

Management's Report

Management's Responsibility on Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements and for the consistency therewith of all other financial and operating data presented in this annual report. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies detailed in the notes thereto. In Management's opinion, the consolidated financial statements are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, have been prepared within acceptable limits of materiality, and have utilized supportable, reasonable estimates.

To ensure the integrity of our financial statements, we carefully select and train qualified personnel. We also ensure our organizational structure provides appropriate delegation of authority and division of responsibilities. Our policies and procedures are communicated throughout the organization including a written ethics and integrity policy that applies to all employees including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer.

The Board of Directors approves the consolidated financial statements. Their financial statement related responsibilities are fulfilled mainly through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is composed entirely of independent directors, and includes at least one director with financial expertise. The Audit Committee meets regularly with Management and the external auditors to discuss reporting and control issues and ensures each party is properly discharging its responsibilities. The Audit Committee also considers the independence of the external auditors and reviews their fees.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Deloitte LLP, Chartered Accountants, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) on behalf of the shareholders.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance that all assets are safeguarded, transactions are appropriately authorized and to facilitate the preparation of relevant, reliable and timely information. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Management has assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The assessment was based on the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2014. The Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 has been audited by Deloitte LLP, the Company's Chartered Accountants, who also audited the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

(signed)

Myron M. Stadnyk

President and Chief Executive Officer

Calgary, Alberta

February 11, 2015

(signed)

P. Van R. Dafoe

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of ARC Resources Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of ARC Resources Ltd. and subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2014 and 2013 and the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, statements of changes in shareholders' equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2014 and 2013 and its financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Other Matter

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 11, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(signed) "Deloitte LLP"
Chartered Accountants
February 11, 2015
Calgary, Canada

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of ARC Resources Ltd.

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of ARC Resources Ltd. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2014, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's Management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 of the Company and our report dated February 11, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

(signed) "Deloitte LLP"
Chartered Accountants
February 11, 2015
Calgary, Canada

ARC RESOURCES LTD.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Cdn\$ millions)	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 6)	7.1	—
Short-term investment	3.6	3.6
Accounts receivable	165.0	176.5
Prepaid expenses	14.3	15.6
Risk management contracts (Note 15)	131.8	4.4
Assets held for sale (Note 10)	5.8	—
	327.6	200.1
Reclamation fund (Note 8)	35.2	32.6
Risk management contracts (Note 15)	128.0	61.2
Intangible exploration and evaluation assets (Note 9)	266.4	265.4
Property, plant and equipment (Note 10)	5,320.1	4,928.5
Goodwill	248.2	248.2
Total assets	6,325.5	5,736.0
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	339.1	274.5
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 12)	49.5	42.1
Current portion of asset retirement obligations (Note 13)	13.0	25.1
Dividends payable	32.0	31.4
Risk management contracts (Note 15)	1.0	12.9
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale (Note 13)	5.5	—
	440.1	386.0
Risk management contracts (Note 15)	1.0	0.6
Long-term debt (Note 12)	1,025.3	859.2
Long-term incentive compensation liability (Note 18)	29.1	26.1
Other deferred liabilities	15.8	17.5
Asset retirement obligations (Note 13)	603.1	450.3
Deferred taxes (Note 16)	659.3	600.2
Total liabilities	2,773.7	2,339.9
Commitments and contingencies (Note 19)		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Shareholders' capital	3,951.1	3,800.8
Contributed surplus	8.6	3.8
Deficit	(407.9)	(408.5)
Total shareholders' equity	3,551.8	3,396.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	6,325.5	5,736.0

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors

(signed)
Mac H. Van Wielingen
Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director

(signed)
Kathleen M. O'Neill
Chair of the Audit Committee and Director

ARC RESOURCES LTD.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

For the years ended December 31

(Cdn\$ millions, except per share amounts)	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Sales of crude oil, natural gas, condensate, natural gas liquids and other income	2,107.7	1,624.3
Royalties	(298.0)	(223.1)
	1,809.7	1,401.2
Gain on risk management contracts (Note 15)	176.2	46.3
	1,985.9	1,447.5
EXPENSES		
Transportation	91.6	60.2
Operating	364.2	338.7
Intangible exploration and evaluation expenses (Note 9)	39.4	1.3
General and administrative	84.3	97.1
Interest and financing charges	47.3	42.5
Accretion of asset retirement obligations (Note 13)	14.9	12.5
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment (Note 10)	758.5	551.9
Loss on foreign exchange	73.7	49.2
Gain on short-term investment	—	(1.9)
Loss (gain) on disposal of petroleum and natural gas properties	1.8	(38.9)
	1,475.7	1,112.6
Provision for income taxes (Note 16)		
Current	70.3	16.3
Deferred	59.1	77.9
	129.4	94.2
Net income and comprehensive income	380.8	240.7
Net income per share (Note 17)		
Basic	1.20	0.77
Diluted	1.20	0.77

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

ARC RESOURCES LTD.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

For the years ended December 31

(Cdn\$ millions)	Shareholders' Capital	Contributed Surplus	Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity
December 31, 2012	3,670.2	1.7	(275.2)	3,396.7
Shares issued for cash	0.5	—	—	0.5
Shares issued pursuant to the dividend reinvestment program	115.4	—	—	115.4
Shares issued pursuant to the stock dividend program	14.7	—	—	14.7
Share option expense (Note 18)	—	2.1	—	2.1
Comprehensive income	—	—	240.7	240.7
Dividends declared	—	—	(374.0)	(374.0)
December 31, 2013	3,800.8	3.8	(408.5)	3,396.1
Shares issued pursuant to the dividend reinvestment program	115.9	—	—	115.9
Shares issued pursuant to the stock dividend program	35.1	—	—	35.1
Cancellation of shares and return of accrued dividends	(0.7)	1.9	—	1.2
Share option expense (Note 18)	—	2.9	—	2.9
Comprehensive income	—	—	380.8	380.8
Dividends declared	—	—	(380.2)	(380.2)
December 31, 2014	3,951.1	8.6	(407.9)	3,551.8

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

ARC RESOURCES LTD.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

For the years ended December 31

(Cdn\$ millions)	2014	2013
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income and comprehensive income	380.8	240.7
Add items not involving cash:		
Unrealized gain on risk management contracts	(205.3)	(30.6)
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	14.9	12.5
Depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment	758.5	551.9
Intangible exploration and evaluation expenses	39.4	1.3
Unrealized loss on foreign exchange	73.8	48.9
Loss (gain) on disposal of petroleum and natural gas properties	1.8	(38.9)
Deferred tax expense	59.1	77.9
Other (Note 21)	1.0	(1.9)
Net change in other liabilities (Note 21)	(20.4)	(16.6)
Change in non-cash working capital (Note 21)	49.4	(43.5)
	1,153.0	801.7
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issuance (repayment) of long-term debt under revolving credit facilities, net	(22.1)	105.9
Issue of senior notes	166.6	—
Repayment of senior notes	(43.9)	(40.9)
Issue of common shares	—	0.5
Cash dividends paid	(228.6)	(243.4)
	(128.0)	(177.9)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of petroleum and natural gas properties (Note 10)	(71.7)	(36.4)
Disposal of petroleum and natural gas properties	37.5	89.8
Property, plant and equipment development expenditures (Note 10)	(958.2)	(859.2)
Intangible exploration and evaluation asset expenditures (Note 9)	(49.4)	(15.0)
Net reclamation fund contributions	(2.6)	(2.8)
Change in non-cash working capital (Note 21)	26.5	5.2
	(1,017.9)	(818.4)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	7.1	(194.6)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	—	194.6
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	7.1	—
The following are included in cash flow from operating activities:		
Income taxes paid in cash	30.4	43.6
Interest paid in cash	46.3	42.5

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2014 and 2013

1. STRUCTURE OF THE BUSINESS

The principal undertakings of ARC Resources Ltd. and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Company" or "ARC") are to carry on the business of acquiring, developing and holding interests in petroleum and natural gas properties and assets.

ARC was incorporated in Canada and the Company's registered office and principal place of business is located at 1200, 308 – 4th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 0H7.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These consolidated financial statements (the "financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). All financial information is reported in millions of Canadian dollars ("Cdn\$"), unless otherwise noted. References to "US\$" are to United States dollars.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for ARC's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investment, reclamation fund assets, and risk management contracts which are presented at fair value, as detailed in the accounting policies disclosed in Note 3.

The financial statements include the accounts of ARC and its wholly owned subsidiaries, ARC Resources General Partnership (the "partnership") and 1504793 Alberta Ltd. All inter-entity transactions have been eliminated.

The preparation of the financial statements requires Management to use judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and the disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimated. Significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of the financial statements are detailed in Note 5.

These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on February 11, 2015.

3. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

Revenue associated with the sale of crude oil, natural gas, condensate and natural gas liquids ("NGLs") owned by ARC is recognized when title is transferred from ARC to its customers. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue from the sale of crude oil, natural gas, condensate and NGLs (prior to deduction of transportation costs) is recognized when all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

- ARC has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods to the buyer;
- ARC retains no continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership or effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to ARC; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Transportation

Costs paid by ARC for the transportation of crude oil, natural gas, condensate and NGLs to the point of title transfer are recognized when the transportation is provided.

Joint Arrangements

ARC conducts many of its oil and gas production activities through jointly controlled operations and the financial statements reflect only ARC's proportionate interest in such activities. Joint control exists for contractual arrangements governing ARC's assets whereby ARC has less than 100 per cent working interest, all of the partners have control of the arrangement collectively, and spending on the project requires unanimous consent of all parties

that collectively control the arrangement and share the associated risks. ARC does not have any joint arrangements that are individually material to the Company or that are structured through joint venture arrangements.

Long-Term Incentive Plans

Restricted Share Unit & Performance Share Unit and Deferred Share Unit Plans

ARC has established a cash-settled Restricted Share Unit & Performance Share Unit Plan ("RSU & PSU Plan") for employees and independent directors who otherwise meet the definition of an employee of ARC, as well as a Deferred Share Unit Plan ("DSU Plan") for non-employee directors. Compensation expense associated with the RSU & PSU Plan and the DSU Plan is granted in the form of Restricted Share Units ("RSUs"), Performance Share Units ("PSUs") and Deferred Share Units ("DSUs") and is determined based on the fair value of the share units at grant date and is subsequently adjusted to reflect the fair value of the share units at each period end. This valuation incorporates the period-end share price, the number of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs outstanding at each period end, and certain management estimates. Compensation expense is recognized in earnings over the relevant service period of the RSU & PSU Plan and DSU Plan with a corresponding increase or decrease in liabilities. Classification of the associated short-term and long-term liabilities is dependent on the expected payout dates.

Share Option Plan

ARC has established a share option plan for certain employees. The fair value of share options issued to employees is determined on their grant date using a valuation model and recorded as compensation expense over the period that the share options vest, with a corresponding increase to contributed surplus. The exercise price of the share options granted may be reduced by the amount of dividends declared in future periods in accordance with the terms of the plan. Forfeitures are estimated through the vesting period based on past experience and future expectations, and adjusted upon actual vesting. When share options are exercised, the proceeds, together with the amounts recorded in contributed surplus, are recorded in shareholders' capital.

A portion of total compensation costs associated with both the RSU & PSU Plan and the Share Option Plan is charged to property, plant and equipment ("PP&E") to reflect those costs that are directly attributable to capital projects. A portion is also charged to operating expenses to reflect the awards that are attributable to certain individuals working in field operations, and the remainder is charged to general and administrative expense.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include market deposits and similar type instruments, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Reclamation Fund

ARC's reclamation fund holds investment grade assets and cash and cash equivalents. Investments are categorized as available-for-sale assets. Available-for-sale assets are initially measured at fair value with subsequent changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income ("OCI"), net of tax.

Goodwill

ARC records goodwill relating to a business combination when the total purchase price exceeds the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquired company. Goodwill is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is evaluated for impairment on an annual basis, or more frequently if potential indicators of impairment exist.

Intangible Exploration and Evaluation ("E&E") Assets

Intangible E&E costs are capitalized until the technical feasibility and commercial viability, or otherwise, of the relevant projects have been determined. Technical feasibility and commercial viability of E&E assets is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable reserves and obtaining the appropriate internal and external approvals. E&E costs may include costs of license acquisition, technical services and studies, and exploration drilling and testing. Tangible assets acquired which are consumed in developing an intangible exploration asset are recorded as part of the cost of the intangible exploration asset. Costs incurred prior to obtaining the legal right to explore are expensed as incurred. Net revenues from test production associated with assets classified as E&E is recognized as earned. Assets classified as E&E are not amortized.

If a project classified as E&E is determined to be technically feasible and commercially viable, the relevant cost is transferred from E&E to development and production assets which are classified as PP&E on the consolidated balance sheets (the "balance sheets"). Assets are assessed for impairment prior to any such transfer. If an E&E project is determined to be unsuccessful, all associated costs are charged to the consolidated statements of income (the "statements of income") at that time.

Property, Plant and Equipment ("PP&E")

Items of PP&E, which include oil and gas development and production assets and administrative assets, are measured at cost less accumulated depletion, depreciation and amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of PP&E are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of PP&E and are recognized separately in the statements of income.

Exchanges of properties are measured at fair value, unless the transaction lacks commercial substance or fair value cannot be reasonably measured. Where the exchange is measured at fair value, a gain or loss is recognized in the statements of income.

Overhead costs which are directly attributable to bringing an asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of use in the manner intended by Management are capitalized. These costs include compensation costs paid to ARC personnel dedicated to capital projects.

Depletion, Depreciation and Amortization

Development and production assets are componentized into groups of assets with similar useful lives for the purposes of performing depletion calculations. Depletion expense is calculated on the unit-of-production basis based on:

- (a) total estimated proved and probable reserves calculated in accordance with Ontario Securities Commission's National Instrument 51-101, Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities;
- (b) total capitalized costs plus estimated future development costs of proved and probable reserves, including future estimated asset retirement costs; and
- (c) relative volumes of petroleum and natural gas reserves and production, before royalties, converted at the energy equivalent conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil.

Depreciation of corporate assets is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which range from three to fourteen years.

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets*Development and Production Assets*

ARC's development and production assets are grouped into cash generating units ("CGUs") for the purpose of assessing impairment. A CGU is a grouping of assets that generate cash inflows independently of other assets held by the Company. Geological formation, product type, geography and internal management are key factors considered when grouping ARC's petroleum and natural gas assets into CGUs.

CGUs are reviewed at each reporting date for indicators of potential impairment. If such indicators exist, an impairment test is performed by comparing the CGU's carrying value to its recoverable amount, defined as the greater of a CGU's fair value less cost to sell and its current value in use. Any excess of carrying value over recoverable amount is recognized in the statements of income as an impairment charge.

If there is an indicator that a previously recognized impairment charge may no longer be valid, the recoverable amount of the relevant CGU is calculated and compared against the carrying amount. An impairment charge is reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depletion, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

E&E Assets, Administrative Assets and Goodwill

E&E assets, administrative assets and goodwill are assessed for impairment at the operating segment level. Goodwill has not been attributed to individual CGUs as ARC believes the goodwill it has acquired enhances the value of all of its pre-existing CGUs through enhanced operating efficiencies. Impairment tests are carried out when E&E assets are transferred to be included as development and production assets following the declaration of commercial reserves, and any time that circumstances arise which could indicate a potential impairment. Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, goodwill balances are tested for impairment annually. An impairment loss is recognized if the total carrying values of E&E, administrative assets and goodwill exceed the aggregate impairment cushions calculated for each of ARC's CGUs and is applied first to reduce the carrying amount of goodwill and then to E&E and administrative assets on a pro-rata basis. Impairment of goodwill and administrative assets is recognized in depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment and impairment of E&E assets is recognized in intangible E&E expenses. Any impairment loss of goodwill is not reversed.

If E&E assets, administrative assets and goodwill are subject to impairment testing in the same period in which there is an indication of impairment in one of ARC's CGUs, that CGU is first tested for impairment and any resulting impairment loss is recorded prior to conducting impairment tests on assets at the operating segment level.

Assets Held for Sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is met when the sale is highly probable and the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition. For the sale to be highly probable, Management must be committed to a plan to sell the asset and an active program to locate a buyer and complete the plan must have been initiated. The asset must be actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value and the sale should be expected to be completed within one year from the date of classification.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell, with impairments recognized in the statements of income in the period measured. Non-current assets held for sale are classified and presented in current assets and liabilities within the balance sheet. Assets held for sale are not depleted, depreciated or amortized.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognized when there is reasonable assurance that ARC will comply with the conditions attached to them and the grants will be received. If a grant is received before it is certain whether compliance with all conditions will be achieved, the grant is recognized as a deferred liability until such conditions are fulfilled and then amortized into earnings on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset. When a grant relates to an expense item, it is recognized in the statements of income in the period in which the costs are incurred. When a grant relates to an asset, it is recognized as a reduction to the carrying amount of the related asset and amortized into income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the underlying asset through reduced depletion, depreciation and amortization charges.

Asset Retirement Obligations ("ARO")

ARC recognizes an ARO liability in the period in which it has a present legal or constructive liability and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. On a periodic basis, Management reviews these estimates and changes, if any, are applied prospectively. The change in fair value of the estimated ARO is recorded as a liability, with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related asset. The capitalized amount is depreciated on a unit-of-production basis over the life of the associated proved and probable reserves. The long-term liability is increased each reporting period with the passage of time and the associated accretion charge is recognized in earnings. Periodic revisions to the liability-specific discount rate, estimated timing of cash flows or to the original estimated undiscounted cost can also result in an increase or decrease to the ARO. Actual costs incurred upon settlement of the obligation are recorded against the ARO to the extent of the liability recorded.

