Interim Financial Statements **June 30, 2003**



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Auditors' Report

To the Shareholders of Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins

We have audited the balance sheets of Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (the "Company") as at June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 and the statements of earnings, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 and the schedule of unsecured investments impacting on the Quebec economy as at June 30, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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Balance Sheets

(in thousands of dollars, except number of shares and net value per of	common snare)	
	As at June 30, 2003 \$	As at December 31, 2002 \$
Assets		
Unsecured investments impacting on Quebec economy Investments (see schedule) Funds committed but not disbursed (see schedule)	41,730 25,576	23,910 9,819
	67,306	33,729
Other investments (note 3) Accounts receivable (note 4) Cash and cash equivalents Software (net of accumulated amortization of \$648; December 31, 2002 - \$420) Future income taxes (note 8)	271,963 5,055 2,586	179,104 4,292 1,101
	2,192 267	2,080 998
	349,369	221,304
Liabilities		
Deferred non-refundable grants (note 5) Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 6) Income taxes	2,354 1,644 502	5,015 4,192 1,358
	4,500	10,565
Net assets	344,869	210,739
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital (note 7) Retained earnings Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	337,449 8,504 (1,084)	208,328 2,902 (491)
	344,869	210,739
Number of outstanding common shares Net value per common share	33,680,235 10.24	20,832,862 10.12

Approved by the Board of Directors

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Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins Statements of Shareholders' Equity

For the six-month periods ended June 30,

(in thousands of dollars)

Capital S Earnings (depreciation) Earn					2003
Coperating activities Realized net earnings for the period Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the period Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the period Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the period Change in unrealized appreciation Coperating activities		capital	earnings	appreciation (depreciation)	Shareholders' equity
Realized net earnings for the period Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the period - 5,606 - 5 Net earnings for the period - 5,606 (593) - Net earnings for the period - 5,606 (593) - Financing activities Shares issued 129,449 - - 129,121 Share redemption (328) (4) - 129,121 - 129,121 - 129,121 - - 129,121 - - - 129,121 -	Balance – December 31, 2002	208,328	2,902	(491)	210,739
Net earnings for the period -	Realized net earnings for the period Change in unrealized appreciation	-	5,606	(593)	5,606 (593)
129,449	•		5,606	(593)	5,013
Net change for the period 129,121 5,602 (593) 13-24	Shares issued			-	129,449 (332)
Share capital carnings Sharehol carnings		129,121	(4)	-	129,117
Share capital services Balance – December 31, 2001 79,054 23 79 Operating activities Realized net earnings for the period	Net change for the period	129,121	5,602	(593)	134,130
Share capital carnings so sharehold carnings so sharehold carnings so sharehold carnings so sharehold so shar	Balance – June 30, 2003	337,449	8,504	(1,084)	344,869
Balance – December 31, 2001 79,054 23 79 Operating activities 8 8 Realized net earnings for the period - 8 Net earnings for the period - 8 Financing activities 35,971 - 3 Shares issued 35,971 - 3 Net change for the period 35,971 8 3		· -			2002
Operating activities Realized net earnings for the period-8Net earnings for the period-8Financing activities Shares issued35,971-3Net change for the period35,97183			capital	carnings	Shareholders' equity
Realized net earnings for the period - 8 Net earnings for the period - 8 Financing activities 35,971 - 3 Shares issued 35,971 - 3 Net change for the period 35,971 8 3	Balance – December 31, 2001	_	79,054	23	79,077
Financing activities Shares issued 35,971 - 3 Net change for the period 35,971 8 3		_	-	8	8
Shares issued 35,971 - 33 35,971 - 35 Net change for the period 35,971 8 3	Net earnings for the period		-	8	8
Net change for the period 35,971 8 3.		_	35,971	-	35,971
		_	35,971	-	35,971
	Net change for the period	_	35,971	8	35,979
Balance – June 30, 2002 115,025 31 11.	Balance – June 30, 2002	_	115,025	31	115,056

Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins Statements of Earnings For the six-month periods ended June 30,

(in thousands of dollars, except number of shares and net earnings per co	mmon share)	
	2003 \$	2002 \$
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Revenue		
Realized revenue	5,817	977
Interest on other investments	4,205	-
Gain on disposal of other investments Interest on debentures	447	17
	77/	• •
Loss on disposal of unsecured investments impacting on	(736)	_
Quebec economy	424	104
Negotiation fees Membership dues	1,379	381
	(593)	501
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(393)	
	10,943	1,479
Expenses		
Operating expenses	4,912	1,689
Shareholder services	1,151	600
Capital tax	466	93
Amortization of software	228	184
Non-refundable grants (note 5)	(2,661)	(1,283)
	4,096	1,283
Earnings before income taxes	6,847	196
Income taxes (note 8)	1,834	188
Net earnings for the period	5,013	8
Weighted average number of common shares	28,769,848	9,325,545

Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins Statements of Cash Flows

For the six-month periods ended June 30,

(in thousands of dollars)		
	2003 \$	2002 \$
Cash flows from		
Operating activities	5.012	· v
Net earnings for the period Non-cash items	5,013	8
Gain on disposal of other investments	(4,205)	_
Loss on disposal of unsecured investments impacting on		
Quebec economy	736	-
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	593	-
Amortization of software	228 1,128	184
Amortization of premiums and discounts on other investments Non-refundable grants	(2,661)	(1,283)
Future income taxes	731	(1,764)
	1,563	(2,855)
Change in non-cash operating working capital balances (note 9)	(4,167)	18,231
	(2,604)	15,376
Investing activities		
Unsecured investments impacting on Quebec economy	(19,284)	(8,203)
Acquisition of other investments	(1,044,674)	(112,500)
Proceeds on disposal of unsecured investments impacting on	10.5	
Quebec economy	135 939,135	70,545
Proceeds on disposal of other investments Software	(340)	70,343 (579)
Software	(340)	(37)
	(125,028)	(50,737)
Financing activities		
Issuance of common shares	129,449	35,971
Share redemption expenses	(332)	· -
	129,117	35,971
Not should be such and each agriculture during the nation	1 405	610
Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the period	1,485	610
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of period	1,101	5
Cash and cash equivalents - End of period	2,586	615
Supplementary information		
Income taxes paid	2,427	160

Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins
Schedule of Unsecured Investments Impacting on the Quebec Economy
As at June 30, 2003

(in thousands of dollars)

