

Consolidated Financial Statements of

**POLLARD BANKNOTE  
LIMITED**

Years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Shareholders of Pollard Banknote Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Pollard Banknote Limited, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and 2014, the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes, comprising 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.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our 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, we consider 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 consolidated financial position of Pollard Banknote Limited as at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

*KPMG LLP*

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Chartered Professional Accountants

March 14, 2016  
Winnipeg, Canada

**Pollard Banknote Limited**  
**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**  
*(In thousands of Canadian dollars)*

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 7,587	\$ 6,212
Restricted cash	560	75
Accounts receivable	24,151	21,930
Inventories (note 5)	23,739	24,908
Prepaid expenses and deposits	4,169	3,275
Income taxes receivable	3,046	-
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>63,252</b>	<b>56,400</b>
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment (note 6)	50,380	40,723
Equity investments (note 7)	401	-
Goodwill (note 8)	37,717	36,600
Intangible assets (note 9)	12,340	13,292
Deferred income taxes (note 10)	-	2,304
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>100,838</b>	<b>92,919</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 164,090</b>	<b>\$ 149,319</b>

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 22,290	\$ 21,225
Dividends payable	706	706
Income taxes payable	-	2,871
Foreign currency contracts (note 25)	-	483
Current portion long-term debt (note 11)	1,203	902
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>24,199</b>	<b>26,187</b>
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term debt (note 11)	72,083	68,242
Subordinated debt (note 12)	6,813	6,813
Other non-current liabilities	397	375
Pension liability (note 13)	11,270	11,942
Deferred income taxes (note 10)	5,751	1,845
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>96,314</b>	<b>89,217</b>
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital (note 14)	73,209	73,209
Reserves	4,384	1,456
Deficit	(34,016)	(40,750)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>43,577</b>	<b>33,915</b>
Commitments and contingencies (note 15)		
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 164,090</b>	<b>\$ 149,319</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

"D.C. Crewson" Director

"John Pollard" Director

**Pollard Banknote Limited**  
**Consolidated Statements of Income**  
*(In thousands of Canadian dollars, except for share amounts)*

Years ended December 31

	2015	2014
Sales	\$ 221,030	\$ 194,471
Cost of sales	176,675	153,401
Gross profit	44,355	41,070
Administration	19,177	16,951
Selling	7,374	6,887
Other income (note 16)	(284)	(303)
Income from operations	18,088	17,535
Finance costs (note 17)	6,382	5,998
Finance income (note 17)	(490)	(959)
Income before income taxes	12,196	12,496
Income taxes (note 10)		
Current (recovery)	(677)	3,072
Deferred	5,410	678
	4,733	3,750
Net income	\$ 7,463	\$ 8,746
Net income per share (basic) (note 18)	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.37
Net income per share (diluted) (note 18)	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.37

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Pollard Banknote Limited**  
**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**  
*(In thousands of Canadian dollars)*

Years ended December 31

	2015	2014
Net income	\$ 7,463	\$ 8,746
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit and loss		
Foreign currency translation differences – foreign operations	2,928	1,237
Items that will never be reclassified to profit and loss		
Defined benefit plans remeasurements, net of income tax (reduction) of \$773 and (\$2,704) (note 10 & note 13)	2,070	(6,916)
Other comprehensive income (loss) – net of income tax	4,998	(5,679)
Comprehensive income	\$ 12,461	\$ 3,067

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Pollard Banknote Limited**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**  
*(In thousands of Canadian dollars)*

Year ended December 31, 2015

	Attributable to equity holders of Pollard Banknote Limited			
	Share capital	Translation reserve	Deficit	Total equity
Balance at January 1, 2015	\$ 73,209	1,456	(40,750)	33,915
Net income	-	-	7,463	7,463
Other comprehensive income				
Foreign currency translation differences – foreign operations	-	2,928	-	2,928
Defined benefit plans remeasurements, net of income tax of \$773	-	-	2,070	2,070
<u>Total other comprehensive income</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>2,928</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>4,998</u>
<u>Total comprehensive income</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>2,928</u>	<u>9,533</u>	<u>12,461</u>
Share based compensation (note 14)	-	-	26	26
Dividends to owners of Pollard Banknote Limited	-	-	(2,825)	(2,825)
<u>Balance at December 31, 2015</u>	<u>\$ 73,209</u>	<u>4,384</u>	<u>(34,016)</u>	<u>43,577</u>

Year ended December 31, 2014

	Attributable to equity holders of Pollard Banknote Limited			
	Share capital	Translation reserve	Deficit	Total equity
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 73,209	219	(39,788)	33,640
Net income	-	-	8,746	8,746
Other comprehensive income				
Foreign currency translation differences – foreign operations	-	1,237	-	1,237
Defined benefit plans remeasurements, net of income tax reduction of (\$2,704)	-	-	(6,916)	(6,916)
<u>Total other comprehensive income</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>(6,916)</u>	<u>(5,679)</u>
<u>Total comprehensive income</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>1,830</u>	<u>3,067</u>
Share based compensation (note 14)	-	-	33	33
Dividends to owners of Pollard Banknote Limited	-	-	(2,825)	(2,825)
<u>Balance at December 31, 2014</u>	<u>\$ 73,209</u>	<u>1,456</u>	<u>(40,750)</u>	<u>33,915</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Pollard Banknote Limited**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
*(In thousands of Canadian dollars)*

Years ended December 31

	2015	2014
Cash increase (decrease)		
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 7,463	\$ 8,746
Adjustments		
Income taxes	4,733	3,750
Amortization and depreciation	8,351	7,898
Interest expense	2,917	2,875
Unrealized foreign exchange loss	3,776	1,682
Loss on equity investment	32	167
Pension expense	4,532	2,979
Mark-to-market (gain) loss on foreign currency contracts	(483)	71
Interest paid	(2,828)	(3,066)
Income tax paid	(3,141)	(2,086)
Pension contributions	(2,879)	(3,553)
Change in non-cash operating working capital (note 20)	(2,815)	(650)
	19,658	18,813
Investing activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(15,376)	(17,573)
Equity investments (note 7)	(433)	-
Additions to intangible assets	(682)	(1,221)
	(16,491)	(18,794)
Financing activities		
Net proceeds from (repayments of) long-term debt	989	(5,539)
Proceeds from subordinated debt	-	6,813
Change in other non-current liabilities	(46)	143
Deferred financing charges paid	(384)	(193)
Dividends paid	(2,825)	(2,825)
	(2,266)	(1,601)
Foreign exchange gain on cash held in foreign currency	474	20
Change in cash position	1,375	(1,562)
Cash position, beginning of year	6,212	7,774
Cash position, end of year	\$ 7,587	\$ 6,212

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
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**1. Reporting entity:**

Pollard Banknote Limited ("Pollard") was incorporated under the laws of Canada on March 26, 2010. The address of Pollard's registered office is 140 Otter Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3T 0M8.

The consolidated financial statements of Pollard as at and for the year ended December 31, 2015, comprise Pollard and its subsidiaries and its interest in other entities. Pollard is primarily involved in the manufacture, development and sale of lottery and gaming products.

The controlling party of Pollard is Pollard Equities Limited ("Equities"), a privately held company. Equities owns approximately 73.5% of Pollard's outstanding shares.

