from treasury and through an equity private placement and public bought-deal. The net proceeds were used to finance the consideration and the related expenses for acquisitions made during the fiscal year (note 4).

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19 Acquisition and reorganization costs

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Business acquisition related costs	4.3	45.2
Newly acquired businesses integration costs	60.4	12.5
Loss/(Gain) on sale of equity interest in associate/s*	(68.4)	-
Existing operations restructuring and reorganization costs	7.6	12.1
	<hr/> 3.9	<hr/> 69.8

* In 2015, the Corporation sold its 24.73% equity investment in Multiconsult and its 27.9% equity investment in Link Architektur, for net proceeds of approximately \$93.3 million.

Included in Acquisition and reorganization costs are personnel costs of \$38.4 million and \$35.3 million for 2015 and 2014, respectively.

20 Net finance expenses

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Interest on bank advances	30.5	11.6
Net finance expenses on pension obligations	6.9	4.8
Exchange loss/(gain) on liabilities in foreign currencies	(1.8)	0.3
Other interest and bank charges	5.5	2.1
Loss/(gain) on sale of assets available for sale	(6.1)	(5.0)
Interest income	(1.8)	(1.3)
	<hr/> 33.2	<hr/> 12.5

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21 Income taxes

The components of income tax expense (recovery) for 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current tax		
Current tax on earnings for the year	33.5	26.7
Adjustments in respect of prior years	10.6	(6.8)
Total current tax	44.1	19.9
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	34.3	1.0
Impact of change in tax rates	1.3	(0.6)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(7.9)	5.0
Total deferred tax	27.7	5.4
Total income tax expenses	71.8	25.3

The reconciliation of the difference between the income tax expenses using the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory tax rate of 26.9% and the actual effective tax rate is as follows:

	2015		2014	
	\$	%	\$	%
Earnings before income tax expense	260.4	-	87.5	-
Expected income tax expense at the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory rate	70.1	26.9	23.5	26.9
Changes resulting from:				
Foreign tax rate differences	(7.7)	(3.0)	(4.2)	(4.8)
Non-deductible expenses/(non-taxable income), net	(5.2)	(2.0)	0.6	0.7
Unrecognized tax benefits, net	8.6	3.3	8.6	9.8
Adjustments in respect of prior years	2.7	1.1	(1.8)	(2.0)
Effect of change in tax rates	1.3	0.5	(0.6)	(0.7)
Other items	2.0	0.8	(0.8)	(1.0)
	71.8	27.6	25.3	28.9

In 2015, the favorable impact of non-deductible expenses/(non-taxable income), net, was mostly due to a non-taxable gain of \$68.4 related to the sale of the Corporation's equity investments in two associates (note 19), offset by various non-deductible expenses.

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On October 26, 2015, the United Kingdom (“UK”) Finance Bill which included the reduction in the UK corporate tax rate from 20% to 19%, effective April 1, 2017 and from 19% to 18%, effective April 1, 2020 was substantively enacted. As a result, for the year ended December 31, 2015, the Corporation incurred a charge of \$1.3 due to the re-evaluation of its deferred income tax assets and liabilities.

As at December 31, 2015, and 2014, the significant components of deferred income tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

