

WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSURANCE BOARD
FIRST QUARTER 2017 SUFFICIENCY REPORT
TO STAKEHOLDERS

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President and CEO's Message

I am pleased to report that the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) had a strong start to 2017.

The percentage of Schedule 1 workers who experience a permanent impairment as a result of their injury or illness remains low at 6.0%. This result is well below our benchmark of 6.5% and slightly reduced from 6.1% at the same time last year.

The number of injured and ill workers being treated through our integrated health care programs, such as our specialty clinics and programs of care has also increased. In the first quarter of 2017, 43% of Schedule 1 workers received treatment through at least one of these programs, up from 41% at the close of 2016.

I am also pleased to highlight that an overall premium rate reduction for Schedule 1 employers went into effect in 2017. This is the first premium rate reduction since 2001.

We wouldn't be able to provide these outcomes for injured workers or this premium rate reduction for employers without a solid and sustainable financial foundation.

We measure our sustainability using the Sufficiency Ratio, an objective measure to track our progress toward sustainable funding. As of March 31, 2017 our unfunded liability on a Sufficiency Ratio basis was \$3.5 billion, down \$0.5 billion from \$4.0 billion as of December 31, 2016. This corresponds to a Sufficiency Ratio of 89.0%, compared to 87.4% at year-end 2016.

Our investment portfolio returned 3.4% this quarter. Returns were driven by strong performances in public equity and multi-asset strategies. This resulted in an increase of the investment portfolio on a Sufficiency Ratio basis to \$29.4 billion as of March 31, 2017 compared to \$28.6 billion at the end of the last quarter.

As we begin reporting for 2017, these results deliver on our mandate to serve workers while offering premium reductions to employers. Outcomes for injured workers and our financial situation both continue a trend of steady improvement, helping us to fulfill our goal to become the leading workplace compensation system in North America.



Thomas Teahen

President and Chief Executive Officer

June 22, 2017

Toronto, Ontario

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Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The Sufficiency Ratio and related notes (the "Sufficiency Statement"), and the Sufficiency Discussion and Analysis (collectively, the "Sufficiency Report to Stakeholders"), have been prepared by management and approved by the Board of Directors of the WSIB. The Sufficiency Ratio calculation has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 2 to the Sufficiency Statement, pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 141/12* made under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* (Ontario) (the "WSIA"), as amended by *Ontario Regulation 338/13* and, where appropriate, reflects management's best estimates and judgment. Where alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those methods considered most appropriate in the circumstances. Management is responsible for the accuracy, integrity and objectivity of the Sufficiency Statement within reasonable limits of materiality, and internal controls. Management is also responsible for the preparation and presentation of additional financial information in the quarterly report to stakeholders and ensuring its consistency with the Sufficiency Statement.



Thomas Teahen
President and Chief Executive Officer
June 22, 2017
Toronto, Ontario



Pamela Steer
Chief Financial Officer

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Sufficiency Discussion and Analysis

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1. Overview

An explanation of our regulations.

The following Sufficiency Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of the WSIB as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2017 (the “unaudited interim consolidated financial statements”) and the Sufficiency Ratio and accompanying notes of the WSIB as at March 31, 2017 (the “Sufficiency Statement”).

The Sufficiency Ratio measures whether there are sufficient funds to meet the WSIB's future projected claims payouts. The WSIB reports its Sufficiency Ratio pursuant to *Subsection 1 (3) of Ontario Regulation 141/12*, as amended by *Ontario Regulation 338/13* (collectively, the “Ontario Regulations”). Under the Ontario Regulations, the values of our assets and liabilities are determined using actuarial valuations that are consistent with accepted actuarial practices for going concern valuations.

Specific definitions for a number of terms in this Sufficiency Report to Stakeholders can be found in section 7.

2. Period in Review

A discussion of our performance for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and the effect on our Sufficiency Ratio.

