



**Notice of Annual Meeting of Unitholders and  
Management Information Circular**

**Annual Meeting – May 23, 2008**

**April 21, 2008**

## Notice of Annual Meeting of Unitholders

The Annual Meeting (the “Meeting”) of the holders of trust units of Richards Packaging Income Fund (the “Fund”) will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on Friday, May 23, 2008, at the offices of Lang Michener LLP, Suite 2500, Brookfield Place, Bay/Wellington Tower, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario for the following purposes:

1. to receive the consolidated financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the report of the auditors thereon;
2. to elect the trustees of the Fund for the ensuing year;
3. to direct the trustees of the Fund to vote the common shares of Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. (“Holdings”) held by the Fund for the election of directors of Holdings for the ensuing year;
4. to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the auditors for the ensuing year and authorizing the trustees of the Fund to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors; and
5. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournment thereof.

The accompanying Management Information Circular of the Fund provides additional information relating to the matters to be dealt with at the Meeting and forms part of this notice. The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the report of the auditors thereon are included in the Fund’s Annual Report available on SEDAR at [www.SEDAR.com](http://www.SEDAR.com).

By Order of the Board of Trustees

**(Signed)** *“Donald Wright”*  
Trustee, Chairman of the Board  
Richards Packaging Income Fund

Dated at Toronto, Ontario this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2008

## **Richards Packaging Income Fund**

### **Management Information Circular**

For the Annual Meeting of Unitholders  
To be held on Friday, May 23, 2008

The trustees (the “Trustees”) of Richards Packaging Income Fund (the “Fund”), in conjunction with the management of Richards Packaging Inc. (“Richards Canada”), are pleased to announce the Fund’s fourth annual meeting (the “Meeting”). The Trustees of the Fund and management of Richards Canada have prepared this Management Information Circular, are asking you to vote and are soliciting proxies and voting instructions for the votes on the matters to be considered at the Meeting of holders (the “Unitholders”) of trust units (the “Units”) of the Fund. The costs of preparing and mailing the Notice of Meeting, this Management Information Circular and related matters are being borne by the Fund, Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. and Richards Canada. The record date for notice and voting is April 16, 2008.

### **The Fund**

The Fund is an open-ended, limited purpose trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a Declaration of Trust (as amended, the “Trust Declaration”) to hold the securities of Richards Packaging, directly or indirectly. “Richards Packaging” as used herein refers to all the subsidiaries of the Fund which include Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. (“Holdings”), Richards Canada, Richards Packaging Holdings (US) Inc. (“Holdings US”), 071907 Inc., Richards Packaging, Inc. (“Richards US”) and The E.J. McKernan Co. Richards Packaging is a full service rigid packaging distributor and has 19 locations across Canada and the United States.

The Fund does not carry on any active business but rather holds the securities of Richards Packaging, directly or indirectly. The affairs of the Fund are supervised by its board of Trustees, who are responsible for, among other things, representing the Fund as a direct or indirect shareholder and note indenture holder of Holdings and authorizing distributions from the Fund to the Unitholders.

### **Information for Beneficial Holders of Securities**

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to beneficial holders of Units (herein referred to as “Beneficial Unitholders”), as they do not hold Units registered in their own names on the records of the Fund. Such holders should note that since all Units are held in the book-based system operated by CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. (“CDS”), only proxies deposited by CDS, as the sole registered Unitholder, can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Units are listed in an account statement provided to a Beneficial Unitholder by a broker, then those Units will not be registered in the Beneficial Unitholder’s name on the records of the Fund. All of such Units will be registered under the name of CDS & Co., the registration name for CDS. Units may only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Beneficial Unitholder. Without specific instructions, brokers/nominees are prohibited from voting Units on behalf of their clients.

In accordance with applicable securities laws, the Fund has distributed copies of the Notice and this Management Information Circular and the form of proxy to be used by CDS as the sole registered Unitholder (collectively, the “meeting materials”) to CDS and intermediaries for onward distribution to Beneficial Unitholders.

### **Voting**

Intermediaries are required to forward meeting materials to Beneficial Unitholders unless a Beneficial Unitholder has waived the right to receive them. Typically, intermediaries will use service companies to forward the meeting materials to Beneficial Unitholders. Beneficial Unitholders who have not waived the right to receive meeting materials will either:

- a) be given a voting instruction form which must be completed and signed by the Beneficial Unitholder in accordance with the directions on the voting instruction form, which may in some cases permit the

completion of the voting instruction form by telephone or through the Internet. A Beneficial Unitholder who receives a voting instruction form cannot use that form to vote the Units directly at the Meeting; rather, the Beneficial Unitholder must complete the voting instruction form in accordance with the instructions contained therein well in advance of the Meeting; or

- b) less frequently, be given a proxy which has already been signed by the intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of Units beneficially owned by the Beneficial Unitholder but which is otherwise uncompleted. This form of proxy need not be signed by the Beneficial Unitholder. In this case, the Beneficial Unitholder who wishes to submit a proxy should otherwise properly complete the form of proxy received from the intermediary and deposit it with the CIBC Mellon Trust Company, Attn: Proxy Department, P.O. Box 721, Agincourt, Ontario, M1S 0A1 as described below under “Appointment of Proxies”.

The purpose of these procedures is to permit Beneficial Unitholders to direct voting of the Units they beneficially own. Should a Beneficial Unitholder who receives either a proxy or a voting instruction form wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person, or have another person attend and vote on behalf of the Beneficial Unitholder, the Beneficial Unitholder should insert the Beneficial Unitholder’s, or such other person’s, name in the blank space provided or, in the case of a voting instruction form, follow the corresponding instructions on the form. **In either case, Beneficial Unitholders should carefully follow the instructions of their intermediaries and their service companies.**

## **Revocation of Proxies**

A registered Unitholder who has given a proxy may revoke the proxy:

- a) by completing a proxy signed by the Unitholder or by the Unitholder’s attorney authorized in writing bearing a later date and depositing it with the transfer agent as described above; or
- b) by depositing an instrument of revocation in writing executed by the Unitholder or by the Unitholder’s attorney authorized in writing:
  - i) at the registered office at Richards Canada at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment of the Meeting, at which the proxy is to be used, or
  - ii) with the chairman of the Meeting prior to the exercise of the proxy; or
- c) in any other manner permitted by law.

