INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Unitholders of Richards Packaging Income Fund

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Richards Packaging Income Fund and its subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and the consolidated statements of net income and comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, and the related notes, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Richards Packaging Income Fund and its subsidiaries as at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

(signed) "PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP"

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STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the years ended December 31

[Consolidated]

Cdn\$ thousands	Notes	2013	2012
Revenue	4	198,528	191,333
Cost of products sold	5	175,520	168,596
Administrative expenses	5	9,115	9,160
Foreign currency loss (gain)	18	70	(62)
Patent defense legal costs	19	1,290	177
Disputed duties	19	(436)	436
Profit from operations		12,969	13,026
Financial expenses	14, 18	2,079	2,547
Exchangeable shares	15 10		
M ark-to-market loss	15, 18	1,918	1,154
Distributions	15	839	832
Share of income - Vision	17	(251)	(96)
Income before income taxes		8,384	8,589
Income tax expense (income)			
Current taxes	6	4,995	2,701
Deferred taxes	6	(1,568)	(173)
		3,427	2,528
Net income for the year		4,957	6,061
Basic income per Unit	15	\$0.46	\$0.56
Diluted income per Unit	15	\$0.46	\$0.56
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Other comprehensive income (loss) (Subsequently recylcable to Net income)			
Richards Packaging US - Currency translation adjustment	2	4,314	(1,293)
Comprehensive income for the year		9,271	4,768

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

"Wayne McLeod" Chair - Audit Committee "Gerry Glynn" CEO - Richards Packaging Inc. "Enzio Di Gennaro" CFO - Richards Packaging Inc.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31 [Consolidated]

Cdn\$ thousands	Notes	2013	2012
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,649	893
Accounts receivable	8	20,938	19,718
Inventory	9, 18	37,235	40,379
Prepaid expenses and deposits	10	2,056	2,316
		62,878	63,306
Current Liabilities (excluding debt)			
Accounts payable and accruals	11	(20,674)	(20,764)
Income taxes payable	6	(738)	65
Distributions payable	15	(770)	(771)
Due to previous shareholder	11	(838)	(784)
		(23,020)	(22,254)
WORKING CAPITAL	2	39,858	41,052
Long-term Assets			
Plant and equipment	4, 12	3,421	3,564
Investment - Vision	4, 17	734	672
Intangible assets	4, 13	12,489	18,285
Goodwill	4, 13	72,507	70,367
		89,151	92,888
Long-term Liabilities (excluding debt)			
Deferred income taxes	6	(5,052)	(6,353)
NET OPERATING ASSETS	2	123,957	127,587
Debt		,	
Term debt	14	35,500	41,500
Exchangeable shares - current	15, 18	10,515	8,943
		46,015	50,443
Equity		10,012	20,1.2
Unitholders' capital	15	64,144	72,617
Retained earnings		16,443	11,486
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	2	(2,645)	(6,959)
		77,942	77,144
CAPITAL			
V	16, 18	123,957	127,587

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

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the years ended December 31

[Consolidated]

Cdn\$ thousands	Notes	Unitholders' capital	Retained earnings	AOCL ^{a)}	Equity
December 31, 2011		81,300	5,425	(5,666)	81,059
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Share of comprehensive income			6,061	(1,293)	4,768
Distributions	15	(8,439)			(8,439)
Purchased for cancellation, net	15	(244)			(244)
December 31, 2012		72,617	11,486	(6,959)	77,144
Share of comprehensive income			4,957	4,314	9,271
Distributions	15	(8,393)			(8,393)
Share conversion	15	346			346
Purchased for cancellation, net	15	(426)			(426)
December 31, 2013		64,144	16,443	(2,645)	77,942

a) AOCL - Accumulated other comprehensive loss reflects the foreign currency translation of the net investment in Richards Packaging US.

