

Consolidated Financial Statements of

SYDNEY STEEL CORPORATION SUPERANNUATION FUND

March 31, 2018



Independent auditor's report

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To the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board,
Province of Nova Scotia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sydney Steel Corporation Superannuation Fund, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at March 31, 2018, the consolidated statements of changes in net assets available for benefits, and consolidated statements of changes in pension obligations and changes in deficit for the year ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 Fund's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained 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 consolidated financial position of the Sydney Steel Corporation Superannuation Fund as at March 31, 2018, and its changes in net assets available for benefits, changes in pension obligation and changes in deficit for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for pension plans.

Other matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Sydney Steel Corporation Superannuation Fund taken as a whole. The supplementary information included in Schedules A, B and C are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.



Halifax, Canada
July 5, 2018

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Assets:		
Cash	\$ 18,437	\$ 14,653
Rebates receivable	4,678	2,038
Total assets	23,115	16,691
Liabilities:		
Due to Province of Nova Scotia (note 4)	\$ 11,375	\$ 6,507
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11,740	10,184
Total liabilities	23,115	16,691
Net assets available for benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Pension Obligation and Deficit		
Accrued pension obligation (note 6)	143,810,600	153,378,500
Deficit	(143,810,600)	(153,378,500)
Accrued pension obligation and deficit	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of:


Minister of Finance and Treasury Board

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Increase in Assets		
Special payments (note 4)	\$ 13,090,242	\$ 13,955,712
Total increase in assets	13,090,242	13,955,712
Decrease in Assets		
Benefits paid (note 7)	12,921,274	13,774,948
Administrative expenses (note 8)	168,968	180,764
Total decrease in assets	13,090,242	13,955,712
Changes in net assets available for benefits	-	-
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	-	-
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Pension Obligation and Changes in Deficit
Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Accrued pension obligation, beginning of year	\$ 153,378,500	\$ 159,995,800
Increase in accrued pension benefits:		
Adjustment to accrued pension obligation, beginning of year due to estimated interest and benefits paid	282,600	127,600
Interest on accrued pension obligation	5,112,400	5,558,300
Changes in actuarial assumptions	2,304,800	1,713,200
	7,699,800	7,399,100
Decrease in accrued pension benefits:		
Benefits paid	12,921,274	13,774,948
Difference in estimated benefits paid used in actuarial extrapolation versus actual benefits paid	43,326	241,452
Net experience gain	4,303,100	-
	17,267,700	14,016,400
Net decrease in accrued pension benefits	(9,567,900)	(6,617,300)
Accrued pension obligation, end of period	\$ 143,810,600	\$ 153,378,500

Statement of Changes in Deficit

Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Deficit, beginning of year	\$ 153,378,500	\$ 159,995,800
Net change in net assets available for benefits	-	-
Net decrease in accrued pension obligation	(9,567,900)	(6,617,300)
Deficit, end of year	\$ 143,810,600	\$ 153,378,500

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. Authority and description of Plans:

The Sydney Steel Corporation Superannuation Fund (the "Fund") was established under Section 7 of the Sydney Steel Corporation Sale Act (the "Act"), which was proclaimed on February 9, 2001. Order in Council No. 2001-98 designated February 28, 2001 as the effective date on which the assets and obligations of the Sydney Steel Corporation pension plans (the "Plans") were transferred to the Fund. The Minister of Finance and Treasury Board of the Province of Nova Scotia (the "Province") is responsible for the Fund.

Under subsection 7(9) of the Act, the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board assumed responsibility to fund any shortfalls arising under the Fund.

a) United Steel Workers of America Pension Plan:

The United Steel Workers of America Pension Plan is a defined benefit pension plan covering former employees of the Sydney Steel Corporation who were members of Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516 of the United Steelworkers of America.

A service pension is available based on \$30.00 per month per year of service, effective January 1, 1995 (previously \$16.50 per month), to a maximum of 35 years plus the amount of pension benefit as established under the provisions of the 1955 Pension Plan.

Death benefits are available if certain criteria are met.

b) Salaried Pension Plan:

The Salaried Pension Plan is a defined benefit pension plan covering former salaried employees of the Sydney Steel Corporation.