							2015
	As at January 1	Credited (charged) to statement of earnings	Credited (charged) to other compre- hensive income	Charged directly to equity	Business acqui- sitions	Exchange differences	As at December 31
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Deferred income tax assets							
Deductible provisions upon settlement	112.5	(17.4)	-	-	1.0	17.4	113.5
Tax loss carry forwards	24.9	3.2	1.1	-	-	1.7	30.9
Pension Plan	57.9	(7.9)	(10.2)	-	0.8	9.8	50.4
Deferred issuance-related costs	8.9	(2.1)	-	2.2	-	-	9.0
Property, plant and equipment	7.3	-	-	-	-	1.0	8.3
Other temporary differences	5.3	(4.2)	-	-	3.3	0.8	5.2
	<u>216.8</u>	<u>(28.4)</u>	<u>(9.1)</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>5.1</u>	<u>30.7</u>	<u>217.3</u>
Deferred income tax liabilities							
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	(50.1)	(11.4)	-	-	(4.9)	(4.5)	(70.9)
Holdbacks	(14.1)	(7.2)	-	-	(2.1)	(3.0)	(26.4)
Property, plant and equipment	(2.8)	1.4	-	-	(2.7)	-	(4.1)
Intangible assets and goodwill	(99.0)	15.2	-	-	(9.4)	(15.5)	(108.7)
Other temporary differences	(14.0)	2.7	(4.4)	-	(1.0)	(4.8)	(21.5)
	<u>(180.0)</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>(4.4)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20.1)</u>	<u>(27.8)</u>	<u>(231.6)</u>
Total	<u>36.8</u>	<u>(27.7)</u>	<u>(13.5)</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>(15.0)</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>(14.3)</u>

Included in total deferred income tax assets of \$217.3 as at December 31, 2015 is an amount of \$62.8 expected to be recovered in the next twelve months.

Included in total deferred income tax liabilities of \$231.6 as at December 31, 2015 is an amount of \$118.8 expected to be settled in the next twelve months.

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	2014						
	As at January 1 \$	Credited (charged) to statement of earnings \$	Credited (charged) to other compre- hensive income \$	Charged directly to equity \$	Business acqui- sitions \$	Exchange differences \$	As at December 31 \$
Deferred income tax assets							
Deductible provisions upon settlement	2.7	0.6	-	-	104.9	4.3	112.5
Tax loss carry forwards	18.6	(4.7)	-	-	10.0	1.0	24.9
Pension Plan	16.1	(1.4)	4.6	-	36.4	2.2	57.9
Deferred issuance-related costs	3.2	(2.1)	-	8.6	(1.1)	0.3	8.9
Property, plant and equipment	4.7	0.1	-	-	2.2	0.3	7.3
Other temporary differences	8.8	(1.0)	2.7	-	(5.4)	0.2	5.3
	<u>54.1</u>	<u>(8.5)</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>147.0</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>216.8</u>
Deferred income tax liabilities							
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	(37.3)	(3.7)	-	-	(7.2)	(1.9)	(50.1)
Holdbacks	(1.0)	-	-	-	(12.5)	(0.6)	(14.1)
Property, plant and equipment	(1.3)	0.4	-	-	(1.8)	(0.1)	(2.8)
Intangible assets and goodwill	(18.0)	4.9	-	-	(82.1)	(3.8)	(99.0)
Other temporary differences	(1.7)	1.5	-	-	(13.0)	(0.8)	(14.0)
	<u>(59.3)</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(116.6)</u>	<u>(7.2)</u>	<u>(180.0)</u>
Total	<u>(5.2)</u>	<u>(5.4)</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>30.4</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>36.8</u>

Included in total deferred income tax assets of \$216.8, as at December 31, 2014, is an amount of \$96.5 expected to be recovered in the next twelve months.

Included in total deferred income tax liabilities of \$180.0, as at December 31, 2014, is an amount of \$50.3 expected to be settled in the next twelve months.

The deferred income taxes are presented as follows on the consolidated statements of financial position:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Deferred income tax assets	55.6	91.3
Deferred income tax (liabilities)	(69.9)	(54.5)
Net Deferred income tax assets/(liabilities)	<u>(14.3)</u>	<u>36.8</u>

As at December 31, 2015, the Corporation recognized deferred income tax assets of \$30.9 (\$24.9 as at December 31, 2014) related to certain subsidiaries tax losses of the current and prior years. The deferred income tax assets are recognized, as the Corporation believes it is probable that taxable profits will be available in the future against which the tax loss carry forwards can be utilized.

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As at December 31, 2015, the Corporation had \$42.6 of unrecognized deferred income tax assets related to \$123.0 of tax loss carry forwards, of which \$26.5 expire between 2016 and 2024 with the remainder having no expiry, and \$81.5 of gross temporary differences with no expiry. The Corporation considers the recovery of those unrecognized deferred income tax assets as not probable.