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

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended December 31

[Consolidated]

Cdn\$ thousands	Notes	2013	2012
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit from operations		12,969	13,026
Add items not involving cash		12,505	10,020
Plant and equipment depreciation	12	1,315	1,310
Intangible assets amortization	13	6,473	6,447
Income taxes payments	6	(4,192)	(2,483)
		16,565	18,300
Dividends - Vision	17	189	
Changes in non-cash working capital	20	3,656	(5,058)
Cash provided by operating activities		20,410	13,242
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES	12	(1.002)	(1.201)
Additions to plant and equipment	13	(1,093)	(1,291)
Additions to intangible assets	13	(31)	
Cash used in investing activities		(1,124)	(1,291)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of term debt	14	(6,000)	(3,000)
Financial expenses paid	14	(2,070)	(2,497)
Purchase of Fund units for cancellation	15	(426)	(244)
Distributions paid to Exchangeable Shareholders	15	(839)	(832)
Distributions paid to Unitholders	15	(8,393)	(8,439)
Cash used in financing activities		(17,728)	(15,012)
Net cash flow for the year		1,558	(3,061)
The cash now for the year		1,556	(3,001)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	7	893	3,874
Foreign exchange effect		198	80
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	7	2,649	893

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

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1. FORMATION OF THE FUND AND AQUISITION

Richards Packaging Income Fund [the "Fund"] is an open-ended, limited purpose trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada by a Declaration of Trust dated February 26, 2004. The Fund completed an initial public offering of trust Units [the "Units"] on April 7, 2004, through the Toronto Stock Exchange, to facilitate the acquisition of Richards Packaging Inc.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard ["IFRS"]. The measurement basis used was the historic cost convention, except for exchangeable shares which are measured at fair value. Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities (excluding debt) and Net operating assets is defined as working capital plus long-term assets less long-term liabilities (excluding debt). Accounting policies utilized under IFRS are consistent with those previously applied. Significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

Principles of consolidation

The financial statements include the accounts of the Fund, Richards Packaging Holdings Inc. ["Holdings"] and its subsidiaries: Richards Packaging Inc. ["Richards Canada"], Richards Packaging Holdings (US) Inc., 071907 Inc., Richards Packaging, Inc., The E.J. McKernan Company and McKernan Packaging - Richards de Mexico, S.A. de c.v. [collectively "Richards Packaging US"]. Vision Plastics Inc. ["Vision"], which is jointly controlled and accounted for under the equity method, is a plastic container manufacturing plant located in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Holdings and its subsidiaries are referred to as "Richards Packaging".

Foreign currency translation

The Canadian dollar is the functional currency for the Fund and its investments, except for Richards Packaging US, and therefore accounts in foreign currencies have been translated into Canadian dollars. Monetary items are recorded at exchange rates in effect at the statement of financial position dates and non-monetary items are recorded at the exchange rates in effect on the date of the transactions. Revenue and expenses are recorded at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. Gains and losses arising from foreign currency translations are included in profit from operations.

Richards Packaging US has a US dollar functional currency. Assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates in effect on the statement of financial position dates. Revenue and expenses are translated at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. Effects of translation are included in equity as accumulated other comprehensive loss. Upon any future sale of Richards Packaging US, the cumulative translation loss will be recycled to the Statement of Net Income to form part of the overall gain or loss on disposal.

Use of estimates

Preparation of financial statements required management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. By their nature, these estimates are subject

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to measurement uncertainty and are reviewed periodically. Any adjustments deemed necessary are made prospectively in the period in which they are identified. Management believes that the testing for impairment of assets and the recognition of deferred income taxes are critical accounting estimates that involve a high degree of judgment and complexity.

Revenue recognition

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

Operating leases

Rental payments and lease inducements are expensed on a straight line basis over the term of the leases.

Income taxes

The liability method to account for income taxes is utilized, with current taxes reflecting the expected income tax payable for the year and any adjustments in respect of amounts owing from previous years. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the carrying values and the tax bases of assets and liabilities at substantively enacted tax rates that will be in effect when these differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that the assets will be realized.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost of inventory includes purchase price plus inbound freight for distributed products and direct variable costs and related production overheads for manufactured products, determined on a first-in, first-out basis. If the carrying value exceeds the net realizable value a write-down is recognized.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. Repairs and maintenance are charged to income as incurred. Depreciation is computed over the remaining estimated useful lives as outlined below:

Manufacturing equipment Moulds Computer equipment Warehouse and office equipment Leasehold improvements straight-line over 7 years straight-line over 4 years 30% diminishing balance 20% diminishing balance straight-line over lease term

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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. Customer relationships and contracts are amortized over 10 to 15 years, patents are amortized over 12 years and computer systems software is amortized over 5 years. Trademarks have indefinite lives and therefore are not amortized.