			Unsecured investmen			nvestments
	Initial investment year	Industry segment	Common shares \$	Preferred shares S	Debentures and advances S	Total \$
Bas-Saint-Laurent						
Aqua-Biokem BSL inc.	2002	1	-	200	40	240
Coopérative funéraire du Bas-Saint-Laurent	2002	C	-	-	158	158
Gestion Arnold Gauthier inc.	2002	I	202	80	320	400 292
Les Diamants du Saint-Laurent inc.	2002	I	292	-		
Total Bas-Saint-Laurent			292	280	518	1,090
Estrie						
9116-4509 Ouébec inc. (Plastiques Anchor Ltée)	2002	I	•	400	. •	400
Bois BissBeau inc. (Groupe Beaudry)	2002	I		240	240	480
Camoplast inc.	2002	I	2,698	-	140	2,698 140
Crea Biopharma inc.	2003	S I	-	120	320	440
Fivetracks inc.	2002 2002	S	-	80	120	200
IPS Thérapeutique inc. TPI Plastics Inc.	2002	I	-	-	400	400
Les Tissages Sherbrooke inc.	2003	Ī	320	-	•	320
Neptune Technologies & Bioressources inc.	2003	S	800	-	· •	800
NeXCell BioSciences inc.	2003 2003	S	200	-	85 200	85 400
Uniflex Technologies inc.	2003			0.40		
Total Estrie			4,018	840	1,505	6.363
Montréal				1.000		1 000
Aégera Thérapeutiques inc.	2002	H IT	694	1,000	972	1,000 1,666
Artificial Mind & Movement Inc.	2002 2003	TC	094	200	9/2	200
Audisoft Technologies inc Aurelium BioPharma Inc.	2003	H	-	521	-	521
BioAxone Thérapeutique inc.	2002	Н	-	1,000	-	1,000
Coencorp Consultant Corporation Inc.	2002	IT	-	112		112
Coopérative Forestière des Hautes-Laurentides	2002	C	-	-	848	848
Datacom Wireless Corporation Inc.	2003	TC IT	-	960 667	200	960 867
Groupe Documens inc.	2002 2002	IT	-	400	200	400
IndustryHub Inc.	2002	IT	-		267	267
KM Technologies inc. Lipso Systems Inc.	2002	TC	-	300	-	300
Lysix Photonics Inc. (formerly Viamode Photoniques	2002					
inc.)	2002	TC	-	1,867	-	1,867
Meubles FLY America inc.	2003	Ī	-	6.400	-	6,400
Neks Technologies Inc.	2002	I	248	533	12	781 12
Opendesk Inc.	2002 2003	TI I		800	12	800
Original Solutions Inc. Osprey Pharmaceuticals Limited	2003	Ĥ	-	321		321
Phytobiotech inc.	2002	Ĥ	2,000	-	•	2,000
Polyplan Technologies Inc.	2003	IT	· •	2,000	-	2,000
Procyon Diopharma inc.	2003	н	1,600	-	•	1.600
Ryschco Média inc.	2002	IT	•		200	200
SDP Components Inc.	2002	I	•	1,778		1,778
Silonex inc.	2002	IT	800	533	•	800 533
StormMaker Software Inc.	2002	IT IT	<u>-</u>	533	1.000	1.000
Technologies 20-20 inc.	2002 2002	11 I	-	511	1.000	511
Technique d'usinage Sinlab inc. Technologies Miranda inc.	2002	тĊ		833		833
Total Montréal			5,342	20.736	3,499	29,577

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Schedule of Unsecured Investments Impacting on the Quebec Economy ...continued As at June 30, 2003

(in thousands of dollars)

					Unsecured i	nvestments
	Initial investment year	Industry segment	Common shares S	Preferred shares S	Debentures and advances \$	Total S
Québec		_			••	• • •
Biomax inc.	2003	1 H	200	720	40	240 720
Bioxalis Medica inc. (formerly Gelkem)	2003 2002	н I	-	720	80	80
CO2 Solution inc.	2002	i I	•	-	280	280
DuponTrolley Industries inc.	2002	I I	•	-	80	80
Les Fumets Sylvestre inc. Les Logiciels Dynagram inc.	2003	IT	-	364		364
Matiss inc.	2002	ï	400	-	240	640
Portes Patio Résiver	2003	Î	-	_	280	280
Produit forestiers BOB	2003	î	320			320
Usital Canada inc.	2002	i	-	240		240
Viridis Biotech inc.	2002	н	-		120	120
Total Québec			920	1,324	1,120	3,364
Richelieu-Yamaska						
Cogiscan inc.	2002	IŢ	•	800		800
Rovibec inc.	2002	I	-	160	160	320
Total Richelieu-Yamaska			-	960	160	1,120
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean						
9020-4983 Québec inc. (Institut d'échafaudage du	2002		227		00	217
Québec)	2002	I	236	-	80 20	316 20
Agricom inc.	2003	ΙŢ	320	-	200	520
Groupe Nova inc.	2002 2002	I C	160	-	120	280 280
Les Luzernes Belcan du Lac-St-Jean inc.	2002	Ĭ	100		60	160
Nature 3M inc. Noxxent inc. (Institut d'échafaudage du Québec)	2002	I	4	:	-	4
Total Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean			820	_	480	1.300
Total Saguellay-Lat-Saint-Scall						1.500
Total at cost			11,392	24,140	7,282	12,811
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)						(1,084)
Funds committed but not disbursed						41,730 25,576
Fair value					·	67,306
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Industry segment legend