On January 1, 2015, Pollard completed an amalgamation of all its Canadian based subsidiaries, including Pollard Holdings Limited Partnership and Pollard Banknote Limited Partnership.

**2. Basis of preparation:**

(a) Statement of compliance:

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

On March 14, 2016, Pollard's Board of Directors approved these consolidated financial statements.

(b) Basis of preparation:

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the following material items in the statement of financial position:

- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value;
- The pension liability is recognized as the net total of the fair value of plan assets less the present value of the defined benefit obligation.

These statements are presented in Canadian dollars, Pollard's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (except share and per share amounts) unless otherwise indicated.

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**2. Basis of preparation (continued):**

(c) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Information about judgments, assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next period are as follows:

***Impairment of goodwill:***

Pollard determines whether goodwill is impaired at least on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the "value in use" or "fair value less costs to sell" of the cash-generating units ("CGUs") to which goodwill is allocated. Estimating a value in use requires Pollard to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the CGUs and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. Judgment is required in determining the level at which to test goodwill, including the grouping of assets that generate cash inflows. Further details are provided in note 8.

***Employee future benefits:***

Accounting for defined benefit plans requires Pollard to use actuarial assumptions. These assumptions include the discount rate and the rate of compensation increases. These assumptions depend on underlying factors such as economic conditions, government regulations, investment performance, employee demographics and mortality rates. See note 13 for further information.

***Income taxes:***

Pollard is required to evaluate the recoverability of deferred income tax assets. This requires an estimate of Pollard's ability to utilize the underlying future income tax deductions against future taxable income before they expire. In order to evaluate the recoverability of these deferred income tax assets, Pollard must estimate future taxable income. Further details are provided in note 10.

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**3. Significant accounting policies:**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

(a) Principles of consolidation:

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Pollard and all its subsidiaries. Subsidiaries are entities which are under Pollard's control, where control is defined as the power to govern financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Pollard holds 100% of the voting rights in, and therefore controls, its subsidiaries.

Significant subsidiaries:	Percent Ownership Interest	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Pollard Holdings Limited Partnership	n/a	100
Pollard Banknote Limited Partnership	n/a	100
Pollard Holdings, Inc.	100	100
Pollard (U.S.) Ltd.	100	100
Pollard Games, Inc.	100	100
Pollard iLottery Inc.	100	100

On January 1, 2015, Pollard completed an amalgamation with all its Canadian based subsidiaries, including Pollard Holdings Limited Partnership and Pollard Banknote Limited Partnership.

Pollard has entered into a contractual joint agreement with Neogames S.à r.l. for the operation of iLottery gaming for the Michigan Lottery. As such Pollard has recognized in relation to its interest in the joint operation: its assets, including its share of any assets held jointly; its liabilities, including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly and its share of revenue and expenses.

Pollard, in conjunction with NeoGames US, LLP, established NeoPollard Interactive LLC ("NPI"). Pollard accounts for its investment in NPI as a joint venture. Under the equity method of accounting Pollard recognizes its share of the income and expenses and equity movements of NPI.

All inter-company balances and transactions, and any unrealized income and expenses arising from inter-company transactions, have been eliminated.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

(b) Restricted cash:

Under the terms of Pollard's iLottery contract with the Michigan Lottery, Pollard holds iLottery players' deposits in a bank account for the benefit of the lottery and therefore the cash is not available for use by Pollard. Pollard records an equal, offsetting liability within accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Pollard has excluded changes in the restricted cash and related liability from its calculation of the change in cash position in the statements of cash flows.

(c) Revenue recognition:

Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, significant risks and benefits of ownership are transferred, the sales price to the customer is fixed or is determined and collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured. The significant risks of ownership and benefits of ownership are normally transferred in accordance with the shipping terms agreed to with the customer. In some instances, revenue is recognized when the customers' tickets are sold at retail. Volume rebates are accrued and recorded as a reduction to sales based on historical experience and management's expectations regarding sales volume.

Revenues relating to license and royalty sales, iLottery services and lottery management services are recognized pursuant to the terms of the applicable contracts. Where Pollard provides software and related infrastructure, revenue is recognized in proportion to the stage of completion of the contracted work.

(d) Inventories:

Raw materials, work-in-process and finished goods are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The cost of raw material inventory is based on its weighted average cost and includes all costs incurred to acquire the materials. In addition to the direct costs of conversion, the cost of work-in-process and finished goods, which Pollard manufactures, also includes an appropriate share of production overheads based on normal operating capacity.

Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion.

(e) Goodwill:

Goodwill is comprised of the excess sale price over the underlying carrying amount of the net assets sold as at August 5, 2005, as part of the 26.7% of Pollard Holdings Limited Partnership sold in conjunction with the Initial Public Offering ("IPO") and the excess purchase price over the underlying carrying amount of the net assets acquired of Pollard's U.S. subsidiaries. Goodwill is

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

not amortized but is subject to an annual impairment test to ensure its recoverable value remains greater than, or equal to, book value.

(f) Intangible assets:

*Deferred development:*

Development expenditures are recognized as an intangible asset only if Pollard can demonstrate that the development costs can be measured reliably, the product is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable and Pollard has sufficient resources to complete development and to use or sell the asset. The expenditures capitalized include the cost of materials, direct labour, overhead costs that are directly attributable to preparing the asset for its intended use and borrowing costs incurred in respect of qualifying assets. Other development expenditures are expensed as incurred.

Capitalized development expenditures are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

*Computer software and licenses:*

Computer software consists of the cost of acquiring and implementing these systems. Cost of implementation include third party costs as well as direct labour and related overhead costs attributable to the asset. Minimum license fees incurred in connection with our licensing agreements for our use of third-party brands are capitalized and amortized over the estimated life of the asset.

Capitalized computer software costs and licenses are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

*Other intangible assets:*

Intangible assets that are acquired by Pollard and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

Intangible assets are amortized, on a straight-line basis, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

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Asset	Rate
Customer assets	16 years
Patents	Term of patent
Computer software and licenses	5 to 10 years or term of license
Deferred development	2 to 7 years

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Amortization methods, estimated useful lives and residual value are reviewed each annual reporting date and adjusted prospectively if appropriate.

(g) Property, plant and equipment:

Property, plant and equipment ("PP&E") are stated at cost less investment tax credits (including SR&ED credits), accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials, direct labour and related fringes, other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to working condition for their intended use and borrowing costs incurred in respect to qualifying assets. Major spare parts are treated as PP&E when they have a useful life greater than a year. Once major spare parts are put in service, they are transferred into equipment and amortized accordingly.

An item of PP&E is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. The gain or loss on disposal of an item of PP&E is determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying value of the PP&E and is recognized in the statement of income on a net basis.

The cost of each component of an item of PP&E is depreciated over its estimated useful life on a straight-line basis, commencing the date it is ready for use. Land is not depreciated. The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

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Asset	Rate
Buildings	10 to 30 years
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease
Equipment	2 to 11 years
Furniture, fixtures and computers	3 to 9 years

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed each annual reporting date and adjusted prospectively if appropriate.

The carrying value of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

(h) Investment in associate:

Pollard accounts for its investment in associate using the equity method of accounting as it has significant influence, but not control. Significant influence is presumed to exist when Pollard holds between 20 and 50 percent of the voting power of another entity. The consolidated financial statements include Pollard's share of the income and expenses and equity movements of the entity accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

(i) Investment in joint venture:

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement, rather than rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require consent of both parties.