The Sufficiency Ratio increased to 89.0% as at March 31, 2017 from 87.4% as at December 31, 2016, an increase of 1.6%. The increase is primarily attributable to employer premiums used to reduce the deficit and better than expected investment returns. The liabilities used in the Sufficiency Ratio calculation decreased to \$31.7 billion at March 31, 2017, a decrease of \$121 million from December 31, 2016. The assets used in the Sufficiency Ratio calculation increased to \$28.3 billion at March 31, 2017, an increase of \$401 million from December 31, 2016.

The investment assets used in the Sufficiency Ratio calculation are adjusted by investment gains and losses deviating from the net investment return objective of 4.75% per annum. These gains or losses are amortized over a five-year period, thereby moderating the effect of market volatility. After five years, the current period's investment gain or loss is fully recognized in the asset value.

Effective January 1, 2017, the long-term net investment return objective was reduced from 5.25% per annum to 4.75% per annum subsequent to the annual review by the Investment Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the end of 2016.

The Insurance Fund Ratio increased to 90.9% as at March 31, 2017 from 89.3% as at December 31, 2016, an increase of 1.6%. The increase is primarily attributable to employer premiums used to reduce the deficit and better than expected investment returns. The Insurance Fund liabilities decreased to \$31.1 billion at March 31, 2017, a decrease of \$103 million from December 31, 2016. The assets used in the Insurance Fund Ratio calculation increased to \$28.3 billion at March 31, 2017, an increase of \$401 million from December 31, 2016.

The Employee Benefit Plans Ratio increased to 81.9% as at March 31, 2017 from 81.2% as at December 31, 2016, an increase of 0.7%. The increase is primarily attributable to better than expected investment returns. The Employee Benefit Plans obligations are \$3.6 billion, and the assets used in the Employee Benefit Plans Ratio calculation are \$2.9 billion as at March 31, 2017.

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3. The Sufficiency Ratio Calculation Methodology

A description of the components of the Sufficiency Ratio calculation.

As required by the Ontario Regulations, we calculate our Sufficiency Ratio by comparing assets on hand to total estimated liabilities, as measured on a sufficiency basis. This fundamental measure is comparable with the methods used by other Canadian workers' compensation boards and as reported by the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada to measure the adequacy of funding and is a measure used by leading pension plans around the world. However, a standard definition for Sufficiency Ratio does not exist.

As at March 31, 2017, we had a deficit of \$3.5 billion on a Sufficiency Ratio basis, which means our liabilities on a Sufficiency Ratio basis (the estimated present value of future benefit payments) exceeded the assets. Expressed in percentage terms, we had 89.0% of the assets required to meet our future benefit obligations.

Sufficiency Ratio Calculation Policies

Set forth below is a summary of the accounting policies used to calculate our Sufficiency Ratio as at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 based on our interpretation of the Ontario Regulations.

Assets

The assets included in the Sufficiency Ratio are calculated with reference to our total assets shown on our unaudited interim consolidated statements of financial position. The total assets are adjusted to reflect measurement on a going concern basis. The investment assets are valued at fair value adjusted by investment gains and losses deviating from the net investment return objective, less the interests in those assets held by third parties (non-controlling interests). The adjustment to deduct assets held by third parties is necessary as our assets include portions of investments to which third parties ultimately have rights (including the assets of the WSIB Employees' Pension Plan) and therefore would not be appropriate to include in our Sufficiency Ratio. See note 2 to the Sufficiency Statement for further discussion.

Liabilities

The liabilities included in the Sufficiency Ratio are calculated as our total liabilities shown on our unaudited interim consolidated statements of financial position, adjusted to reflect valuations of the Employee Benefit Plans liabilities on a going concern basis rather than a market basis. See note 2 to the Sufficiency Statement for further discussion.

4. Our Funding Strategy

A discussion of our funding strategy and how we plan to increase the Sufficiency Ratio.

In accordance with *Ontario Regulation 141/12*, the WSIB submitted the Sufficiency Plan Update 2016 to the Minister of Labour in June 2016 describing the measures being taken by the WSIB to improve the Sufficiency Ratio and how these measures will achieve the prescribed ratios. See note 1 to the Sufficiency Statement for further discussion.