Goodwill

At the acquisition date, goodwill is recorded at the excess of the purchase price of an acquired business over fair value of the net assets acquired. Management monitors goodwill for the entire organization, a group of cash-generating units, and performs an impairment test on its goodwill annually, or more frequently if circumstances indicate a possible impairment.

Impairment testing of long-term assets

Non-current assets are reviewed annually for impairment or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. For purposes of evaluating the recoverability, a test is performed using discounted future net cash flows. Should impairment exist, the loss would be measured as the difference between the carrying value and the recoverable amount and recognized by way of an additional current period charge. Management has not identified any such impairment losses to date.

Exchangeable shares

Exchangeable shares are classified as debt and carried at fair value based upon the year end trading price of Units into which they are convertible [note 15]. Mark-to-market changes in value along with distributions are expensed during the period.

3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Fund adopted the amendments to IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, effective January 1, 2013 requiring the identification of other comprehensive income (loss) items that will require recognition to net income due to future events [note 2 – Foreign currency translation].

There are no new IFRS that became effective after January 1, 2013 that would be expected to have a material impact on these financial statements.

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4. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

Richards Packaging's operations consist of one reporting segment, principally the distribution of plastic and glass containers and associated closures. Geographic information is provided below and is determined based on the country of sales origination. No customer represents greater than 5% of total revenue.

	Cana	Canada		States
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Revenue	93,989	94,896	104,539	96,437
Long-term assets	37,820	42,630	51,331	50,258

5. EXPENSES BY NATURE

	2013	2012
Salaries and wages	17,157	17,643
Benefits	2,915	2,954
Bonuses	846	841
Long-term incentive plan awards	100	100
Employee compensation	21,018	21,538
Inventory sold	132,403	127,917
Inventory provisions	1,214	697
Selling, distribution and other costs	18,170	16,141
Depreciation and amortization	7,788	7,757
Lease expenses	4,042	3,706
Cost of products sold and administrative expenses	184,635	177,756

Management is eligible to participate in the long-term incentive plan [the "LTIP"]. Awards for the cash reimbursement of Units purchased under the LTIP will vest over a three-year period, with one-third of the award vesting each year. The Trustees committed to annual funding of \$250 for three years starting in 2014 [2013 – \$100]. Total salaries and benefits for executive officers was \$1,519 [2012 – \$1,460].

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6. INCOME TAXES

Significant components of deferred income taxes are as follows:

	2013	expense/ (income)	f/x ^{b)}	2012	expense/ (income)	f/x ^{b)}	2011
Deferred tax liabilities							
Plant and equipment	662	68	25	569	9	(6)	566
Customer relationships ^{a)}	2,792	(1,791)	153	4,430	(1,753)	(58)	6,241
Computer system software	136	(50)	9	177	(50)	(5)	232
Patents and trademarks a)	1,592	(82)	80	1,594	(75)	(26)	1,695
Other	167	35	20	112	77	(6)	41
Deferred tax assets							
Loss carry forward for tax	_	185	_	(185)	1,587	_	(1,772)
Working capital	(297)	67	(20)	(344)	32	8	(384)
	5,052	(1,568)	267	6,353	(173)	(93)	6,619

a) Reversal of patents and customer relationships and contracts accounts will not give rise to income taxes.

Distributions of Richards Packaging US attract a 5% withholding tax. Income tax expense differs from the amount computed at statutory rates due to the various adjustments outlined below:

	2013	2012
Income subject to income taxes	8,384	8,589
Statutory tax rate	26.5%	26.3%
Income tax expense at statutory tax rate	2,221	2,259
Deferred income taxes		
Deferred income taxes pre loss carryforward	1,753	1,760
Loss carry forward for income tax utilized	(185)	(1,587)
	1,568	173
Current period adjustments		
Foreign tax differential	(839)	(974)
Foreign rate differential	1,060	677
Disputed duties	(72)	74
Withholding tax	410	
Exchangeable shares		
Distributions and mark-to-market loss	730	522
Other items	(83)	(30)
Current income taxes	4,995	2,701

b) $f/x = foreign \ exchange \ differences$

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7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2013	2012
Cook at hank	2 (27	1 741
Cash at bank	2,627	1,741
Demand deposits	1,000	_
Issued and outstanding cheques	(978)	(848)
	2,649	893

Demand deposits are highly liquid investments with a term to maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase.

8. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2013	2012
Current	13,631	12,559
Up to 60 days past due	6,296	6,502
61 – 90 days past due	306	376
Over 90 days past due	791	468
Trade receivables	21,024	19,905
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(297)	(382)
Supplier rebates	211	195
	20,938	19,718

a) Management recorded new provisions of \$11 [2012 – \$157] and wrote off \$98 [2012 – \$99]. The remaining non-cash change in the accounts receivable reflects foreign exchange differences.

9. INVENTORY

	2013	2012
Goods purchased for resale	34,253	36,007
Goods in transit	3,984	4,072
M anufacturing raw materials	714	577
M anufactured finished goods	1,627	2,378
Reserve for slow moving inventory a)	(3,343)	(2,655)
	37,235	40,379

a) Management recorded a provision of \$1,214 [2012 – \$697] and recognized write-offs of \$526 [2012 – \$687]. The remaining non-cash change in inventory reflects foreign exchange differences.

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10. PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEPOSITS

	2013	2012
Deposits for commitment to purchase goods	699	458
Rent and deposits	828	786
Insurance	31	30
Bank interest	86	112
Property taxes	5	437
Other deposits	407	493
	2,056	2,316

11. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	2013	2012
Trade payables	16,359	15,949
Rebates	594	406
Staffing expenses a)	1,201	1,316
Professional fees	725	232
Leases	429	396
Disputed duties [note 19]	_	436
Sales tax	331	788
Other payables	1,035	1,241
	20,674	20,764

a) Management bonuses included in staffing expenses have been fully paid subsequent to year end.

Associated with an acquisition, Richards Packaging has a U.S.\$788 non-interest bearing demand loan owing to a previous shareholder.

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12. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Manufac	cturing	Warehouse	Computer		
	Equipment	Moulds	& office	-	Leaseholds	Total
December 31, 2011						
Carry ing value	4,883	5,619	1,141	1,327	1,254	14,224
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,816)	(4,344)	(713)	(1,065)	(680)	(10,618)
Net book value	1,067	1,275	428	262	574	3,606
Additions	239	899	49	48	56	1,291
Depreciation	(299)	(614)	(100)	(85)	(212)	(1,310)
Foreign exchange differences	16	(26)	(6)	1	(8)	(23)
December 31, 2012						
Carrying value	5,138	6,492	1,184	1,376	1,302	15,492
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,115)	(4,958)	(813)	(1,150)	(892)	(11,928)
Net book value	1,023	1,534	371	226	410	3,564
Additions	233	553	245	62	_	1,093
Depreciation	(245)	(673)	(105)	(105)	(187)	(1,315)
Foreign exchange differences	(7)	0	1	42	43	79
December 31, 2013						
Carry ing value	5,364	7,045	1,430	1,480	1,345	16,664
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,360)	(5,631)	(918)	(1,255)	(1,079)	(13,243)
Net book value	1,004	1,414	512	225	266	3,421

13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL

Intangible assets and Goodwill are not deductible for tax purposes. Goodwill has been assessed by calculating the recoverable amount determined based on the value in use. Four year cash flow budgets, prepared using growth rates experienced in the industry and approved by the Board, were used with the application of a pre-tax discount rate of 13%. For periods beyond the budget period, cash flows were extrapolated using long term average growth rates of 2%. Reasonably possible changes in key assumptions would not cause the recoverable amount to fall below the carrying value.

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	Customer relationships	Patents	Trade- marks	Computer software	Intangible assets	Goodwill
December 31, 2011						
Carrying value	62,981	3,764	3,337	2,360	72,442	71,088
Accumulated amortization	(43,618)	(2,074)		(1,760)	(47,452)	
Net book value	19,363	1,690	3,337	600	24,990	71,088
Additions		_		_	_	
Amortization	(5,997)	(323)		(127)	(6,447)	
Foreign exchange differences	(153)	(63)	(25)	(17)	(258)	(721)
December 31, 2012						
Carrying value	62,851	3,701	3,312	2,343	72,207	70,367
Accumulated amortization	(49,638)	(2,397)		(1,887)	(53,922)	
Net book value	13,213	1,304	3,312	456	18,285	70,367
Additions		_		31	31	
Amortization	(6,041)	(323)		(109)	(6,473)	
Foreign exchange differences	433	129	76	8	646	2,140
December 31, 2013						
Carrying value	63,511	3,830	3,388	2,382	73,111	72,507
Accumulated amortization	(55,906)	(2,720)		(1,996)	(60,622)	
Net book value	7,605	1,110	3,388	386	12,489	72,507