Income Taxes

Deferred tax is recognized using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred income tax expense is recognized in the statements of income except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity. Deferred tax assets and tax liabilities are offset to the extent there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts and the intent is to either settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Claims made for scientific research and experimental development tax credits are offset against income tax expense.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets, financial liabilities and derivatives are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on the financial instrument's classification, as described below. ARC does not employ hedge accounting for its risk management contracts currently in place.

- *Fair value through profit or loss*
Financial assets and liabilities classified as held-for-trading or designated as at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized and subsequently measured at fair value with changes in those fair values charged immediately to earnings. ARC classifies its cash and cash equivalents, short-term investment, and risk management contracts as held-for-trading.
- *Held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables and other financial liabilities*
Held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables, and other financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. ARC classifies accounts receivable as loans and receivables, and classifies accounts payable and accrued liabilities, dividends payable, long-term debt, and long-term incentive compensation liability as other financial liabilities.

- *Available-for-sale financial assets*

Non-derivative financial assets may be designated as available for sale so long as they are not classified in another category above. Available-for-sale financial assets are initially recognized at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in OCI, net of tax. Transaction costs related to the purchase of available-for-sale assets are recognized in the statements of income. Amounts recognized in OCI for available-for-sale financial assets are charged to earnings when the asset is derecognized or when there is a significant or prolonged decrease in the value of the asset. ARC classifies its reclamation fund assets as available-for-sale assets.

Fair Value Measurement

ARC measures cash and cash equivalents, short-term investment, risk management contracts, and reclamation fund assets at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value less cost to sell is also calculated at each reporting date to determine the recoverable amount of non-financial assets that are tested for impairment. In addition, the fair value of long-term debt is disclosed in Note 12.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in its principal or most advantageous market at the reporting date. To estimate the fair value of its financial instruments, ARC uses quoted market prices when available, or third-party models and valuation methodologies that use observable market data. Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use, including transaction-specific details and non-performance risk.

All financial assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are further categorized using a three-level hierarchy that reflects the significance of the lowest level of inputs used in determining fair value:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1. Prices in Level 2 are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 valuations are based on inputs, including quoted forward prices for commodities, time value and volatility factors, which can be substantially observed or corroborated in the marketplace.
- Level 3 – Valuations in this level are those with inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

At each reporting date, ARC determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing the level of classification for each financial asset and financial liability measured or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole. Assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the placement within the fair value hierarchy.

ARC's risk management contracts are subject to master netting agreements that create a legally enforceable right to offset by counterparty the related financial assets and financial liabilities on the Company's balance sheets in all circumstances. ARC manages these contracts on the basis of its net exposure to market risks and therefore measures their fair value consistently with how market participants would price the net risk exposure at the reporting date under current market conditions.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that indicates a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired at each reporting date. Objective evidence exists if one or more loss events occur after initial recognition of the financial asset which have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset and that impact can be reliably measured. Objective evidence of impairment may include indications that a debtor is experiencing significant financial difficulty, that a debtor has breached certain contracts, the probability that a debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization, and changes in economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

If a receivable or group of receivables carried at amortized cost is impaired, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the amortized cost of the receivable and its recoverable amount. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the loss is recognized in general and administrative expenses. If the amount of the impairment loss decreases in a subsequent period because of a specific event, the

impairment loss is reversed through the allowance account. Receivables and the associated allowance balance are written off when there is no longer a probability of future recovery.

When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognized in OCI and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss is measured as the difference between the acquisition cost of the financial asset and its fair value and is reclassified from equity to general and administrative expenses.

Foreign Currency Translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the period average rates of exchange. Translation gains and losses are included in earnings in the period in which they arise.

ARC's functional and presentation currency is Canadian dollars.

4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As of January 1, 2014, the Company adopted several new IFRS interpretations and amendments in accordance with the transitional provisions of each standard. A brief description of each new accounting policy and its impact on the Company's financial statements follows below:

- IAS 36 "Impairment of Assets" has been amended to reduce the circumstances in which the recoverable amount of cash generating units "CGUs" is required to be disclosed and clarify the disclosures required when an impairment loss has been recognized or reversed in the period. The retrospective adoption of these amendments impact ARC's disclosures in the notes to the financial statements in periods when an impairment loss or impairment reversal is recognized.
- IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" has been amended to clarify that there would be no requirement to discontinue hedge accounting if a hedging derivative was novated, provided certain criteria are met. The retrospective adoption of the amendments does not have any impact on ARC's financial statements.
- IFRIC 21 "Levies" was developed by the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") and is applicable to all levies imposed by governments under legislation, other than outflows that are within the scope of other standards (e.g., IAS 12 "Income Taxes") and fines or other penalties for breaches of legislation. The interpretation clarifies that an entity recognizes a liability for a levy when the activity that triggers payment, as identified by the relevant legislation, occurs. It also clarifies that a levy liability is accrued progressively only if the activity that triggers payment occurs over a period of time, in accordance with the relevant legislation. Lastly, the interpretation clarifies that a liability should not be recognized before the specified minimum threshold to trigger that levy is reached. The retrospective adoption of this interpretation does not have any impact on ARC's financial statements.

Future Accounting Policy Changes

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," which replaces IAS 18 "Revenue," IAS 11 "Construction Contracts," and related interpretations. The standard is required to be adopted either retrospectively or using a modified transition approach for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, with earlier adoption permitted. IFRS 15 will be applied by ARC on January 1, 2017 and the Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on ARC's financial statements.

In July 2014, the IASB completed the final elements of IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments." The Standard supersedes earlier versions of IFRS 9 and completes the IASB's project to replace IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement." IFRS 9, as amended, includes a principle-based approach for classification and measurement of financial assets, a single 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-reformed approach to hedge accounting. The Standard will come into effect for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with earlier adoption permitted. IFRS 9 will be applied by ARC on January 1, 2018 and the Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on ARC's financial statements.

5. MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The timely preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires Management to use judgments, estimates and assumptions. These estimates and judgments are subject to change and actual results could differ from those estimated. The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing material

adjustment to the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the disclosure of contingencies are discussed below.

Joint Control

Judgment is required to determine when ARC has joint control over an arrangement, which requires an assessment of the capital and operating activities of the projects it undertakes with partners and when the decisions in relation to those activities require unanimous consent.

Recoverability of Asset Carrying Values

The recoverability of development and production asset carrying values are assessed at the CGU level. Determination of what constitutes a CGU is subject to management judgment. The asset composition of a CGU can directly impact the recoverability of the assets included therein. In assessing the recoverability of oil and gas properties, each CGU's carrying value is compared to its recoverable amount, defined as the greater of its fair value less cost to sell and value in use.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, ARC performed an impairment test prior to the transfer of a project in Southeast Saskatchewan from E&E assets to PP&E on the balance sheets. At December 31, 2014, ARC evaluated its CGUs for indicators of any potential impairment or related recovery. In making these evaluations, ARC used the following information:

- i) the net present value of the after-tax cash flows from oil and gas reserves of each CGU based on reserves estimated by ARC's independent reserve evaluator; and
- ii) the fair value of undeveloped land based on estimates provided by ARC's independent land evaluator with consideration given to acquisition metrics of recent transactions completed on similar assets to those contained within the relevant CGU

with consideration given to acquisition metrics of recent transactions completed on similar assets to those contained within the relevant CGU.

Key input estimates used in the determination of cash flows from oil and gas reserves include the following:

- a) Reserves – Assumptions that are valid at the time of reserve estimation may change significantly when new information becomes available. Changes in forward price estimates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and may ultimately result in reserves being restated.
- b) Crude oil and natural gas prices – Forward price estimates of the crude oil and natural gas prices are used in the cash flow model. Commodity prices have fluctuated widely in recent years due to global and regional factors including supply and demand fundamentals, inventory levels, exchange rates, weather, economic and geopolitical factors.
- c) Discount rate – The discount rate used to calculate the net present value of cash flows is based on estimates of an approximate industry peer group weighted average cost of capital. Changes in the general economic environment could result in significant changes to this estimate.

