The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Financial Statements

December 31, 2013

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To the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation:

The Trustees have the responsibility for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements and ensuring that all information in the annual report is consistent with the financial statements. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and making objective judgments and estimates in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, the Trustees design and maintain the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Trustees provide services to the Trust and are responsible for financial reporting and for approving the financial statements. The Trustees fulfill these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared and by discussing relevant matters with the Chief and Council of Nipissing First Nation and external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by the Trustees to audit the financial statements and report directly to the Members of the Nipissing First Nation; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, the Trustees to discuss their audit findings.

March 27, 2014

Trustee

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# Independent Auditors' Report



To the Trustees of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust and the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2013, and the statements of operations and changes in trust equity and cash flows for the three month period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. The financial statements have been prepared by management based on the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement").

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of 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 financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the 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 financial statements.

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

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust as at December 31, 2013 and the results of its operations, changes in trust equity and cash flows for the three month period then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared by management to comply with the financial reporting requirements of the Trust Agreement. As a members of Nipissing First Nation and should not be distributed to, or used by, parties other than the Trustees, the Chief and Council and Members of Nipissing First Nation.

Cambridge, Ontario

March 27, 2014

Chartered Professional Accountants

Licensed Public Accountants





# The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2013

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Assets			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents			40 405 504
Per Capita Distribution in Trust (Note 4)			18,485,568
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			20,766,862
Investments (Note 3)			64,781,629
			85,548,491
Liabilities			
Current Accounts payable and accrued charges			
Per Capita Distribution in Trust (Note 4)			77,318
Due to Nipissing First Nation (Note 5)			2,281,294
process of the control of			25,412
			2,384,024
Trust Equity			
Equity in trust fund			83,164,467
Approved on behalf of the Trustees			
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# Boundary Claim Trust Statement of Operations and Changes in Trust Equity

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For the 3 month	period	ended	Dece	ember	31	2013

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Revenues	
Interest	76,856
Dividend	51,491
Realized losses on disposal of investments	(30,157
	98,190
Authorized Expenses	
Honorarium  Trustees and investment and a second inves	1,400
Trustees and investment management fees (Note 6) Meeting	81,408
Professional fees	1,243
Travel	18,462 422
	422
	102,935
Excess of authorized expenses over revenues	(4,745)
Trust equity, beginning of period	
Trust settlement proceeds (Note 1)	123,674,730
Per capita distribution (Note 7)	(40,240,000)
Per capita distribution for minors (Note 8)	* 150 COSSOCIONA
	(240,106)
Annual income transfer to Nipissing First Nation (Note 5)	(25,412)
Frust equity, end of period	83,164,467

# The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Statement of Cash Flows

For the 3 month period ended December 31, 2013

Cash provided by (used for) the following activities	
Operating activities  Excess of authorized expenses over revenues  Loss on disposal of investments	(4,745) 30,157
Changes in working capital accounts	25,412
Accounts payable and accrued charges Per Capita Distribution in Trust	77,318
Due to Nipissing First Nation	2,281,294 25,412
	2,409,436
Investing activities Trust settlement proceeds Investments purchased - net Net increase in Per Capita Distribution in Trust Per capita distribution Per capita distribution for minors Annual Income transfer to Nipissing First Nation	123,674,730 (64,811,786) (2,281,294) (40,240,000) (240,106) (25,412)
	16,076,132
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,485,568
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	18,485,568

# The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 3 month period ended December 31, 2013

#### 1. Operations

Nipissing First Nation (the "First Nation") and Canada entered into a Settlement Agreement to compensate the Nation for receiving a smaller reserve than originally agreed upon in the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty. As compensation for this settlement, Canada paid \$123,674,730 into a Trust Account governed by The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Agreement (the "Trust Agreement") established on May 30, 2013. Members of Nipissing First Nation gave assent and ratification to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Trust Agreement on October 2, 2013.

A corporate trustee will administer the Trust in accordance with the Trust Agreement and the Investment Policy for the Trust. The Trustees are responsible to invest the trust funds and pay the Annual Income to Nipissing First Nation as set out in the Trust Agreement for the long-term benefit of the First Nation.

The Trust Agreement provides specific provisions as to the procedures to be followed in the operation of the Trust.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements are the representations of management, prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies set out below to comply with the financial reporting requirements prescribed by the Trust Agreement.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with a maturity less than three months. These investments are carried at cost which approximates market value.

#### Investments

Investments are recorded at cost. No provisions are made for any decline in value of the investments. Gains and losses are only recognized when realized.

Premiums and discounts on purchases of long-term bonds are not amortized to income over the terms of the bond, but are included in the cost of the investment and included in the determination of capital gains and losses at disposal or maturity.

Accrued interest paid is included in the cost of debt instruments.

#### Revenue recognition

Investment income is recognized when it is realized, in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

#### Transfer to Nipissing First Nation

Transfer of funds to the Nipissing First Nation are recorded as equity transfers.

#### Authorized expenses

Authorized expenses are recorded using the accrual basis.

#### Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of Authorized Expenses over Revenues in the period in which they become known.

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#### Investments

Investments are comprised of:

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	Cost	Market
s dian equities	24,646,462	24,507,903
quities	14,537,404	14,923,344
national equities	14,016,109	14,723,579
lational equities	11,581,654	12,022,017
	64,781,629	66,176,843
	64,781,629	

Included in Bonds are various Federal, Provincial and Corporate Bonds maturing from 2014 - 2024 with interest rates ranging from 1.25% - 6.80%.

# 4. Per Capita Distribution in Trust

The Corporate Trustee maintains a separate Per Capita Distribution bank account from which the Members of the First Nation can withdraw their \$20,000 Per Capita Distribution cheques. As at December 31, 2013, \$2,281,294 remains in the account, representing the amount of Per Capita Distributions that has not been withdrawn.

### 5. Due to Nipissing First Nation

Pursuant to the Trust agreement, the Annual Income of the Trust generated during each Fiscal Year shall be transferred to an account established and controlled by Nipissing First Nation. The Annual Income is calculated as the revenues realized from the Trust, including interest, dividends and half of the aggregate of realized capital gains less the aggregate of realized capital losses and Authorized Expenses.

Revenues Add: realized capital losses to be carried forward and applied against future realized capital gains	98,190 30,157
Less: Authorized Expenses	(102,935)
	25,412

Nipissing First Nation is related to the Trust as it is the Settlor of the Trust.

For the 3 month period ended December 31, 2013

# Trustee and investment management fees

As outlined in the Trust Agreement, in return for providing corporate trustee and administrative services, Peace Hills Trust charges the Trust an annual corporate trustee fee of 0.40% per annum on the first \$10,000,000, 0.30% of the next \$10,000,000 and 0.06% thereafter on the balance of the average market value under administration.

The Trust engaged Mawer Investment Management Ltd. and Lincluden Investment Management Ltd. to be the investment managers.

Mawer Investment Management is charging the Trust an investment management fee of 0.50% per annum on the first \$10,000,000, and 0.30% for the remaining \$32,000,000 balance of the average market value of assets it has invested on behalf of the Trust.

Lincluden Investment Management is charging the Trust an investment management fee of 0.45% per annum on the first \$10,000,000, 0.35% on the next \$15,000,000 and 0.03% thereafter on the balance of the average market value of assets it has invested on behalf of the Trust.

The Trust Agreement also called for the use of a third-party investment supervision firm. The Trust engaged TE Investment Counsel Inc. to provide monitoring of the above mentioned investment management companies.

TE Investment Counsel Inc. is charging the Trust an investment supervision fee of 0.10% per annum on the first \$35,000,000, 0.05% of the next \$30,000,000 and 0.02% thereafter on the balance of the average market value of assets under supervision.

As at December 31, 2013, accounts payable and accrued charges include \$9,243 for corporate trustee fees, \$49,083 for investment management fees and \$8,992 for investment monitoring fees.

Total trustee and investment management fees paid are comprised of:

	2013
Investment supervision fee - TE Investment Counsel Inc. Investment management fee - Lincluden Investment management fee - Mawer Corporate trustee fee - Peace Hills Trust	8,992 24,750 24,333 23,333
	81,408

### 7. Per capita distribution

Distribution per Trust Agreement to 2,012 qualifying members at \$20,000 per member released per Section 4.1 (a) of the Trust Agreement, to Qualifying Members on October 2, 2013.

# Per capita distribution for minors

Per capita distribution for minors is comprised of the Per Capita Distribution and an adjustment for inflation paid to twelve eligible Members who reached the age of eighteen during the year.

# The Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust Notes to the Financial Statements

For the 3 month period ended December 31, 2013

### 9. Financial Instruments

#### Risk management policy

The Trust has developed an Investment Policy Statement to manage risk. The Investment Policy Statement seeks to lower risk through diversification, monitoring the credit quality of investments and the liquidity requirements of the Trust.

#### Credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Trust to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents and investments. Management does not believe the risk is significant as cash and cash equivalents are maintained in well established financial institutions and the investments are only made in investment grade securities.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in interest rates. Changes in market interest rates may have an effect on the cash flows associated with some financial assets and liabilities, known as price risk. Financial instruments exposing the Trust to interest rate risk are bonds and other debt instruments. Management attempts to minimize this risk by selecting investments with a variety of interest rates and maturity dates, including fixed rate investments.

#### Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or foreign currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Trust's investments in publicly-traded securities and bonds exposes the Trust to price risk as these investments are subject to price changes in an open market due to a variety of reasons including changes in market rates of interest, general economic conditions and restrictions on credit markets. The Trust manages this risk by continually evaluating the quality of its equity, debt and other investments. The Trust has also engaged T.E. Investment Counsel Inc. to supervise and report on the investing performance of the investment managers of the Trust.

#### Foreign currency risk

The Trust has cash and investments denominated in United States dollars for which the market values and the related revenues are subject to exchange fluctuation. The Trust does not use derivatives to manage its foreign currency risk.