A service pension is available based on \$30.00 per month per year of service, effective January 1, 1995 (previously \$16.50 per month), to a maximum of 35 years plus certain percentages of required contributions made after May 1, 1955.

Senior management employees receive, for each year of senior management service, a pension based on 2% of the highest average salary of their best 5 years.

Death benefits are available if certain criteria are met.

c) Canadian Union of Public Employees' Pension Plan:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees' Pension Plan is a defined benefit pension plan covering former employees of the Sydney Steel Corporation who were members of Local 1675 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

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1. Authority and description of Plans (continued):

c) Canadian Union of Public Employees' Pension Plan (continued):

A service pension is available based on \$35.00 per month per year of service, effective January 1, 1995 (previously \$16.50 per month), to a maximum of 35 years plus the amount of pension benefit as established under the provisions of the 1955 Pension Plan.

Death benefits are available if certain criteria are met.

2. Basis of preparation:

a) Basis of presentation:

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency, and are prepared in accordance with the accounting standards for pension plans in Part IV of the Chartered Professional Accountants ("CPA") Canada Handbook ("Section 4600 – Pension Plans"). Section 4600 – Pension Plans provides specific accounting guidance on investments and pension obligations. For accounting policies that do not relate to either investments or pension obligations, the Fund must consistently comply with either International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") in Part I or accounting standards for private enterprises in Part II of the CPA Canada Handbook. The Fund has elected to comply on a consistent basis with IFRS in Part I of the CPA Canada Handbook. To the extent that IFRS in Part I is inconsistent with Section 4600, Section 4600 takes precedence.

These consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and present the aggregate financial position of the Fund as a separate reporting entity.

These consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board on July 5, 2018.

(b) Basis of measurement:

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for financial instruments which are measured at fair value through the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

(c) Functional and presentation currency:

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency.

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2. Basis of preparation (continued):

(d) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with Section 4600 and IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated statement of financial position, the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits and accrued pension benefits during the year. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Significant estimates included in the consolidated financial statements relate to the determination of the accrued pension obligation.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future years affected.

3. Significant accounting policies:

a) Basis of consolidation:

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following pension plans:

- United Steel Workers of America Pension Plan
- Salaried Pension Plan
- Canadian Union of Public Employees' Pension Plan

b) Financial instruments:

All financial instruments are initially measured in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value, where fair value is defined as the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability could be settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction on the measurement date. All financial instruments are classified into one of five categories: fair value through profit and loss, held to maturity, loans and receivables, available for sale financial assets, or other financial liabilities. The Fund's financial assets include cash and receivables (both classified as loans and receivables). Financial liabilities are payables and accruals (classified as other financial liabilities). Subsequent measurement of these assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost.

Financial instruments risk:

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Fund is not exposed to significant credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk arising from its financial instruments.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

c) Accrued pension obligation:

The value of the accrued pension obligation of the Fund is based on a going concern method actuarial valuation prepared by an independent firm of actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The accrued pension obligation is measured in accordance with accepted actuarial methods using actuarial assumptions and methods adopted by the Fund for the purpose of establishing the long-term funding requirements of the Plans.

d) Contributions:

There are no active pension plan members.

e) Special Payments:

Special payments made to the Fund by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board from the Province's General Revenue Fund are recorded in the period in which they are received.

f) Benefits:

Benefit payments to retired members and survivors, and commuted value payments are recorded in the period in which they are paid. Accrued benefits are recorded as part of accrued pension obligation.

g) Administrative expenses:

Administrative expenses are recorded on an accrual basis and include expenses incurred to provide direct services to the plan members, and for actuarial, audit and professional services.

h) Income taxes:

The Fund is the funding vehicle for registered pension plans, as defined by the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, accordingly is not subject to income taxes.

i) Future changes to accounting policies:

On July 24, 2014 the IASB issued the complete IFRS 9 (IFRS 9 (2014)). The mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 is for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and must be applied retrospectively with some exemptions. Early adoption is permitted:

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued):

i) Future changes to accounting policies (continued):