As a result of declining forward commodity prices for natural gas and crude oil, impairment tests were carried out at December 31, 2014 on each of ARC's CGUs. The estimated recoverable amounts were based on fair value less costs of disposal calculations using after-tax discount rates that are based on an estimated industry weighted cost of capital ranging from nine to 9.5 per cent depending on the resource composition of the assets in the CGU and the following forward commodity price estimates:

Year	Edmonton Light Crude Oil (Cdn\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	WTI Oil (US\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	AECO Gas (Cdn\$/mmbtu) ⁽¹⁾	Cdn\$/US\$ Exchange Rates ⁽¹⁾
2015	64.71	62.50	3.31	0.85
2016	80.00	75.00	3.77	0.88
2017	85.71	80.00	4.02	0.88
2018	91.43	85.00	4.27	0.88
2019	97.14	90.00	4.53	0.88
2020	102.86	95.00	4.78	0.88
2021	106.18	98.54	5.03	0.88
2022	108.31	100.51	5.28	0.88
2023	110.47	102.52	5.53	0.88
2024	112.67	104.57	5.71	0.88
Remainder	+2.0% per year	+2.0% per year	+2.0% per year	0.88

(1) Source: GLJ Petroleum Consultants price forecast, effective December 31, 2014.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, ARC recorded an impairment of \$28.2 million on a Southeast Saskatchewan E&E project prior to its transfer to PP&E upon determination that the carrying amount of the project assets was unlikely to be recovered by successful development or sale. The recoverable amount of \$9 million as at the date of transfer on September 30, 2014 was determined using an after-tax discount rate of 10 per cent. The impairment charge was recorded as part of intangible E&E expenses in the statements of income.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, ARC recorded an impairment of \$103 million on its Northern Alberta CGU, which was recognized in depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment in the statements of income. The recoverable amount of \$991 million was determined using an after-tax discount rate of nine per cent.

The fair value less cost to sell values used to determine the recoverable amounts of the impaired E&E and PP&E assets are classified as Level 2 fair value measurements. Refer to Note 3 for information on fair value hierarchy classifications.

The carrying value of goodwill at December 31, 2014 is \$248.2 million. This value is supported by the combined excess recoverable amount over the current carrying value of ARC's operating segment.

Depletion of Oil and Gas Assets

Depletion of oil and gas assets is determined based on total proved and probable reserve values as well as future development costs as estimated by ARC's external reserve evaluator. See (a) above for discussion of estimates and judgments involved in reserve estimation.

Oil and Gas Activities

The Company applies judgment when classifying the nature of oil and gas activities as E&E or PP&E, and when determining whether capitalization of the initial costs of these activities is appropriate. The Company uses historical drilling results, project economics, resource quantities, production technology expectations, production costs and future development costs to make judgments about future events and circumstances. See (a) above for discussion of estimates and judgments involved in reserve estimation.

Asset Retirement Obligations

The provision for site restoration and abandonment is based on current legal and constructive requirements, technology, price levels and expected plans for remediation. Actual costs and cash outflows can differ from estimates because of changes in laws and regulations, public expectations, market conditions, discovery and analysis of site conditions and changes in technology.

Fair Value Measurement

The estimated fair value of financial instruments is reliant upon a number of estimated variables including forward commodity prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates, volatility curves and risk of non-performance. A change in any one of these factors could result in a change to the overall estimated valuation of the instrument.

Employee Compensation Costs

Compensation expense accrued for ARC's PSU Plan is dependent on an adjustment to the final number of PSU awards that eventually vest based on a performance multiplier that is estimated by Management. Large fluctuations in compensation expense may occur due to changes in the underlying share price or revised management estimates of relevant performance factors.

Compensation expense recorded for ARC's Share Option Plan is based on a binomial-lattice option pricing model. The inputs to this model rely on management judgment.

Income Taxes

Tax regulations and legislation are subject to change and differing interpretations requiring management judgment. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized when it is considered probable that temporary differences will be payable to tax authorities in future periods. Income tax filings are subject to audits and re-assessments and changes in facts, circumstances and interpretations of the standards may result in a material increase or decrease in the Company's provision for income taxes.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

ARC's cash balance was \$7.1 million at December 31, 2014 and was held in investment grade assets. The cash balance was nil at December 31, 2013.

7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to ARC if a partner or counterparty to a product sales contract or financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. ARC is exposed to credit risk with respect to its accounts receivable, reclamation fund assets, and risk management contracts. Most of ARC's accounts receivable relate to crude oil and natural gas sales and are subject to typical industry credit risks. Refer to Note 14 which discusses ARC's capital management objectives and policies. ARC manages its credit risk as follows:

- by entering into sales contracts with only established, creditworthy counterparties as verified by a third-party rating agency, through internal evaluation or by requiring security such as letters of credit or parental guarantees;
- by limiting exposure to any one counterparty in accordance with ARC's credit policy; and
- by restricting cash equivalent investments, reclamation fund investments, and risk management transactions to counterparties that are not less than investment grade.

The majority of the credit exposure on accounts receivable at December 31, 2014 pertains to accrued revenue for December 2014 production volumes. ARC transacts with a number of crude oil and natural gas marketing companies and commodity end users ("commodity purchasers"). Commodity purchasers and marketing companies typically remit amounts to ARC by the 25th day of the month following production. Joint interest receivables are typically collected within one to three months following production. At December 31, 2014, no one counterparty accounted for more than 10 per cent of total revenue.

ARC's allowance for doubtful accounts was \$0.6 million as at December 31, 2014 (nil as at December 31, 2013). During the year ended December 31, 2014, ARC recorded a \$0.6 million provision for non-collectible accounts receivable (nil for the year ended December 31, 2013).

When determining whether amounts that are past due are collectible, Management assesses the creditworthiness and past payment history of the counterparty, as well as the nature of the past due amount. ARC considers all amounts greater than 90 days to be past due. At December 31, 2014, \$2.6 million of accounts receivable are past due, all of which are considered to be collectible (\$5 million at December 31, 2013).

ARC's accounts receivable was aged as follows at December 31, 2014:

Accounts Receivable Aging	December 31, 2014
Current (less than 30 days)	159.8
31 - 60 days	1.8
61 - 90 days	0.8
Past due (more than 90 days)	2.6
Balance, December 31, 2014	165.0

Maximum credit risk is calculated as the total recorded value of accounts receivable, reclamation fund assets, and risk management contracts at the balance sheet date. The carrying value of ARC's accounts receivable approximates the fair value of the underlying financial assets.

8. RECLAMATION FUND

In 2005, ARC established a restricted reclamation fund to finance obligations specifically associated with its Redwater property. Minimum contributions to this fund will be approximately \$64.2 million in total over the next 41 years. Under the terms of ARC's investment policy, cash in the reclamation fund can only be invested in Canadian or US Government securities, investment grade corporate bonds, or investment-grade short-term money market securities.

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Balance, beginning of period	32.6	29.8
Contributions	3.7	3.9
Reimbursed expenditures ⁽¹⁾	(1.8)	(1.5)
Interest earned on funds	0.7	0.4
Balance, end of period	35.2	32.6

(1) Amount differs from actual expenditures incurred by ARC due to timing differences and discretionary reimbursements.

Required contributions to this fund will vary over time and have been disclosed as commitments in Note 19. Interest earned on the respective investments is retained within the fund.

9. INTANGIBLE EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

Carrying amount	
Balance, January 1, 2013	238.1
Additions	15.0
Acquisitions	13.6
Intangible exploration and evaluation expenses	(1.3)
Balance, December 31, 2013	265.4
Additions	49.4
Transfers to property, plant and equipment	(9.0)
Intangible exploration and evaluation expenses	(39.4)
Balance, December 31, 2014	266.4

ARC has certain E&E properties that have sales of petroleum products associated with production from test wells. For the year ended December 31, 2014, these operating results have been recognized in the statements of income and comprised sales of crude oil, natural gas, condensate and natural gas liquids of \$19.3 million, royalties of \$1 million, operating expenses of \$6.9 million, and transportation expenses of \$1.6 million. All cash flows associated with E&E assets are reflected in cash flow from operating activities.

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Cost	Development and Production Assets	Administrative Assets	Total
Balance, January 1, 2013	6,129.3	50.3	6,179.6
Additions	862.8	4.6	867.4
Acquisitions	22.8	—	22.8
Change in asset retirement cost	(40.6)	—	(40.6)
Assets reclassified as held for sale	(115.8)	—	(115.8)
Balance, December 31, 2013	6,858.5	54.9	6,913.4
Additions	951.9	6.5	958.4
Acquisitions	71.7	—	71.7
Transfers from exploration and evaluation	9.0	—	9.0
Change in asset retirement cost	182.8	—	182.8
Dispositions	(140.9)	—	(140.9)
Assets reclassified as held for sale	(15.9)	—	(15.9)
Balance, December 31, 2014	7,917.1	61.4	7,978.5

Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment

Balance, January 1, 2013	(1,459.9)	(15.3)	(1,475.2)
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	(545.4)	(6.5)	(551.9)
Accumulated depletion reclassified as held for sale	42.2	—	42.2
Balance, December 31, 2013	(1,963.1)	(21.8)	(1,984.9)
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	(649.2)	(6.3)	(655.5)
Impairment (Note 5)	(103.0)	—	(103.0)
Accumulated depletion and impairment associated with dispositions	74.9	—	74.9
Accumulated depletion and impairment reclassified as held for sale	10.1	—	10.1
Balance, December 31, 2014	(2,630.3)	(28.1)	(2,658.4)

Carrying amounts

Balance, December 31, 2013	4,895.4	33.1	4,928.5
Balance, December 31, 2014	5,286.8	33.3	5,320.1

For the year ended December 31, 2014, \$39.9 million of direct and incremental general and administrative expenses were capitalized to PP&E (\$38 million for the year ended December 31, 2013). During the year ended December 31, 2014, ARC completed minor acquisitions of non-producing properties for consideration of \$29.8 million.