To meet our Sufficiency Ratio requirements, we will continue to manage our investments with the goal of generating returns that meet or exceed the long-term annual investment return objective, while prudently managing the WSIB's operations to ensure premium revenues absorb benefit costs, administration and other expenses and provide an allocation towards the retirement of the unfunded liability. We have been

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managing our operations in this manner since early 2011, resulting in premium revenues exceeding cash operating expenses over this time period. In addition, as a result of employer premiums reducing the deficit, favourable claims experience, and investment returns, we were able to make demonstrable progress towards retiring the unfunded liability.

As we approach the goal of 100% funding, we have refined our strategy to ensure at an appropriate confidence level that the Insurance Fund can withstand future economic shocks and remains at a stable level of funding. As a result, our Funding Policy requires the Chief Actuary to advise the WSIB as to the margin of prudence that should be maintained over and above the legal requirement to be 100% funded, currently assessed as a range between 115% to 125% Sufficiency Ratio. This prudent level of funding is referred to as “Full Funding”. See section 6 for further discussion.

5. Supplemental Measures

Supplemental measures to assess our financial condition.

In addition to the Sufficiency Ratio, we also assess risks and sustainability by monitoring our Insurance Fund Ratio and the Employee Benefit Plans Ratio as noted below:

Insurance Fund Ratio

The Insurance Fund Ratio excludes the net deficit of the Employee Benefit Plans in order to provide a measure of the WSIB's insurance operations and is calculated as follows:

(millions of Canadian dollars)	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
Insurance Fund assets on the Sufficiency Ratio basis	28,357	27,953
Less: Non-controlling interests in investments	(99)	(96)
Insurance Fund assets	28,258	27,857
Total liabilities on the Sufficiency Ratio basis	31,740	31,861
Less: Employee Benefit Plans deficit on the Sufficiency Ratio basis	(646)	(664)
Insurance Fund liabilities	31,094	31,197
Insurance Fund deficit	(2,836)	(3,340)
Insurance Fund Ratio (assets divided by liabilities)	90.9%	89.3%

The Insurance Fund Ratio increased to 90.9% as at March 31, 2017, an increase of 1.6% from December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily attributable to employer premiums used to reduce the deficit and better than expected investment returns.

Employee Benefit Plans Ratio

The Employee Benefit Plans of the WSIB are a component of total compensation for the WSIB's permanent employees. The Employee Benefit Plans Ratio provides a measure of the sufficiency of the Employee Benefit Plans.

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The Employee Benefit Plans Ratio is calculated as follows:

(millions of Canadian dollars)	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
Employee Benefit Plans assets on the Sufficiency Ratio basis	2,923	2,867
Employee Benefit Plans obligations on the Sufficiency Ratio basis	3,569	3,531
Employee Benefit Plans deficit	(646)	(664)
Employee Benefit Plans Ratio (assets divided by obligation)	81.9%	81.2%

The Employee Benefit Plans Ratio increased to 81.9% as at March 31, 2017, an increase of 0.7% from December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily attributable to better than expected investment returns.

6. Insurance Funding Risk

A discussion of the more significant risk factors affecting our business.

Insurance Funding Risk is the risk that the WSIB's funded status falls short of Ontario Regulations due to insufficient premium revenue to cover costs or increases in the benefit liability and/or insufficient investment revenue arising from unanticipated and prolonged adverse returns.

While we take great care in preparing financial forecasts, actual results will vary due to evolving economic conditions and other factors such as changes to legislation or changes in the workplace that could expose us to unanticipated losses. For example, an economic downturn could lead to reductions in overall insured payroll or adverse investment returns. In addition, new injured worker benefit entitlements may emerge and constraints over premium rate adjustments could adversely affect the trajectory to Full Funding.

Our mitigation plan addresses specific drivers of Insurance Funding Risk accordingly. We perform annual and event driven testing of our assumptions and take steps to ensure we remain on the path to Full Funding.

