#### **AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Unitholders of Richards Packaging Income Fund

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of **Richards Packaging Income Fund** as at December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the consolidated statements of income and deficit and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Toronto, Canada February 23, 2007.

(Signed) Ernst & Young LLP
Chartered Accountants

## **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

[expressed in thousands of dollars]

As at December 31

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
ASSETS [note 7]		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,858	479
Accounts receivable	21,127	23,367
Inventory	24,175	24,440
Prepaid expenses	971	1,078
Income taxes recoverable	54	43
Future income tax assets [note 11]	487	360
Total current assets	48,672	49,767
Capital assets, net [note 4]	4,903	6,221
Deferred financing fees, net	380	808
Intangible assets, net [note 5]	43,087	48,489
Future income tax assets [note 11]	473	245
Goodwill [notes 1, 3 and 6]	57,276	57,289
	154,791	162,819
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  Income taxes payable	19,288 435	17,849 186
Distributions payable to unitholders [note 10]	959	959
Dividends payable to exchangeable shareholders [note 9]	49	49
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt [note 7]	40	15,765
Total current liabilities	20,771	36,120
Long-term debt [note 7]	34,987	21,287
Future income tax liabilities [note 11]	12,341	15,632
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Total liabilities	68,099	73,039
Total liabilities Non-controlling interests [note 9]	68,099 4,291	
Non-controlling interests [note 9] Commitments and contingencies [note 8] Unitholders' equity		
Non-controlling interests [note 9] Commitments and contingencies [note 8]  Unitholders' equity Units [note 10]	4,291 95,772	4,442 95,772
Non-controlling interests [note 9] Commitments and contingencies [note 8]  Unitholders' equity Units [note 10] Deficit	4,291	4,442 95,772
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Non-controlling interests [note 9] Commitments and contingencies [note 8]	95,772 (9,843)	4,442 95,772 (6,845)

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

*"Wayne McLeod"*Chair – Audit Committee

"Gerry Glynn"

"Enzio Di Gennaro"

CEO – Richards Packaging Inc.

CFO – Richards Packaging Inc.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND DEFICIT

[expressed in thousands of dollars except for Unit and per Unit amounts]

For the years ended December 31

	<b>2006</b> \$	2005 \$
Revenue	159,005	165,280
Cost of products sold	132,001	140,960
-	27,004	24,320
General and administrative expenses	9,101	9,253
Foreign currency gain from operations [note 15]	(33)	(254)
Long-term incentive plan [note 10]	130	96
Income before under noted items, income taxes		_
and non-controlling interests	17,806	15,225
Amortization		_
Capital assets [note 4]	2,189	2,386
Intangible assets [note 5]	5,732	5,344
Deferred financing fees	509	670
Interest expense [note 7]	3,045	2,312
Unrealized losses (gains) on financial instruments [note 15]		
Interest rate swap contracts	222	15
Foreign currency forward agreement	_	151
Foreign currency translation of short- and long-term debt	(7)	(1,343)
Income before income taxes and non-controlling interests	6,116	5,690
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes [note 11]		
Current	817	482
Future	(3,646)	(2,015)
	(2,829)	(1,533)
Income before non-controlling interests	8,945	7,223
Non-controlling interests [note 9]	435	352
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Net income for the year	8,510	6,871
Deficit, beginning of year	(6,845)	(2,208)
Distributions declared to unitholders [note 10]	(11,508)	(11,508)
Deficit, end of year	(9,843)	(6,845)
Basic and diluted income per Unit	\$0.830	\$0.670
Weighted average number of Units outstanding		
Basic	10,256,327	10,256,327
Diluted	10,781,012	10,781,012

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

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

[expressed in thousands of dollars]