Assets held for sale

Balance, January 1, 2013	0.3
Additions	73.6
Disposals	(73.9)
Balance, December 31, 2013	—
Additions	66.0
Disposals	(60.2)
Balance, December 31, 2014	5.8

In the year ended December 31, 2014, ARC entered into an agreement to dispose of certain non-core shallow gas assets located in southwestern Saskatchewan for proceeds of \$32.7 million. The liabilities associated with the assets held for sale were asset retirement obligations with a book value of \$28.5 million. The transaction closed on April 15, 2014.

11. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AND LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that ARC will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. ARC actively manages its liquidity at a reasonable cost through strategies such as continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows from operating, financing and investing activities, available credit and working capital facilities under existing banking arrangements, and opportunities to issue additional equity. Management believes that future cash flows generated from these sources will be adequate to settle ARC's financial liabilities. Refer to Note 12 for further details on available amounts under existing banking arrangements and Note 14 for further details on ARC's capital management objectives and policies.

The following table details the contractual maturities of ARC's financial liabilities as at December 31, 2014:

	Carrying Amount	1 Year	2-3 Years	4-5 Years	Beyond 5 Years
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities ⁽¹⁾	339.1	339.1	—	—	—
Dividends payable	32.0	32.0	—	—	—
Risk management contracts ⁽²⁾	2.0	1.0	1.0	—	—
Long-term debt	1,074.8	49.5	94.0	220.7	710.6
Long-term incentive compensation liability	29.1	—	29.1	—	—
Total financial liabilities	1,477.0	421.6	124.1	220.7	710.6

(1) Includes the portion of the cash obligations associated with the RSU & PSU Plans that will be settled within one year.

(2) Risk management contracts are derivatives. All other financial liabilities contained in this table are non-derivative liabilities.

The carrying values of ARC's accounts payable and accrued liabilities, dividends payable, and long-term incentive compensation liability approximate their fair values.

12. LONG-TERM DEBT

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Syndicated credit facilities		
Cdn\$ denominated	83.8	99.8
Working capital facility	—	6.1
Senior notes		
Master Shelf Agreement		
5.42% US\$ note	32.6	39.9
4.98% US\$ note	58.0	53.2
3.72% US\$ note	174.0	—
2004 Note Issuance		
4.62% US\$ note	—	6.8
5.10% US\$ note	11.1	15.3
2009 note issuance		
7.19% US\$ note	31.3	43.1
8.21% US\$ note	40.6	37.2
6.50% Cdn\$ note	11.6	17.4
2010 note issuance		
5.36% US\$ note	174.0	159.5
2012 note issuance		
3.31% US\$ note	69.7	63.8
3.81% US\$ note	348.1	319.2
4.49% Cdn\$ note	40.0	40.0
Total long-term debt outstanding	1,074.8	901.3
Long-term debt due within one year	49.5	42.1
Long-term debt due beyond one year	1,025.3	859.2

Credit Facility

ARC has a \$1 billion, annually extendable, financial covenant-based syndicated credit facility (“the facility”). The current maturity date of the facility is November 6, 2018. ARC also has in place a \$40 million demand working capital facility and letter of credit facilities from two lenders totaling \$40 million. Both the working capital facility and the letter of credit facilities are subject to the same covenants as the syndicated credit facility.

Borrowings under the facility bear interest at Canadian bank prime (three per cent at both December 31, 2014 and 2013) or US base rate, or, at ARC’s option, Canadian dollar bankers’ acceptances or US dollar LIBOR loan rates, plus applicable margin and stamping fees. The total stamping fees range between 50 basis points and 215 basis points on Canadian bank prime and US base rate borrowings and between 150 basis points and 315 basis points on Canadian dollar bankers’ acceptance and US dollar LIBOR borrowings. The undrawn portion of the facility is subject to a standby fee in the range of 30 to 63 basis points.

The weighted average interest rate under the credit facility was three per cent for the year ended December 31, 2014 (two per cent for the year ended December 31, 2013).

Senior Notes Issued Under a Master Shelf Agreement

These senior notes were issued in three separate tranches pursuant to an uncommitted master shelf agreement. The terms and rates of these senior notes are summarized below:

Issue Date	Remaining Principal	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Payment Terms
December 15, 2005	US\$28.1 million	5.42%	December 15, 2017	Eight equal installments beginning December 15, 2010
March 5, 2010	US\$50 million	4.98%	March 5, 2019	Five equal installments beginning March 5, 2015
September 25, 2014	US\$150 million	3.72%	September 25, 2026	Five equal installments beginning September 25, 2022

Senior Notes Not Subject to the Master Shelf Agreement

The senior notes not subject to the Master Shelf Agreement were issued by way of private placements. The terms and rates of these senior notes are summarized below:

Issue Date	Remaining Principal	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Payment Terms
April 27, 2004	US\$9.6 million	5.10%	April 27, 2016	Five equal installments beginning April 27, 2012
April 14, 2009	US\$27 million	7.19%	April 14, 2016	Five equal installments beginning April 14, 2012
April 14, 2009	US\$35 million	8.21%	April 14, 2021	Five equal installments beginning April 14, 2017
April 14, 2009	Cdn\$11.6 million	6.50%	April 14, 2016	Five equal installments beginning April 14, 2012
May 27, 2010	US\$150 million	5.36%	May 27, 2022	Five equal installments beginning May 27, 2018
August 23, 2012	US\$60 million	3.31%	August 23, 2021	Five equal installments beginning August 23, 2017
August 23, 2012	US\$300 million	3.81%	August 23, 2024	Five equal installments beginning August 23, 2020
August 23, 2012	Cdn\$40 million	4.49%	August 23, 2024	Five equal installments beginning August 23, 2020

Credit Capacity

The following table summarizes ARC's available credit capacity and the current amounts drawn as at December 31, 2014:

	Credit Capacity	Drawn	Remaining
Syndicated credit facility	1,000.0	83.8	916.2
Working capital facility	40.0	—	40.0
Senior Notes subject to a Master Shelf Agreement ⁽¹⁾	406.0	264.6	141.4
Senior Notes not subject to a Master Shelf Agreement	726.4	726.4	—
Total	2,172.4	1,074.8	1,097.6

(1) Total credit capacity is US\$350 million.

Debt Covenants

The following are the significant financial covenants governing the revolving credit facilities:

- long-term debt and letters of credit not to exceed three and a quarter times trailing twelve month net income before non-cash items, income taxes and interest expense;
- long-term debt, letters of credit, and subordinated debt not to exceed four times trailing twelve month net income before non-cash items, income taxes and interest expense; and
- long-term debt and letters of credit not to exceed 50 per cent of the book value of shareholders' equity and long-term debt, letters of credit, and subordinated debt.

In the event that ARC enters into a material acquisition whereby the purchase price exceeds 10 per cent of the book value of ARC's assets, the ratio in the first covenant is increased to 3.5 times, while the third covenant is increased to 55 per cent for the subsequent six month period. As at December 31, 2014, ARC had \$15.5 million in letters of credit (\$14.9 million at December 31, 2013), no subordinated debt, and was in compliance with all covenants.

On September 25, 2014, ARC issued US\$150 million of senior unsecured notes under its Master Shelf Agreement by way of a private placement. The notes have a 12 year amortization term with a 10 year average life and a fixed-rate coupon of 3.72 per cent. The notes are unsecured and rank equally with ARC's bank credit facility and other outstanding senior notes. Concurrently, ARC increased the Master Shelf Agreement from a maximum of US\$225 million to US\$350 million and extended the term for an additional three years commencing September 25, 2014.

As at December 31, 2014, the fair value of all senior notes is \$974.4 million (\$785.9 million as at December 31, 2013), compared to a carrying value of \$991 million (\$795.4 million as at December 31, 2013).

13. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The total future ARO liability was estimated by Management based on ARC's net ownership interest in all wells and facilities, estimated costs to reclaim and abandon the wells and facilities, and the estimated timing of the costs to be incurred in future periods. ARC has estimated the net present value of its total ARO to be \$616.1 million as at December 31, 2014 (\$475.4 million at December 31, 2013) based on a total future undiscounted liability of \$1.6 billion (\$1.7 billion at December 31, 2013). At December 31, 2014, Management estimates that these payments are expected to be made over the next 60 years with the majority of payments being made in years 2063 to 2074. The Bank of Canada's long-term risk-free bond rate of 2.3 per cent (3.2 per cent at December 31, 2013) and an inflation rate of two per cent (two per cent at December 31, 2013) were used to calculate the present value of the ARO liability at December 31, 2014.

The following table reconciles ARC's provision for ARO:

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Balance, beginning of period	475.4	532.9
Increase in liabilities relating to development activities	12.6	12.8
Increase (decrease) in liabilities relating to change in estimate and discount rate	174.2	(53.4)
Settlement of reclamation liabilities	(23.0)	(18.5)
Accretion	14.9	12.5
Dispositions	(32.5)	(10.9)
Reclassified as liabilities associated with assets held for sale	(5.5)	—
Balance, end of period	616.1	475.4
Expected to be incurred within one year	13.0	25.1
Expected to be incurred beyond one year	603.1	450.3

14. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

ARC's objective when managing its capital is to maintain a conservative structure that will allow it to:

- fund its development and exploration program;
- provide financial flexibility to execute on strategic opportunities; and
- maintain a dividend policy that, in normal times, in the opinion of Management and the Board of Directors, is sustainable.

ARC manages the following capital:

- common shares and
- net debt, which includes long-term debt and working capital deficit (surplus), if any. Working capital deficit (surplus) is calculated as current liabilities less current assets, and excludes current unrealized amounts pertaining to risk management contracts, assets held for sale and ARO contained within liabilities associated with assets held for sale, as well as the current portion of long-term debt and current portion of ARO.

When evaluating ARC's capital structure, Management's objective is to target net debt between one to 1.5 times annualized funds from operations and less than 20 per cent of total market capitalization. As at December 31, 2014 ARC's net debt to funds from operations ratio is 1.1 and its net debt to total market capitalization ratio is 13.5 per cent.

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Cash flow from operating activities	1,153.0	801.7
Net change in other liabilities (Note 21)	20.4	16.6
Change in non-cash working capital (Note 21)	(49.4)	43.5
Funds from operations	1,124.0	861.8

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	1,074.8	901.3
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	339.1	274.5
Dividends payable	32.0	31.4
Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and short-term investment	(190.0)	(195.7)
Net debt obligations	1,255.9	1,011.5

Shares outstanding (millions)	319.4	314.1
Share price (\$) ⁽²⁾	25.16	29.57
Market capitalization	8,036.1	9,287.9
Net debt obligations	1,255.9	1,011.5
Total capitalization	9,292.0	10,299.4

Net debt as a percentage of total capitalization (%)	13.5	9.8
Net debt to funds from operations (ratio)	1.1	1.2

(1) Includes current portion of long-term debt at December 31, 2014 and 2013 of \$49.5 million and \$42.1 million, respectively.

(2) TSX closing price as at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

ARC manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in response to changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. ARC is able to change its capital structure by issuing new shares, new debt or changing its dividend policy.

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND MARKET RISK MANAGEMENT

Fair Value Hierarchy

All of ARC's financial instruments carried at fair value are transacted in active markets. ARC's cash and cash equivalents, short-term investment, and reclamation fund assets are classified as Level 1 measurements in the three-level fair value measurement hierarchy and its bank debt and risk management contracts are classified as Level 2 measurements. ARC does not have any fair value measurements classified as Level 3 and there were no transfers between levels in the hierarchy in the year ended December 31, 2014.

Short-term Investment

ARC holds an equity investment in a publicly traded petroleum and natural gas producing company that had an initial cost of \$2.9 million. At December 31, 2014, the fair value of ARC's investment was \$3.6 million (\$3.6 million at December 31, 2013). An unrealized gain of \$1.9 million was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2013, where no gains or losses were recorded for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Subject to Offsetting

The following is a summary of ARC's financial assets and financial liabilities that are subject to offsetting as at December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Financial Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Amounts of Recognized Financial Assets (Liabilities) Offset in Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Financial Assets (Liabilities) Recognized in Balance Sheet Prior to Credit Risk Adjustment	Credit Risk Adjustment	Net Amounts of Financial Assets (Liabilities) Recognized in Balance Sheet
As at December 31, 2014					
Risk management contracts					
Current asset	151.0	(18.2)	132.8	(1.0)	131.8
Long-term asset	132.1	(3.1)	129.0	(1.0)	128.0
Current liability	(19.2)	18.2	(1.0)	—	(1.0)
Long-term liability	(4.1)	3.1	(1.0)	—	(1.0)
Net position	259.8	—	259.8	(2.0)	257.8
As at December 31, 2013					
Risk management contracts					
Current asset	13.7	(9.2)	4.5	(0.1)	4.4
Long-term asset	63.3	(1.6)	61.7	(0.5)	61.2
Current liability	(22.6)	9.2	(13.4)	0.5	(12.9)
Long-term liability	(2.3)	1.6	(0.7)	0.1	(0.6)
Net position	52.1	—	52.1	—	52.1

Market Risk Management

ARC is exposed to a number of market risks that are part of its normal course of business. Market risks that could adversely affect the value of the Company's financial assets, liabilities and expected future cash flows include commodity price risk, interest rate risk, and foreign exchange risk. ARC has a risk management program in place that includes financial instruments as disclosed in the risk management contracts section of this note.

ARC's senior Management oversees the Company's risk management program and the program is governed by certain guidelines approved by the Risk Committee of the Board of Directors. The objective of the risk management program is to support ARC's business plan by mitigating adverse changes in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates in order to reduce the volatility of revenues, increase the certainty of funds from operations, and to protect acquisition and development economics. All risk management activities are performed by specialist teams that have the appropriate skills, experience and supervision.

ARC has prepared sensitivity analyses in an attempt to demonstrate the hypothetical effect of changes in these market risk factors on ARC's net income. For the purposes of the sensitivity analyses, the effect of a variation in a particular variable is calculated independently of any change in another variable. In reality, changes in one factor may contribute to changes in another, which may magnify or counteract the sensitivities. The assumptions made to derive the changes in the relevant risk variables in each sensitivity analysis are based on Management's assessment of reasonably possible changes that could occur at December 31, 2014. The results of the sensitivity analyses should not be considered to be predictive of future performance.

Commodity Price Risk

ARC's operational results and financial condition are largely dependent on the commodity prices received for its crude oil and natural gas production. Commodity prices have fluctuated widely during recent years due to global and regional factors including supply and demand fundamentals, inventory levels, weather, economic, and geopolitical factors. Movement in commodity prices could have a significant positive or negative impact on ARC's net income.

The guidelines for ARC's risk management program currently restrict the amount of risk management contracts to a maximum of 55 per cent of total forecast production whereby a specific commodity (crude oil or natural gas) cannot exceed a maximum of 70 per cent of forecast production for that commodity over the next two years, and with a maximum of 25 percent of forecast natural gas production in risk management contracts beyond two years and up to five years. ARC's risk management program guidelines allow for further risk management contracts on anticipated

volumes associated with new production arising from specific capital projects and acquisitions or to further protect cash flows for a specific period with approval of the Board.

ARC manages the risks associated with changes in commodity prices by entering into a variety of risk management contracts (see Risk Management Contracts section below). The following table illustrates the effects of movement in commodity prices on net income due to changes in the fair value of risk management contracts in place at December 31, 2014. The sensitivity is based on a US\$10 increase and decrease in the price of West Texas Intermediate ("WTI"), a US\$0.50 increase and decrease in the price of New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") natural gas, a five per cent increase and 10 per cent decrease in the Alberta natural gas trading price ("AECO") basis relative to NYMEX, and a Cdn\$20 increase and Cdn\$10 decrease in the Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO") power price.

Sensitivity of Commodity Price Risk Management Contracts						
	Increase in Commodity Price			Decrease in Commodity Price		
	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Electricity	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Electricity
Net income increase (decrease)	(3.8)	(104.8)	8.8	1.0	135.6	(4.0)

ARC enters into physical commodity contracts in the normal course of business. These contracts are not derivatives and are treated as executory contracts, which are recognized at cost at the time of transaction.

Interest Rate Risk

ARC's policy is to manage its interest cost using a mix of both fixed and variable interest rates on its debt. Changes in interest rates could result in an increase or decrease in the amount ARC pays to service variable interest rate debt. Changes in interest rates could also result in fair value risk on ARC's fixed rate senior notes. Fair value risk of the senior notes is mitigated due to the fact that ARC generally does not intend to settle its fixed rate debt prior to maturity.

If interest rates applicable to variable rate debt increased or decreased by one per cent, it is estimated that ARC's net income would change by approximately \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. This assumes that the change in interest rates would be effective from the beginning of the year, while maintaining the same amount and proportion of variable interest rate debt that was outstanding as at December 31, 2014.