A Beneficial Unitholder may revoke a voting instruction form or a waiver of the right to receive meeting materials and to vote given to an intermediary at anytime by written notice to the intermediary, except that an intermediary may not act on a revocation of a voting instruction form or of a waiver of the right to receive meeting materials and to vote that is not received by the intermediary in sufficient time prior to the Meeting.

***If you are a Beneficial Unitholder and wish to vote in person at the Meeting, please review the voting instructions provided to you or contact your broker or agent well in advance of the Meeting to determine how you can do so.***

## **Proxy Solicitation and Voting at the Meeting**

### **Solicitation of Proxies and Voting Instructions**

This Management Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies and voting instructions by the Trustees of the Fund and management of Richards Canada for use at the Meeting and at any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Meeting and in this Management Information Circular. In addition to the use of mail, proxies and voting instructions may be solicited in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication, by employees of Richards Canada, who will not be remunerated therefor. Richards Canada reserves the right to retain proxy solicitation services or dealers, for appropriate compensation, but has no current plans to do so.

### **Appointment of Proxies**

*The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are Trustees. A registered Unitholder who wishes to appoint some other person to represent him/her at the Meeting may do so by inserting such person's name in the blank space provided in the form of proxy or by completing another proper form of proxy. Such other person need not be a Unitholder.*

To be valid, proxies must be returned to CIBC Mellon Trust Company so as to arrive not later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on May 21, 2008 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, 48 hours before any reconvened meeting or be deposited with the chairman of the Meeting prior to the commencement of the Meeting or any reconvened meeting. Proxies may be returned by facsimile to (416) 368-2502, or by mail (a) in the enclosed envelope, or (b) in an envelope addressed to CIBC Mellon Trust Company, P.O. Box 721, Agincourt, Ontario M1S 0A1.

### **Voting of Proxies**

The persons named in the accompanying form of proxy, who are Trustees, will vote or withhold from voting Units in respect of which they are appointed, on any ballot that may be called for, in accordance with the instructions of the Unitholder appointing them and, if the Unitholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Units will be voted accordingly. **In the absence of such specification, such Units will be voted in favour of each of the matters to be acted upon as set out herein.** The persons appointed under the form of proxy are conferred with discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations of those matters specified in the form of proxy and Notice of Meeting and with respect to any other matters, which may be properly brought before the Meeting. In the event that amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting are properly brought before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy to vote in accordance with their judgment on such matter or business. At the time of printing this Management Information Circular, the Trustees knew of no such amendment, variation, or other matter.

### **Voting Securities and Principal Holders of Voting Securities**

The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Units and 10,202,127 Units were issued and outstanding as of April 21, 2008. Each Unit entitles the holder to one vote. In addition, 1,793,533 special voting units of the Trust (the "Special Voting Units") are outstanding as of April 21, 2008. The Special Voting Units are held by holders of exchangeable shares of Holdings or Holdings US. On the record date established for the Meeting, the holders of the Holdings exchangeable shares are entitled to one vote per exchangeable share outstanding and the holder of the Holdings US exchangeable shares are entitled to 1000 votes per exchangeable share outstanding. The record date for determining notice of and voting rights at the Meeting is April 16, 2008.

To the knowledge of the Trustees, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over Units or Special Voting Units carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the issued and outstanding Units or Special Voting Units, except the following:

Name of Beneficial Owner or Person Exercising Voting Control	Number of Units	% of Outstanding Units	Number of Special Voting Units	% of Outstanding Special Voting Units	% of Outstanding Units and Special Voting Units
MFC Global Investment Management (Canada)	1,928,400	18.9%	--	--	16.1%
Mr. Gerry Glynn	1,626,099	15.9%	363,016	20.2%	16.6%
Fiera YMG Capital Inc.	1,157,900	11.3%	--	--	9.7%
Mr. Timothy McKernan	--	--	1,052,632	58.7%	8.8%

### Interest of Certain Persons in Matters to be Acted Upon

No Trustee of the Fund, director or officer of Richards Packaging, nor their respective associates or affiliates, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, except as disclosed herein.

### Business of the Meeting

#### 1. Financial Statements

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007 are included in the Fund's 2007 Annual Report filed on SEDAR at www.SEDAR.com, and will be presented to Unitholders at the Meeting.

#### 2. Election of Trustees of the Fund

The Trust Declaration provides for a minimum of three and a maximum of ten Trustees, with the number of Trustees to be elected to be determined by the Trustees. The Trustees have determined that five persons should be elected as Trustees and the five nominees proposed for election as Trustees are listed below. Each of the individuals is also proposed as a nominee of the Fund for election as a director of Holdings ("Director"). All are currently Trustees as well as Directors of Holdings (please see below under "Election of Directors of Holdings"). All nominees have established their eligibility and willingness to serve as Trustees. The Trustees elected will hold office until the next annual meeting of Unitholders or until their successors are appointed.

**Unless otherwise instructed, the persons designated in the form of proxy intend to vote for the election of the nominees listed below.** If, for any reason at the time of the Meeting, any of the nominees are unable to serve as Trustees, and unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the form of proxy intend to vote in their discretion for a substitute nominee or nominees.