The consolidated financial statements include Pollard's share of the income and expenses and equity movements of the entity accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

(j) Investment in joint operation:

A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require consent of both parties.

The consolidated financial statements include Pollard's interest in the Michigan Lottery iLottery joint operations: its assets, including its share of any assets held jointly; its liabilities, including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly and its share of revenue and expenses.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

(k) Financial instruments:

*Non-derivative financial assets*

Pollard initially recognizes loans and receivables on the date that they originated. All other financial assets (including assets designated at fair value through profit or loss) are recognized initially on the trade date at which Pollard becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Pollard derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented on the statement of financial position when, and only when, Pollard has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Pollard classifies non-derivative financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity financial assets, loans and receivables and available-for-sale financial assets.

i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

A financial asset is classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss if it is classified as held for trading or is designated as such upon initial recognition. Attributable transaction costs are recognized in net income as incurred. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognized in net income. Pollard has no non-derivative financial assets classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

ii) Held-to-maturity financial assets

If Pollard has the positive intent and ability to hold debt securities to maturity, then such financial assets are classified as held-to-maturity. Held-to-maturity financial assets are initially recognized at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition held-to-maturity financial assets are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Pollard has no financial assets classified as held-to-maturity.

iii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determined payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are initially recognized at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses, and the net gain or loss is included in finance income. Pollard has classified cash, restricted cash and accounts receivable as loans and receivables.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified in any of the previous categories. Subsequent to initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value and changes therein, other than impairment losses and foreign exchange differences, are recognized in other comprehensive income and are presented in the fair value reserve in equity. When an investment is derecognized, the gain or loss accumulated in equity is reclassified to net income. Pollard has no financial assets classified as available-for-sale.

*Non-derivative financial liabilities*

All non-derivative financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities and are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method and the net gain or loss is included in finance costs.

Pollard classifies accounts payable and accrued liabilities, dividends payable, long-term debt, subordinated debt and other non-current liabilities as other financial liabilities.

*Share Capital*

Common stock is classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of common stock are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

*Derivatives and hedge accounting*

Pollard may use certain derivative financial instruments to manage risks of fluctuation in interest rates and foreign exchange rates. On initial designation of the derivative as the hedging instrument, Pollard formally documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedging item, including the risk management objectives and strategy in undertaking the hedge transaction and the hedged risk, together with the methods that will be used to assess the effectiveness of the hedging relationship. Pollard makes an assessment, both at the inception of the hedge relationship as well as on an ongoing basis, of whether the hedging instruments are expected to be "highly effective" in offsetting the change in the fair value or cash flows of the respective hedged items attributable to the hedged risk, and whether the actual results of each hedge are within a range of 80 – 125 percent.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

Derivatives are recognized initially at fair value and attributable transaction costs are recognized in net income as incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value and changes are accounted for as follows:

i) Cash flow hedges

When a derivative financial instrument is designated as the hedging instrument in a hedge of the variability in cash flows attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognized in other comprehensive income and presented in the hedging reserve in equity. Any ineffective portion of changes in fair value of the derivative is recognized immediately in net income. If the hedging instrument no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. This results in the amortization of the respective derivative's cumulative changes in fair value in the hedging reserve, over the remaining term of the derivative. Any adjustments to fair value after discontinuing hedge accounting are recognized immediately in net income as finance income or loss.

ii) Other non-trading derivatives

When a derivative financial instrument is not designated in a hedge relationship that qualifies for hedge accounting, all changes in its fair value are recognized immediately in net income as finance income or loss.

(l) Translation of foreign currencies:

The functional currency for each of Pollard's subsidiaries is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of each entity within the consolidated group using the exchange rates in effect at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated to the functional currency using the exchange rate prevalent at the date of acquisition. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate prevalent at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising from translation are recognized in net income, except for exchange differences arising on the translation of financial instruments qualifying as a cash flow hedge, which are recognized directly in other comprehensive income ("OCI").

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

The results and financial position of entities within the consolidated group that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into Canadian dollars as follows: assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the end of the reporting period; income and expenses are translated at the average rate for the reporting period; all resulting exchange differences are recognized in OCI. On disposal of a foreign operation, the deferred cumulative amount recognized in OCI relating to that particular foreign operation is recognized in net income.

(m) Employee benefits:

*Share based compensation*

The grant date fair value of stock options granted to employees is recognized as an expense, with a corresponding increase in equity, over the vesting period of the awards.

*Defined contribution plans*

Pollard's U.S. subsidiaries maintain two defined contribution plans in the United States. The obligation to contribute to these plans is recognized as an employee benefit expense as incurred.

*Defined benefit plans*

Pollard maintains four non-contributory defined benefit pension plans in Canada and the United States, three being final pay plans and one being a flat benefit plan. None of the plans have indexation features.

The costs of Pollard's defined benefit plans are recognized over the period in which employees render service to Pollard in return for the benefits. The defined benefit obligations associated with the plans are actuarially determined using the projected unit credit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimate of salary escalation and retirement ages of employees. The present value of the defined benefit obligations are determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high quality corporate bonds that have maturity terms approximating the maturity terms of the related obligation and that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid. The expected return on pension plan assets is calculated utilizing the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period.

Past service costs are recognized as an expense on a straight line basis over the average period until the benefits becomes vested. If the benefits have vested, past service costs are recognized in net income immediately.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

Remeasurements that arise in calculating the present value of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets are recognized immediately in OCI.

Pollard's pension asset is limited to the total of any unrecognized past services costs and the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan. In order to calculate the present value of economic benefits, consideration is given to any minimum funding requirements that apply to Pollard's plans. An economic benefit is available to Pollard if it is realizable during the life of the plan, or on settlement of the plan liabilities.

(n) Income taxes:

Current income tax and deferred income tax are recognized in the statement of income except to the extent that the tax relates to items recognized directly in equity or in OCI. Current income tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the period and any adjustment to tax payable in respect to previous years. Current income tax expense includes withholding taxes.

Deferred income tax is recorded to reflect the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax basis. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the enacted or substantively enacted tax rates, which are expected to be in effect when the underlying items of income and expense are expected to be realized.

Deferred income tax is not recognized for: temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future, taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill or temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred income tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the date of enactment or substantive enactment, except if it relates to an item previously recognized in equity, in which case the adjustment is made to equity.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current income tax liabilities and assets, and they are levied by the same taxation authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities which intend to settle their current income tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

(o) Provisions:

Provisions are recognized when Pollard has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as a finance cost.

(p) Impairment:

*Financial assets*

Financial assets classified as loans and receivables, held-to-maturity and available-for-sale are assessed at each reporting period date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably. Evidence of impairment may include default or delinquency by a debtor, indications that a debtor will enter bankruptcy or economic conditions that correlate with defaults. Pollard has neither available-for-sale nor held-to-maturity instruments.

For loans and receivables, Pollard first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If Pollard determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assess them for impairment. Individually assessed assets with an impairment loss are not included in the collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of income. If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account, through the statement of income.

