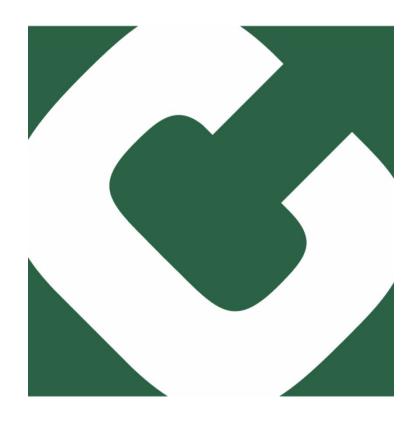
# **CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED**

# FIRST QUARTER REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

# FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED

**MARCH 31, 2016** 



## CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED

# NOTICE TO READERS

Accompanying this notice are the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Chesswood Group Limited for the three months ended March 31, 2016. These statements have been prepared by, and are the responsibility of, the Company's management.

Following consultation with management and with the Company's independent auditors, the Company's board of directors concluded that the auditors would not be engaged to perform a review of these financial statements. Under applicable securities legislation, there is no requirement that auditors be engaged to review these statements, but the Company must advise you if (as noted above) no review engagement is made.

# CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (in thousands of dollars)

			March 31,	December 31,
	<u>Note</u>		2016	2015
		(1	ınaudited)	 (audited)
ASSETS				
Cash		\$	5,233	\$ 15,229
Assets held for sale	5		7,594	107,840
Prepaid expenses and other assets	6		21,022	10,261
Finance receivables	7		354,899	365,559
Deferred tax assets			1,052	1,141
Property and equipment			889	895
Intangible assets			22,549	23,335
Goodwill			40,315	 41,250
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	453,553	\$ 565,510
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and other liabilities	8	\$	10,733	\$ 11,557
Liabilities held for sale	5		1,276	73,808
Contingent consideration			1,508	7,215
Borrowings	9		231,572	255,173
Customer security deposits			13,014	13,895
Convertible debentures			20,000	19,900
Interest rate swaps			2,275	892
Deferred tax liabilities			23,068	26,515
			303,446	408,955
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Common shares			101,764	101,726
Non-controlling interest			12,614	13,194
Share-based compensation reserve			4,920	4,434
Accumulated other comprehensive income			14,722	20,987
Retained earnings			16,087	16,214
			150,107	 156,555
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		\$	453,553	\$ 565,510

# CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts, unaudited)

	Three months en	nded March 31,			
<u>Note</u>	2016		2015		
Finance revenue					
Interest revenue on finance leases and loans	\$ 19,641	\$	13,667		
Ancillary finance and other fee income	3,251		1,745		
	22,892		15,412		
Finance expenses	 		_		
Interest expense	2,335		1,308		
Provision for credit losses	 6,268		3,652		
	8,603		4,960		
Finance margin	 14,289		10,452		
Expenses					
Personnel expenses	3,466		2,426		
Other expenses	2,662		1,935		
Amortization - property and equipment	66		64		
	6,194		4,425		
Income before undernoted items	8,095		6,027		
Acquisition related items	(292)		(827)		
Amortization - intangible assets	(332)		(63)		
Fair value adjustment to investments held	(510)		_		
Financing costs - convertible debentures	(100)		(152)		
Unrealized loss on interest rate swaps	(1,523)		_		
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange	 278		103		
Income before taxes	5,616		5,088		
Tax expense	(2,650)		(2,551)		
Income from continuing operations	2,966		2,537		
Income from discontinued operations 5	 9,231		961		
Net income	\$ 12,197	\$	3,498		
Attributable to:					
Common shareholders	\$ 11,181	\$	3,103		
Non-controlling interest	\$ 1,016	\$	395		
Basic earnings per share 12	\$ 0.69	\$	0.27		
Diluted earnings per share 12	\$ 0.67	\$	0.26		

# CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of dollars, unaudited)

# Three months ended March 31,

	2016	2015
Net income	\$ 12,197	\$ 3,498
Other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized gain (loss) on translation of foreign operations	(6,833)	7,790
Comprehensive income for the year	\$ 5,364	\$ 11,288
Attributable to:		
Common shareholders	\$ 4,917	\$ 10,015
Non-controlling interest	\$ 447	\$ 1,273

# CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of dollars, unaudited)

Shareholders' equity - December 31, 2015

<u>Note</u>	Common shares	Common shares	Non- controlling interest	Share-based compensation reserve	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Retained earnings	2015 Total
	(# '000s)						
Shareholders' equity - December 31, 2015	16,264	\$ 101,726	\$ 13,194	\$ 4,434	\$ 20,987	\$ 16,214	\$ 156,555
Net income	_	_	1,016	_	_	11,181	12,197
Dividends declared 11	_	_	(1,028)		_	(11,308)	(12,336)
Share-based compensation	_	_	_	509	_	_	509
Exercise of options	7	38	_	(23)	_	_	15
Unrealized loss on translation of foreign operations	_	_	(568)		(6,265)		(6,833)
Shareholders' equity - March 31, 2016	16,271	\$ 101,764	<b>\$</b> 12,614	\$ 4,920	<b>\$</b> 14,722	\$ 16,087	\$ 150,107
					Accumulated		
<u>Note</u>	Common shares	Common shares	Non-controlling interest	Share-based compensation reserve	other comprehensive income	Retained earnings	2014 Total
	(# '000s)						
Shareholders' equity - December 31, 2014	10,420	\$ 49,039	\$ 11,124	\$ 3,504	\$ 6,092	\$ 10,085	\$ 79,844
Shares issued	5,724	49,638	_	_	_	_	49,638
Net income			395	_	_	3,103	3,498
Dividends declared 11		_	(288)	_	_	(2,404)	(2,692)
Share-based compensation		_	_	382	_	_	382
Exercise of options	6	66	_	(19)	_	_	47
Unrealized gain on translation of foreign operations	_	_	879		6,911	_	7,790
Shareholders' equity - March 31, 2015	16,150	98,743	12,110	3,867	13,003	10,784	138,507
Shares issued	10	1,921	_	_			1,921
Net income	_	_	1,371	_	_	14,935	16,306
Dividends declared	_	_	(865)	_	_	(9,505)	(10,370)
Share-based compensation	_	_	_	1,277	_	_	1,277
Exercise of restricted share units	38	535	_	(535)	_	_	_
Exercise of options	66	527	_	(175)			352
Unrealized gain on translation of foreign operations		_	578	_	7,984	_	8,562