The following table sets out the names of and certain additional information for the persons proposed to be nominated for election as Trustees (and as Directors of Holdings):

Donald Wright <sup>(1),(2),(4)</sup> Trustee/Director since: April 7, 2004 Ownership or control over: 15,000 Units Resident of Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Donald Wright holds Director positions on various boards of directors and is currently President and CEO of Winnington Capital Group Inc. Mr. Wright was Deputy Chairman of TD Bank Financial Group from 2001 to 2002 and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TD Securities Inc. from 1998 to 2002.
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Wayne McLeod <sup>(1),(2),(4)</sup> Trustee/Director since: April 7, 2004 Ownership or control over: 1,000 Units Resident of Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Wayne McLeod holds Director positions on various boards of directors. Mr. McLeod retired in 1999 from CCL Industries Inc., where he served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.
Derek Ridout <sup>(2),(4)</sup> Trustee/Director since: April 7, 2004 Ownership or control over: 10,000 Units Resident of Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Derek Ridout is currently Chairman of the Board of The Data Group. Mr. Ridout was Chairman of the Board of Minacs Worldwide Inc. from 2003 to 2004. Prior to that, Mr. Ridout was Chief Executive Officer for Perigee Investment Counsel Inc. from 2001 to 2003.
Rami Younes <sup>(1),(2),(4)</sup> Trustee/Director since: October 13, 2005 Ownership or control over: 10,000 Units Resident of Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Rami Younes served as President of CCL Container, a division of CCL Industries Inc. from 1980 to 2006.
Gerry Glynn <sup>(3),(4)</sup> Trustee since: April 7, 2004 Director since: February 19, 2004 Ownership or control over, collectively: 1,989,115 Units and Special Voting Units Resident of Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Gerry Glynn has been Chief Executive Officer of Richards Canada since November 2002. Prior to that, Mr. Glynn was Chief Financial Officer of Data Business Forms Ltd. from 1994 to 2000.

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee
- (2) Member of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee
- (3) See “Voting Securities and Principal Holders of Voting Securities” on page 5.
- (4) The information as to the Units and Special Voting Units beneficially owned or over which control or direction is exercised, not being within the knowledge of the Fund, has been provided by the respective nominees individually.

### ***3. Election of Directors of Holdings***

Pursuant to the Trust Declaration, the Trustees are bound to vote the common shares of Holdings held by the Fund to elect those individuals to serve as directors of Holdings as the Unitholders may direct. The same persons named above under “Election of Trustees of the Fund” are proposed to be nominated for election as directors of Holdings. All are currently directors of Holdings and Trustees and have established their eligibility and willingness to serve as Directors. If elected, each will hold office until the next annual meeting of the Unitholders or until their successors are elected or appointed.

**Unless otherwise instructed, the persons designated in the form of proxy intend to vote to direct the Trustees to vote for the election of the nominees listed above under “Election of Trustees of the Fund” as directors of Holdings.** If, for any reason at the time of the Meeting, any of the nominees are unable to serve as directors of Holdings, and unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the form of proxy intend to vote to direct the Trustees to elect a substitute nominee or nominees.

### ***4. Appointment of Auditors***

It is intended that Units represented by the proxies hereby solicited will be voted for the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors of the Fund, to hold office until the next annual meeting of Unitholders and authorizing the Trustees to fix the auditors’ remuneration. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have been the auditors of the Fund since May 24, 2007.

**Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the form of proxy intend to vote for the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors and to authorize the Trustees to fix the auditors’ remuneration.**

## Corporate Governance Disclosure

The following constitutes the Fund’s disclosure of its corporate governance practices and is made pursuant to and with reference to *National Instrument 58-101, Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* (hereinafter collectively the “Corporate Governance Guidelines”).

The Boards of Trustees and Directors have established an Audit Committee and a Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee.

### *Board Composition*

The Boards of Trustees and Directors (the “Boards”) have determined that 4 out of 5 Trustees/Directors, representing a majority of the Trustees/Directors, are independent as such term defined in Multilateral Instrument 52-110. The independent Trustees/Directors are Donald Wright, Wayne McLeod, Derek Ridout and Rami Younes. A person is “independent” if he or she does not have a direct or indirect “material relationship” with Richards Packaging. A “material relationship” is a relationship which, in the view of the Trustees/Directors, could be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a Trustee’s/Director’s independent judgment. Gerry Glynn is not considered an independent Trustee/Director as he is Chief Executive Officer of Richards Canada.

Certain of the Trustees/Directors are also directors of other issuers that are reporting issuers in Canada (or the equivalent in foreign jurisdictions) as follows:

<b>Name of Trustee/Director</b>	<b>Directorships</b>
Donald Wright	Black Bull Resources Inc., GMP Capital Trust, GMP, DHX Media Ltd., Fralex Therapeutics Inc. and Saxon Energy Services Inc.
Wayne McLeod	New Flyer Industries, SMTC Manufacturing Corporation of Canada, Turbo Power Systems Inc. and Morguard Corporation
Derek Ridout	The Data Group Income Fund, Shoppers Drug Mart Corporation and Saxon Financial Inc.
Rami Younes	Vistor Capital Limited

The Boards meet at least once each quarter, with additional meetings held when appropriate. The independent Trustees/Directors have the ability to hold meetings at which non-independent Trustees/Directors and members of management are not in attendance. During 2007, this occurred by the independent Trustees/Directors holding in camera sessions at the conclusion of most of the meetings, where the independent Trustees/Directors met in the absence of Mr. Glynn and other members of management. In 2007, there were 10 meetings of the Boards. Overall attendance by the Trustees/Directors at the Board meetings was 96% while attendance by committee members at the committee meetings was 95%. The combined overall attendance at both the Board and committee meetings was 96%. Individual attendance at Trustee/Director meetings and committee meetings for the year ended December 31, 2007 was as follows:

Trustee/Director	Board of Trustees/Directors	Audit Committee	Compensation and Corporate Governance
Donald Wright	80% ( 8 of 10)	83% (5 of 6)	100% (1 of 1)
Wayne McLeod	100% (10 of 10)	100% (6 of 6)	100% (1 of 1)
Derek Ridout	100% (10 of 10)	n/a	100% (1 of 1)
Rami Younes	100% (10 of 10)	100% (6 of 6)	100% (1 of 1)
Gerry Glynn	100% (10 of 10)	n/a	n/a



The Chair of the Boards is Donald Wright, an independent Trustee/Director.

### *Board Mandate*

The mandate can be found in Schedule A to this Management Information Circular.

### *Position Descriptions*

The role of the Chair of each of the Boards of Trustees and Directors is described in the Board of Trustees and Directors – Terms of Reference attached herewith as Schedule A to this Management Information Circular.