For the years ended December 31

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
ODED ATING ACTIVITIES		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Not income for the year	9.510	6 071
Net income for the year Add (deduct) items not involving cash	8,510	6,871
Amortization	8,430	8,400
Future income taxes	(3,646)	(2,015)
Non-controlling interests	435	352
Unrealized losses on financial instruments	222	166
Unrealized foreign currency gain on short- and long-term debt	(7)	(1,343)
Officialized foreign currency gain on short and forig term deor	13,944	12,431
Net change in non-cash operating elements of	13,744	12,431
working capital [note 16]	4,090	(6,788)
Working capital [note 10]	1,000	(0,700)
Cash provided by operating activities	18,034	5,643
Cash provided by operating activities	10,034	3,043
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to capital assets	(884)	(1 040)
Expenditures on patents and trademarks	(330)	(1,848) (131)
Acquisition, net of cash acquired of \$272 [note 3]	(330)	(7,242)
Acquisition, net of easi acquired of \$272 [note 5]		(7,242)
Cash used in investing activities	(1,214)	(0.221)
Cash used in investing activities	(1,214)	(9,221)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (decrease) in bank indebtedness	(1,312)	1,312
Proceeds from short- and long-term debt, net	94	13,722
Repayment of short-term debt	(2,200)	(1,000)
Repayment of due to officers	(2,200)	(644)
Dividends paid to exchangeable shareholders	(589)	(585)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(11,508)	(11,425)
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Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(15,515)	1,380
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Foreign currency gain (loss)	74	(830)
1 oroign carrolley gain (1000)	17	(030)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,379	(3,028)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	479	3,507
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	1,858	479
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. FORMATION OF THE FUND AND ACQUISITION

Richards Packaging Income Fund [the "Fund"] is an open-ended, limited purpose trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a Declaration of Trust dated February 26, 2004. The Fund remained inactive until April 7, 2004 when the Fund completed an initial public offering of 8,569,913 trust Units of the Fund [the "Units"] at a price of \$10 per Unit, realizing gross proceeds of \$85,699, to facilitate the acquisition of Richards Packaging Inc. shares and an indenture note through a series of transactions.

The Fund indirectly purchased 96% of the shares of Richards Packaging Inc. for \$86,161, including acquisition costs of \$417. The consideration consisted of \$68,880 in cash and the issuance of 1,686,414 Units at a price of \$10 per Unit. In addition, 455,185 exchangeable shares of Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. were issued to officers for the remaining 4% of the outstanding shares of Richards Packaging Inc. These shares are reflected as non-controlling interests.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

## **Principles of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Fund, Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. ["Holdings"], Richards Packaging Inc. ["Richards Canada"], and Richards Packaging, Inc. ["Richards US"], both wholly-owned directly or indirectly by Holdings, and 50% of Vision Plastics Inc. ["Vision"], one of its three plastic container manufacturing plants, which is jointly controlled. The non-controlling interests in Holdings is 4.87%. All the subsidiaries of the Fund are referred to as "Richards Packaging".

## Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, significant risks and benefits of ownership are transferred, the sales price to the customer is fixed or is determinable and collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured. The significant risks and benefits of ownership are normally transferred in accordance with the shipping terms agreed to with the customer. The Fund estimates and records an allowance for product returns and discounts for each reporting period.

## Cash and cash equivalents & bank indebtedness

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and highly liquid investments with a term to maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase. Bank indebtedness represents issued and outstanding cheques which have not yet been applied to the revolving credit facility. Cash balances with the right of offset are netted against bank indebtedness.

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### **Inventory**

Raw materials are valued at the lower of cost and replacement value and products available for sale are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

## Capital assets

Capital assets are initially recorded at cost. Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred. Amortization is computed using the straight-line or diminishing balance method over the remaining estimated useful lives of the capital assets as outlined below:

Manufacturing equipment
Moulds
Computer equipment
Computer software and systems implementation
Warehouse and office equipment
Leasehold improvements

straight-line over 7 years straight-line over 4 years 30% diminishing balance straight-line over 5 years 20% diminishing balance straight-line over lease term

## **Deferred financing fees**

The costs of obtaining long-term debt are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the debt to which those costs relate.

## **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets with a finite life are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of expected future benefit. Costs for patents and trademarks also include legal defense expenditures. Customer relationships and contracts are amortized over 10 years, patents over 12 years and trademarks over 11 years.