*Non-financial assets*

The carrying amount of Pollard's non-financial assets, other than inventories and deferred income tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when the annual impairment testing for an asset is required, Pollard estimates the asset's recoverable amount. For goodwill the recoverable amount is estimated as of December 31 each year. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or its related CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of cash inflows of other assets or CGUs.

Impairment losses are recognized in net income. Impairment losses recognized in respect to CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis. An impairment loss in respect to goodwill is not reversed. In respect to other assets, impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss can only be reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying value that would have been determined, net of amortization, if no impairment had been recognized.

(q) Finance costs and finance income:

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings, amortization of deferred financing costs, mark-to-market losses on foreign exchange contracts and net foreign exchange losses.

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**3. Significant accounting policies (continued):**

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are expensed in the period incurred using the effective interest method.

Finance income comprises mark-to-market gains on foreign exchange contracts and net foreign exchange gains.

**4. Future accounting standards:**

In July 2014, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") issued International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 9 *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9"), which replaces the existing guidance in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. IFRS 9 includes revised guidance on the classification and measurement of financial instruments, a new expected credit loss model for calculating impairment on financial assets, and new general hedge accounting requirements. It also carries forward the guidance on recognition and derecognition of financial instruments from IAS 39. IFRS 9 is required for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Pollard is currently assessing the impact of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The new standard specifies the steps and timing for recognizing revenue, as well as requiring more informative, relevant disclosures. IFRS 15 supersedes IAS 11 *Construction Contracts* and IAS 18 *Revenue*. IFRS 15 is required for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with early adoption available. Pollard is currently assessing the impact of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* and IAS 38 *Intangible Assets*. The amendments prohibit the use of revenue based depreciation for property, plant and equipment and significantly limit the use of revenue based amortization for intangibles. These amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. Pollard does not expect these amendments to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 11 *Interests in Joint Operations*. The amendments require business combination accounting to be applied to acquisition of interest in a joint operation that constitute a business. These amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, with early adoption available. Pollard does not expect these amendments to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2014, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and IAS 28 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* (2011). The amendments address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in IFRS 10 and those in IAS 28 (2011), in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognized when a transaction

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**4. Future accounting standards (continued):**

involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognized when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary. These amendments were to be effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, with early adoption available; however, in December 2015 the IASB decided to defer the effective date for these amendments indefinitely. Pollard is currently assessing the impact of the amendments on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2014, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The amendments will not require any significant change to current practice, but should facilitate improved financial statement disclosures. These amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, with early adoption available. Pollard does not expect these amendments to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 *Leases* which replaces IAS 17 *Leases*. This standard introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognize a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. This standard substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements of IAS 17, while requiring enhanced disclosures to be provided by lessors. Other areas of the lease accounting model have been impacted, including the definition of a lease. Transitional provisions have been provided. The new standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Earlier application is permitted for entities that apply IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* at or before the date of initial adoption of IFRS 16. Pollard is currently assessing the impact of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements.

**5. Inventories:**

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	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Raw materials	\$ 9,679	\$ 7,602
Work-in-process	749	641
Finished goods	13,311	16,665
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	\$ 23,739	\$ 24,908

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During 2015 Pollard recorded inventory write-downs of \$359 representing an increase in the obsolescence reserves and write-downs of \$11 due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

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**5. Inventories (continued):**

During 2014 Pollard recorded inventory write-downs of \$257 representing an increase in the obsolescence reserves and reversals of previous write-downs of \$32 due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The cost of sales reflects the costs of inventory including direct material, direct labour and manufacturing overheads.

**6. Property, plant and equipment:**

<b>Cost</b>	Land	Buildings	Leasehold improvements	Equipment	Spare parts	Furniture, fixture and computers	Assets in progress	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 803	9,258	1,962	120,515	983	3,956	-	137,477
Additions/net transfers	-	133	140	2,079	40	33	15,148	17,573
Disposals	-	-	-	(15)	-	-	-	(15)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	57	377	-	-	-	434
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 803	9,391	2,159	122,956	1,023	3,989	15,148	155,469
Additions/net transfers	-	2,488	295	26,807	223	173	(14,610)	15,376
Disposals	-	-	-	(34)	-	-	-	(34)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	160	924	-	6	-	1,090
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 803	11,879	2,614	150,653	1,246	4,168	538	171,901

<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	Land	Buildings	Leasehold improvements	Equipment	Spare parts	Furniture, fixture and computers	Assets in progress	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ -	3,915	1,147	100,235	-	3,262	-	108,559
Depreciation for the year	-	312	165	5,164	-	187	-	5,828
Disposals	-	-	-	(15)	-	-	-	(15)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	53	321	-	-	-	374
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ -	4,227	1,365	105,705	-	3,449	-	114,746
Depreciation for the year	-	323	193	5,217	-	184	-	5,917
Disposals	-	-	-	(34)	-	-	-	(34)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	130	761	-	1	-	892
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ -	4,550	1,688	111,649	-	3,634	-	121,521

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**6. Property, plant and equipment (continued):**

<b>Carrying amounts</b>	Land	Buildings	Leasehold improvements	Equipment	Spare parts	Furniture, fixture and computers	Assets in progress	Total
At December 31, 2014	\$ 803	5,164	794	17,251	1,023	540	15,148	40,723
At December 31, 2015	\$ 803	7,329	926	39,004	1,246	534	538	50,380

In 2014 Pollard commenced the installation of a new printing press which was reflected in the assets in progress category. The press was put into service in 2015. Included in the 2015 expenditures were \$390 in capitalized borrowing costs (2014 - \$478).

**7. Equity investments:**

<b>Interest in joint venture</b>	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Balance – beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Investment	433	-
Equity loss	(32)	-
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$ 401</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Pollard has entered into an agreement with NeoGames US, LLP for the establishment of NeoPollard Interactive LLC. The entity was established to provide iLottery services in the United States and Canada, excluding the State of Michigan.

Pollard and Neogames S.à r.l. operate the iLottery operation for the Michigan Lottery under a separate joint operating agreement. Pollard recognizes its interest in the joint operation by including its assets, including its share of any assets held jointly, its liabilities, including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly and its share of revenue and expenses.

<b>Interest in associate</b>	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Balance – beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 167
Equity loss	-	(167)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Pollard has entered into an agreement with Palm Commerce Information and Technology (China) Co., Ltd. for the establishment of Shenzhen Palm Commerce & Pollard Banknote Technology Co., Ltd.. As per the agreement, Pollard completed its capital investment of US\$400, representing 40%

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**7. Equity investments (continued):**

of the registered capital of the corporation, in January 2012. The entity was established to provide distribution and validation systems to provincial lottery operations in China.

Shenzhen Palm Commerce & Pollard Banknote Technology Co. continues to operate at a loss. Pollard is not required to provide further funding and therefore has limited its loss to its initial investment.

**8. Goodwill:**

Goodwill is comprised of \$30,620 (2014 - \$30,620), representing the excess purchase price over the underlying carrying amount of the net assets sold, as at August 5, 2005, as a result of the 26.7% of Pollard LP sold as part of Pollard Banknote Income Fund's IPO with the remaining \$7,097 (2014 - \$5,980) from Pollard's purchase of its U.S. subsidiaries. Goodwill has been allocated to CGUs for impairment testing in this manner, as described in the table below.