Individual position descriptions for the Chair of each Board committee have not been developed. However, the Boards have implemented terms of reference for the Audit Committee and the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee which set out the fundamental duties, responsibilities and objectives of those committees. The chair of each committee has the responsibility of monitoring that the committee is meeting its terms of reference.

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee has developed and approved a position description for the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the oversight of the day to day management of Richards Packaging's operations, the strategic and business plan of Richards Packaging and overseeing the quality and integrity of the management of Richards Packaging.

### *Orientation and Continuing Education*

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for establishing and administering the orientation and continuing education of Directors and committee members. The Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing and administering the orientation and continuing education of Trustees and committee members. New Trustees/Directors are briefed on the role of the Boards and its committees and on the Fund's structure, financial results and other aspects. Extensive documentation is provided to them to enable them to better understand the Fund and Richards Packaging. In addition, tours of the organization's facilities are conducted where appropriate.

On an ongoing basis, meetings are held regularly to keep the Boards informed of developments within Richards Packaging. In addition, presentations are made and reports are provided on various aspects of Richards Packaging's operations.

### *Ethical Business Conduct*

Richards Packaging has developed a Code of Conduct which prescribes standards of behavior in many areas relating to financial integrity, customer and supplier relations, computer security, conflicts of interest, confidential information and accuracy of books and records. The Code of Conduct applies to all Directors and employees of Richards Packaging and to Trustees. Management monitors compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any deviations from the Code of Conduct would be discussed at Board Meetings. A copy of the Code of Conduct can be found on the Fund's website at [www.richardspackaging.com](http://www.richardspackaging.com) and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing transactions in respect of which a Director or senior member of management has a material interest to ensure they reflect market practices and are in the best interests of Richards Packaging or the Fund. The Board of Trustees is responsible for reviewing transactions in respect of which a Trustee has a material interest to ensure they reflect market practices and are in the best interest of Richards Packaging or the Fund. In the case of any transaction or agreement in respect of which a Trustee/Director has a material interest, the Trustee/Director is required to disclose his interest to the Board and to refrain from voting on such transaction.

### *Nomination of Trustees/Directors*

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee is comprised entirely of independent members and is responsible for the nomination of new Directors and the Board of Trustees has this responsibility for the nomination of new Trustees. Although the Board of Trustees is not comprised entirely of independent members, the majority of the members are independent and this ensures an objective nomination process. It is the role of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Trustees to annually assess the size and composition of their respective Boards and committees, to review the effectiveness of their Boards and to recommend the addition or replacement of one or more Trustee/Director as may be considered appropriate from time to time.

### *Compensation*

The Directors, acting on recommendations of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee, reviews the adequacy and the form of senior management's and the Directors' compensation, as determined based on a review of the competitive marketplace, to ensure that they are current and reflective of each of their roles and responsibilities. The Board of Trustees reviews the adequacy and form of the Trustees' compensation in the same manner. See also "Report on Executive Compensation" on page 13 hereof.

### *Other Board Committees*

There are no other standing committees other than the Audit Committee and the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee.

### *Assessments*

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee regularly conducts an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, individual Directors and its' committee. Assessments are performed through the use of Board and Director self assessment questionnaires and are compiled by the Chair of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee and reviewed with the Board. The Board of Trustees regularly conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of its' Board, committee and individual Trustees in the same manner.

## **Compensation of the Board of Trustees and the Directors and Executive Officers of Holdings and its' Subsidiaries**

The compensation paid to individuals who are not officers or employees of Richards Packaging for acting as both Trustees of the Fund and Directors of Holdings is \$25,000 per Trustee/Director per year and \$1,250 per Trustee/Director for each meeting attended. The chair of the Board of Trustees/Directors is paid an additional \$30,000 per year and the chairs of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee and the Audit Committee of the Board are each paid an additional \$15,000 per year. The Trust Declaration provides that the independent Trustees shall be paid reasonable remuneration for their services as the Trustees may from time to time determine (the "Compensation Amount") and in no event shall the fees payable on an annual basis by the Fund to any independent Trustee in his or her capacity as a trustee, together with fees paid on an annual basis to such independent Trustee in his or her capacity as a Director of any subsidiary of the Fund, exceed the Compensation Amount for that year.

The Fund also reimburses Trustees and Directors for out-of-pocket expenses for attending meetings, and Trustees and Directors also participate in certain insurance and indemnification arrangements.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Fund paid or accrued \$220,516 related to annual fees and meeting attendance fees to Trustees and Directors.

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides a summary of the compensation earned by the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and each of the other most highly compensated executive officers whose total salary and bonus for 2007 exceeded \$150,000 (collectively the “Named Executive Officers”) of Richards Canada:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Other annual Compensation <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Share or Units Subject to Resale Restrictions (\$)	LTIP Payouts (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)
Gerry Glynn <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	2007	263,500	67,845	--	--	--	6,399 <sup>(6)</sup>
	2006	263,500	86,500	--	--	--	6,399 <sup>(6)</sup>
	2005	245,000	--	28,500 <sup>(3)</sup>	--	--	6,399 <sup>(6)</sup>
Enzio Di Gennaro <sup>(4)</sup> <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2007	175,000	58,826	--	10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	6,600 <sup>(5)</sup>	4,883 <sup>(6)</sup>
	2006	175,000	75,000	--	10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	3,300 <sup>(5)</sup>	4,883 <sup>(6)</sup>
	2005	114,423	16,500	--	9,196 <sup>(5)</sup>	--	3,255 <sup>(6)</sup>
David Prupas <i>President and Chief Operating Officer</i>	2007	263,500	67,845	--	--	--	--
	2006	263,500	86,500	--	--	--	--
	2005	250,000	50,000	--	--	--	--
Terry Edwards <i>Vice President – US Operations</i>	2007	125,000	25,000	--	10,000 <sup>(7)</sup>	--	--
	2006	103,106	29,500	--	5,000 <sup>(7)</sup>	--	--
	2005	102,408	--	--	--	--	--