#### Goodwill

At the acquisition date, goodwill is recorded at the excess of the purchase price of an acquired business over the fair value of the net assets acquired.

The Fund performs its impairment test on its acquired goodwill annually, or more frequently if circumstances indicate a possible impairment. Management reviews the carrying amount of goodwill for possible impairment by conducting a two-step test. In the first step, fair value of the reporting unit, as determined by discounted cash flows, is compared to its carrying value. If the fair value is less than the carrying value, a second step will be conducted whereby the fair value of goodwill is determined on the same basis as in a business combination. If the fair value of goodwill is less than its carrying value, goodwill will then be written down to its estimated fair value.

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## Long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are comprised of capital assets and intangible assets subject to amortization which are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. For purposes of evaluating the recoverability of long-lived assets, a test is performed using their undiscounted future net cash flows. Should impairment exist, the impairment loss would be measured as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value and recognized by way of an additional current period amortization charge. The Fund has not identified any such impairment losses to date.

### **Income taxes**

Income tax obligations relating to distributions of the Fund are the obligations of the unitholders, and accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in respect of the Fund itself. A provision for the Fund's subsidiary companies which are subject to tax has been recognized.

The Fund's subsidiary companies follow the liability method to account for income taxes whereby future tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities. Future tax assets and liabilities are measured using the substantively enacted tax rates that will be in effect when these differences are expected to reverse. Future tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is more likely than not that the assets will be realized.

### Long-term incentive plan

Management of Richards Packaging is eligible to participate in the Fund's long-term incentive plan. Long-term incentive plan costs are accrued based on excess distributions and recognized on a graded basis over the vesting period.

### Foreign currency translation

The unit of measure for the Fund and related entities, except for Richards US, is the Canadian dollar and accounts in foreign currencies have been translated into Canadian dollars. Monetary items are recorded at exchange rates in effect at the consolidated balance sheet dates and non-monetary items are recorded at the exchange rates in effect on the date of the transaction. Revenue and expenses are recorded at average exchange rates prevailing during the year, except for amortization, which is translated at rates prevailing when the related assets were acquired. Gains and losses arising from foreign currency translations are included in income.

Richards US is treated as a self-sustaining foreign operation. All assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates in effect at the consolidated balance sheet dates. Revenue and expenses, including amortization, are translated at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. Any resulting gains or losses are included in unitholders' equity as a cumulative translation adjustment.

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#### **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative financial instruments are utilized from time to time to reduce foreign currency and interest rate risks on the Fund's debt. The Fund does not enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The Fund has not elected to designate its interest rate swap contracts and foreign currency standard rate agreements as hedges for accounting purposes and, accordingly, will record the fair value of these derivatives using a mark-to-market valuation basis, with changes during the year recognized in income.

### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the amounts of revenue and expenses recognized for the period reported. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and are reviewed periodically and adjustments, if necessary, are made in the period in which they are identified. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

### 3. ACQUISITION

Effective July 29, 2005, the Fund indirectly acquired all the shares of Dispill Inc. ["Dispill"] for consideration of \$7,514 including acquisition costs of \$92. The consideration was satisfied by a cash payment which was financed by the acquisition credit facility [note 7]. The necessary steps were taken to combine Dispill effective July 29, 2005 within the legal structure of the Fund's subsidiary.