A deferred income tax liability relating to taxable temporary differences amounting to \$72.0 as at December 31, 2015 (\$27.9 as at December 31, 2014), associated with the undistributed earnings of subsidiaries, has not been recognized, as the Corporation controls the timing of the reversal of these temporary differences and does not expect they will reverse in the foreseeable future. Upon distribution of these earnings in the form of dividends or otherwise, the Corporation may be subject to corporation or withholding taxes.

22 Dividends

The Corporation aims to declare and pay cash dividends on a quarterly basis to shareholders. The total amount of dividends declared by the Corporation for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015 was \$37.2 or \$0.375 per share.

The total amount of dividends declared by the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2015, was \$141.2 (\$112.4, including a dividend equivalent payment, in 2014).

Dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP)

Under the DRIP, the holders of common shares may elect to have cash dividends reinvested into additional common shares. The shares to be delivered can be purchased on the open market or issued from treasury at the discretion of Management. The shares issued from treasury can be issued at a discount of up to 5.0% of the applicable average market price.

During the year \$70.2 was reinvested in 1,783,262 common shares under the dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP") (note 17).

On January 15, 2016, on the payment of the fourth quarter dividend, \$18.9 was reinvested in 482,907 additional shares under the DRIP.

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23 Statements of cash flows

a) Adjustments

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Depreciation and amortization	140.0	77.5
Share of income per statements of earnings of associates and joint ventures	(3.1)	(5.7)
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of equity investments in associates	(68.4)	-
Defined benefit pension scheme expense	9.2	1.7
Cash contribution to defined benefit pension schemes	(13.3)	(9.9)
Foreign exchange and non-cash movements	(0.1)	0.1
Others	(4.6)	(4.1)
	<hr/> 59.7	<hr/> 59.6

b) Change in non-cash working capital items

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Decrease (increase) in:		
Trade, prepaid and other receivables	(15.2)	(91.3)
Costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings	(118.2)	25.9
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(60.1)	100.8
Billings in excess of costs and anticipated profits	76.2	55.1
	<hr/> (117.3)	<hr/> 90.5

c) Transactions not affecting cash and cash equivalents

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Additions to intangible assets and prepaid through the assumption of a finance lease and financial liabilities	2.0	2.8

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24 Related party transactions

Controlled entities The Corporation controls and consolidates an entity when the Corporation is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

	Country of incorporation	Interest 2015	Interest 2014
WSP Canada Inc.	Canada	100%	100%
Parsons Brinckerhoff Holdings Inc.	USA	100%	100%
WSP USA Corp	USA	100%	100%
WSP Columbia S.A.S.	Columbia	100%	100%
WSP UK Limited.	United Kingdom	100%	100%
Parsons Brinckerhoff Limited (UK)	United Kingdom	100%	100%
WSP Sverige AB	Sweden	100%	100%
WSP France SAS.	France	100%	100%
WSP Middle East Ltd	Jersey	100%	100%
Parsons Brinckerhoff International LLC	Qatar	100%	100%
Parsons Brinckerhoff Africa (Pty) Limited	South Africa	100%	100%
WSP Asia Limited	Hong Kong	100%	100%
WSP Hong Kong Limited	Hong Kong	100%	100%
Shanghai WSP Consulting Ltd	Shanghai	100%	100%
Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd	Hong Kong	100%	100%
Parsons Brinckerhoff International PteLtd.	Australia	100%	100%
WSP Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
WSP Australia Holdings Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
PB Australia Pty Limited	Australia	100%	100%

Key management compensation

Key management includes the members of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the members of the executive committee. The compensation paid or payable to key management is shown below:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Short-term employee benefits	9.4	17.1
Share-based payments	10.7	4.9
	<u>20.1</u>	<u>22.0</u>

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25 Financial instruments

Fair value

Cash, trade and other receivables, costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings, accounts payable, dividends payable to shareholders, bank overdrafts, long-term debts, other non-current liabilities, obligations under finance leases and bank advances are financial instruments whose fair values approximate their carrying values due to their short-term maturity, variable interest rates or current market rates for instruments with fixed rates.