1. Represents bonus earned in year shown.
2. Except as noted, perquisites and other benefits do not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 and 10% of the annual salary and bonus of the Named Executive Officer.
3. Includes RRSP contribution of \$16,500 made on behalf of the Named Executive Officer and \$12,000 relating to car allowance.
4. Mr. Di Gennaro became Chief Financial Officer effective May 9, 2005.
5. Value of 1,075, 1,156 and 1,100 Units awarded in 2007, 2006 and 2005 respectively under the long-term incentive program. The Units vest evenly over a three year period. In 2006 and 2007, \$3,330 and \$6,600 respectively of the LTIP award from 2005 and 2006 was paid to the Chief Financial Officer to purchase Units in the open market.
6. Represents life insurance premiums paid on behalf of the Named Executive Officer.
7. Value of 1,075 and 578 Units awarded in 2007 and 2006 respectively under the long-term incentive program. The Units vest evenly over a three year period.

The amounts above represent the total amounts earned by the Named Executive Officers from all companies affiliated with Richards Packaging.

## Annual Incentive Plans

Senior management, including the Named Executive Officers and other professional and managerial level employees of Richards Packaging participates in an annual incentive plan (the “AIP”), which is designed to motivate and reward the on-going efforts and successes of management and professional staff. The plan provides incentive payments by way of annual cash bonuses based on: (i) level/position; (ii) the actual individual/group performance as compared to plan in key result areas; and (iii) the financial performance of Richards Packaging. Approximately \$569,000 is payable to approximately 44 employees for 2007 under the AIP, of which approximately \$219,500 was paid to the Named Executive Officers, as indicated in the Summary Compensation Table.

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee sets Mr. Glynn’s annual objectives and reviews his performance. The annual objectives of the other Named Executive Officers are set by the Chief Executive Officer of Richards Canada, who also reviews their performance, subject to the approval of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee.

## Long-Term Incentive Plan

Key senior management of Richards Packaging and its affiliates are eligible to participate in the long-term incentive plan (the "LTIP"). The purpose of the LTIP is to provide eligible participants with compensation opportunities that will encourage ownership of Units, enhance Richards Packaging's ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel and reward key senior management for significant performance and associated per Unit cash flow growth of the Fund. Pursuant to the LTIP, Richards Canada has set aside a pool of funds based upon the amount by which the Fund's per Unit distributions exceed certain per Unit distributable cash threshold amounts. The LTIP is administered by the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee. The Board of Directors of Richards Canada or the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee have the power to, among other things, determine: (1) those individuals who will participate in the LTIP; (2) the level of participation of each participant; and (3) the time or times when ownership of the Units will vest for each participant.

The contributions to the LTIP ceased as of April 4, 2007 as \$309,000 is available to fund future awards.

### LTIP Awards in 2007

Name	Securities, Units or Other Rights (#)	Performance or Other Period Until Maturation or Payout	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Securities-Price-Based Plans		
			Threshold (\$ or #)	Target (\$ or #)	Maximum (\$ or #)
Gerry Glynn	nil	–	–	–	–
Enzio Di Gennaro	1,075	April, 2010	10,000	10,000	10,000
David Prupas	nil	–	–	–	–
Terry Edwards	1,075	April, 2010	10,000	10,000	10,000

No stock options or stock appreciation rights were awarded by Richards Packaging or were outstanding as at December 31, 2007.

## Employment Contracts

All the Named Executive Officers except for Terry Edwards have employment contracts that outline the terms and conditions pertaining to their employment with Richards Canada.

A summary of the material terms of each employment agreement is as follows:

The employment agreement with Mr. Glynn expires on October 31, 2010 and is automatically renewable, subject to the termination provisions within the agreement. This agreement provides for a base salary of \$263,500, and for eligibility to receive an annual performance-based bonus. This agreement contains non-solicitation and non-competition covenants in favour of Richards Packaging which apply during the term of Mr. Glynn's employment and for a period of 12 months following the termination of his employment, and confidentiality covenants in favour of Richards Packaging which apply indefinitely. In addition, this agreement provides that Richards Packaging may terminate Mr. Glynn at any time and without cause by providing notice to Mr. Glynn or, in lieu of notice, by paying to Mr. Glynn his base salary plus bonus accrued at that time for a six-month period.

The employment agreement with Mr. Di Gennaro expires on October 31, 2010 and is automatically renewable, subject to the termination provisions within the agreement. This agreement provides for a base salary of \$185,000 and eligibility to receive an annual performance-based bonus. This agreement contains non-solicitation and non-competition covenants in favour of Richards Packaging which apply during the term of Mr. Di Gennaro's employment and for a period of 12 months following the termination of his employment, and confidentiality covenants in favour of Richards Packaging which apply indefinitely. In addition, this agreement provides that Richards Packaging may

terminate Mr. Di Gennaro at any time and without cause by providing notice to Mr. Di Gennaro or, in lieu of notice, by paying to Mr. Di Gennaro his base salary plus bonus accrued at that time for a six-month period.

The employment agreement with Mr. Prupas expires on October 31, 2010 and is automatically renewable, subject to the termination provisions within the agreement. This agreement provides for a base salary of \$263,500 and eligibility to receive an annual performance-based bonus. The agreement also contains non-solicitation and non-competition covenants in favour of Richards Packaging which apply during the term of the officer's employment and for a period of 12 months following the termination of his employment, and confidentiality covenants in favour of Richards Packaging which apply indefinitely. In addition, this agreement provides that Richards Packaging may terminate Mr. Prupas at any time and without cause by providing notice to Mr. Prupas or, in lieu of notice, by paying to Mr. Prupas his base salary plus bonus accrued at that time for a six-month period.