This acquisition has been accounted for by the purchase method. Consequently, the results of operations and cash flows are included in these consolidated financial statements from the effective date of acquisition. The allocation of the purchase price is outlined below:

	\$		\$
Current assets	1,060	Current liabilities	424
Capital assets	69	Future income tax liabilities	2,283
Patents and trademarks	4,030		
Customer relationships and contracts	2,300		
Total assets acquired	7,459	Total liabilities assumed	2,707
Fair value of net assets acquired			4,752
Goodwill [note 6]			2,762
Purchase price			7,514

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## 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

		Accumulated	Net boo	k value
	Cost	amortization	2006	2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Manufacturing equipment	4,373	2,855	1,518	2,281
Moulds	3,363	1,847	1,516	1,760
Computer equipment	722	323	399	353
Computer software and systems implementation	1,478	608	870	1,153
Warehouse and office equipment	888	383	505	570
Leasehold improvements	174	79	95	104
	10,998	6,095	4,903	6,221

### 5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated	Net bo	ok value
		amortization	2006	2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Customer relationships and contracts	53,300	14,188	39,112	44,472
Patents and trademarks	4,491	516	3,975	4,017
	57,791	14,704	43,087	48,489

Cost represents the fair value of intangible assets acquired with the purchase of Richards Packaging Inc. *[note 1]* and subsequent acquisitions. Intangible assets amortization is not deductible for tax purposes.

## 6. GOODWILL

Changes in the carrying amounts of goodwill are as follows:

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Goodwill, beginning of year	57,289	55,104
Acquired on acquisitions during the year		2,762
Foreign currency translation loss	(13)	(577)
Goodwill, end of year	57,276	57,289

The foreign currency translation loss is associated with the goodwill related to Richards US. The goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes.

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### 7. SHORT- AND LONG-TERM DEBT

The term, revolving and acquisition credit lines were refinanced on May 12, 2006. Fees associated with the refinancing of the term credit line are deferred and amortized over the three-year term of these facilities. Credit facilities available to the Fund are outlined below:

		Interest	Outstandin	g balance	Total
Debt facility	Due date	rate	2006	2005	facilities
			\$	\$	\$
Revolving credit	June 4, 2007	See [i] below		2,200	5,000
Acquisition credit	June 4, 2007	See [ii] below		13,525	8,157
Term loan	See [iii] below	See [iii] below	40	40	40
Short-term debt and	d current portion of	long-term debt	40	15,765	13,197
Term loan	June 5, 2009	See [iv] below	34,959	21,219	34,959
Term loan	See [iii] below	See [iii] below	28	68	28

- [i] The revolving credit facility consists of a Canadian operating line of credit of \$5,000 [2005 \$7,000] bearing interest at the prime rate plus a premium of 0.4% to 1.0%. The effective interest rate at December 31, 2006 is 7.2% [2005 6.7%].
- [ii] The acquisition credit facility consists of a line of credit of U.S.\$7,000 [2005 U.S.\$12,000] bearing interest at LIBOR plus a premium of 1.4% to 2.0%. The effective interest rate at December 31, 2006 is 6.9% [2005 6.3%].
- [iii] The outstanding balance consists of a term loan of \$68 [2005 \$108] bearing interest at the prime rate plus 0.75% with monthly principal repayments of \$3. The term loan matures on August 5, 2008. The effective interest rate at December 31, 2006 is 6.5% [2005 5.2%].
- [iv] The term loan consists of a U.S.\$30,000 loan [2005 U.S.\$18,200] bearing interest at LIBOR plus a premium of 1.4% to 2.0%. The effective interest rate at December 31, 2006 is 6.6% [2005 5.0% subject to a fixed rate swap].

The debt facilities, except as noted in [iii] above, are payable in full on the due dates outlined in the above table.

Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 is comprised as follows: term loan, revolving credit and acquisition credit interest of \$2,508 [2005 – \$1,837], credit card commission charges of \$264 [2005 – \$265] and credit facility charges of \$273 [2005 – \$210].

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Richards Canada has provided a first charge over all of its assets as collateral for the revolving credit facility, the acquisition credit facility and the U.S.\$30,000 term loan. The term loan noted in [iii] above is secured by a first charge on all of Vision's assets.

### 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The minimum rental payments, exclusive of occupancy charges, required under the leases for the Fund's premises are as follows:

	Related parties \$	Other \$	Total \$
2007	406	2,449	2,855
2008	344	2,168	2,512
2009	25	1,616	1,641
2010	<del>_</del>	375	375
2011	<u> </u>	203	203
Thereafter	_	522	522

In the ordinary course of business, the Fund is involved in litigation and other claims. It is management's opinion that the ultimate outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position or operating results of the Fund.