Please see notes to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

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# CHESSWOOD GROUP LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of dollars, unaudited)	Three months ended March						
	<u>Note</u>		2016		2015		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Income from continuing operations		\$	2,966	S	2,537		
Costs associated with investing activities included in net income			_		1,043		
•			2,966		3,580		
Non-cash items included in net income							
Amortization			398		127		
Provision for credit losses			7,669		4,681		
Amortization of origination costs			5,066		3,065		
Tax expense			2,651		2,550		
Other non-cash items	13		2,675		527		
			18,459		10,950		
Cash from operating activities before change in net operating assets			21,425		14,530		
Funds advanced on origination of finance receivables			(63,661)		(43,396)		
Origination costs paid on finance receivables			(6,553)		(4,737)		
Principal collections of finance receivables			52,082		26,672		
Change in other net operating assets	13		218		(124)		
Income taxes paid			(1,930)		(528)		
Cash from (used in) operating activities - continuing operations			1,581		(7,583)		
Cash (used in) from operating activities - discontinued operations	5		(2,668)		3,006		
Cash used in operating activities			(1,087)		(4,577)		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Acquisition, net of cash acquired			(6,000)		(41,337)		
Proceeds from sale of discontinued operations, net of costs	5		24,964		6,127		
Purchase of property and equipment			(55)		(20)		
Cash from (used in) investing activities - continuing operations			18,909		(35,230)		
Cash used in investing activities - discontinued operations	5				(6)		
Cash from (used in) investing activities			18,909		(35,236)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Borrowings, net	13		(14,198)		10,366		
Payment of financing costs			_		(614)		
Proceeds from issue of shares, net of costs			_		34,297		
Proceeds from exercise of options			14		47		
Cash dividends paid	11		(12,336)		(2,320)		
Cash from (used in) financing activities - continuing operations			(26,520)		41,776		
Cash used in financing activities - discontinued operations	5		(1,703)		(5,000)		
Cash from (used in) financing activities			(28,223)		36,776		
Unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash			(286)		572		
Net decrease in cash			(10,687)		(2,465)		
Cash, beginning of the period			15,920		10,220		
Cash, end of the period			5,233		7,755		
Cash held by discontinued operations					5,149		
Cash held by continuing operations		\$	5,233	3	2,606		

 ${\it Please see notes to the condensed consolidated interim\ financial\ statements}.$ 



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#### NATURE OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

Chesswood Group Limited (the "Company") is incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Company's head office is located at 156 Duncan Mill Road, Unit 15, Toronto, Ontario, M3B 3N2, and its shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CHW.

The Company holds all of the limited partnership units of Chesswood Holding LP ("Holding LP"). Holding LP holds a 100% interest in Chesswood Holdings Ltd. and substantially all of the limited partnership units of Sherway LP ("Sherway"). Chesswood Holdings Ltd. owns 100% of the shares of the operating company, Blue Chip Leasing Corporation ("Blue Chip"), Lease-Win Limited, Case Funding Inc. ("Case Funding"), as well as 100% of the shares of Chesswood U.S. Acquisition Co Ltd. ("U.S. Acquisitionco"), a corporation which owns 100% of the shares of the operating company Pawnee Leasing Corporation ("Pawnee"), incorporated in Colorado, United States, and Windset Capital Corporation ("Windset"), incorporated in Delaware, United States.

As partial consideration for the acquisition of Pawnee in May 2006, 1,274,601 Class B shares and 203,936 Class C shares of U.S. Acquisitionco were issued ("Exchangeable Securities"). The Exchangeable Securities are non-voting shares of U.S. Acquisitionco and are fully exchangeable for Common Shares of the Company, on a one-for-one basis, for no additional consideration, through a series of steps and entitle the holders to receive the same dividends as the Common Shares. Attached to the Exchangeable Securities are Special Voting Units of the Company which provide the holders of the Exchangeable Securities voting equivalency to Company Shareholders. The Exchangeable Securities are reflected as non-controlling interest. Under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 10, Consolidated Financial Statements, the Exchangeable Securities must be shown as noncontrolling interest because they are equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the parent even though they have no voting powers in the subsidiary. There are no restrictions to the Company's ability to access or use assets and settle liabilities of U.S. Acquisitionco as a result of the non-controlling interest. The non-controlling interest share of the Company's consolidated net assets and net income is presented on the consolidated financial statements.