	December 31,		December 31,	
	2015		2014	
Lottery	\$	30,620	\$	30,620
Charitable games		7,097		5,980
	\$	37,717	\$	36,600

During 2015 the value of goodwill increased \$1,117 (2014 - \$489) as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates.

For both the Lottery and Charitable games CGUs the recoverable amounts have been determined based on a value in use calculation using cash flow projections from financial forecasts approved by senior management. These forecasts cover a period of five years and reflect an estimate of a terminal value. Included in these forecasts is an assumption of a 3% growth rate which was based on historical trend and expected future performance.

The calculation of value in use for the CGUs described above are most sensitive to the following key assumptions on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill:

- Revenue and related gross profit
- Foreign exchange rates
- Discount rates
- Growth rates

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**8. Goodwill (continued):**

Revenue and related gross profit

Projected cash flows from revenue assumes the continuation of recent historical trends adjusted for expected new contract wins, anticipated contract renewal pricing pressures and the expected impact of sales initiatives in conjunction with certain production efficiencies that are being developed or are expected to be developed.

Foreign exchange rates

A significant portion of revenue is denominated in U.S. dollars and Euros, partially offset by U.S. dollar denominated costs. In addition, certain financial assets and liabilities are denominated in U.S. currency. Projected cash flows assume an estimated exchange rate between Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars and Euros based on expected exchange rates during the forecast period.

Discount rates

Discount rates were calculated based on the estimated cost of equity capital and debt capital considering data and factors relevant to the economy, the industry and the CGUs. These costs were then weighted in terms of a typical industry capital structure to arrive at an estimated weighted average cost of capital. The after-tax discount rates applied to the cash flow projections for the CGUs described above were as follows:

Lottery	10.0%
Charitable games	11.0%

Growth rates

Growth rates are based on estimated sustainable long-term growth rates of the CGUs.

Management believes that any reasonable possible change in any of the key assumptions on which the cash generating unit's recoverable amounts are based would not cause the unit's carrying amounts to exceed its recoverable amount.

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**9. Intangible assets:**

<b>Cost</b>		Customer assets	Patents	Deferred development	Computer software and licenses	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$	18,645	5,013	1,398	4,021	29,077
Additions (net of investment tax credits)		-	38	(86)	905	857
Additions – internally developed (net of investment tax credits)		-	-	(141)	505	364
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$	18,645	5,051	1,171	5,431	30,298
Additions (net of investment tax credits)		-	81	-	346	427
Additions – internally developed (net of investment tax credits)		-	-	(30)	285	255
Effect of movements in exchange rates		-	-	-	15	15
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$	18,645	5,132	1,141	6,077	30,995

<b>Accumulated amortization</b>		Customer assets	Patents	Deferred development	Computer software and licenses	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$	9,801	4,361	618	765	15,545
Amortization for the year		1,166	54	190	51	1,461
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$	10,967	4,415	808	816	17,006
Amortization for the year		1,165	252	147	81	1,645
Effect of movements in exchange rates		-	-	-	4	4
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$	12,132	4,667	955	901	18,655

<b>Carrying amounts</b>		Customer assets	Patents	Deferred development	Computer software and licenses	Total
At December 31, 2014	\$	7,678	636	363	4,615	13,292
At December 31, 2015	\$	6,513	465	186	5,176	12,340

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**9. Intangible assets (continued):**

Customer assets, \$3,874 of patents and \$229 of computer software were recognized as a result of the excess purchase price over the underlying carrying amount of the intangible assets acquired as at August 5, 2005, as part of the 26.7% of Pollard LP sold in conjunction with the IPO. As at December 31, 2011, computer software and licenses, and patents recognized at IPO were fully amortized. Customer assets will continue to be amortized until fiscal 2021.

The majority of the non-IPO computer software relates to the implementation, over 2014 and 2015, of a new ERP platform. The amortization period for these costs is 10 years and commenced in January 2016.

Amortization of intangible assets in 2015 of \$1,645 (2014 – \$1,461), was included in cost of sales.

**10. Income taxes:**

**Income tax expense**

	2015		2014	
Current income tax expense (recovery)	\$	(677)	\$	3,072
Deferred income tax expense		5,410		678
<b>Total income tax expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,750</b>

**Income tax recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)**

	Amount before tax	Tax expense	2015 Amount net of tax	Amount before tax	Tax benefit	2014 Amount net of tax
Defined benefit plans remeasurement gain (loss)	\$ 2,843	(773)	2,070	\$ (9,620)	2,704	(6,916)
	\$ 2,843	(773)	2,070	\$ (9,620)	2,704	(6,916)

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**10. Income taxes (continued):**

**Reconciliation of effective tax rate**

	2015	2015	2014	2014
Net income for the year		\$ 7,463		\$ 8,746
Total income tax expense		4,733		3,750
Income before income taxes		\$ 12,196		\$ 12,496
Income tax using Pollard's domestic tax rate	26.8%	3,266	26.7%	3,341
Changes in expected tax rates and other non-deductible amounts	(3.3%)	(401)	(2.9%)	(360)
Effect of non-taxable items related to foreign exchange	15.3%	1,868	6.2%	769
	38.8%	\$ 4,733	30.0%	\$ 3,750

**Deferred income tax assets and liabilities**

*Recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities*

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 148	149	\$ (6,347)	(1,389)	\$ (6,199)	(1,240)
Intangible assets	-	994	(3,515)	(4,322)	(3,515)	(3,328)
Inventories	325	304	-	-	325	304
Employee benefits	5,477	5,758	(1,734)	(2,102)	3,743	3,656
Unrealized foreign exchange (gains) and losses	1,869	672	(1,631)	-	238	672
Unused tax losses	-	520	-	-	-	520
Other	28	144	(371)	(269)	(343)	(125)
<b>Tax assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$ 7,847</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>\$ (13,598)</b>	<b>(8,082)</b>	<b>\$ (5,751)</b>	<b>459</b>

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**10. Income taxes (continued):**

*Movement in temporary differences during the year*

	Balance January 1, 2014	Recognized in profit or loss	Recognized in other comprehensive income	Balance December 31, 2014	Recognized in profit or loss	Recognized in other comprehensive income	Balance December 31, 2015
Property, plant and equipment	\$ (949)	(291)	-	(1,240)	(4,959)	-	(6,199)
Intangible assets	(3,210)	(118)	-	(3,328)	(187)	-	(3,515)
Inventories	209	95	-	304	21	-	325
Employee benefits	978	(26)	2,704	3,656	860	(773)	3,743
Unrealized foreign exchange (gains and losses)	908	(236)	-	672	(434)	-	238
Unused tax losses	301	219	-	520	(520)	-	-
Other	190	(315)	-	(125)	(218)	-	(343)
<b>Tax assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$ (1,573)</b>	<b>(672)</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>(5,437)</b>	<b>(773)</b>	<b>(5,751)</b>

*Recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position as follows:*

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
Deferred income tax - asset	\$	-	\$	2,304
Deferred income tax - liability		(5,751)		(1,845)
	\$	(5,751)	\$	459

*Recognized in the consolidated statements of income as follows:*

	2015		2014	
Deferred income tax expense	\$	(5,410)	\$	(678)
Finance income		(27)		6
	\$	(5,437)	\$	(672)

Amounts included in finance income relate to unrealized foreign exchange.