C: Cooperatives
I: Industrial
H: Health and Biotechnology
TC: Telecommunications
IT: Information Technology

Schedule of Unsecured Investments Impacting on the Quebec Economy ...continued As at June 30, 2003

(in thousands of dollars)

Agreements related to unsecured investments impacting on the Quebec economy may include clauses providing for options as to conversion and redemption.

The debentures and advances bear interest at a weighted average rate of 14.1% and have an average residual term of 3.76 years.

Allocation of investments by industry segment:

Industry segment	Unsecured investments \$	Funds committed but not disbursed \$	Total \$
Cooperatives	1,286	-	1,286
Industrial	19,820	3,933	23,753
Health and Biotechnology	8,507	11,899	20,406
Telecommunications	4,160	2,140	6,300
Information Technology	9,041	7,604	16,645
Total at cost	42,814	25,576	68,390
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,084)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(1,084)
Fair value	41,730	25,576	67,306

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2003

(tabular amounts are in thousands of dollars, unless otherwise specified)

1 Governing statutes, mission, administration and investments

Governing statutes and mission

Capital régional et coopératif Desjardins (the "Company") is constituted by an Act of the Quebec National Assembly (S.Q. 2001, c. 36) and is deemed to have been incorporated by the filing of statutes on July 1, 2001. The Company started its activities on November 5, 2001 and is a legal person with share capital whose mission is to:

- raise venture capital for the benefit of Quebec resource regions (Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Mauricie, Nord-du-Québec and Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean) and the cooperative sector;
- promote economic development in the resource regions through investments in eligible entities operating in those regions;
- support the cooperative movement throughout Quebec by investing in eligible cooperatives;
- support eligible entities in their start-up phase and their development; and
- stimulate the Quebec economy through investments in all regions of Quebec.

Administration

The affairs of the Company are administered by a Board of Directors composed of 13 members, as follows:

- 8 persons appointed by the President of the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins;
- 2 persons elected by the General Meeting of shareholders of the Company;
- 2 persons appointed by the above-mentioned 10 members selected from a group of persons that they deem to be representative of eligible entities as described in the Act; and
- the President and General Manager of the Company.

Investments

The Company may invest in eligible entities, with or without a guarantee or security. Eligible entities include eligible cooperatives and partnerships or a legal person actively operating an enterprise, the majority of whose employees are resident in Quebec and with less than \$50,000,000 of assets and net equity of not more than \$20,000,000.

The Company may invest up to 5% of its assets (as established on the basis of the last accountants' valuation) in the same eligible enterprise or cooperative and the investment is generally planned for a period of five to eight years. This percentage may be increased to 10% to allow the Company to acquire titles of an entity operating in Quebec but which is not an eligible entity. In such case, the Company may, directly or indirectly, acquire or hold shares representing up to a maximum of 30% of the voting rights, which can be exercised in all circumstances.

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1 Governing statutes, mission, administration and investments (continued)

During each fiscal year, from the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2006, the portion of the Company's investments in eligible entities which does not entail any security or hypothec must represent on average at least 60% of the average net assets of the Company for the preceding year. Furthermore, a portion representing at least 35% of that percentage must be invested in entities situated in resource regions of Quebee or in eligible cooperatives.

2 Significant accounting policies

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 balance sheet and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The principal estimates are related to the determination of fair value of unsecured investments impacting on the Quebec economy. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically and as adjustments become necessary, are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

Unsecured investments impacting on the Quebec economy

Unlisted shares and debentures and advances

Unlisted shares and debentures and advances are valued at their fair value, determined in accordance with appropriate methods of valuation, including primarily comparison to arm's-length transactions or takeover bids, and the capitalization of representative earnings before interest, taxes, amortization and capitalization or discounting of cash flows.