The fair value hierarchy under which the Corporation's financial instruments are valued is as follows:

- Level 1 includes unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 includes inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 includes inputs for the assets or liability that are not based on observable market data.

As at December 31, 2015, and 2014, the fair value of the investments available for sale is valued under Level 1. These are the only assets measured at fair value.

Financial risk management

The Corporation is exposed to credit risk, foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The following analyses provide a measurement of those risks as at December 31, 2015, and 2014.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss.

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Corporation to significant credit risk consist principally of cash, trade and other receivables, and costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings. The Corporation's maximum amount of credit risk exposure is limited to the carrying amount of these financial instruments, which is \$2,448.8 as at December 31, 2015, and \$1,949.0 as at December 31, 2014.

The Corporation's cash is held with or issued by leading financial institutions. Therefore, the Corporation considers the risk of non-performance on these instruments to be minimal.

The Corporation's credit risk is principally attributable to its trade receivables and costs and anticipated profits in excess of billings. The amounts disclosed in the consolidated statements of financial position are net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, estimated by the Corporation's Management and based, in part, on the age of the specific receivable balance and the current and expected collection trends. Generally, the Corporation does not require collateral or other security from customers for trade accounts receivable; however, credit is extended following an evaluation of creditworthiness. In addition, the Corporation performs ongoing credit reviews of all its customers and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts when the likelihood of collecting

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the account has significantly diminished. The Corporation believes that the credit risk of trade accounts receivable is limited. During the year ended December 31, 2015, and 2014, bad debts accounted for were not significant.

The Corporation mitigates its credit risk by providing services to diverse clients in various market segments and sectors of the economy.

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Corporation operates internationally and is exposed to currency risks arising from its operating activities denominated in US dollars, Sterling, Swedish krona and Euros and to its net asset in foreign operations. These risks are partially offset by purchases and operating expenses incurred in these currencies.

The Corporation has investments in foreign operations, whose net assets are exposed to foreign currency risk. This risk is partly offset through borrowings denominated in the relevant foreign currency. The exchange gains or losses on the net equity investment of these operations are reflected in the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) account in shareholders' equity, as part of the currency translation adjustment.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the Corporation entered into cross currency swap agreements for a nominal amount of US\$209.3 to hedge a portion of its US denominated debt at a US/CAD rate of 1.3616. The fair market value gain amounted to US\$3.3 (net of tax of US\$0.9) and has been recorded in the statement of earnings. All cross currency swap agreements expire in the first quarter of 2016.

Taking into account the amounts denominated in foreign currencies and presuming that all of the other variables remain unchanged, a fluctuation in exchange rates would have an impact on the Corporation's net earnings. Management believes that a 10% change (10% in 2014) in exchange rates could be reasonably possible.

The table below summarizes the impacts of a 10% weakening or strengthening in the exchange rates on the net earnings and statement of other comprehensive income:

	2015			
	US Dollar	Sterling Pound	Swedish Krona	Australian Dollar
Net earnings	12.1	1.8	3.0	0.7
Other comprehensive income	12.9	9.2	2.5	3.1

	2014			
	US Dollar	Sterling Pound	Swedish Krona	Australian Dollar
Net earnings	1.5	2.0	3.0	-
Other comprehensive income	50.4	11.4	1.6	-

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Interest risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Corporation's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to its bank advances, notes payable and certain long-term debts with floating interest rates. This risk is partially offset by cash held at variable rates.

A 1% fluctuation in interest rates would not have a material impact on the Corporation's net earnings.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will encounter difficulties in meeting its obligations as they fall due.

A centralized treasury function ensures that the Corporation maintains funding flexibility by assessing future cash flow expectations and by maintaining sufficient headroom on its committed borrowing facilities. Borrowing limits, cash restrictions and compliance with debt covenants are also taken into account.