Through its interest in subsidiaries, the Company operates in the following businesses:

- Pawnee micro and small-ticket equipment financing to small businesses in the United States.
- Windset providing working capital loans to small businesses in 33 states of the United States.
- Blue Chip commercial equipment financing to small and medium businesses in Canada.
- Case Funding holds a portfolio of legal finance receivables in the United States.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements, including comparatives, have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The term IFRS also includes all International Accounting Standards ("IAS") and all interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC").

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the going concern and historical cost bases, except for derivative financial instruments, liabilities held for trading and hybrid financial liabilities designated as at fair value through net income or loss, which have been measured at fair value. In order to improve clarity, certain items have been combined on the statements of financial position with detail provided separately in the Notes.

The reporting currency is the Canadian dollar. The financial statements are presented in thousands of Canadian dollars except per share amounts and as otherwise noted. The functional currency of the Company, Holding LP, Chesswood Holdings Ltd., Blue Chip, and Lease-Win Limited is the Canadian dollar. The functional currency of U.S. Acquisitionco, Pawnee, Windset and Case Funding is the United States dollar.

The Company's condensed consolidated financial interim statements were authorized for issue on May 12, 2016 by the Board of Directors.

### 2. CONSOLIDATION

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as noted above. Subsidiaries are consolidated using the purchase method from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the Company obtains control, and continue to be consolidated as long as control is held. The financial statements of all subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using uniform accounting policies in accordance with IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements. All intra-group balances and items of income and expense resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full. Transaction costs in connection with business combinations are expensed as incurred.



#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, on a basis consistent with the accounting policies disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's most recently issued Annual Report which includes information necessary or useful to understanding the Company's businesses and financial reporting.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited. Financial information in this report reflects adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of results for the interim periods in accordance with IFRS.

The results reported in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements should not be regarded as necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire year.

The Company's significant accounting policies were presented as Note 3 - Significant Accounting Policies to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 included in the Company's most recently issued Annual Report, and have been consistently applied in the preparation of these interim financial statements.

#### ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

Management is currently assessing the impact that adoption of the following new accounting pronouncements will have on the Company's financial statements.

#### IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The IASB issued the final complete standard during 2014. The Company plans to adopt the standard for the year ending December 31, 2018.

IFRS 9 uses a single principles-based approach to determine the classification and measurement of financial assets (either fair value or amortized cost) based on the entity's business model and the nature of the contractual cash flows derived from the asset.

The new standard introduces an expected loss impairment model for all financial instruments except those measured at fair value through profit and loss. Application of the model will depend on what stage a financial asset is at. A 12-month expected credit loss is recognized through a loss allowance on initial recognition of a financial asset. If credit risk subsequently increases significantly above the risk assessed at recognition, a loss is recognized for the lifetime expected loss. Finally, if a financial asset is considered credit impaired, then interest revenue is based on the net carrying amount of the asset instead of its gross carrying amount.

The standard requires an entity choosing to measure a liability at fair value to present the portion of the change in its fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk in the other comprehensive income or loss section of the entity's statement of comprehensive income, rather than within profit or loss. IFRS 9 includes revised guidance related to de-recognition of financial instruments.

#### IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The standard establishes principles for recognizing revenues based on a five-step model which is to be applied to all contracts with customers. Revenue arising from lease contracts accounted for under IAS 17 is outside of the scope of the new standard. The Company plans to adopt the new standard for the year ending December 31, 2018.

#### IFRS 16 Leases

IFRS 16 replaces IAS 17 and is effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. IFRS 16's approach to lessor accounting is substantially unchanged from its predecessor, IAS 17. The standard provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. The Company plans to adopt the standard for the year ending December 31, 2019.



#### **DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

In the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company made a strategic decision to focus on the growth and development of the Company's specialty finance companies, in particular, commercial equipment finance. This led to the decisions to sell Sherway in November 2015, the sale of EcoHome Financial Inc. ("EcoHome") in February 2016 and the potential sale of the remainder of Case Funding including the remaining legal finance receivables in 2016. It was determined that these disposals meet the criteria of discontinued operations at December 31, 2015. The comparative figures on the condensed consolidated interim statements of income and cash flows have been reclassified as if the operations had been discontinued from the start of the comparative year.

#### a) Net assets held for sale

As a result, the assets and liabilities that are classified as held-for-sale are as follows:

Held-for-sale	Marc	h 31, 2016
(\$ thousands) Assets held for sale - Finance receivables - Case Funding	\$	7,594
Liabilities held for sale - Accounts payable and other liabilities - Case Funding	\$	1,276

## (b) Results from discontinued operations

	F	or the three	months end	ed N	Tarch 31, 2016
(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	Cas	se Funding	ЕсоНоте		Total
		(d)	(e)		
Interest revenue on leases and loans	\$	419	\$ 949	\$	1,368
Ancillary finance and other fee income			85		85
Interest expense			(481)		(481)
Provision for credit losses		(93)	(8)		(101)
Finance margin		326	545		871
Personnel expenses		_	181		181
Share-based compensation expense		_	148		148
Other expenses		36	151		187
Income before undernoted items		290	65		355
Gain on sale, net of costs and taxes		_	8,920		8,920
Income before taxes		290	8,985		9,275
Tax expense		_	(44)		(44)
Income from discontinued operations	\$	290	\$ 8,941	\$	9,231
Basic earnings per share from discontinued operations				\$	0.52
Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations				\$	0.51
Cash flow from discontinued operations					
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	\$	724	\$ (3,392)	\$	(2,668)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$	_	\$ (1,703)	\$	(1,703)