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**11. Long-term debt:**

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Credit facility, interest of 2.9% to 3.7%, payable monthly, maturing 2017	\$ 73,497	\$ 69,316
Deferred financing charges, net of amortization	(211)	(172)
	73,286	69,144
Less current portion	(1,203)	(902)
	\$ 72,083	\$ 68,242

Included in the total credit facility balance is a U.S. dollar loan balance of US\$14,200 (2014 - US\$13,600).

Effective June 30, 2015, Pollard Banknote Limited renewed its credit facility. The credit facility provides loans of up to \$71,827 for its Canadian operations (denominated in Canadian or U.S. dollars), \$3,910 for a term facility and US\$12,000 for its U.S. subsidiaries. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest at fixed and floating rates based on Canadian and U.S. prime bank rates, banker's acceptances or LIBOR. At December 31, 2015, the outstanding letters of guarantee drawn under the credit facility were \$1,257 (2014 - \$1,106).

Under the terms and conditions of the credit facility agreement Pollard is required to maintain certain financial covenants including working capital ratios, debt to income before interest, income taxes, amortization and depreciation ("Adjusted EBITDA") ratios and certain debt service coverage ratios. As at December 31, 2015, Pollard is in compliance with all financial covenants.

As at December 31, 2015, \$3,910 of the term facility remained outstanding. Repayment of the term facility commenced on June 30, 2015, in the form of quarterly principal repayments of \$301 plus interest. Repayments permanently reduce the term facility commitment available.

As of December 31, 2015, Pollard has unused credit facility available of \$17,591 (2014 - \$17,816) and the term facility is fully drawn.

Pollard's credit facility, including the term facility, is secured by a first security interest in all of the present and after acquired property of Pollard. The facility can be prepaid without penalties. Under the terms of the agreement the facility was committed for a period, renewable June 30, 2016 ("Facility Expiry Date"). If the facility is not renewed, the loans are repayable one year after the Facility Expiry Date, except for the scheduled principal repayments on the term facility. As such, the credit facility effectively has a two year term expiring June 30, 2017.

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**12. Subordinated debt:**

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Subordinated debt, interest of 9.00% payable quarterly, maturing 2021	\$ 6,813	\$ 6,813
	<b>\$ 6,813</b>	<b>\$ 6,813</b>

On April 2, 2014, Pollard's former subsidiary, Pollard Holdings Limited Partnership, entered into a loan agreement with Equities for a subordinated term loan facility with a seven year term in the amount of \$6,813 to assist in the purchase of the new printing press. Effective January 1, 2015, Pollard Banknote Limited assumed the subordinated debt on completion of the amalgamation of the Canadian entities.

Principal payments on the subordinated loan facility will commence the month following the later of: twenty-four months from the date of the first advance, completed on April 4, 2014, or the date of repayment in full of the additional secured term facility. Based on the current repayment schedule, the term facility will be repaid in full in March 2019, at which time principal payments on the subordinated debt will commence. Interest on the subordinated term loan facility commenced with the first draw at a rate of 9%. The loan is fully subordinated to the secured credit facility.

**13. Pension liability:**

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Fair value of benefit plan assets	\$ 40,073	\$ 37,460
Present value of benefit plan obligations	(51,343)	(49,402)
Net pension liability	<b>\$ (11,270)</b>	<b>\$ (11,942)</b>

Pollard sponsors non-contributory defined benefit plans providing pension benefits to its employees. Pollard has four pension plans of which three are final pay plans and one is a flat benefit plan. None of the plans have indexation features. The measurement date for all the plans is December 31. The two plans of the U.S. subsidiaries require valuations annually with the last valuations being as of January 1, 2015. One of the Canadian plans of Pollard currently requires valuation every three years with the last valuation as of December 31, 2013. Pollard's other Canadian plan's last valuation was as of January 1, 2013. Pollard's U.S. subsidiaries also maintain two defined contribution plans. The pension expense for these defined contribution plans is the annual funding contribution by the subsidiaries.

Pollard expects to contribute approximately \$2.6 million to its defined benefit plans in 2016.

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**13. Pension liability (continued):**

The benefit plan assets are held in trust and are invested as follows:

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Equities	62.3%	62.4%
Bonds	37.2%	37.1%
Cash and cash equivalents	0.5%	0.5%
	100.0%	100.0%

Information about Pollard's defined benefit plans, in aggregate, is as follows:

	2015	2014
<i>Benefit plan assets</i>		
Fair value, beginning of year	\$ 37,460	\$ 32,528
Expected return on plan assets	1,534	1,686
Employer contributions	2,387	3,154
Benefits paid	(1,765)	(1,273)
Remeasurement (losses) gains	(311)	1,047
Effect of movements in exchange rates	768	318
Fair value, end of year	\$ 40,073	\$ 37,460
<i>Accrued benefit plan obligations</i>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 49,402	\$ 35,352
Current service cost	3,595	2,491
Interest cost	1,979	1,774
Benefits paid	(1,765)	(1,273)
Remeasurement (gains) losses	(3,154)	10,667
Effect of movements in exchange rates	1,286	391
Balance, end of year	\$ 51,343	\$ 49,402
Net pension liability	\$ (11,270)	\$ (11,942)

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**13. Pension liability (continued):**

The total net cost for Pollard's defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans recognized in cost of sales is as follows:

	2015	2014
<i>Net defined benefit plans cost</i>		
Current service cost	\$ 3,595	\$ 2,491
Interest on plan obligations	1,979	1,774
Actual return on plan assets	(1,223)	(2,733)
Difference between expected return and actual return on plan assets	(64)	1,261
Net defined benefit plans cost	4,287	2,793
Defined contribution plans cost	245	186
Net pension plans cost	\$ 4,532	\$ 2,979

**Actuarial assumptions**

The principal actuarial assumptions used in measuring at the reporting date are as follows:

	2015	2014
Discount rate	4.3% to 4.7%	4.0% to 4.2%
Rate of compensation increase	0% to 3.0%	0% to 3.0%

Assumptions regarding future mortality have been based on published statistics and mortality tables. As of December 31, 2015, Pollard used CPM2014 Private projected with Scale B mortality table for its Canadian subsidiary's pension plans and the RP-2015 healthy mortality tables for its U.S. subsidiary's pension plans. As of December 31, 2014, Pollard used CPM2014 Private projected with Scale B mortality table for its Canadian subsidiary's pension plans and the RP-2014 healthy mortality tables for its U.S. subsidiary's pension plans.