The Corporation watches for liquidity risks arising from financial instruments on an ongoing basis. Management monitors the liquidity requirements to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational needs while maintaining sufficient headroom on its undrawn committed borrowing facilities at all times. WSP has access to committed lines of credit with banks (note 14).

The tables below present the contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at December 31, 2015, and 2014. The amounts disclosed are contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	2015				
	Carrying amount \$	Contractual cash flows \$	Less than a year \$	Between 1 and 2 years \$	More than 2 years \$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, including non-current portion of provisions	1,328.8	1,328.8	1,256.0	72.8	-
Dividends payable to shareholders	37.2	37.2	37.2	-	-
Long-term debts, including current portion	989.4	1,009.3	142.6	142.6	724.1
Financial liabilities, including current portion	23.5	23.8	18.7	4.5	0.6
	2,378.9	2,399.1	1,454.5	219.9	724.7

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	2014				
	Carrying amount \$	Contractual cash flows \$	Less than a year \$	Between 1 and 2 years \$	More than 2 years \$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, including non-current portion of provisions	1,190.3	1,190.3	1,115.3	75.0	-
Dividends payable to shareholders	33.2	33.2	33.2	-	-
Long-term debts, including current portion	799.1	866.4	30.3	137.0	699.1
Financial liabilities, including current portion	46.3	47.4	45.4	2.0	-
	<u>2,068.9</u>	<u>2,137.3</u>	<u>1,224.2</u>	<u>214.0</u>	<u>699.1</u>

As at December 31, 2015, the Corporation had unused credit facilities of \$736.0 (\$414.5 in 2014), net of outstanding letters of credit of \$223.8 (\$168.3 in 2014), and cash net of bank overdraft of \$202.2 (\$176.3 in 2014).

26 Commitments and contingencies

Leases and bonds

The Corporation leases various office premises and equipment under non-cancellable operating lease agreements. The lease terms vary from six months to ten years, and the majority of lease agreements can be renewed at market rates.

The lease expenditure included in the consolidated statements of earnings amounted to \$184.3 for the year ended December 31, 2015 (\$102.3 for the year ended December 31, 2014).

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
No later than 1 year	180.9	125.0
Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	418.6	293.5
Later than 5 years	280.3	113.9
	<u>879.8</u>	<u>532.4</u>

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As at December 31, 2015, bonds given in the normal course of business totaled \$20.8 (\$17.3 in 2014).

Contingencies

The Corporation is currently facing legal proceedings for work carried out in the normal course of its business. The Corporation takes out a professional liability insurance policy in order to manage the risks related to such proceedings. Based on advice and information provided by its legal advisors and on its experience in the settlement of similar proceedings, Management believes that the Corporation has accounted for sufficient provisions in that regard and that the final settlement should not exceed the insurance coverage significantly or should not have a material effect on the financial position or operating results of the Corporation.

As a government contractor, the Corporation may be subject to laws and regulations that are more restrictive than those applicable to non-government contractors. Government scrutiny of contractors' compliance with those laws and regulations through audits and investigations is inherent in government contracting, and, from time to time, Management receives inquiries and similar demands related to our ongoing business with government entities. Since 2012, the Corporation has been the object of investigations and search warrants initiated by the Unité Permanente Anti-Corruption (UPAC) and the Competition Bureau in several regions within the Province of Québec. Some of the investigations conducted by the Competition Bureau have been referred for consideration to the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. On February 11, 2013, the Corporation announced that it was in possession of information confirming that inappropriate conduct in the province of Quebec in the financing of political parties and the awarding of municipal contracts had occurred in the past. As of March 14, 2016, the Corporation had received letters of demand from two cities requesting the Corporation to participate in the voluntary reimbursement program established pursuant to Bill 26, An Act to ensure mainly the recovery of amounts improperly paid as a result of fraud or fraudulent tactics in connection with public contracts, enacted in April 2015. Due to the implementation of the voluntary reimbursement program by the Québec government in November 2015, public bodies are prevented, until the voluntary reimbursement program is closed, from presenting their own civil claims for reimbursement of amounts improperly paid unless they receive prior authorization from the Minister of Justice. To date, no charges have been brought against the Corporation nor has the Corporation received any claims for fines, penalties or other monetary compensation in relation to the investigations initiated by UPAC and the Competition Bureau. The Corporation is taking steps to address these contingencies but cannot predict at this time the final outcome, potential losses or amounts that may have to be reimbursed to any governmental authorities, if any, with respect to any investigation by such government authorities in respect of these facts, including the possibility that their scope may be broadened which could have an impact on its future results of operations.