Our mitigation of risks includes but is not limited to the following:

- modeling and monitoring economic scenarios to better understand the impact of economic risks and to determine the adequacy of our financial assumptions reflecting a reduction of the average premium rate by 6.2% in 2017 and consideration towards another 5% to 10% total reduction between 2018 to 2019, depending on emerging financial results and health of the economy;
- continuing to invest in prevention, recovery and return-to-work efforts and closely monitoring their performance;
- determining benefit liabilities based on assumptions that gradually incorporate emerging experience, thus providing a relatively stable basis for pricing and sufficiency measurement;
- coordinating asset-liability management processes including consideration of the impacts of economic and other risk factors on the funding position and desired level of funding;
- conducting annual scenario planning and stress testing as part of budget updates, sufficiency planning, rate setting and other financial modelling;
- executing the Strategic Investment Plan to ensure strong investment governance, effective diversification of assets, efficient cost structure, and rigorous risk management of investment assets; and
- monitoring for potential legislative changes.

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A full discussion of the significant Insurance Funding Risk factors that affect the WSIB's business and the corresponding mitigation approaches can be found in section 6 of our 2016 Sufficiency Report to Stakeholders. No additional risk factors or changes to mitigation approaches have been noted as at March 31, 2017 although we continue to closely monitor economic conditions and global events, particularly the high degree of uncertainty around trade, domestic and foreign relations policies of the new United States administration that might impact our investment performance and impact the Ontario economy.

With our Sufficiency Ratio at 89.0% as at March 31, 2017, we have a very low risk of not having a 60% funding requirement as at December 31, 2017.

Once the regulated Sufficiency Ratio requirements as set out in *Ontario Regulation 141/12* are attained, the WSIB plans to target Full Funding at a Sufficiency Ratio in the range of 115% to 125% in order to have a high level of confidence that we can maintain the regulated Sufficiency Ratio requirement (100%) when faced with periods of negative economic conditions.

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7. Definitions

A glossary of the terms utilized in this report.

- **“Employee Benefit Plans”** refer to the long-term benefit plans offered to permanent employees of the WSIB. They include pension and other post-employment benefit plans which include life insurance, dental and extended health coverage.
- **“Employee Benefit Plans Ratio”** refers to the ratio of the Employee Benefit Plans assets to the Employee Benefit Plans liabilities as presented in the Sufficiency Statement, and is expressed as a percentage.
- **“Enhanced Assurance”** represents a high degree of confidence in achieving the regulated Sufficiency Ratio requirements and maintaining Full Funding once reached, as determined by periodic asset-liability studies.
- **“Full Funding”** represents the level of funding sufficiency that provides Enhanced Assurance that the Sufficiency Ratio will not fall below 100%. The WSIB plans to target a Sufficiency Ratio in the range of 115% to 125%.
- **“Funding Ratio”** refers to the ratio of total assets of the WSIB, less non-controlling interests, to the total liabilities of the WSIB, as presented in the WSIB’s unaudited interim consolidated financial statements prepared according to International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), and is expressed as a percentage.
- **“Investment Portfolio on Sufficiency Ratio basis”** refers to the investment portfolio after reflecting valuation adjustments calculated on a going concern basis, and is presented in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 338/13*.
- **“Insurance Fund”** refers to the assets and liabilities of the WSIB, excluding the assets and obligations of the Employee Benefit Plans.
- **“Insurance Fund Ratio”** refers to the ratio of Insurance Fund assets, less non-controlling interests, to Insurance Fund liabilities, as presented in the Sufficiency Statement, and is expressed as a percentage.
- **“Non-controlling Interests”** refer to the WSIB Employees’ Pension Plan and other investors’ proportionate interest of the net assets and comprehensive income of the WSIB’s subsidiaries.
- **“Sufficiency Ratio”** refers to the ratio of total assets of the WSIB, less non-controlling interests, divided by the total liabilities of the WSIB, which reflect investments and pension liabilities calculated on a going concern basis, and is presented in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 338/13*, and is expressed as a percentage.
- **“Sufficiency Statement”** refers to the statement that presents the Sufficiency Ratio, Insurance Fund Ratio, and Employee Benefit Plans Ratio. The basis of accounting for the Sufficiency Ratio is found in note 2 of the Sufficiency Statement.