	For the three months ended March 31, 2015								
(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)		herway	Case Funding	g I	ЕсоНоте		Total		
		(c)	(d)		(e)				
Interest revenue on leases and loans	\$		\$ 80	3 \$	213	\$	1,016		
Ancillary finance and other fee income		_	1	1	17		28		
Interest expense			_	_	(86)		(86)		
Provision for credit losses		_	(16	4)	_		(164)		
Finance margin		_	65	0	144		794		
Revenue - automotive operations		11,385	_	_			11,385		
Cost of sales – automotive operations		(9,939)	_	_			(9,939)		
Gross margin before expenses		1,446	65	0	144		2,240		
Personnel expenses		676	17	4	40		890		
Share-based compensation expense		7	7	6	3		86		
Other expenses		373	14	6	25		544		
Amortization - property and equipment		64		3	_		67		
Income before undernoted items		326	25	1	76		653		
Gain on sale, net of costs and taxes			84	0			840		
Amortization - intangible assets		_	_	_	(28)		(28)		
Income before taxes		326	1,09	1	48		1,465		
Tax expense			(49	3)	(11)		(504)		
Income from discontinued operations	\$	326	\$ 59	8 \$	37	\$	961		
Basic earnings per share from discontinued operations						\$	0.08		
Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations						\$	0.07		
Cash flow from discontinued operations									
Net cash from operating activities	\$	2,439	\$ (43	0) \$	997	\$	3,006		
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(6)	\$ -	- \$		\$	(6)		
Net cash used in financing activities	\$	(617)	\$ -	- \$	(4,383)	\$	(5,000)		
Property and equipment expenditures	\$	6	\$ -	- \$	_	\$	6		

# c) Acura Sherway

On November 15, 2015, the Company sold the assets and operations of Sherway, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$20.4 million resulting in a net gain of approximately \$4.6 million.

Subsequent to March 31, 2016, 37,000 options were exercised as part of the disposal of Sherway.



#### d) Case Funding

On February 3, 2015, Case Funding sold certain assets and operations to a private equity firm (the "Purchaser") for proceeds of \$6.2 million. The gain on sale, net of costs, totaled \$840,000. The gain on sale resulted in the utilization of unrecognized tax losses of Case Funding.

Attorney loans totaling \$1.3 million are reported in finance receivables until collected and the corresponding funds received from the Purchaser will show as a payable, because not all of the risk and rewards were deemed to have been transferred.

Case Funding retained approximately \$9.4 million in finance receivables and pays a servicing fee of 5% of collections to administer the remaining portfolio of attorney loans, plaintiff advances and medical liens on behalf of Case Funding.

In December 2015, the Company made a strategic decision to dispose of the retained legal finance receivables in the following 12 months. A search is underway for a buyer.

Legal finance receivables in the held-for-sale assets consist of:

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015
		(\$ thoi	isands)	
Attorney loans and medical liens	\$	1,059	\$	3,559
Plaintiff advances		6,520		7,031
Legal finance receivables		7,579		10,590
Current portion (i)		4,017		6,455
Legal finance receivables - long-term portion	\$	3,562	\$	4,135

At Case Funding, management reviews each attorney loan receivable on an individual basis for collectability and for reserve requirements, if any. At March 31, 2016, it was determined an allowance of \$526,000 (December 31, 2015 - \$486,000) was required.

i) The contracts are deemed to have fixed or determinable payments, with the payments due when the underlying cases are settled. The date of settlement cannot be known and is therefore estimated. Plaintiff advances are made on a non-recourse basis, and repayment depends on the success and potential size of respective claims. The current portion of legal finance receivables is subject to estimation.

### e) EcoHome Financial Inc.

On March 17, 2015 (the "Acquisition Date"), the Company acquired (the "Acquisition") all of the issued and outstanding shares and certain shareholder loans of Blue Chip and EcoHome ("Acquired Companies").

On February 18, 2016, the Company sold EcoHome for approximately \$35.0 million, of which \$29.0 million was paid in cash. Chesswood also received 6,039,689 common shares of Dealnet Capital Corp. ("Dealnet") with a value of \$3.5 million and a \$2.5 million convertible note which will mature in two years, bears interest at 6% per annum and is convertible (at the Company's option), in whole or in part at any time, into common shares of Dealnet at a conversion price of \$0.64 per share. \$2.75 million of the proceeds were held back as escrow and will be released on August 18, 2017.

No impairment loss was recognized on reclassification as held-for-sale at December 31, 2015 because the fair value less costs to sell exceeded the carrying amount. The net gain, after \$1.3 million in costs and \$1.2 million in taxes, is approximately \$8.9 million.



#### PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER ASSETS

Prepaid expenses and other assets comprise:

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015	
			(\$ th	ousand	(s)
Property tax receivable	9	<b>S</b>	645	\$	741
Tax receivable			3,256		8,358
Sales tax receivable			208		648
Other prepaid expenses and current assets			826		514
Loan receivable - EcoHome	ı		8,000		_
Common shares - Dealnet	,		2,990		_
Escrow funds - Dealnet	:		2,580		_
Convertible note - Dealnet	ł		2,517		_
Prepaid expenses and other assets	_		21,022		10,261
Current portion			13,704		10,261
Long-term portion	9	\$	7,318	\$	_

- (a) Loan receivable The loan receivable had a maturity date of April 28, 2016, bore interest at 4.0% per annum and represented the inter-company warehouse funding to EcoHome of leases and loans that had not yet been securitized with EcoHome funders prior to the sale of EcoHome. Subsequent to March 31, 2016, the secured note evidencing the loan is expected to be restated to extend the maturity date to September 30, 2017, with interest at 5.5% per annum for the first 12 months. It is further expected that, part of the extension, the note will provide for monthly cash flow sweeps from a designated portfolio of leases and loans as well as specific quarterly payment provisions. The value represents the net present value of the expected cash flows from the loan receivable. The current portion of the loan receivable is estimated at \$5.8 million.
- (b) Common shares as partial consideration for the sale of EcoHome, Chesswood received 6,039,689 common shares of Dealnet. The Dealnet shares will be measured at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value represents the trading price at each reporting date. Dealnet shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the stock symbol "DLS".
- (c) Escrow funds \$2.75 million of the proceeds were held back as escrow and will be released on August 18, 2017. The value represents the net present value of the escrowed funds.
- (d) Convertible note as partial consideration for the sale of EcoHome, Chesswood received a \$2.5 million convertible note of Dealnet, bearing interest at 6% per annum, which matures in February 2018 and is convertible into common shares of Dealnet at a conversion price of \$0.64 per share.

#### FINANCE RECEIVABLES

Finance receivables comprise:

		March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
		ousands	usands)		
Net investment in leases	\$	269,140	\$	273,667	
Loan receivables		85,759		91,892	
	\$	354,899	\$	365,559	

The Company finances its finance lease and loan receivables by pledging such receivables as security for amounts borrowed from lenders under bulk lease facilities and the general corporate credit facility. The Company retains ownership and servicing



responsibilities of the pledged lease and loan receivables; however, the lenders have the right to enforce their security interest in the pledged lease and loan receivables if the Company defaults under these facilities.

# (a) Net investment in finance receivables includes the following:

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
		(\$ tho	usands)			
Total minimum payments	\$	439,296	\$	454,531		
Residual values of leased equipment		19,763		21,249		
		459,059		475,780		
Unearned income, net of initial direct costs of acquisition		(96,633)		(101,198)		
Net investment in finance receivables before allowance for doubtful accounts		362,426		374,582		
Allowance for doubtful accounts (b)		(9,123)		(10,647)		
		353,303		363,935		
Reserve receivable on securitized financial contracts		1,596		1,624		
Net investment in finance receivables		354,899		365,559		
Current portion		164,765		170,429		
Net investment in finance receivables - long-term portion	\$	190,134	\$	195,130		

## (b) The activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows:

# For the three months ended

	March 31,							
		2016		2015				
		(\$ thous	ands)					
Balance, beginning of period	\$	10,647	\$	6,558				
Provision for credit losses		6,268		3,652				
Impact of change in foreign exchange rates		(561)		588				
Allowance of acquired companies			942					
Charge-offs		(8,705)		(4,756)				
Recoveries		1,474		1,028				
Balance, end of period	\$	9,123	\$	8,012				

#### (c) Finance Receivables Past Due

Pawnee, Windset and Blue Chip finance receivables are each composed of a large number of homogenous receivables with relatively small individual balances. The evaluation of the allowance for doubtful accounts is performed collectively for each portfolio.

The following aging represents the total carrying amount of the lease and loan receivables and not just the payments that are past due. The balances presented exclude the \$13.0 million (December 31, 2015 - \$13.9 million) of security deposits received from lessees/borrowers and the collateral held (including potential proceeds from repossessed equipment, and potential recoveries from personal guarantees) that would offset any charge-offs. An estimate of the fair value for the collateral and personal guarantees cannot reasonably be determined.



						As of Ma	arch	31, 2016
(\$ thousands)	Current	1-	30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	Over 90 days		Total
Equipment lease receivables	\$ 264,150	\$	4,796	\$ 2,059	\$ 1,370 \$	1,366	\$	273,741
Loan receivables	84,811		2,397	863	366	248		88,685
	\$ 348,961	\$	7,193	\$ 2,922	\$ 1,736 \$	1,614	\$	362,426
Impaired	448		1,840	1,996	1,485	1,538		7,307
Past due but not impaired	\$ _	\$	5,353	\$ 926	\$ 251 \$	76	\$	6,606

As of December 31, 2015

(\$ thousands)	Current	1	30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	Over 90 days	Total
Equipment lease receivables	\$ 267,891	\$	5,921 \$	2,136	\$ 1,087 \$	2,404 \$	279,439
Loan receivables	90,794		2,712	1,165	133	339	95,143
	\$ 358,685	\$	8,633 \$	3,301	\$ 1,220 \$	2,743 \$	374,582
Impaired	229		2,050	2,472	1,052	2,608	8,411
Past due but not impaired	\$ _ \$	\$	6,583 \$	829 5	\$ 168 \$	135 \$	7,715

# ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and other liabilities comprise:

	March 31,			December 31,		
		2016		2015		
		usands	sands)			
Dividends payable	\$	1,154	\$	1,153		
Accounts payable		1,759		927		
Sales tax payable		597		672		
Customer deposits and prepayments		197		899		
Unfunded finance receivables		1,920		2,634		
Taxes payable		2,145		2,744		
Payroll related payables and accruals		1,014		783		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		1,947		1,745		
	\$	10,733	\$	11,557		

# **BORROWINGS**

Borrowings are comprised of:

		March 31, 2016	De	cember 31, 2015
		(\$ thou	sands)	
Chesswood credit facility	(a)	\$ 142,033	\$	164,250
Deferred financing costs		(1,169)		(1,524)
		140,864		162,726
Securitization and bulk lease financing facilities	<i>(b)</i>	90,708		92,447
		\$ 231,572	\$	255,173



- (a) On December 8, 2014, Chesswood entered into a three-year revolving senior secured credit facility. Chesswood's credit facility allows borrowings of up to U.S.\$150.0 million subject to, among other things, certain percentages of eligible gross finance receivables. The facility can be extended, subject to certain conditions, to U.S.\$200.0 million. This credit facility is secured by substantially all of Chesswood's assets, contains negative covenants including maintaining leverage and interest coverage ratios, and matures on December 8, 2017. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, and throughout the periods presented, Chesswood was in compliance with all covenants. Based on average debt levels, the effective interest rate paid during three months ended March 31, 2016 was 4.04% (year ended December 31, 2015 - 3.79%).
- (b) Blue Chip has entered into master purchase and servicing agreements with various financial institutions and life insurance companies (referred to collectively as the "Securitizers"). The funding facilities are advanced to Blue Chip on a tranche-by-tranche basis, with each tranche collateralized by a specific group of underlying finance receivables and any related security provided thereunder. The facilities have limited recourse to other assets in the event that lessees\borrowers fail to make payments when due. Blue Chip either maintains certain cash reserves as credit enhancements or provide letters of guarantee in return for cash release from the cash reserves. Blue Chip continues to service these finance receivables on behalf of the Securitizers.

Blue Chip has access to the following committed lines of funding:

- \$20.0 million annual limit from one life insurance company;
- \$40.0 million rolling limit from one financial institution; and
- Approved funding from one financial institution with no annual or rolling limit.

Interest rates are fixed at the time of each advance and are based on Government of Canada Bond yields with maturities comparable to the term of the underlying leases plus a premium. Based on average debt levels, the effective interest rate paid during the three months ended March 31, 2016 was 3.16% (for the period ended December 31, 2015 - 3.86%). As at March 31, 2016, Blue Chip has provided \$5.6 million in outstanding letters of guarantee through Chesswood credit facility. Blue Chip must meet certain financial covenants to support these securitization and bulk lease financing facilities. As at March 31, 2016, and throughout the periods presented, Blue Chip was in compliance with all covenants.

#### 10. MINIMUM PAYMENTS

The following are the contractual principal payments and maturities of financial liabilities and other commitments:

(\$ thousands)		2016		2017	2018		2018 2		2019		2020		2021 +		 Total
Accounts payable and other liabilities		\$ 10,733	\$	_	\$		\$	_	\$		\$		\$ 10,733		
Contingent consideration		_		_		1,508				_			1,508		
Borrowings	(i)	28,730	1	71,618		16,998	1	0,881		3,324		21	231,572		
Customer security deposits	(ii)	3,205		3,836		3,553		2,083		1,169		171	14,017		
Convertible debentures						20,000				_			20,000		
Interest rate swaps		_		_						1,269	1	,006	2,275		
		42,668	1	75,454		42,059	1	2,964		5,762	1	,198	280,105		
Other financial commitments	(iii)	623		611		218		222		225		427	2,326		
Total commitments		\$ 43,291	\$ 1	76,065	\$	42,277	\$ 1	3,186	\$	5,987	\$ 1	,625	\$ 282,431		

- Borrowings are described in Note 9, and include Chesswood's credit facility, which is a line-of-credit and, as such, the balance can fluctuate.
- The Company's experience has shown that the actual contractual payment streams will vary depending on a number of variables including: prepayment rates, charge-offs and modifications. Accordingly, the scheduled contractual payments of customer security deposits shown in the table above are not to be regarded as a forecast of future cash payments.



iii. The Company and its subsidiaries are committed to future minimum rental payments under existing leases for premises, excluding occupancy costs and property tax, expiring in 2017 and 2023, which represent the bulk of other financial commitments.

For contingent liabilities and other commitments, refer to Note 24 - Contingent Liabilities and Other Financial Commitments of the 2015 annual consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 5 - Business Acquisitions of the 2015 annual consolidated financial statements for description of contingent consideration.

#### 11. DIVIDENDS

Under the Chesswood credit facility (see Note 9 - Borrowings), the maximum cash dividends (or cost of any repurchases under normal course issuer bids) that the Company can pay in respect of a month is 1/12 of 90% (prior to January 25, 2016 - 1/12 of 80%) of free cash flow for the most recently completed four financial quarters in which Chesswood has publicly filed its condensed consolidated interim financial statements (including its annual financial statements in respect of a fourth quarter), including the free cash flow of acquired companies for the corresponding period for periods prior to acquisition dates (See Note 5 - Business Acquisitions in the 2015 Annual Report for further details).

In conjunction with the sale of EcoHome, the Company declared a special dividend of \$0.50 per share on February 18, 2016 for shareholders of record on February 29, 2016 and was paid on March 15, 2016, totaling \$8.9 million.

The maximum permitted cash dividend allowed under Chesswood's credit facility has been increased up to \$3.4 million until November 2017 in relation to the gain realized on the sale of Sherway.