## 9. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

The non-controlling interests represent exchangeable shares issued by Holdings to officers of Richards Canada on the initial public offering [note 1] and as partial consideration for a business acquisition.

	Number of shares	Dividends per share	Deficit \$	\$
Balance, December 31, 2004	524,685			4,731
Allocation of cumulative translation adjustment				(52)
Share of income			352	
Dividends		\$1.122	(589)	(237)
Balance, December 31, 2005	524,685			4,442
Allocation of cumulative translation adjustment				3
Share of income			435	
Dividends		\$1.122	(589)	(154)
Balance, December 31, 2006	524,685			4,291

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These exchangeable shares are redeemable by Holdings on April 7, 2009, or prior to that date in limited circumstances, and are retractable by the shareholders at any time. A retraction or redemption of exchangeable shares will be paid in Units on a one-for-one basis. Exchangeable shares carry the right to vote at any meeting that unitholders are entitled to vote on the same basis.

Dividends paid to the exchangeable shareholders are not subordinated to distributions to unitholders and are declared on the same basis net of applicable taxes. Dividends are made monthly to shareholders of record on the last business day of each month and paid on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

#### 10. UNITS

The capital contributions by unitholders were as follows:	Number of Units	\$
Issued on initial public offering	8,569,913	85,699
Issued for partial acquisition of Richards Packaging Inc.	1,686,414	16,864
Issuance costs, net of capital contributions and future income taxes		(6,791)
	10,256,327	95,772

#### **Fund Units**

The Declaration of Trust provides that an unlimited number of Units may be issued. Each Unit is transferable and represents an equal undivided beneficial interest in any distributions of the Fund and in the net assets of the Fund. All Units have equal rights and privileges. Each Unit entitles the holder thereof to participate equally in allocations and distributions and to one vote at all meetings of unitholders for each whole Unit held. The Units issued are not subject to future calls or assessments. Units are redeemable at any time at the option of the holder at amounts related to market prices at the time, subject to a maximum of \$50 in cash redemptions by the Fund in any particular month.

## **Distributions**

Distributions are made monthly to unitholders of record on the last business day of each month and paid on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. Distributions declared monthly during the year ended December 31, 2006 were \$959 [2005 – \$959] or \$0.0935 per Unit [2005 – \$0.0935 per Unit].

### Long-term incentive plan

Key senior management of Richards Packaging are eligible to participate in the long-term incentive plan [the "LTIP"]. The purpose of the LTIP is to attract, retain and motivate key personnel who contribute significantly to per Unit cash flow. Units awarded under the LTIP will vest over a three-year period, with one-third of the Units vesting each year. To the extent that annual distributions exceed \$1.025 per year, amounts will be contributed to the LTIP on the following basis:

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Amount of excess distributions per Unit	Payout of excess distributions % of excess
< \$0.05	10
\$0.05 to \$0.10	15
>\$0.10	20

For the year ended December 31, 2006, \$130 of compensation expense was recognized [2005 – \$96].

## 11. INCOME TAXES

The provision for (recovery of) income taxes differs from the provision computed at statutory rates due to the various adjustments outlined below:

	<b>2006</b> \$	2005 \$
Income before income taxes and non-controlling interests Distributions to unitholders, not subject to income taxes in the Fund	6,116 (9,721)	5,690 (9,656)
Loss subject to income taxes	(3,605)	(3,966)
Statutory tax rate	36.1%	36.1%
Recovery of income taxes at statutory tax rate	(1,302)	(1,432)
Adjustments to income taxes		
Temporary differences		
Unrealized losses (gains) on financial instruments	347	(183)
Equity placement fees	(629)	(642)
Penalty on discharge of debt	(163)	(189)
Intangible assets	2,898	2,002
Loss for income taxes not utilized	693	832
Amortization	191	110
Working capital	127	_
Other temporary differences	182	85
Current period adjustments		
Change in enacted tax rates	(877)	
Foreign currency loss (gain) on translation of long-term-debt	1	(238)
Withholding tax on dividends and fees from Richards US	137	141
Loss for income taxes (recognized) not recognized	(880)	38
Other items	92	(42)
Current income taxes	817	482
Recovery of future income taxes	(3,646)	(2,015)