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Sufficiency Statement

March 31, 2017

Unaudited (millions of Canadian dollars)

Sufficiency Ratio

	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
Sufficiency Ratio assets (note 3)	31,213	30,712
Less: Non-controlling interests (note 3)	(2,955)	(2,855)
	28,258	27,857
Divided by: Sufficiency Ratio liabilities (note 3)	31,740	31,861
Sufficiency Ratio	89.0%	87.4%

Supplemental Ratios

Insurance Fund Ratio

	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
Insurance Fund assets on the Sufficiency Ratio basis (note 5)	28,357	27,953
Less: Non-controlling interests	(99)	(96)
	28,258	27,857
Divided by: Insurance Fund liabilities on the Sufficiency Ratio basis (note 5)	31,094	31,197
Insurance Fund Ratio	90.9%	89.3%

Employee Benefit Plans Ratio

	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
Employee Benefit Plans assets on the Sufficiency Ratio basis (note 6)	2,923	2,867
Divided by: Employee Benefit Plans obligation on the Sufficiency Ratio basis (note 6)	3,569	3,531
Employee Benefit Plans Ratio	81.9%	81.2%

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Sufficiency Statement.

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Notes to Sufficiency Statement

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1. Governing Regulation

Ontario Regulation 141/12 under the WSIA came into force on January 1, 2013 and requires the WSIB to calculate a Sufficiency Ratio of the Insurance Fund and ensure the Sufficiency Ratio meets the prescribed ratios by the following dates:

December 31, 2017	60%
December 31, 2022	80%
December 31, 2027	100%

Ontario Regulation 141/12, as amended by *Ontario Regulation 338/13* which became effective January 1, 2014 (collectively, the “Ontario Regulations”), states that the Sufficiency Ratio of the Insurance Fund shall be calculated by dividing the value of the Insurance Fund assets, as determined by the WSIB based on the long-term annual investment return objective, by the value of the Insurance Fund liabilities, as determined by the WSIB’s Chief Actuary in an actuarial valuation.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the WSIB prepared in accordance with IFRS have been adjusted for the items that follow, to derive the assets and liabilities used in the calculation of the Sufficiency Ratio in accordance with the Ontario Regulations.

Assets

Assets for the purposes of the Sufficiency Ratio calculation have been determined by the WSIB to consist of the total consolidated assets of the WSIB. The amounts presented are adjusted to reflect measurement on a going concern basis. The investment portfolio is valued at fair value adjusted by investment gains and losses deviating from the net investment return objective, less the interests in those assets held by third parties, as represented by the balance of non-controlling interests. See note 4 for further discussion.

Liabilities

Liabilities for the purposes of the Sufficiency Ratio have been determined as follows:

The Insurance Fund liabilities include benefit liabilities which represent the actuarially determined present value of estimated future payments for reported and unreported claims incurred on or prior to the reporting date, including claims in respect of occupational diseases and posttraumatic stress disorders that are currently recognized by the WSIB. The measurement of benefit liabilities requires the actuary to make estimates and assumptions for a number of factors, including those for claim duration, mortality rates, wage escalation, general inflation and discount rates. Benefit liabilities are described in note 13 of the WSIB’s Fourth Quarter 2016 unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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Employee Benefit Plans consist of pension, post-employment benefits, and long-term benefits plans. The Employee Benefit Plans obligation was determined through an actuarial valuation using the going concern basis, which assumes the plans will continue indefinitely. The going concern discount rate of 5.2% was determined with reference to the long-term annual investment return objective of the registered pension plan assets and the WSIB's investment strategy. This differs from the accounting basis used in preparing the WSIB's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. The accounting discount rate, a weighted average of 3.7% at March 31, 2017, was determined by reference to high quality corporate bonds and the projected employee benefit payment cash flows from the various plans.

Also, significant impacts on liabilities that result from changes in legislation or actuarial or accounting standards are amortized over a reasonable period based on the size of their impact and their relation to the regulated sufficiency requirements, such period not to exceed five years.

All other liabilities are determined on an accounting basis as recorded in the WSIB's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

3. Reconciliation of the Sufficiency Ratio Assets and Liabilities to the Consolidated Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with IFRS

A reconciliation of the total assets and liabilities used for the calculation of the Sufficiency Ratio to those under IFRS as at March 31, 2017 is provided on the following page. The unaudited interim consolidated statements of financial position presented on an IFRS basis are from the WSIB's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. Explanatory notes follow the reconciliation on the following page.