The following dividends were paid to Common Shareholders and Exchangeable Securities holders (included as non-controlling interest) during three months ended March 31, 2016:

Total dividend amount		
(\$ thousands)		
1,153		
1,154		
8,875		
1,154		
12,336		
_		

The following dividends were paid to Common Shareholders and Exchangeable Securities holders (included as non-controlling interest) during three months ended March 31, 2015:

Record date	Payment date		dividend share (\$)	Total dividend amount
	_			 (\$ thousands)
December 31, 2014	January 15, 2015	\$	0.065	\$ 773
January 30, 2015	February 17, 2015	\$	0.065	773
February 27, 2015	March 16, 2015	\$	0.065	774
				\$ 2,320



## 12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.

	For the three months ended			
	March 31,			
	2016	2015		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	16,268,480	11,628,898		
Dilutive effect of options	270,043	246,655		
Dilutive effect of restricted share units	66,000	60,000		
Weighted average common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	16,604,523	11,935,553		
Options and convertible debentures excluded from calculation of diluted shares for the period due to their anti-dilutive effect	1,866,176	1,226,176		

## 13. CASH FLOW SUPPLEMENTARY DISCLOSURE

	For the three months ended  March 31,  2016						
	2016			2015			
		ands)					
Other non-cash items included in net income							
Share-based compensation expense	\$	361	\$	295			
Amortization of deferred financing costs		177		160			
Financing costs - convertible debentures		100		152			
Unrealized loss on investments		510		_			
Escrow receivable fair value accretion		(10)		_			
Contingent consideration accretion		292		23			
Unrealized loss on interest rate swaps		1,523					
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange		(278)		(103)			
	\$	2,675	\$	527			
Change in other net operating assets							
Prepaid expenses and other assets		145		2,936			
Accounts payable and other liabilities		109		(2,771)			
Customer security deposits		(36)		(289)			
	\$	218	\$	(124)			



	F	for the three				
	March 31, 2016 2015					
		(\$ thous	ands)			
Borrowings – continuing operations						
Chesswood credit facilities - proceeds	\$	22,873	\$	17,627		
Chesswood credit facilities - payments		(35,332)		(8,612)		
Proceeds from securitization and bulk lease financing facilities		9,911		1,351		
Payments under securitization & bulk lease financing facilities		(11,650)				
	\$	(14,198)	\$	10,366		
Non-cash transactions						
Common shares issued for business acquisition	\$	_	\$	16,583		

#### 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

## (a) Categories and measurement hierarchy

There were no transfers between levels during the current period or prior year.

## (b) Gains and losses on financial instruments

The following table shows the net gains and losses arising for each IAS 39, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, category of financial instrument.

	Fo	March 31, 2016 2015				
		Marc	March 31,			
		2016		2015		
		(\$ thou	sands)			
Loans and receivables:						
Provision for credit losses - continuing operations	\$	(6,268)	\$	(3,652)		
Designated as at fair value through net income or loss:						
Convertible debentures		(100)		(152)		
Investment		(510)		_		
Fair value through net income or loss:						
Interest rate swaps		(1,523)				
Net loss	\$	(8,401)	\$	(3,804)		

#### (c) Financial Risk Management

In the normal course of business, the Company manages risks that arise as a result of its use of financial instruments. These risks include credit, liquidity and market risk. Market risks can include interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and other price risk.

There have been no changes in the Company's objectives, policies or processes for managing or for measuring any of the risks to which it is exposed since the previous year end.



#### 15. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's capital consists of shareholders' equity, which at March 31, 2016 comprised \$150.1 million (2015 - \$156.6 million) and convertible debentures. The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in the long-term and to provide adequate returns for shareholders.

The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk profile of the underlying assets. The Company uses various measures including the amount of dividends paid to shareholders.

On December 8, 2014, Chesswood entered into a three year revolving senior secured U.S.\$150 million credit facility. This credit facility supports growth in finance receivables, provides for Chesswood's working capital needs and for general corporate purposes. The facility, available in U.S. or Canadian dollars, also improves our financial flexibility by centralizing treasury management and making the provision of capital to individual businesses more efficient.

Financing facilities of its operating subsidiaries are used to provide funding for the respective subsidiary's operations (i.e. to provide financing for the purchase of assets which are to be the subject of leases loans or to support working capital). The financing facilities are not intended to directly fund dividends by the Company.

#### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has no parent or other ultimate controlling party.

The Company's key management consists of the President & Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and the Board of Directors. Key management compensation is as follows:

> For the three months ended March 31, 2016 2015 (\$ thousands) 348 Salaries, fees and other short-term employee benefits \$ 251 278 244 \$ 495 626

Share-based compensation Compensation expense of key management

#### 17. SEASONAL OPERATIONS

Tax expense reflects the mix of taxing jurisdictions in which pre-tax income and losses were recognized. However, because the geographical mix of pre-tax income and losses in interim periods may not be reflective of full year results, this may distort the Company's interim period effective tax rate.

#### 18. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segments are identified on the same basis that is used internally to manage and to report on performance, taking into account materiality and the products and services of each segment and the organizational structure of the Company's operations consist of the following reportable segments: Equipment Financing - U.S. and Equipment Financing - Canada.

Chesswood's U.S. Equipment Financing business is located in the United States and is involved in small-ticket equipment leasing and lending to small businesses primarily in the start-up and "B" credit markets. At March 31, 2016, Windset's information is aggregated with Chesswood's U.S. Equipment Financing segment as both Pawnee and Windset offer lending solutions to small businesses in the United States and Windset continues to leverage off Pawnee's experience, processes, broker channel and "backoffice" support for collections and documentation. The Canadian Equipment Financing segment provides commercial equipment financing to small businesses in Canada and includes Blue Chip.

