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report

Newfoundland  
Hardwoods  
Limited



Innovation, Business and Rural Development



## message from the chair

As Chair of the Board of Directors of Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited, I am pleased to present the board's annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014. Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited is classified as a category three entity under the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. Therefore, the board must prepare an annual report that clearly outlines the activities it has undertaken within its mandate and current budget, for the preceding fiscal year. The report was prepared under the direction of the board which is accountable for the results reported herein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alastair O'Rielly', written in a cursive style.

Alastair O'Rielly  
Chair



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## overview

Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited (NHL) was established as a Crown corporation in 1950 under the *Corporations Act* for the purpose of manufacturing liquid asphalt and the sale of chemically treated poles and timber to supply the needs of provincial customers. In 1995, the Provincial Government privatized NHL with the sale of its asphalt operations to Irving Oil Limited and its pole and timber division to Wood Preservation Industries Limited of Quebec and provided environmental indemnities to both companies.

There is a Board of Directors in place to deal with any outstanding issues that may arise with NHL. All outstanding issues have been addressed except the decommissioning of one storage tank which is sealed and inspected regularly and poses no environmental threat at this time. Currently, there is no known facility in the province to dispose of the contents of this tank.

In exploring options to wind-up the corporation, the board issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) dated January 20, 2011 regarding the assessment and provision of recommendations related to the contamination site at the NHL facility in Clarenville. In response to the RFP the successful consultant submitted the report to the Department in 2011-12. The Department reviewed the report and recommendations were presented to the board for their consideration during the 2013-14 fiscal year.

The board is currently in the process of developing another RFP to determine further the environmental issues around Tank 18 and surrounding site, including options for disposal and risk mitigation. This work is anticipated to occur during 2014-15, and will inform further actions to the board.

The corporation does not have its own staff and the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development

(IBRD) provides administrative support to the Board. Since NHL is inactive as a crown corporation, the board consists solely of provincial public sector employees which are as follows:

- Deputy Minister of IBRD, Chair
- Assistant Deputy Minister, IBRD (Regional & Business Development)
- Director, Business Analysis, IBRD
- Manager, Enterprise Services, IBRD

### Mandate

The board exists solely to deal with any outstanding issues that may arise subsequent to the sale of assets. Therefore, it does not have a defined mandate.

### Primary clients

The board's primary responsibility is to the Provincial Government by handling outstanding issues that may arise subsequent to the sale of NHL's assets.

### Vision

The work of the board supports the vision of the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development by ensuring the prompt response to any issues upon the sale of the former corporation's assets. The vision of IBRD is of a vibrant, diverse, and sustainable economy with productive and prosperous regions throughout the province.

### Mission

The work of the board supports the strategic directions of the Provincial Government and the mission of IBRD.

The mission of IBRD is as follows:

*"By March 31, 2017, the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development will have stimulated economic and business development to foster regional and provincial prosperity."*



## **board's objective and activities**

The board's primary activity is an annual meeting to discuss any issues that may require the board's attention as well as consider and approve the annual audited financial statements. The board reports on its activities on an annual basis. In consideration of the mandate, the following objective has been identified as the board's key priority.

objective	The board will meet to consider and approve annual audited financial statements.
measure	Audited financial statements
indicator	Audited financial statements reviewed and approved
activities	The board met once in 2013-14 to consider and approve NHL's audited financial statements.



**NEWFOUNDLAND HARDWOODS LIMITED**

Auditor's Report

Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2014

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Shareholders of Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited:

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2014 and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair representation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, and for such internal controls as management determines necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited as at March 31, 2014 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Clareville, Newfoundland  
May 20, 2014

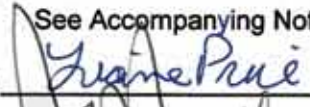
**NEWFOUNDLAND HARDWOODS LIMITED**

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Financial assets:		
Cash and term deposits	<u>\$ 111,606</u>	<u>113,475</u>
<b><u>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</u></b>		
Liabilities:		
Payables and accruals	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Contingent losses (Note 3)	--	--
Commitments (Note 4)	--	--
Shareholders' equity:		
Common shares of no par value:		
Authorized an unlimited number; issued and fully paid at stated value, 253 shares	25,300	25,300
Accumulated surplus, per accompanying statement	<u>84,806</u>	<u>86,779</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u>110,106</u>	<u>112,079</u>
	<u>\$ 111,606</u>	<u>113,579</u>

See Accompanying Notes

Approved:  Director

 Director

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Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended March 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenue	\$ --	--
Administrative expenses:		
Bank charges	38	36
Professional and consulting fees	1,850	1,775
Licences and fees	<u>85</u>	<u>85</u>
	<u>1,973</u>	<u>1,896</u>
Net loss	(1,973)	(1,896)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	<u>86,779</u>	<u>88,675</u>
Accumulated surplus, end of year	<u>\$ 84,806</u>	<u>86,779</u>

See Accompanying Notes

**NEWFOUNDLAND HARDWOODS LIMITED**

Statement of Cash Flows  
Year ended March 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash provided by operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,973)	<u>(1,896)</u>
Decrease in cash	(1,973)	(1,896)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>113,579</u>	<u>115,475</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 111,606</u>	<u>113,579</u>

See Accompanying Notes

## **NEWFOUNDLAND HARDWOODS LIMITED**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**March 31, 2014**

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**1. Nature of operations:**

Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited is a Crown Corporation established in 1950 under the Corporations Act. Initially the Corporation was established for the purpose of manufacturing liquid asphalt and the sale of chemically treated poles and timber. The Corporation sold its property, equipment and inventory in 1996 and ceased active operations at that date. Since 1996 the Corporation has been dealing with any and all matters that may arise subsequent to the sale.

Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited is classified as a category three entity under the Transparency and Accounting Act.

Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policy:**

These financial statements are prepared by Management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards for provincial reporting entities established by the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board.

**3. Contingent losses:**

Environmental concerns:

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, through an environmental indemnity, has released the current owner of any and all present and future liabilities which may result from the presence, release, loss, discharge, leakage or spillage of hazardous material on, at or from the properties formerly owned and operated by Newfoundland Hardwoods Limited up to the date of the said agreements.

**4. Commitments:**

The company had committed to the dismantling and removal of five surplus storage tanks from the present location. As of the balance sheet date, four of these tanks have been removed and the costs of such have been reflected in these financial statements.



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