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	March 31, 2017			December 31, 2016		
	IFRS Basis	Adjustments	Sufficiency Ratio Basis	IFRS Basis	Adjustments	Sufficiency Ratio Basis
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,840	-	1,840	2,496	-	2,496
Receivables	1,732	-	1,732	1,644	-	1,644
Investments	28,589	(1,261) ¹	27,328	27,035	(779) ¹	26,256
Property, equipment and intangible assets	313	-	313	316	-	316
Total assets	32,474	(1,261)	31,213	31,491	(779)	30,712
Liabilities						
Payables and accruals	1,038	-	1,038	1,112	-	1,112
Derivative liabilities	62	-	62	243	-	243
Long-term debt	131	-	131	132	-	132
Loss of Retirement Income Fund liability	1,833	-	1,833	1,790	-	1,790
Employee benefit plans liability	1,378	(732) ²	646	1,290	(626) ²	664
Benefit liabilities	28,030	-	28,030	27,920	-	27,920
Total liabilities	32,472	(732)	31,740	32,487	(626)	31,861
Net (deficiency of) assets						
Unfunded liability attributable to WSIB stakeholders	(3,066)	(416)	(3,482)	(3,925)	(79)	(4,004)
Non-controlling interests	3,068	(113) ¹	2,955	2,929	(74) ¹	2,855
Total net (deficiency of) assets	2	(529)	(527)	(996)	(153)	(1,149)
Total liabilities & net (deficiency of) assets	32,474	(1,261)	31,213	31,491	(779)	30,712
Funding Ratio	90.6%		-	87.9%		-
Sufficiency Ratio	-		89.0%	-		87.4%
Insurance Fund Ratio	94.6%		90.9%	91.6%		89.3%
Employee Benefit Plans Ratio	68.8%		81.9%	69.5%		81.2%

1. Reflects the valuation adjustment of our total assets shown on our unaudited interim consolidated statements of financial position at the long-term annual net investment return objective of 4.75% (2016 – 5.25%) resulting in a decrease of \$1,261 (2016 – \$779), which includes the interests in those assets held by third parties (non-controlling interests) of \$113 (2016 – \$74). See note 4 for further discussion.
2. Reflects the use of a going concern discount rate of 5.2% (2016 – 5.2%) determined with reference to the long-term annual net investment return objective of the registered pension plan assets and the WSIB's investment strategy. For the purposes of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, an accounting weighted average discount rate of 3.7% (2016 – 3.9%) was used as at March 31, 2017. The accounting discount rate was determined by reference to high quality corporate bonds and the projected employee benefit payment cash flows from the various plans.

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4. Calculation of the Sufficiency Ratio

The Sufficiency Ratio is provided to illustrate the ratio of the assets and the liabilities of the WSIB on a sufficiency basis. The Sufficiency Ratio is calculated by dividing the Sufficiency Ratio assets less non-controlling interests by the Sufficiency Ratio liabilities.

The Sufficiency Ratio assets are established by adjusting the investment assets by investment returns above or below the long-term net investment return objective in effect for the 2017 fiscal year of 4.75% per annum (2016 – 5.25% per annum), and are recognized over five years on a straight-line basis to moderate the effect of fluctuations in the fair value of net assets. As at March 31, 2017, the Sufficiency Ratio assets reflect a cumulative total of \$1,261 in valuation adjustments (December 31, 2016 – \$779) representing the unrecognized investment returns in excess of the long-term annual rate of return assumption, net of investment expenses.