Significant assumptions used in the determination of fair value can include discount or capitalization rate, rate of return and the weighting of forecasted earnings.

Funds committed but not disbursed

Funds committed but not disbursed represent investments that have been agreed upon and where funds have been committed but not disbursed at the end of the period.

Other investments

Other investments consist of temporary investments recorded at the lower of cost and fair value and bonds recorded at their unamortized cost net of the provision for losses, if necessary. The fair value is calculated according to the market value, presented in note 3, which is the stock quotation closing price at the date of the balance sheet.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand. In accordance with sector practice, short-term investments with original terms to maturity of three months or less are not included in cash and cash equivalents but in other investments.

Software

Software is recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of three to five years.

Income taxes

The Company uses the liability method in accounting for income taxes. According to this method, future income taxes are determined using the difference between the accounting and tax bases of assets and liabilities. The tax rate in effect when these differences are expected to reverse is used to calculate future income taxes at the balance sheet date. Future income tax assets are recognized when it is more likely than not that the assets will be realized.

Revenue recognition

Gains and losses on disposal of investments

Gains and losses on disposal of unsecured investments impacting on the Quebec economy are recorded at the date of sale and represent the difference between the sale proceeds and the cost, without taking into consideration the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) recorded in previous years, which is reversed and taken into account in change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for the period.

Gains and losses on disposal of other investments are recorded at the date of sale and represent the difference between the sale proceeds and the cost.

Membership dues

Membership dues are recorded at the time of a shareholder's initial subscription and on the closure of that shareholder's account.

Negotiation fees

Negotiation fees are recorded when collection is considered probable.

Premiums and discounts

Premiums and discounts on determined maturity portfolio investments are amortized using the internal rate-ofreturn method up to the maturity date of these investments.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

Non-refundable grants

The non-refundable grants received from the ministère de l'Industrie et du Commerce du Québec and the Mouvement des eaisses Desjardins are allocated to net earnings when the related expenses are committed.

3 Other investments

a) Other investments include the following:

	As at June 30, 2003 \$	As at December 31, 2002
Bonds	275,317	187,206
Temporary investments Term deposit Bankers' acceptance	6,250 15,972	500 1,217
Less: Funds committed but not disbursed	297,539 25,576	188,923 9,819
	271,963	179,104

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3 Other investments (continued)

b) Allocation of investments by maturity date

Bonds				As at June 30, 2003
Maturity	Less than 1 year \$	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total \$
Unamortized cost Par value Fair value Average effective rate Average nominal rate	20,268 20,500 20,753 3.53% 6.25%	83,448 79,550 84,463 4.24% 5.38%	171,601 158,351 175,375 4.97% 6.31%	275,317 258,401 280,591 4.63% 6.02%
	4353,000			December 31, 2002
Maturity	1	to 5 years \$	More than 5 years	Total \$
Unamortized cost Par value Fair value Average effective rate Average nominal rate		103,430 100,000 105,475 4.75% 5.44%	83,776 78,500 85,435 5.49% 6.58%	187,206 178,500 190,910 5.04% 5.94%

The term deposit and bankers' acceptance mature in 2003 and bear interest at a rate of 3.23% (2.7% and 2.77% respectively as at December 31, 2002)

The fair value of temporary investments as at June 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002 was approximately equal to their book value.