## **Composition of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee**

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee has the following roles and responsibilities:

- reviews and makes recommendations to the Boards concerning the appointment, hiring, compensation, benefits and termination of senior officers and all other significant employees of Richards Packaging.
- annually reviews the Chief Executive Officer's goals and objectives for the upcoming year and provide an appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer's performance.
- makes recommendations concerning the remuneration of the Board of Directors.
- administers and makes recommendations regarding the operation of the LTIP.
- develops Richards Packaging's approach to corporate governance issues,
- advises the Board in filling vacancies on the Board and periodically reviews the composition and effectiveness of the Board and the contribution of individual Directors.

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee is comprised of Derek Ridout (Chair), Donald Wright, Wayne McLeod and Rami Younes, who are all independent of management.

## **Report on Executive Compensation**

The objective of Richards Packaging's executive compensation program is to provide both short and long term rewards to senior executives that are consistent with individual and company performance and their contribution to Richards Packaging's objectives. This includes base salaries, AIP and grants under the LTIP. Levels of compensation are established and maintained with the intent of attracting and retaining quality employees.

The base salary of each executive of Richards Packaging is determined based on the individual's level of responsibility and the individual's contribution to Richards Packaging's performance. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the base salaries of those executives other than the Chief Executive Officer were determined by the Chief Executive Officer. The AIP payments are based on Richards Packaging's achievement of financial targets or on the individual's achievement of personal goals and objectives. In 2007, there were five grants under the LTIP program for 4,301 Units as the distributions in the period exceeded certain thresholds.

Compensation matters concerning the Chief Executive Officer are approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Glynn is subject to an employment agreement with Richards Canada which was renegotiated in late 2005. In consideration for his services, Mr. Glynn receives a base salary and an annual cash bonus which is based 75% on the actual level of earnings before interest, income taxes and amortization achieved by Richards Packaging in comparison to budget and 25% on the achievement of goals and objectives which in 2007 related to acquisitions, working capital, human resources and financing and investor relations. In 2007, Mr. Glynn received approximately 70% of his targeted bonus entitlement relating to the earnings level and the remainder of his bonus was awarded to him for achieving goals relating to completing the McKernan acquisition, successfully integrating prior acquisitions, rebalancing Richards Packaging's management resources and improving investor relations. In addition, Mr. Glynn is eligible to participate annually in the LTIP.

The foregoing report has been provided by the members of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee.

Donald Wright

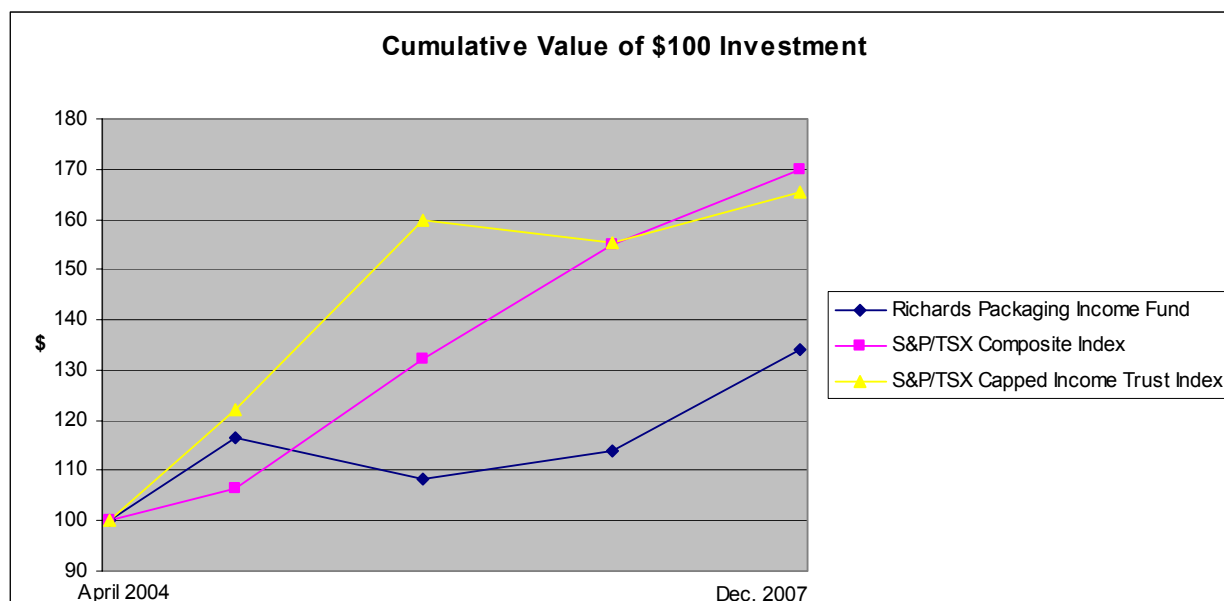
Wayne McLeod

Derek Ridout  
(Chair)

Rami Younes

## Performance Graph

The following graph compares the total cumulative return to Unitholders on \$100 invested in Units with the total cumulative return of the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index and the total cumulative Unitholder return of the S&P/TSX Income Trust Index (assuming reinvestment of distributions as of the date of payment of same) for the period from April 7, 2004, when the Units were first listed for trading on the TSX, to December 31, 2007. On December 31, 2007, the Units closed at \$9.30 and \$8.45 on April 21, 2008.



## Indebtedness of Trustees of Fund and Directors and Officers of Richards Packaging

No amounts are owed to the Fund or its subsidiaries by any of the Trustees or by any of the Directors, executive officers or other senior management of Richards Packaging.

## Interest of Informed Persons in Material Transactions

Mr. Prupas, who is an officer of Richards Canada and Richards US, has an equity interest in a company which is the landlord under a lease relating to property leased to Richards Packaging in Toronto (Rexdale), Ontario that has a base rent of \$31,140 per month and expires on October 31, 2008. In addition, Mr. McKernan, who is an officer of The E.J. McKernan Co., has equity interests in two companies who are landlords under two leases relating to property in (i) LaSalle, Illinois that has a base rent of U.S.\$26,280 per month and expires on December 31, 2020 and (ii) Washoe, Nevada that has a base rent of U.S.\$9,067 per month and expires on March 31, 2016. Management believes that the terms of the leases are no more onerous, and the pricing is no greater, than that which would be in place under comparable commercial arrangements with third parties.