Foreign Exchange Risk

North American crude oil and natural gas prices are based upon US dollar denominated commodity prices. As a result, the price received by Canadian producers is affected by the Cdn\$/US\$ foreign exchange rate that may fluctuate over time. In addition, ARC has US dollar denominated debt and interest obligations of which future cash repayments are directly impacted by the exchange rate in effect on the repayment date.

The following table demonstrates the effect of exchange rate movements on net income due to changes in the fair value of risk management contracts in place at December 31, 2014 as well as the unrealized gain or loss on revaluation of outstanding US dollar denominated debt. The sensitivity is based on a \$0.04 increase and \$0.04 decrease in the Cdn\$/US\$ foreign exchange rate.

Sensitivity of Foreign Exchange Exposure	Increase in Cdn\$/US\$ rate	Decrease in Cdn\$/US\$ rate
Risk management contracts	7.0	(8.3)
US dollar denominated debt	(28.3)	28.3
Net income increase (decrease)	(21.3)	20.0

Increases and decreases in foreign exchange rates applicable to US dollar denominated payables and receivables would have a nominal impact on ARC's net income for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Risk Management Contracts

The following is a summary of all risk management contracts in place, excluding premiums, as at December 31, 2014. Risk management contract premiums have been disclosed as commitments in Note 19.

Financial WTI Crude Oil Contracts ⁽¹⁾

Term			Volume bbl/d	Bought Put US\$/bbl	Sold Put US\$/bbl	Sold Call US\$/bbl
1-Jan-15	30-Jun-15	3-Way	4,000	90.00	65.00	100.00
1-Jan-15	30-Jun-15	3-Way	2,000	90.00	65.00	102.50

(1) Settled on the monthly average price.

Financial NYMEX Natural Gas Contracts ⁽²⁾

Term			Volume mmbtu/d	Bought Put US\$/mmbtu	Sold Call US\$/mmbtu
1-Jan-15	31-Mar-15	Collar	75,000	4.00	4.50
1-Jan-15	31-Mar-15	Collar	20,000	4.00	5.25
1-Jan-15	30-Apr-15	Collar	30,000	3.75	4.25
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	Collar	20,000	3.75	4.25
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	Collar	30,000	4.00	4.75
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	Collar	60,000	4.00	5.00
1-Apr-15	31-Dec-15	Collar	65,000	4.00	4.25
1-May-15	31-Dec-15	Collar	30,000	3.75	4.00
1-Apr-15	31-Dec-17	Collar	10,000	4.00	4.50
1-Jan-16	31-Dec-17	Collar	45,000	4.00	4.50
1-Jan-16	31-Dec-17	Collar	90,000	4.00	5.00
1-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	Collar	30,000	4.00	4.75
1-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	Collar	60,000	4.00	5.00
1-Jan-19	31-Dec-19	Collar	40,000	4.00	5.00

(2) NYMEX Henry Hub "Last Day" Settlement.

Financial AECO Basis Swap Contracts ⁽³⁾

Term			Volume mmbtu/d	Ratio Sold Swap % AECO/NYMEX
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	Swap	130,000	90.5
1-Jul-15	31-Dec-15	Swap	30,000	85.2
1-Jan-16	31-Dec-16	Swap	140,000	90.3
1-Jan-17	31-Dec-17	Swap	140,000	90.2
1-Jan-18	30-Jun-18	Swap	20,000	89.9
1-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	Swap	35,000	88.5
1-Jul-18	31-Dec-18	Swap	20,000	85.4
1-Jan-19	30-Jun-19	Swap	20,000	90.8

(3) ARC receives NYMEX price based on Last Day settlement multiplied by AECO/NYMEX US\$/mmbtu ratio; ARC pays AECO (7a) monthly index US\$/mmbtu.

Financial Electricity Heat Rate Contracts ⁽⁴⁾

Term			Volume MWh	Heat Rate GJ/MWh
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-17	Heat Rate Swap	20	13.71

(4) ARC pays AECO Monthly (5a) x Heat Rate; ARC receives floating AESO Power Price.

Financial Electricity Contracts ⁽⁵⁾

Term		Contract	Volume MWh	Bought Swap Cdn\$/MWh
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-16	Fixed Rate Swap	5	51.00

(5) Alberta Power Pool (monthly average 24x7).

Foreign Exchange Contracts ⁽⁶⁾

Term		Contract	Volume US\$ millions/month	Bought Put Cdn\$/US\$	Sold Call Cdn\$/US\$
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	Collar	2.0	1.0400	1.0925

(6) Bank of Canada monthly average noon day rate settlement.

Foreign Exchange Swap Contracts ⁽⁷⁾

Term		Contract	Volume US\$ millions/month	Sold Swap Cdn\$/US\$	Limit Price Cdn\$/US\$ ⁽⁸⁾
1-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	Limit Swap	2.0	1.0525	1.1350

(7) Bank of Canada monthly average noon day rate settlement.

(8) Swap with upside participation up to the limit; above which, settlement will occur at swap price.

At December 31, 2014, the net fair value associated with ARC's risk management contracts was a net asset of \$257.8 million (\$52.1 million net asset at December 31, 2013). ARC recorded gains on its risk management contracts of \$176.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 in its statements of income (gains of \$46.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2013).

16. INCOME TAXES

The major components of income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Current:		
Current year	87.1	24.7
Adjustments for prior years	(16.8)	(8.4)
	70.3	16.3
Deferred:		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	53.0	55.5
Adjustments for prior years	7.4	10.7
Changes in tax rates and legislation	(1.3)	11.7
	59.1	77.9
Total provision for income taxes	129.4	94.2

The tax provision differs from the amount computed by applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory income tax rates to income before deferred income tax expense as follows:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Income before tax	510.2	334.9
Canadian statutory rate ⁽¹⁾	25.4%	25.5%
Expected income tax expense at statutory rates	129.8	85.3
Effect on income tax of:		
Effect of change in corporate tax rate	(1.3)	11.7
Non-deductible portion of unrealized loss on foreign exchange	10.0	7.2
Change in estimated pool balances	(9.4)	(8.2)
Other	0.3	(1.8)
Total provision for income taxes	129.4	94.2

(1) The tax rate consists of the combined federal and provincial statutory tax rates for the Company and its subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Deferred tax liabilities:		
PP&E in excess of tax basis	780.6	731.3
Risk management contracts	66.2	16.8
Deferred tax assets:		
Asset retirement obligations	(158.4)	(121.5)
Long-term debt	(10.8)	(0.9)
Risk management contracts	(0.5)	(3.4)
Long-term incentive compensation expense	(15.2)	(17.4)
Other	(2.6)	(4.7)
Deferred taxes	659.3	600.2

At December 31, 2014, the petroleum and natural gas properties and facilities owned by ARC have an approximate federal tax basis of \$2.5 billion (\$2.3 billion in 2013) available for future use as deductions from taxable income.

The following is a summary of the estimated ARC tax pools:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Canadian oil and gas property expense	710.9	718.2
Canadian development expense	974.6	862.5
Canadian exploration expense	—	—
Undepreciated capital cost	834.5	740.0
Other	10.8	18.8
Total federal tax pools	2,530.8	2,339.5
Additional Alberta tax pools	19.9	23.3

A deferred tax liability has not been recognized in respect of temporary differences associated with the investment in the partnership, as it is not likely that such temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future as ARC currently has no intention to dispose of its investment in the partnership. The taxable temporary differences associated with the investment in the partnership at December 31, 2014 are approximately \$3 billion (\$3 billion at December 31, 2013).

17. SHAREHOLDERS' CAPITAL

ARC is authorized to issue an unlimited number of no par value common shares and 50 million preferred shares without nominal or par value. Common shares carry one vote per share and the right to dividends. Preferred shares

may be issued in series with rights and conditions to be determined by ARC's Board of Directors prior to issuance and subject to the Company's articles. There are no outstanding preferred shares as at December 31, 2014 or 2013.

(thousands of shares)	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Common shares, beginning of period	314,067	308,888
Cancelled shares	(47)	—
Dividend reinvestment program	4,159	4,611
Stock dividend program	1,260	568
Common shares, end of period	319,439	314,067

Net income per common share has been determined based on the following:

(thousands of shares)	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Weighted average common shares	316,621	311,537
Dilutive impact of share options	587	361
Weighted average common shares - diluted	317,208	311,898

Dividends declared for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$1.20 per common share.

On January 16, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.10 per common share, payable in cash or common shares under the Stock Dividend Program, to shareholders of record on January 30, 2015. The dividend payment date is February 17, 2015. Of the \$32 million in dividends payable at December 31, 2014, \$4.2 million is payable in common shares under the Stock Dividend Program (\$2.6 million at December 31, 2013).

18. LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLANS

RSU & PSU Plan

ARC's share-based long-term incentive plan results in employees, officers and directors (the "plan participants") receiving cash compensation in relation to the value of a specified number of underlying notional share units. The RSU & PSU Plan consists of RSUs for which the number of share units is fixed and will vest evenly over a period of three years and PSUs for which the number of share units is variable and will vest at the end of three years.

Upon vesting of the RSUs, the plan participant receives a cash payment based on the fair value of the underlying share units plus all dividends accrued since the grant date. The cash compensation of the PSUs issued upon vesting is further dependent upon an adjustment to the final number of PSU awards that eventually vest based on a performance multiplier. The performance multiplier is calculated at the time of payment using the percentile rank of ARC's total shareholder return relative to its peers and can result in cash compensation issued upon vesting of the PSUs ranging from zero to two times the value of the PSUs originally granted.

DSU Plan

ARC offers a DSU Plan to non-employee directors, under which each director receives a minimum of 60 per cent of their total annual remuneration in the form of DSUs. Each DSU fully vests on the date of grant, but is distributed only when the director has ceased to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Company. Compensation expense associated with the DSU Plan is based on the fair value of DSUs at the date of grant, adjusted to the current fair value of outstanding awards at each period end. Units are settled in cash based on the common share price plus accrued dividends.

The following table summarizes the Restricted Share Unit ("RSU"), Performance Share Unit ("PSU") and Deferred Share Unit ("DSU") movement for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

(number of units, thousands)	RSUs	PSUs ⁽¹⁾	DSUs
Balance, January 1, 2013	696	1,401	134
Granted	346	577	57
Distributed	(349)	(379)	(32)
Forfeited	(55)	(107)	—
Balance, December 31, 2013	638	1,492	159
Granted	327	494	61
Distributed	(299)	(435)	—
Forfeited	(41)	(38)	—
Balance, December 31, 2014	625	1,513	220

(1) Based on underlying units before performance multiplier.

Compensation charges relating to the RSU, PSU and DSU Plans can be reconciled as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
General and administrative expense	22.7	38.7
Operating expense	3.8	5.3
PP&E	4.3	6.5
Total compensation charges	30.8	50.5
Cash payments	39.4	33.7

At December 31, 2014, \$30.9 million of compensation amounts payable were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the balance sheet (\$42.6 million at December 31, 2013) and \$29.1 million was included in long-term incentive compensation liability (\$26.1 million at December 31, 2013). A recoverable amount of \$0.5 million was included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2014 (\$0.6 million at December 31, 2013).

Share Option Plan

Share options are granted to officers and certain employees of ARC which vest evenly on the fourth and fifth anniversary of their grant date and have a maximum term of seven years. The option holder has the right to exercise the options and purchase common shares at the original grant price or at a reduced exercise price, equal to the grant price less all dividends paid subsequent to the grant date and prior to the exercise date.

ARC estimates the fair value of share options granted using a binomial-lattice option pricing model. The grant date fair values were \$3.6 million, or \$8.40 per option outstanding for the 2011 grant, \$5.5 million, or \$5.25 per option outstanding for the 2012 grant, \$5.6 million, or \$7.87 per option outstanding for the 2013 grant, and \$5.8 million, or \$10.21 per option outstanding for the 2014 grant. The first vesting is expected to occur on March 24, 2015. The following assumptions were used to arrive at the estimated fair value at the date of the options grants:

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Grant date share price (\$)	20.20 - 32.94	20.20 - 27.15
Exercise price (\$) ⁽¹⁾	17.20 - 32.34	18.40 - 26.55
Expected annual dividends (\$)	1.20	1.20
Expected volatility (%) ⁽²⁾	37.00 - 38.00	37.00 - 38.00
Risk-free interest rate (%)	1.39 - 2.61	1.39 - 2.61
Expected life of share option ⁽³⁾	5.5 to 6 years	5.5 to 6 years

(1) Exercise price is reduced monthly by the amount of dividend declared.

(2) Expected volatility is determined by the average price volatility of the common shares/trust units over the past seven years.

(3) Expected life of the share option is calculated as the mid-point between vesting date and expiry.

ARC recorded compensation expense of \$2.7 million relating to the share option plan for the year ended December 31, 2014 (\$1.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013). During the year ended December 31, 2014, \$0.2 million of direct and incremental share option expenses were capitalized to PP&E (\$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013).

The changes in total share options outstanding and related weighted average exercise prices for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	Share Options (number of units, thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)
Balance, January 1, 2013	1,420	21.06
Granted	713	27.15
Forfeited	(111)	22.13
Balance, December 31, 2013	2,022	22.12
Granted	569	32.94
Forfeited	(86)	23.85
Balance, December 31, 2014	2,505	23.43
Exercisable, December 31, 2014	—	—

19. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The following is a summary of ARC's contractual obligations and commitments as at December 31, 2014:

	Payments Due by Period				Total
	1 Year	2-3 Years	4-5 Years	Beyond 5 Years	
Debt repayments ⁽¹⁾	49.5	94.0	220.7	710.6	1,074.8
Interest payments ⁽²⁾	43.5	78.8	66.4	88.7	277.4
Reclamation fund contributions ⁽³⁾	3.4	6.4	6.0	48.4	64.2
Purchase commitments	27.0	19.4	13.6	8.2	68.2
Transportation commitments	67.2	137.7	113.6	260.7	579.2
Operating leases	15.8	29.4	27.1	58.6	130.9
Risk management contract premiums ⁽⁴⁾	0.8	9.6	0.5	—	10.9
Total contractual obligations and commitments	207.2	375.3	447.9	1,175.2	2,205.6

(1) Long-term and current portion of long-term debt.

(2) Fixed interest payments on senior notes.

(3) Contribution commitments to a restricted reclamation fund associated with the Redwater property.

(4) Fixed premiums to be paid in future periods on certain commodity price risk management contracts.

In addition to the above risk management contract premiums, ARC has commitments related to its risk management program (see Note 15). As the premiums are related to the underlying risk management contracts, they have been recorded at fair market value at December 31, 2014 on the balance sheet as part of risk management contracts.

ARC enters into commitments for capital expenditures in advance of the expenditures being made. At a given point in time, it is estimated that ARC has committed to capital expenditures equal to approximately one quarter of its capital budget by means of giving the necessary authorizations to incur the expenditures in a future period.

ARC is involved in litigation and claims arising in the normal course of operations. Such claims are not expected to have a material impact on ARC's results of operations or cash flows.

20. RELATED PARTIES

Interest in Partnership

ARC owns a 99.99% interest in the ARC Resources General Partnership. The other 0.01% of the partnership is owned by 1504793 Alberta Ltd, a 100% owned subsidiary of ARC. ARC's oil and gas properties are owned and administered by the partnership. ARC is also the sole beneficiary of the Redwater A&R Trust, which administers the reclamation fund on ARC's behalf.

Key Management Personnel Compensation

ARC has determined that the key management personnel of ARC consists of its officers and directors. Short-term benefits are comprised of salaries and directors' fees, annual bonuses, and other benefits. In addition, the Company provides share-based compensation to its key management personnel under the long-term incentive plans and the

officers participate in ARC's share option plan. The compensation included in general and administrative expenses relating to key management personnel for the year is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Short-term benefits	8.0	9.8
Share-based payments	15.6	26.0
Total key management personnel compensation	23.6	35.8

21. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES

Presentation in the Statements of Income

ARC's statements of income are prepared primarily by nature of item, with the exception of employee compensation expenses which are included in both the operating and general and administrative expense line items.

The following table details the amount of total employee compensation expenses included in the operating and general and administrative expense line items in the statements of income:

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Operating	35.3	33.0
General and administrative	84.4	95.6
Total employee compensation expenses	119.7	128.6

Cash Flow Statement Presentation

The following tables provide a detailed breakdown of certain line items contained within cash flow from operating activities:

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Change in Non-Cash Working Capital		
Accounts receivable	12.5	(12.2)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	62.1	(23.6)
Prepaid expenses	1.3	(2.5)
Total	75.9	(38.3)
Relating to:		
Operating activities	49.4	(43.5)
Investing activities	26.5	5.2
Total change in non-cash working capital	75.9	(38.3)

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Other Non-Cash Items		
Non-cash lease inducement	(1.7)	(1.9)
Gain on short-term investment	—	(1.9)
Share option expense	2.7	1.9
Total other non-cash items	1.0	(1.9)

	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Net Change in Other Liabilities		
Long-term incentive compensation liability	3.0	1.6
Risk management contracts	(0.4)	0.3
Asset retirement obligations	(23.0)	(18.5)
Total net change in other liabilities	(20.4)	(16.6)

22. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On January 29, 2015, ARC issued 17.9 million common shares at a price of \$22.55 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$402 million (net proceeds of approximately \$385 million) on a bought deal basis.