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27 Segment information

(a) Major customers

As at December 31, 2015, and 2014, no individual customer represented more than 10% of the Corporation's consolidated revenues.

(b) Segmented information

Effective January 1, 2015 (note 2), the Corporation manages through four reportable operating segments, which are the following: Canada, Americas (USA and South America), EMEIA (Europe, Middle East, India and Africa) and APAC (Asia-Pacific, comprising mainly Asia and Australia). Comparative information has been restated to conform to this structure.

The executive committee assesses the performance of the operating segments based on revenues, net revenues and adjusted EBITDA before Global Corporate costs. Adjusted EBITDA before Global Corporate costs excludes items such as restructuring, business acquisition transaction and integration expenses, and Global Corporate costs, which the Corporation believes should not be considered when assessing its underlying financial performance. Global Corporate costs are expenses and salaries related to centralized functions, like global finance, human resources and technology teams, which are not allocated to segments. This measure also excludes the effects of financial expenses, depreciation, amortization and income taxes.

Sales between segments are carried out at arm's length. The revenues reported to the executive committee are measured in a similar manner as in the consolidated statements of earnings and exclude intercompany sales.

	2015				
	Canada	Americas	EMEIA	APAC	Total
Revenues	976.0	2,260.6	2,082.6	744.8	6,064.0
Less: Subconsultants and direct costs	(170.5)	(904.1)	(399.0)	(103.6)	(1,577.2)
Net revenues	805.5	1,356.5	1,683.6	641.2	4,486.8
Adjusted EBITDA before Global Corporate costs	93.3	211.8	174.8	49.0	528.9
Global Corporate costs					(87.4)
Acquisition and reorganization costs					(3.9)
Financial expenses					(35.0)
Depreciation and amortization					(140.0)
Share of taxation and amortization of associates					(2.2)
Earnings before income tax					260.4

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					2014
	Canada	Americas	EMEIA	APAC	Total
Revenues	826.6	546.2	1,303.3	226.3	2,902.4
Less: Subconsultants and direct costs	(137.5)	(168.2)	(218.8)	(28.0)	(552.5)
Net revenues	689.1	378.0	1,084.5	198.3	2,349.9
Adjusted EBITDA before Global Corporate costs	97.5	47.1	117.9	13.0	275.5
Global Corporate costs					(22.0)
Acquisition and reorganization costs					(69.8)
Financial expenses					(13.8)
Depreciation and amortization					(77.5)
Share of taxation and amortization of associates					(4.9)
Earnings before income tax					87.5

(c) Geographic information

The following revenues have been allocated to geographic regions based on the country of operation of the Corporation.

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	\$	\$
United States	2,216.0	497.5
Canada	976.0	826.6
United Kingdom	895.5	501.0
Sweden	515.0	471.3
Australia	363.0	114.3
China	256.4	95.4
South Africa	147.8	69.3
United Arab Emirates	131.4	96.5
Qatar	113.9	21.2
Singapore	74.9	4.8
Finland	39.6	42.4
Others	334.5	162.1
	6,064.0	2,902.4

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The property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets are allocated in the following countries:

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	\$	\$
United States	1,365.7	1,142.8
Canada	1,071.8	679.6
Sweden	271.2	221.9
United Kingdom	246.2	214.1
Others	455.5	390.5
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	3,410.4	2,648.9
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