The change in the valuation adjustments is detailed as follows:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Unrecognized investment returns above (below) the investment return objective	1,214	848	(17)	260	627	2,932
Investment returns recognized in 2013	(243)	-	-	-	-	(243)
Investment returns recognized in 2014	(242)	(170)	-	-	-	(412)
Investment returns recognized in 2015	(243)	(170)	4	-	-	(409)
Investment returns recognized in 2016	(243)	(170)	3	(52)	-	(462)
Investment returns not recognized in the current period	243	338	(10)	208	627	1,406
Amortized in the current period	(60)	(42)	1	(13)	(31)	(145)
Total valuation adjustments as at March 31, 2017	183	296	(9)	195	596	1,261

The Sufficiency Ratio liabilities are established by adjusting the valuations of the Employee Benefit Plans obligations with a going concern discount rate of 5.2% (2016 – 5.2%) determined with reference to the long-term annual net investment return objective on the registered pension plan assets as described in note 2. The Insurance Fund liabilities include benefit liabilities which are determined through an actuarial valuation with a discount rate of 4.5% (2016 – 4.5%) per annum, as described in note 13 of the WSIB's Fourth Quarter 2016 unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. All other liabilities are determined on an accounting basis as recorded in the WSIB's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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The amount of unrecognized investment returns by the year they are to be recognized are as follows:

Year earned	Valuation adjustments to be recognized in:					
	Valuation adjustments as at March 2017	Remainder of 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
2013	(183)	183	-	-	-	-
2014	(296)	127	169	-	-	-
2015	9	(2)	(4)	(3)	-	-
2016	(195)	39	52	52	52	-
2017	(596)	94	126	125	126	125
	(1,261)	441	343	174	178	125

Reconciliation of the Sufficiency Ratio assets

	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
Market value of investment portfolio ¹	30,658	29,366
Less: Cash transfers in the period ¹	(159)	(36)
Adjusted market value of investment portfolio	30,499	29,330
Investment portfolio at investment return objective ²	29,872	29,070
Unrecognized investment returns above investment return objective ³	627	260
Less: Amount amortized in current period ⁴	(31)	(52)
Valuation adjustments, current period	596	208
Valuation adjustments, prior periods ⁵	665	571
Total valuation adjustments⁶	1,261	779
Investment portfolio on Sufficiency Ratio basis	29,397	28,587
Sufficiency Ratio Assets		
Total assets per consolidated financial statements	32,474	31,491
Less: Valuation adjustments ⁶	(1,261)	(779)
Sufficiency Ratio assets	31,213	30,712

1. Represents the market value of the investment portfolio at the end of the reporting period, less cash contributed from operations, assuming the cash was contributed at the end of the last month of the period.
2. The expected investment portfolio is calculated based on the long-term annual net investment return objective of 4.75% (2016 – 5.25%) on the ending total investment portfolio balance as of the last reporting period.
3. Calculated as the difference between the expected and the actual market value of the investment portfolio, representing the unrecognized investment returns above the long-term annual net investment return objective of 4.75% (2016 – 5.25%).
4. Represents the amount recognized in the period. See table in Note 4.
5. Represents the valuation adjustments from the prior periods' unrecognized investment returns above (below) the long-term net annual rate of return. See table in Note 4.
6. Represents the total valuation adjustments deducted from the fair value of assets shown on our unaudited interim consolidated statements of financial position to determine the assets to be used in the calculation of the Sufficiency Ratio.

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5. Calculation of the Insurance Fund Ratio

The Insurance Fund Ratio is provided as a supplemental measure to illustrate the ratio of assets to liabilities of the WSIB on a sufficiency basis prior to the inclusion of the Employee Benefit Plans on a sufficiency basis. The Insurance Fund Ratio is calculated using the same components as the Sufficiency Ratio as described in notes 2 and 4, except that any deficit of the Employee Benefit Plans as calculated in note 3 are excluded.

6. Calculation of the Employee Benefit Plans Ratio

The Employee Benefit Plans Ratio is provided as a supplemental measure to illustrate the ratio of the assets and the liabilities of the Employee Benefit Plans on a sufficiency basis. The Employee Benefit Plans Ratio is calculated by dividing the assets of the Employee Benefit Plans on a sufficiency basis by the liabilities of the Employee Benefit Plans on a sufficiency basis. The balance of the liabilities of the Employee Benefit Plans is calculated using a discount rate of 5.2% per annum (2016 – 5.2%) determined with reference to the long-term annual net investment return objective of the registered pension plan assets and the WSIB's investment strategy as described in note 2.