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**13. Pension liability (continued):**

**Sensitivity analysis**

Reasonably possible changes at the reporting date to one of the relevant actuarial assumptions, holding other assumptions constant, would have affected the defined benefit obligation by the amounts show below:

	Increase		Decrease	
Discount rate (1% movement)	\$	(9,468)	\$	12,581
Rate of compensation increase (1% movement)	\$	1,027	\$	(1,048)
Future mortality (one year)	\$	1,602	\$	(1,457)

**Remeasurements**

	2015		2014	
Remeasurement (losses) gains arising on plan assets	\$	(311)	\$	1,047
Remeasurement (gains) losses arising on plan liabilities from:				
Demographic assumptions	\$	(268)	\$	934
Financial assumptions		(3,110)		9,497
Experience adjustments		224		236
Remeasurement (gains) losses arising on plan liabilities	\$	(3,154)	\$	10,667

**Remeasurements recognized in other comprehensive income**

	2015		2014	
Amount accumulated in deficit, beginning of year	\$	(13,329)	\$	(6,413)
Recognized during the year		2,070		(6,916)
Amount accumulated in deficit, end of year	\$	(11,259)	\$	(13,329)

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**14. Share capital:**

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Authorized		
Unlimited common shares		
Unlimited preferred shares		
Issued		
23,543,158 common shares	\$ 73,209	\$ 73,209
	\$ 73,209	\$ 73,209

*Ownership restrictions:*

The holders of the common shares are entitled to one vote in respect to each common share held, subject to the Board of Directors ability to take constraint actions when a person, or group of persons acting in concert acquires, agrees to acquire, holds, beneficially owns or controls, either directly or indirectly, a number of shares equal to or in excess of 5% of the common shares (on a non-diluted basis) issued and outstanding ("Ownership Threshold"). The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, can take the following constraint actions:

- place a stop transfer on all or any of the common shares believed to be in excess of the Ownership Threshold;
- suspend all voting and/or dividend rights on all or any of common share held believed to be in excess of the Ownership Threshold;
- apply to a court seeking an injunction to prevent a person from acquiring, holding, owning, controlling and/or directing, directly or indirectly, common shares in excess of the Ownership Threshold; and/or
- make application to the relevant securities commission to effect a cease trading order or such similar restriction, until the person no longer controls common shares equal to or in excess of the Ownership Threshold.

In addition, if a Gaming Regulatory Authority has determined that ownership by a holder of common shares is inconsistent with its declared policies, the Board of Directors is entitled to take constraint action against such shareholder. Any person who controls common shares equal to or in excess of the Ownership Threshold, may be required to file an application, be investigated and have suitability as a shareholder determined by a Gaming Regulatory Authority, if such Gaming Regulatory Authority has reason to believe such ownership would otherwise be inconsistent with its declared policies. The shareholder must pay all the costs of the investigation incurred by any such Gaming Regulatory Authority.

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**14. Share capital (continued):**

*Capital management:*

Pollard's objectives in managing capital are to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. Pollard also strives to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the overall cost of capital.

In the management of capital, Pollard includes long-term debt, subordinated debt, share capital and deficit, but excludes reserves. The Board of Directors regularly monitors the levels of debt, equity and dividends.

Pollard monitors capital on the basis of funded debt to Adjusted EBITDA, working capital ratio and debt service coverage. Pollard has externally imposed capital requirements as determined through its bank credit facility. As at December 31, 2015, Pollard is in compliance with all financial covenants.

*Dividends:*

Dividends are paid on the common shares within 15 days of the end of each quarter and are fully discretionary, as determined by the Board of Directors of Pollard.

On November 4, 2015, a dividend of \$0.03 per share was declared, payable on January 15, 2016, to the shareholders of record on December 31, 2015.

There were no other changes in Pollard's approach to capital management during the current period.

*Share based compensation:*

Under the Pollard Banknote Limited Stock Option Plan the Board of Directors has the authority to grant options to purchase common shares to eligible persons and to determine the applicable terms. The aggregate maximum number of common shares available for issuance from Pollard's treasury under the Option Plan is 2,354,315 Common Shares.

On March 5, 2014, the Board of Directors approved the award of 100,000 options to purchase common shares of Pollard for certain key management personnel. The options were granted on March 10, 2014, and have a seven year term, vesting 25% per year over the first four years. The exercise price of the options was equal to the closing price of the common shares on March 7, 2014.

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**14. Share capital (continued):**

The grant date fair value of these options was determined based on the Black-Scholes formula. Expected volatility is estimated by considering historic average share price volatility. The fair values were calculated as \$0.82 as at March 10, 2014. The inputs used in the measurement of the fair values of the share based compensation granted are the following:

- Share price \$3.63
- Exercise price \$3.63
- Expected volatility (weighted average volatility) 33.7%
- Option life (expected weighted average life) 4.75 years
- Risk-free interest rate (based on Canadian government bonds) 1.7% to 2.1%

**15. Commitments and contingencies:**

Certain Pollard subsidiaries rent premises and equipment under long-term operating leases. The following is a schedule by fiscal year of rental payment commitments under operating leases outstanding:

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2016	\$	4,919
2017		4,356
2018		3,949
2019		2,889
2020		2,607
Thereafter		6,483

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Pollard is contingently liable for outstanding letters of guarantee in the amount of \$1,257 at December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$1,106). These letters of guarantee are part of Pollard's credit facility and are secured as disclosed in note 11.

During 2008 Pollard entered into a sale leaseback with an affiliate of Equities for land and building in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The property was sold for \$4,081 and leased back for ten years at an annual lease rate of approximately US\$260. The sale value was determined through independent appraisal.

Also in 2008 Pollard entered into a lease with an affiliate of Equities for a manufacturing facility in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The lease was for a 12 year 6 month period, ending March 31, 2021, at an annual base rate of approximately \$2,453. In 2015, Pollard agreed to exercise its renewal clause which extended the lease until September 30, 2023. See note 21 for further details.

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**15. Commitments and contingencies (continued):**

During 2011 Pollard entered into a sale leaseback with an affiliate of Equities for land and building in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The property was sold for \$3,473 and leased back for five years (with an option to renew for an additional five year term) at an annual lease rate of approximately \$313. The sale value was determined through independent appraisal.

Pollard is involved in litigation and claims associated with operations, the aggregate amounts of which are not determinable. While it is not possible to estimate the outcome of the proceedings, management is of the opinion that any resulting settlements would not materially affect the financial position of Pollard. Should a loss occur on resolution of these claims, such loss would be accounted for as a charge to income in the period in which the settlement occurs.

Pollard has agreed to indemnify Pollard's current and former directors and officers from and against liability and costs in respect of any action or suit against them in connection with the execution of their duties of office, subject to certain usual limitations. No claims with respect to such occurrences have been made and, as such, no amount has been recorded in these financial statements with respect to these indemnifications.

**16. Other (income) expense:**

		2015		2014
Loss on equity investment (note 7)	\$	32	\$	167
Other income		(316)		(470)
	\$	(284)	\$	(303)

**17. Finance costs and finance income:**

<b>Finance costs</b>		2015		2014
Foreign exchange loss	\$	3,120	\$	2,015
Interest		2,917		2,875
Mark-to-market loss on foreign currency contracts		-		910
Amortization of deferred financing costs		345		198
	\$	6,382	\$	5,998

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**17. Finance costs and finance income (continued):**

<b>Finance income</b>	2015	2014
Foreign exchange gain	\$ (7)	\$ (120)
Mark-to-market gain on foreign currency contracts	(483)	(839)
	\$ (490)	\$ (959)

**18. Net income per share:**

	2015	2014
Net income attributable to shareholders for basic and diluted net income per share	\$ 7,463	\$ 8,746
Weighted average number of shares (basic)	23,543,158	23,543,158
Weighted average impact of share options	100,000	81,370
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)	23,643,158	23,624,528
Net income per share (basic)	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.37
Net income per share (diluted)	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.37