On October 31, 2007, Richards US acquired all of the shares of The E.J. McKernan Co. from Mr. Timothy McKernan for U.S.\$20 million and the issuance of U.S.\$10 million Holdings US exchangeable shares exchangeable into 1,052,632 Units of the Fund. Mr. McKernan entered into an employment agreement and a proprietary rights,

confidentiality and non-competition agreement at the time of the transaction and is continuing in his role as President of the organization.

### **Other Business**

Management is not aware of any matter intended to come before the Meeting other than those items of business set forth in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting of Unitholders. If any other matters properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the form of proxy to vote in respect of those matters in accordance with their judgment.

### **Audit Committee Information**

Please refer to the Fund's Annual Information Form dated March 4, 2008 under the heading "Audit Committee Information" for certain information relating to the Audit Committee of the Fund.

### **Additional Information**

The Units are listed on the TSX under the trading symbol RPI.UN.

Financial information about the Fund is contained in its comparative financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Additional information relating to the Fund may be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). In addition, copies of the Fund's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, together with the respective reports of the auditors thereon, management's discussion and analysis of the Fund's financial condition and results of operations, the current Annual Information Form (together with any documents incorporated therein by reference) and this Management Information Circular, are available upon request made to the attention of Globe and Mail Annual Report Services at 1-800-965-6199 or [customerservice@wilink.com](mailto:customerservice@wilink.com). The Fund may require the payment of a reasonable charge if a person who is not a Unitholder of the Fund makes the request.

### **Trustees Approval**

The Board of Trustees has approved the contents and the mailing to Unitholders of this Proxy Circular.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

**(Signed)** *"Donald Wright"*  
Trustee, Chairman of the Board  
April 21, 2008

## Schedule A

### Board of Trustees– Terms of Reference

#### Role

The role of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) is to supervise the business and affairs of Richards Packaging Income Fund (the “Fund”) to enhance the long-term value of the Fund. The Board is elected by the unitholders to ensure that the best interests of the unitholders are advanced by enhancing unitholder value in a manner that recognizes the concerns of other stakeholders in the Fund. The Board should also ensure that the Fund’s capital structure is preserved and have a distribution policy that is consistent with this mandate.

#### Authority and Responsibilities

The Board meets regularly to review reports on the performance of the Fund. In addition, the Board performs the following functions:

- **Investment planning** – overseeing the investment planning process within the Fund and reviewing, approving and monitoring the investment plan for the Fund including fundamental financial and investment strategies and objectives;
- **Risk assessment** – assessing the major risks facing the Fund and reviewing, approving and monitoring the manner of managing those risks;
- **Maintaining integrity** – reviewing and monitoring the controls and procedures within the Fund to maintain its integrity including its disclosure controls and procedures and its internal controls and procedures for financial reporting;
- **Financial Reporting** – approving the financial statements of the Fund and the management’s discussion and analysis accompanying such financial statements as well as other regulatory reports;
- **Corporate Governance** – developing the Fund’s approach to corporate governance, monitor developments and proper practices in corporate governance issues; and
- **Declaration of Trust** – fulfilling all of their responsibilities under the Fund’s Declaration of Trust, including declaring and approving distributions.



In addition to those matters that must, by law, be approved by the Board, specific Board approval must be obtained for:

- Any new loan agreement or guarantee or any equity financings;
- Any new acquisition or divestiture; and
- Any other material agreement or arrangement that is not in the ordinary course of business.

## **Composition and Procedures**

### **Size of Board and Selection Process**

The Trustees of the Fund are elected each year by the unitholders at the annual meeting of unitholders. The Board proposes a slate of nominees to the unitholders for election. Any unitholder may propose a nominee for election to the Board either by means of a unitholder proposal upon compliance with the requirements prescribed by the Canada Business Corporations Act or at the annual meeting. The Board also determines the number of Trustees on the Board, subject to a minimum of three and a maximum of ten. Between annual meetings, the Board may appoint Trustees to serve until the next annual meeting.

### **Qualifications**

Trustees should have the highest personal and professional ethics and values and be committed to advancing the best interests of the unitholders of the Fund. They should possess skills and competencies in areas that are relevant to the Fund's activities. A majority of the Trustees will be "independent Trustees" under the Canadian Securities Administrators guidelines.

### **Change in Personal Circumstances**

The Board requires any Trustee to offer his resignation if there has been a relevant change in his personal circumstances, or if he has not attended at least 75% of the regularly scheduled Board and relevant committee meetings in the most recent twelve month period. The Board will evaluate the impact of the change on the composition of the Board and accept or reject the resignation as appropriate.

### **Trustee Orientation**

The Board is responsible for providing an orientation and education program for new Trustees. Each new Trustee must, within three months of becoming a Trustee, spend one day at the head office of the Fund for personal briefings on the Fund's investment plan, major risks and other key business matters.

## **Meetings**

The Board has at least four scheduled meetings a year. The Board is responsible for its agenda. Materials for each meeting will be distributed to the Trustees in advance.

At the conclusion of meetings of the Board, the independent Trustees shall meet with only independent Trustees present.

## **Committees**

The Board has established an Audit committee to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities. Special committees are established from time to time to assist the Board in connection with specific matters. The chair of each committee reports to the Board following meetings of the committee. The terms of reference of each permanent committee is reviewed annually by the Board.

## **Evaluation**

The Trustees will perform an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contributions of individual Trustees.

## **Compensation**

The Board will decide the compensation and benefits for non-management Trustees. In reviewing the adequacy and form of compensation and benefits, the Board seeks to ensure that the compensation and benefits reflect the responsibilities and risks involved in being a Trustee of the Fund and align the interests of the Trustees with the best interests of the unitholders.

## **Access to Independent Advisors**

The Board and any committee may at any time retain outside financial, legal or other advisors at the expense of the Fund. Any Trustee may, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Board, retain an outside advisor at the expense of the Fund.

## **Other**

The Board must be satisfied that each Trustee has advised the Board with respect to any other boards on which the member may serve from time to time and consider whether such situations may constitute conflicts of interest.