14. REVOLVING AND TERM DEBT

Richards Packaging has available both revolving and term debt credit facilities, which were refinanced on May 18, 2012 to extend the maturity by 3 years to May 31, 2015 and lower the interest rate by 0.95% on the term and revolving facilities. The revolving credit facility availability of \$5,000 [2012 - \$5,000] bears interest at the prime rate plus a premium of 0.55% to 0.80%. The effective interest rate at December 31, 2013 was 3.6% [2012 - 3.6%]. There was no amount drawn on the facility at December 31, 2013 or 2012. The term facility of \$35,500 [2012 - \$41,500] bears interest at the bankers' acceptance borrowing rate plus a premium of 1.55% to 1.80%. The effective interest rate at December 31, 2013 was 2.9% [2012 - 3.4%]. Repayments of term debt of \$6,000 [2012 - \$3,000] were made during the year ended December 31, 2013.

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Financial expenses for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

	2013	2012
Interest expense	1,182	1,568
Credit card fees	758	662
Bank refinancing fees	_	100
Credit facility charges	139	217
	2,079	2,547

The banking syndicate has a first charge over all of Richards Packaging's assets as collateral for the revolving and term credit facilities. Richards Packaging is in compliance with all covenants [note 16].

15. UNITS AND EXCHANGEABLE SHARES

Number outstanding	Units basic	Weighted average	Exchangeable shares	Units diluted	Weighted average
December 31, 2011	10,743,470	10,743,470	1,059,043	11,802,513	11,802,513
Units purchased	(27,500)			(27,500)	
December 31, 2012	10,715,970	10,735,721	1,059,043	11,775,013	11,794,764
Share conversion	34,608		(34,608)	_	
Units purchased	(47,800)			(47,800)	
December 31, 2013	10,702,778	10,676,491	1,024,435	11,727,213	11,733,828

The impact on income per Unit of the mark-to-market loss and distributions to exchangeable shareholders is anti-dilutive which reverts back to basic income per Unit [2012 – anti-dilutive].

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. The Fund is utilizing the puttable instrument exemption using the criteria in IAS 32, *Financial Instruments, Presentation*, to classify the Units as equity.

The Fund initiated a normal course issuer bid on March 13, 2012 to purchase up to 200,000 Units prior to March 12, 2013. During the year, 47,800 Units were purchased [2012 – 27,500 Units] at an average price of \$8.92/Unit [2012 – \$8.85].

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Exchangeable shares

Exchangeable shares were issued by Richards Packaging to officers on the initial public offering and in connection with two business acquisitions. The exchangeable shares issued by Holdings and Richards Packaging Holdings (US) Inc. are redeemable on the fifth anniversary of their issue date 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. The Fund has the option to settle the redemption of Exchangeable shares issued by Richards Packaging Holdings (US) Inc. in cash. Exchangeable shares carry the right to vote at any meeting that Unitholders are entitled to vote on the same basis.

Distributions

Distributions are made monthly to Unitholders of record on the last business day of each month and paid on the 14th day of the following month. Distributions in 2013 began at \$702 and ended at \$701, 6.55¢ per Unit, reflecting unit buyback activity by the Fund and the conversion of exchangeable shares. The Board of Trustees approved a reduction in the capital account for distributions made for 2013.

Distributions paid to exchangeable shareholders are not subordinated to distributions to Unitholders and are declared on the same basis net of applicable taxes. Distributions are made monthly to shareholders of record on the last business day of each month and paid on the 14th day of the following month.

16. CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Capital consists of Unitholders' equity, exchangeable shares and secured credit facilities. Capital levels are maintained to meet the following objectives: optimizing the cost of capital at acceptable risk levels while providing an appropriate return to its Unitholders and shareholders; balancing the interests of equity shareholders, exchangeable shareholders and debt holders; maintaining compliance with financial covenants; and preserving financial flexibility to benefit from potential opportunities as they arise. The leverage ratio covenant was 2.75 and the ratio of December 31, 2013 was 1.56 [2012 – 1.91]. In addition, the Fund is required to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of greater than 2.0 times and a minimum net worth of \$70,000.