**19. Personnel expenses:**

	2015	2014
Wages and salaries	\$ 66,716	\$ 60,659
Benefits and government payroll remittances	10,571	9,416
Profit share	1,432	1,527
Expenses related to defined contribution plans	252	186
Expenses related to defined benefit plans	4,288	2,793
	\$ 83,259	\$ 74,581

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**20. Supplementary cash flow information:**

	2015		2014
Change in non-cash operating working capital:			
Accounts receivable	\$ (1,290)	\$	1,240
Inventories	2,356		(3,084)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(1,117)		(1,612)
Income taxes receivable	(2,199)		-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(565)		2,806
	\$ (2,815)	\$	(650)

**21. Related party transactions:**

During the year ended December 31, 2015, Pollard agreed to exercise its renewal clause on one of its Winnipeg properties leased from an affiliate of Equities. The renewal covers the period from April 2021 to September 2023 with an approximate annual lease rate of \$2,400, including an annual amortization of a leasehold improvement allowance of approximately \$1,000. The total leasehold allowance is \$2,500.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, Pollard paid property rent of \$3,092 (2014 - \$3,037) and \$272 (2014 - \$230) in plane charter costs to affiliates of Equities. In addition, during the year, Pollard paid Equities \$613 (2014 - \$405) interest on Pollard's subordinated debt.

During the year, Equities paid Pollard \$72 (2014 - \$72) for accounting and administration fees.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, Pollard reimbursed operating costs of \$484 (2014 - \$46) to its iLottery partner, which are recorded in cost of sales.

At December 31, 2015, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is an amount owing to Equities and its affiliates for rent, interest and other expenses of \$795 (2014 - \$1,155). Also included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is a net amount owing to Pollard's iLottery partner of \$1,125 (2014 - \$2) for reimbursement of operating costs and capital expenditures, and its share of operating profits.

Key management personnel are those having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the company. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee are considered key management personnel.

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**21. Related party transactions (continued):**

Key management personnel compensation comprised:

	2015		2014	
Wages, salaries and benefits	\$	2,571	\$	2,549
Profit share		9		14
Expenses related to defined benefit plans		483		368
	\$	3,063	\$	2,931

As at December 31, 2015, the Directors and Named Executive Officers of Pollard, as a group, beneficially owned or exercised control or direction over 17,428,571 common shares of Pollard.

**22. Sales to major customers:**

For the year ended December 31, 2015, no customer's sales amounted to 10 percent of consolidated sales, in 2014 one customer amounted to 10 percent.

**23. Segmented information:**

Pollard's operations consist of one reporting segment principally in the manufacturing, development and sale of lottery and charitable gaming products. The manufacturing, development and sale of lottery and charitable products have been aggregated as one reportable segment as they have similar economic characteristics, including similar gross profit margins. Geographic distribution of sales, property, plant and equipment and goodwill are as follows:

	2015		2014	
Sales:				
Canada	\$	52,530	\$	42,880
U.S.		108,969		96,536
Other		59,531		55,055
	\$	221,030	\$	194,471

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
Property, plant and equipment and goodwill:				
Canada	\$	44,266	\$	46,538
U.S.		43,831		30,785
	\$	88,097	\$	77,323

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**24. Financial instruments:**

The fair value of a financial instrument is the estimated amount that Pollard would receive or pay to terminate the instrument agreement at the reporting date. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each type of financial instrument by reference to various market value data and other valuation techniques as appropriate.

The fair values of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and dividends payable approximate their carrying values given their short-term maturities.

The fair value of the long-term debt approximates the carrying value due to the variable interest rate of the debt.

The fair value of the subordinated debt approximates the carrying value based on the terms associated with the debt.

The fair value of the other non-current liabilities approximates the carrying value based on the expected settlement amount of these liabilities.

The fair value of foreign currency forward contracts is estimated utilizing market forward rates of exchange.

Certain financial instruments recorded at fair value on the statements of financial position are classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1 - valuation based on the quoted prices observed in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 - valuation techniques based on inputs that are quoted prices of similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; other than quoted prices used in a valuation model that are observable for that instrument; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

Level 3 - valuation techniques with significant unobservable market inputs

A financial instrument is classified to the lowest level of the hierarchy for which a significant input has been considered in measuring fair value.

As at December 31, 2015, the cash and restricted cash recorded at fair value was classified as level one of the fair value hierarchy.

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**25. Financial risk management:**

Pollard has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

Credit risk  
Liquidity risk  
Currency risk  
Interest rate risk

Pollard's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. The Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with Pollard's risk management policies and procedures. The Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by Internal Audit, who undertakes regular reviews of risk management controls and utilizes the annual risk assessment process as the basis for the annual internal audit plan.

*Credit risk*

The following table outlines the details of the aging of Pollard's receivables and the related allowance for doubtful accounts:

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Current	\$ 19,193	\$ 17,258
Past due for 1 to 60 days	4,295	3,887
Past due for more than 60 days	717	861
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(54)	(76)
	<u>\$ 24,151</u>	<u>\$ 21,930</u>

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that Pollard will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. Pollard's approach is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. In addition, Pollard maintains a committed credit facility including up to \$71,827 for its Canadian operations, as well as the additional term facility of \$3,910 and up to US\$12,000 for its U.S. subsidiaries. At December 31, 2015, the unused balance available for drawdown under the credit facility was \$17,591 (2014 - \$17,816) and the term facility was fully drawn.

The 2016 requirements for capital expenditures, working capital and dividends are expected to be financed from cash flow provided by operating activities and the unused credit facility. Pollard enters into contractual obligations in the normal course of business operations.

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**25. Financial risk management (continued):**

*Currency risk*

Pollard sells a significant portion of its products and services to customers in the United States and to some international customers where sales are denominated in U.S. dollars. In addition, a significant portion of its cost inputs are denominated in U.S. dollars. Pollard also generates revenue in currencies other than the Canadian and U.S. dollar, primarily in Euros.

A 50 basis point strengthening/weakening in the foreign exchange rate between the Canadian and U.S. dollar would decrease/increase the income before income taxes due to changes in operating cashflow by approximately \$47 for year ended December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$85). A 50 basis point strengthening/weakening in the foreign exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and Euro would decrease/increase the income before income taxes due to changes in operating cashflow by approximately \$52 for year ended December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$24).

In addition, translation differences arise when foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at foreign exchange rates that change over time. As at December 31, 2015, the amount of financial liabilities denominated in U.S. dollars exceeded the amount of financial assets denominated in U.S. dollars by approximately \$4,101 (2014 - \$7,936). A 50 basis point weakening/strengthening in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar would result in a decrease/increase in income before taxes of approximately \$21 for the year ended December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$40).

Pollard utilizes a number of strategies to mitigate its exposure to currency risk. Two manufacturing facilities are located in the U.S. and a significant amount of cost inputs for all production facilities are denominated in U.S. dollars, offsetting a large portion of the U.S. dollar revenue in a natural hedge.

Pollard also uses financial hedges, including foreign currency contracts, to help manage foreign currency risk. At December 31, 2015, Pollard had no outstanding foreign currency contracts.

*Interest rate risk*

Pollard is exposed to interest rate risk relating to its fixed and floating rate instruments. Fluctuation in interest rates will have an effect on the valuation and repayment of these instruments.

A 50 basis point decrease/increase in interest rates would result in an increase/decrease in income before income taxes of approximately \$367 for the year ended December 31, 2015 (2014 - \$347).