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Significant components of future income tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	<b>2006</b> \$	2005 \$
Future income tax assets – current		
Working capital	487	360
Future income tox assets long term		
Future income tax assets – long-term Capital assets	(1)	(43)
Customer relationships and contracts	(1) (416)	(500)
Equity placement fees	532	796
· · ·	308	
Other	50	(8)
	473	245
Future income tax liabilities – long term		
Capital assets	512	661
Customer relationships and contracts	13,156	15,793
Equity placement fees	(706)	(1,071)
Loss for income taxes not utilized	(1,708)	(1,323)
Unrealized gains on financial instruments	281	628
Patents and trademarks	1,213	1,390
Other	(407)	(446)
	12,341	15,632

In addition to the equity placement fees accounted for above, the Fund has approximately \$916 of fees available to be deducted over the next three years [2005 – \$1,320]. The \$1,918 of non-capital losses not recognized for the year ended December 31, 2005 were realized during the year ended December 31, 2006 as \$384 of future income taxes and \$96 of current income taxes. The reversal of the patents and trademarks and customer relationships and contracts accounts above will not give rise to income taxes payable.

On October 31, 2006, the Federal Minister of Finance announced proposed changes that may significantly affect the taxation of income trusts, including the Fund. The proposed new law will result in a two-tiered tax structure similar to that of corporations whereby the taxable portion of distributions would be subject to income tax payable by the Fund at a rate of 31.5%, and such distributions will be treated as if they were dividends paid by a Canadian corporation. The application of the tax proposals will be delayed to 2011 with respect to the Fund. There is no assurance that the draft legislation will be enacted in the manner proposed, or at all, therefore the impact on the valuation of future income tax assets and liabilities will not be reflected until such changes are enacted into law.

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On December 15, 2006, the Federal Minister of Finance released additional guidance for income trusts which establishes objective tests with respect to permitted growth, through the issuance of units and/or convertible debt, without jeopardizing their transitional relief through to 2011. The growth limit that applies for the Fund is \$50 million per year. If this limit is exceeded, the Fund may become immediately subject to the proposed tax.

The Fund's structure involves inter-company debt, generating interest expense, which serves to reduce income and therefore income taxes payable in the United States. Richards US claimed interest deductions with respect to the U.S. Notes [the "Notes"] in computing its income for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Fund received tax opinions on certain matters relating to this intercompany debt. The consolidated financial statements of the Fund reflect these opinions, specifically that the Notes should be respected as debt; and the interest on the Notes, of \$1,371 for the year ended December 31, 2006 [2005 – \$1,464], should be deductible by Richards US for United States federal income tax purposes, subject to any limitations under the earnings stripping rules.

There can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service ["IRS"] will not challenge the tax filing position taken by Richards US, in which case some or all of the otherwise deductible interest on the Notes would be treated as non-deductible distributions. Although management believes it is unlikely that the IRS would be successful, if the Notes are not respected as debt, and the full amount of interest is not deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes, management estimates that the additional taxes in 2006 would be approximately \$521, or \$0.048 per Unit, on a diluted basis [2005 – \$586, or \$0.054 per Unit].

### 12. CUMULATIVE TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENT

The cumulative translation adjustment represents the effect of exchange rate variations on the translation of the Fund's net investment in Richards US, a self-sustaining foreign operation. The unrealized translation gain of \$61 during the year ended December 31, 2006 resulted from the changes in the underlying net investment offset by the slight strengthening of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar [2005 – loss of \$1,018].

### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Richards Canada entered into the following related party transactions, which were measured at the exchange amount:

	<b>2006</b> \$	<b>2005</b> \$
Four leases of facilities from certain officers and their related entities	605	584
Product purchases from Vision [note 14]	8,428	8,262

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### 14. JOINT VENTURE

Richards Canada owns a 50% interest in a joint venture, Vision. Financial information relating to the joint venture before inter-company eliminations is as follows:

	<b>2006</b> \$	<b>2005</b> \$		<b>2006</b> \$	2005 \$
Balance sheet					
Assets			Liabilities		
Current assets	1,443	1,673	Current liabilities	398	468
Capital assets	1,181	1,454	Long-term debt	136	218
			Future income taxes	60	79
Total assets	2,624	3,127	Total liabilities	594	765
Expenses				8,428 8,696	8,262 8,374
Net loss				(268)	(112)
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				2006	2005
				\$	\$
Additional info	rmation				
Cash provided by o		vities		64	622
Cash used in invest				183	160
Cash used in finance				82	112

Since all of the sales of Vision are to Richards Canada, the above table reflects 100% of the balance and transactions of Vision.

### 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Fair value

Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, income taxes recoverable/payable, bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, distributions payable to unitholders and dividends payable to exchangeable shareholders are all short-term in nature and, as such, their carrying values approximate fair values.

The fair value of short- and long-term debt approximates the carrying value as these financial instruments bear interest at rates comparable to current market rates.

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### Credit risk

Concentration of credit risk with respect to trade accounts receivable is limited due to the large number of customers and their geographical dispersion. At December 31, 2006, one customer represented 10.9% of accounts receivable [2005 – nil] and no customer represented 10% or more of the sales [2005 – nil]. In the event of non-payment by the customers, management believes that the allowance for doubtful accounts is adequate to cover any likely losses.

#### Interest rate risk

The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk in the event of fluctuations in LIBOR and the bank's prime rate as the interest rates on the revolving and acquisition credit facilities and term loan are dependent on either LIBOR or the bank's prime rate. The Fund had entered into interest rate swap contracts with approved creditworthy counterparties to manage current and anticipated exposure to interest rate risk through April 1, 2006 on a notional principal amount equal to U.S.\$18,200. The Fund has not accounted for its interest rate swap contracts as hedges in accordance with the provisions of CICA Accounting Guideline 13, "Hedging Relationships". As a result, fluctuations in the market value of the interest rate swap contracts are recorded in the consolidated financial statements from time to time.

## Foreign currency risk

The Fund is exposed to Cdn./U.S. currency fluctuations on cross-border transactions and on translation of the net investment in, and earnings of, Richards US. A foreign currency gain of \$33 from operations has been recorded for the year ended December 31, 2006 [2005 – \$254].

A foreign currency gain of \$7 from the translation of the U.S. dollar denominated short- and long-term debt has been recorded for the year ended December 31, 2006 [2005 – \$1,343]. The foreign currency gain is a result of the change in the U.S./Cdn. rate from \$1.1659 to \$1.1653 [2005 – \$1.2036 to \$1.1659].

### 16. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

The net change in non-cash operating elements of working capital consists of the following:

	<b>2006</b> \$	<b>2005</b> \$
Accounts receivable	2,214	(1,645)
Inventory	194	(1,682)
Prepaid expenses	(103)	265
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,530	(4,382)
Income taxes recoverable/payable	255	656
	4,090	(6,788)

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The cash flow impact of interest and income taxes consists of the following:	<b>2006</b> \$	<b>2005</b> \$
Interest paid Income taxes recovered (paid)	3,269 (595)	2,015 95

### 17. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Fund's operations consist of one reporting segment, principally in the distribution of plastic and glass containers. The geographic distribution of revenue, capital assets and goodwill are as follows:

	Canada		<b>United States</b>	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue	110,322	107,734	48,683	57,546
Capital assets and goodwill	42,518	43,351	19,661	20,159

Revenue by geographic segment is determined based on the country of shipment.

### 18. COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Certain amounts in the comparative financial statements have been reclassified from statements previously presented to conform to the presentation of the 2006 consolidated financial statements.