Management continually assesses the adequacy of its capital structure and makes adjustments in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of underlying assets. Adjustments may include changes in distributions, purchases of units for cancellation pursuant to normal course issuer bids, issues of new shares and/or Units, repayments or borrowings under the credit facilities and refinancing the debt to replace existing debt with different characteristics.

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17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT

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

	2013	2012
Leases of facilities from entities related to certain officers	639	477
M anagement fee to Vision	_	89
Product purchases from Vision	6,849	6,330

Richards Canada owns a 50% interest in a joint venture, Vision. Since all of the sales of Vision are to Richards Packaging, financial information relating to the joint venture presented below reflects 100% of transactions and balances:

	2013	2012		2013	2012
Statement of financial position					
Assets			Liabilities		
Current assets	1,233	1,046	Current liabilities	467	862
Plant and equipment	323	402			
Total assets	1,556	1,448	Net assets	1,089	586
Statement of net income					
Revenue				6,849	6,330
Expenses				6,347	6,138
Net income				502	192

18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value

Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accruals, distributions payable and due to previous shareholder are all short-term in nature and, as such, their carrying values approximate fair values. Cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable are classified as loans and receivables and measured at amortized cost. All financial liabilities excluding exchangeable shares are classified as other financial liabilities measured at amortized cost.

The fair value of term debt approximates the carrying value as it bears interest at rates comparable to current market rates that would be used to calculate fair value. Exchangeable shares are recorded at fair value, based on the year end trading price of Units into which they are convertible, with changes in value recorded through net income.

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Credit risk

Financial assets exposed to credit risk consist primarily of trade receivables arising from the sale of goods. Concentration of credit risk is limited due to the large number of customers and geographical dispersion. As at December 31, 2013, no customer represented 5% or more of accounts receivable or sales.

Credit quality is assessed prior to establishing customer accounts. Management continuously monitors the collection of overdue accounts. For customers with overdue accounts, internal collection staff takes appropriate action, including the placement of accounts on hold, with third party collection or legal action taken. On a quarterly basis, the allowance for doubtful accounts is reviewed by management. The allowance for doubtful accounts as at December 31, 2013 is sufficient to cover impaired accounts [note 8].

Inventory obsolescence risk

Richards Packaging is exposed to inventory obsolescence due to customer insolvency when they have unique packaging, maturing product life cycles for stock items and large purchases due to economic order quantities. Management continually monitors over-aged inventory with a focus to realize value before obsolescence occurs. On a quarterly basis, the reserve for inventory obsolescence is reviewed by management. The reserve as at December 31, 2013 is sufficient to cover losses due to inventory obsolescence [note 9].

Liquidity risk

The approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet financial obligations as they come due [notes 11, 19]. This is achieved through a combination of cash balances [note 7], availability of credit facilities [note 14], surplus cash flow from operations, distribution policy and matching the maturities of financial assets and liabilities.

Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises due to variable interest rates on the revolving and term debt credit facilities. A 1.0% movement in interest rates would have impacted net income by \$283 [2012 - \$317].

Foreign currency risk

Exposure to U.S./Cdn. currency fluctuations arises on cross-border transactions and on the translation of cash flows of Richards Packaging US. A foreign currency loss of \$70 has been recorded for the year ended December 31, 2013 [2012 – gain of \$62] relating to cross-border transactions.

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19. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

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

	Related		
	parties	Other	Total
2014	647	3,417	4,064
2015	655	2,776	3,431
2016	600	2,217	2,817
2017	581	1,498	2,079
2018	599	1,498	2,097
Thereafter	1,237	781	2,018

In the ordinary course of business, Richards Packaging 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.

Court proceedings associated with the prosecution of a patent, trademark and copyright infringement case were completed on April 9, 2013. On October 15, 2013, the judge rendered his decision in favour of the defendants and as a result, Management accrued \$500 in professional fees [note 11] associated with the judgment.

In 2012, the Mexican customs authorities assessed additional duties of \$143 and penalties and interest of \$293 for product misclassified on goods imported into Mexico. In 2013, Management successfully challenged the assessment to have the classification overturned.

20. ADDITIONAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

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

	2013	2012
Accounts receivable	(600)	(868)
Inventory	4,636	(3,612)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	340	(209)
Accounts payable and accruals	(281)	(808)
Disputed duties [note 19]	(439)	439
	3,656	(5,058)

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the foreign exchange translation impact excluded from the above was 1,587 gain [2012 - \$521 loss].