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4 Accounts receivable

	As at June 30, 2003 \$	As at December 31, 2002
Subscriptions and membership dues receivable Interest receivable on other investments Sales taxes receivable Other accounts receivable	1,692 2,631 405 327	1,450 1,879 481 482
	5,055	4,292

5 Non-refundable grants

To accelerate the start-up of the Company and the development of its activities in various regions of Quebec, the ministère de l'Industrie et du Commerce du Québec and the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins granted the Company, in equal shares, non-refundable grants totalling \$10,000,000. These grants will allow the Company to pay its organization and start-up costs and set up a sectoral know-how allowing the support of the companies and cooperatives in their start-up phase and with their development. For the six-month period ended June 30, 2003, \$2,661,000 (\$1,283,000 for the same period in 2002) of these grants has been used. The balance of \$2,354,000 (\$5,015,000 as at December 31, 2002) has been deferred and presented in liabilities on the balance sheet.

6 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	As at June 30, 2003 \$	As at December 31, 2002
Entity members of the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins Management fees Other operating expenses Shareholder services Software	100 53 1,266	2,015 556 1,178 313
Other	1,419 225	4,062 130
	1,644	4,192

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7 Share capital

Authorized

The Company is authorized to issue common shares and fractions of common shares, participating, voting, with the right to elect two representatives to the Board of Directors, without par value, so that its capital increases by a maximum of \$150,000,000 annually to a maximum of \$1,425,000,000, redeemable subject to certain conditions provided under the Act.

In the June 12, 2003 budget of the Quebec Minister of Finance, the annual limit of capital increase for the year 2003 has been reduced to \$75,000,000, which brings the cumulative limit to \$375,000,000 as at February 28, 2004.

Issued and fully paid

	As at June 30, 2003 \$	As at December 31, 2002
33,680,235 Common shares (2002 – 20,832,862)	337,449	208,328

During the period, the Company issued 12,879,820 common shares (2002 - 12,927,412) for a cash consideration of \$129,448,650 (2002 - \$129,274,120).

During the period, the Company redeemed 32,447 common shares (2002 – nil) for a cash consideration of \$328,270 (2002 – nil).

This data does not include the redemption requests made within 30 days after subscribing.

Redemption criteria

The Company is bound to redeem a whole common share or a fraction of a common share in the following circumstances:

- at the request of the person who acquired it from the Company at least seven years prior to redemption;
- at the request of a person to whom it has been devolved by succession;
- at the request of the person who acquired it from the Company if the person applies to the Company therefor in writing within 30 days after subscribing to it; and
- at the request of a person who acquired it from the Company if that person is declared to have a severe
 and permanent mental or physical disability which makes this person incapable of pursuing his or her
 work.

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7 Share capital (continued)

However, the Company may purchase a common share or a fractional common share by agreement in the cases and to the extent permitted by a policy adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the Quebec Minister of Finance.

The redemption price of the common shares will be set twice a year, at dates that are six months apart, by the Company's Board of Directors on the basis of the Company's value as determined in the audited financial statements.

8 Income taxes

For purposes of calculating taxable income in Quebec, the Company was authorized to deduct, prior to June 13, 2003, for a given taxation year, an amount not exceeding its taxable income for the year. Accordingly, the Company's income was exempt from Quebec income tax. Since June 12, 2003, the Company is subject to Quebec income taxes.

The Company is subject to Federal income taxes. Moreover, Federal income taxes include the large corporations tax.

a) The income tax expense is detailed as follows:

	June 30, 2003 \$	June 30, 2002 \$
Current income taxes Future income taxes	1,103 731	1,952 (1,764)
	1,834	188

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8 Income taxes (continued)

b) The actual income tax rate differs from the combined basic income tax rate and is explained as follows:

	June 30, 2003 \$	June 30, 2002 \$
Income taxes by applying the income tax rate: Canada, 29.12% Quebec, 8.9% 163 first days of the period not subject to Quebec income taxes Large corporations tax* Permanent differences between earnings before income taxes and taxable income and other	1,994 609	57
	(548) 243	131
	1,834	188

The large corporations tax is based on capital employed in Canada by the Company.

c) Future income taxes relate to the following items:

	As at June 30, 2003 \$	As at December 31, 2002
Future income tax assets Deferred non-refundable grants Other items	895 205	1,460 143
	1,100	1,603
Future income tax liabilities Software	(833)	(605)
Future income tax assets, net	267	998

d) The purchase of shares of the Company provides the right to the investor to reduce its taxes in Quebec only by an amount equal to 50% of the amount invested annually, up to a tax credit of \$1,250.