Review transactions that a Trustee has a material interest to ensure they reflect market practices and are in the best interests of the Fund.

## **Role of the Chair**

The Chair is appointed by the Board of Trustees. The role of the Chair is as follow:

- Manage the business of the Board and ensure that the functions identified in the Terms of Reference of the Board are being effectively carried out by the Board and its committees;
- Ensure that all Trustees receive the information required for the proper performance of their duties;
- Ensure that the appropriate committee structure is in place and recommend appointments to such committees;
- Lead in the annual review of Trustee and Board performance and make recommendations for changes when appropriate;
- Provide overall leadership to the Board without limiting the principle of collective responsibility and the ability of the Board to function as a unit;
- Fulfilling his or her Board leadership responsibilities in a manner that will ensure that the Board is able to function independently of management of Richards Packaging Inc. This should include ensuring that the appropriate procedures are in place for the Board to meet regularly without management present.
- Taking a leadership role in ensuring effective communication and relationships between the Fund, unitholders, and stakeholders.

The Chair of the Board will be an independent Trustee.

## **Board of Directors– Terms of Reference**

### **Role of Board of Directors of Richards Packaging Holdings Inc.**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) is responsible for the stewardship of Richards Packaging. “Richards Packaging” as used herein refers to all subsidiaries of Richards Packaging Income Fund (the “Fund”) which include Richards Packaging Holdings Inc., Richards Packaging Inc. and Richards Packaging, Inc. The Board establishes the overall policies for each company and evaluates the strategic direction of Richards Packaging. Accordingly, the mandate of the Board is to supervise the management of the business and affairs of each company to enhance shareholder value.

### **Authority and Responsibilities**

The Board meets regularly to review reports by management on the performance of Richards Packaging. In addition to the general supervision of management, the Board performs the following functions:

- **Strategic planning** – overseeing the strategic planning process within Richards Packaging and reviewing, approving and monitoring the strategic plan for the companies including fundamental financial and business strategies and objectives;
- **Risk assessment** – assessing the major risks facing the companies and reviewing, approving and monitoring the manner of managing those risks;
- **CEO** – developing a position description for the CEO including the corporate objectives that the CEO is responsible for meeting and selecting, evaluating and compensating the CEO;
- **Senior management** – overseeing the selection, evaluation and compensation of senior management and monitoring succession planning; and
- **Maintaining integrity** – reviewing and monitoring the controls and procedures within the entity to maintain its integrity including its internal controls and procedures for financial reporting and compliance with its code of ethics.

In addition to those matters that must, by law, be approved by the Board, specific Board approval must be obtained for:

- Any capital disposition or expenditure in excess of \$250,000 and any cost overrun on any project in excess of \$50,000, whichever is less;
- Any new loan agreement or guarantee or any equity financings;
- Any new acquisition or divestiture; and
- Any other material agreement or arrangement that is not in the ordinary course of business.

## **Composition and Procedures**

### **Size of Board and Selection Process**

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee proposes to the Board the number and nominees for election to each Board. The directors of Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. are elected each year by the unitholders of the Fund at the annual meeting of unitholders. Between annual meetings, the Board may appoint directors to serve until the next annual meeting.

### **Qualifications**

Directors should have the highest personal and professional ethics and values and be committed to advancing the best interests of Richards Packaging. They should possess skills and competencies in areas that are relevant to Richards Packaging's activities. A majority of the directors will be "independent directors" under the Canadian Securities Administrators guidelines.

### **Change in Personal Circumstances**

The Board requires any director to offer his resignation if there has been a relevant change in his personal circumstances, or if he has not attended at least 75% of the regularly scheduled Board and relevant committee meetings in the most recent twelve month period. The Board will evaluate the impact of the change on the composition of the Board and accept or reject the resignation as appropriate.

### **Director Orientation**

The Board is responsible for providing an orientation and education program for new directors. Each new director must, within three months of becoming a director, spend one day at the head office of Richards Packaging Inc. for personal briefings by senior management on strategic plan, major risks and other key business matters.

## **Meetings**

The Board has at least four scheduled meetings a year. The Board is responsible for the agenda. Prior to each Board meeting, the CFO will discuss agenda items for the meeting with the Chair of the Board. Materials for each meeting will be distributed to the directors in advance.

At the conclusion of meetings, the independent directors shall meet with only independent directors present.

## **Committees**

The Board of Richards Packaging Holdings Inc has established the Compensation and Corporate Governance committee to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities. Special committees are established from time to time to assist the Board in connection with specific matters. The chair of each committee reports to the Board following meetings of the committee. The terms of reference of each permanent committee is reviewed annually by the Board.

## **Evaluation**

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee performs an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contributions of individual directors.

## **Compensation**

The Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee recommends to the Board the compensation and benefits for non-management directors. In reviewing the adequacy and form of compensation and benefits, the committee seeks to ensure that the compensation and benefits reflect the responsibilities and risks involved in being a director.

## **Access to Independent Advisors**

The Board and any committee may at any time retain outside financial, legal or other advisors at the expense of Richards Packaging. Any director may, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Board, retain an outside advisor at the expense of the Richards Packaging.

## **Role of the Chair**

The Chair is appointed by the Board of Directors. The role of the Chair is as follow:

- Manage the business of the Board and ensure that the functions identified in the Terms of Reference of the Board are being effectively carried out by the Board and its committees;
- Ensure that all directors receive the information required for the proper performance of their duties;
- Ensure that the appropriate committee structure is in place and recommend appointments to such committees;

- Lead in the annual review of director and Board performance and make recommendations for changes when appropriate;
- Provide overall leadership to the Board without limiting the principle of collective responsibility and the ability of the Board to function as a unit;
- Fulfilling his or her Board leadership responsibilities in a manner that will ensure that the Board is able to function independently of management. This should include ensuring that the appropriate procedures are in place for the Board to meet regularly without management present.
- Work with the CEO and senior management to monitor progress on strategic planning, policy implementation and succession planning.

The Chair of the Board will be an independent director.