Segment information is prepared in conformity with the accounting policies adopted for the Company's financial statements.



The role of the "chief operating decision maker" with respect to resource allocation and performance assessment is embodied in the position of Chief Executive Officer. The performance of the segments is measured on the basis of net income or loss before tax. Net assets, which are defined as total segment assets less total segment liabilities, are used as the basis of assessing the allocation of resources. When compared with the last annual financial statements, there are no differences in the basis of segmentation or in the basis of measuring segment results. Selected information by segment and geographically is as follows:

Three	months	ended	March	31	2016
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(\$ thousands)	F F	equipment inancing - U.S.	Equipment Financing - Canada	Ove	porate rhead inada		Total
Interest revenue on leases and loans	\$	17,121	\$ 2,520	\$		\$	19,641
Ancillary finance and other fee income		2,201	1,050				3,251
Interest expense		(1,444)	(891)				(2,335)
Provision for credit losses		(5,940)	(328)				(6,268)
Finance margin		11,938	2,351				14,289
Personnel expenses		2,019	715		371		3,105
Share-based compensation expense		61	21		279		361
Other expenses		1,937	360		365		2,662
Amortization - property and equipment		61	5				66
Income before undernoted items		7,860	1,250		(1,015)		8,095
Amortization - intangible assets, contingent consideration accretion (non-cash)		_	(327)		(297)		(624)
Fair value adjustments - convertible debentures and investments		_	_		(610)		(610)
Unrealized loss on interest rate swaps		_	_		(1,523)		(1,523)
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange		_	_		278		278
Income before taxes		7,860	923		(3,167)		5,616
Tax expense		2,536	212		(98)		2,650
Income from continuing operations		5,324	711		(3,069)		2,966
Income from discontinued operations (Note 5)		_			9,231		9,231
Net income	\$	5,324	\$ 711	\$	6,162	\$	12,197
Net cash from operating activities	\$	3,989	\$ (653)	\$	(1,755)	\$	1,581
Net cash from investing activities	\$	(55)	\$ _	\$	18,964	\$	18,909
Net cash used in financing activities	\$	_	\$ (1,739)	\$	(24,781)	\$	(26,520)
Total assets	\$	267,479	\$ 156,932	\$	29,142	\$	453,553
Total liabilities	\$	33,370	\$ 100,315	\$ 1	169,761	\$	303,446
Finance receivables	\$	240,031	\$ 114,868	\$		\$	354,899
Goodwill and intangible assets	\$	20,955	\$ 41,909	\$		\$	62,864
Property and equipment expenditures	\$	55	\$ _	\$		\$	55



Three months ended March 31, 2015

	Three months ended March 31, 2015										
(\$ thousands)		Equipment Financing - U.S.		Equipment Financing - Canada		Discontinued Operations		Corporate overhead - Canada		Total	
Interest revenue on leases and loans	\$	13,001	\$	666			\$	_ :	\$	13,667	
Ancillary finance and other fee income		1,557		188						1,745	
Interest expense		(1,137)		(171)				_		(1,308)	
Provision for credit losses		(3,600)		(52)				_		(3,652)	
Finance margin		9,821		631				_		10,452	
Personnel expenses		1,544		280				306		2,130	
Share-based compensation expense		51		_				245		296	
Other expenses		1,478		130				327		1,935	
Amortization - property and equipment		46		17				1		64	
Income before undernoted items		6,702		204				(879)		6,027	
Acquisition related items				_				(827)		(827)	
Amortization - intangible assets				(63)				_		(63)	
Fair value adjustments - convertible debentures		_		_				(152)		(152)	
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange				_				103		103	
Income before taxes		6,702		141				(1,755)		5,088	
Tax expense		2,428		9				114		2,551	
Income from continuing operations		4,274		132				(1,869)		2,537	
Income from discontinued operations ( <i>Note 5</i> )		_		_		961				961	
Net income	\$	4,274	\$	132	\$	961	\$	(1,869)	\$	3,498	
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(4,653)	\$	(469)	\$	3,006	\$	(2,461)	\$	(4,577)	
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(20)	\$	_	\$	(6)	\$	(35,210)	\$	(35,236)	
Net cash from financing activities	\$	<del>-</del>	\$	1,352	\$	(5,000)	\$	40,424	\$	36,776	
Total assets	\$	224,731	\$	137,007	\$	111,484	\$	3,957	\$	477,179	
Total liabilities	\$	37,764	\$	89,737	\$	68,585	\$	142,586	\$	338,672	
Finance receivables	\$	200,431	\$	96,610	\$	66,514	\$	_ :	\$	363,555	
Goodwill and intangible assets	\$	20,868	\$	39,265	\$	29,878	\$	— :	\$	90,011	
Property and equipment expenditures	\$	20	\$	_	\$	6	\$	_ :	\$	26	

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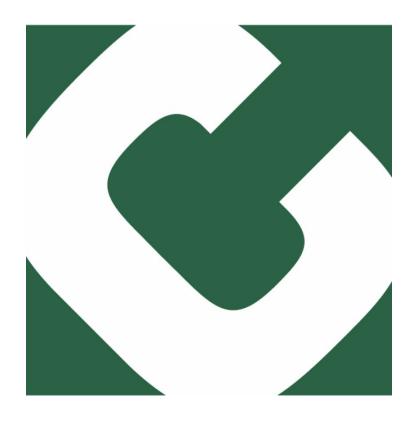
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