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9 Cash flows

The change in non-cash operating working capital balances consists of the following:

	June 30, 2003 \$	June 30, 2002 \$
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities Increase (decrease) in income taxes	(763) (2,548) (856)	18,099 (1,683) 1,815
	(4,167)	18,231

10 Related party transactions

The Company is a member of the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins. In the normal course of its operations, the Company carried out transactions with other members of the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins. All of these transactions are measured at the exchange amount:

	June 30, 2003 \$	June 30, 2002 \$
Earnings		
Caisse centrale Desjardins		
Interest on term deposits	139	977
Capital Desjardins inc.		
Interest on other investments	521	-
Gain on disposal of other investments	414	-
Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec		
Operating expenses	175	145
Desjardins Trust Inc.		
Shareholder services	962	316
Investissement Desjardins inc.		
Management fees	4,529	1,489
Other operating expenses	73	-
Mouvement des caisses Desjardins		
Non-refundable grant	1,331	642

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10 Related party transactions (continued)

	As at June 30, 2003	As at December 31, 2002
	\$	\$
Balance sheet		
Caisse centrale Desjardins		
Bankers' acceptance	15.972	1,217
Term deposit	6,250	500
Cash	197	1,018
Capital Desjardins inc.		.,
Bonds	27,344	15,485
Accounts receivable	123	78
Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec		
Software	980	701
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	53	742
Desjardins Trust Inc.		
Accounts receivable	1,692	1,450
Software	1,212	1,379
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,266	1,204
Fonds d'investissement Desjardins régionaux		
Accounts receivable	82	223
Investissement Desjardins inc.		
Accounts receivable	•	117
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	100	2,116
Investissement Desjardins, société en commandite		
Accounts receivable	77	-
Mouvement des caisses Desjardins		
Deferred non-refundable grant	1,177	2,508
Valeurs mobilières Desjardins		
Cash	2,255	-

11 Commitments

The Company has entrusted the management of its operations, including management of its portfolio, to Investissement Desjardins inc., a member of the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins, in accordance with strategies and objectives approved by the Board of Directors. The management contract signed by Investissement Desjardins inc. and the Company is in effect for an initial ten-year period, unless the parties agree to terminate it by mutual agreement. Thereafter, it shall be automatically renewed for a five-year period unless either party decides to terminate the contract by giving notice of at least 18 months.

Under this contract, the Company is required to pay an annual management fee equal to 3% of its annual average net asset value reduced by any amount payable for the acquisition of investments and by the remaining balance of the deferred non-refundable grants. This percentage is reduced to 2.5% from the fiscal year following that in which the Company's net asset value reaches \$750,000,000.

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11 Commitments (continued)

The Company has appointed Desjardins Trust Inc., a Mouvement des caisses Desjardins corporation, to act as its registrar and transfer agent with respect to shareholder transactions. The term of this contract is three years and two months effective November 1, 2001 and is renewable annually under the same terms and conditions unless either party gives written notice to the contrary 180 days before the end of a year.

12 Financial instruments

The fair value of accounts receivable, cash and cash equivalents, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximates their carrying value given their current maturities.

Credit risk for other investments relates to the possibility that the counterparty to the transaction does not meet its obligations. The Company reduces this risk by dealing solely with Caisse centrale Desjardins and Valeurs mobilières Desjardins, entities that are members of the Mouvement des caisses Desjardins.

13 Comparative figures

Grouping and presentation of comparative figures may vary from the prior period in order to conform with the presentation adopted for the current period.