- The restatement of prior periods is not required and is only permitted if information is available without the use of hindsight. IFRS 9 (2014) introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. Under IFRS 9 (2014), financial assets are classified and measured based on the business model in which they are held and the characteristics of their contractual cash flows. The standard introduces additional changes relating to financial liabilities. It also amends the impairment model by introducing a new 'expected credit loss' model for calculating impairment. IFRS 9 (2014) also includes a new general hedge accounting standard which aligns hedge accounting more closely with risk management. This new standard does not fundamentally change the types of hedging relationships or the requirement to measure and recognize ineffectiveness; however, it will provide more hedging strategies that are used for risk management to qualify for hedge accounting and introduce more judgment to assess the effectiveness of a hedging relationship. Special transitional requirements have been set for the application of the new general hedging model.
- The Plan intends to adopt IFRS 9 (2014) in its consolidated financial statements for the annual period beginning on April 1, 2018. Management is in the process of determining the impact on the Plan's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

4. Special Payments:

There are no active pension plan members. All benefit payments and administration expenses are funded by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board through special payments to the Fund from the Province's General Revenue Fund. Unused funds via special payment are recorded as payable to the Province of Nova Scotia.

5. Investments:

The Fund's invested assets were depleted in October 2007.

6. Accrued pension obligation:

The actuarial present value of the accrued pension obligation is an estimate of the value of pension obligations of the Fund in respect of benefits accrued to date for all deferred pensioners, pensioners and survivors. As the experience of the Plans unfolds, and as underlying conditions change over time, the actual value of accrued benefits payable in the future could be materially different from the actuarial present value.

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6. Accrued pension obligation (continued):

Actuarial valuations of the Plans are performed every three years, and provide an estimate of the accrued pension obligation (Fund liabilities) calculated using various economic and demographic assumptions, based on membership data as at the valuation date. The Plans' consulting actuary, Eckler Ltd., performed actuarial valuations for funding purposes as at September 30, 2017 and issued their report in February 2018. The results of the valuations were extrapolated to March 31, 2018.

The results of the extrapolations with comparative figures are as follows:

	2018	2017
United Steel Workers of America Pension Plan	\$ 102,797,400	\$ 109,787,000
Salaried Pension Plan	39,500,200	41,714,800
Canadian Union of Public Employees' Pension Plan	1,513,000	1,876,700
	\$143,810,600	\$ 153,378,500

The Minister of Finance and Treasury Board records its liability to the Fund on the Province's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards. The major economic and demographic assumptions used for the two most recent extrapolations of the actuarial valuations for funding purposes are as follows:

	Extrapolation as at March 31, 2018	Extrapolation as at March 31, 2017
Economic assumptions:		
Inflation (only applies to the Salaried Plan)	2.00% per annum	2.00% per annum
Interest (discount) rate	3.42% per annum	3.59% per annum
Salary increase	Not applicable	Not applicable
Retirement age	Earliest unreduced retirement date	Earliest unreduced retirement date
Mortality	120% of CPM2014Publ with generational CPM improvement using scale B (CPM-B)	120% of CPM2014Publ with generational CPM improvement using scale B (CPM-B)

The next actuarial valuations are required to be performed no later than September 30, 2020.

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7. Benefits:

	2018	2017
United Steel Workers of America Pension Plan		
Benefits paid to pensioners	\$ 8,835,457	\$ 9,550,150
Benefits paid to surviving members	493,203	499,374
Member refunds	363	-
	\$ 9,329,023	\$ 10,049,524
Salaried Pension Plan		
Benefits paid to pensioners	\$ 3,151,052	\$ 3,297,939
Benefits paid to surviving members	321,871	300,697
	\$ 3,472,923	\$ 3,598,636
Canadian Union of Public Employees' Pension Plan		
Benefits paid to pensioners	\$ 92,059	\$ 102,915
Benefits paid to surviving members	27,269	23,873
	\$ 119,328	\$ 126,788
Total benefits paid		
Benefits paid to pensioners	\$ 12,078,568	\$ 12,951,004
Benefits paid to surviving members	842,343	823,944
Member refunds	363	-
	\$ 12,921,274	\$ 13,774,948

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8. Administrative expenses:

The Fund is charged by its service providers for certain professional and administrative services. The following is a summary of these administrative expenses.

	2018	2017
Plan administration:		
Office and administration services	\$ 100,168	\$ 119,568
Payroll and custody services	24,102	27,031
Actuarial services	16,500	4,000
Audit fees	5,800	6,610
	146,570	157,209
HST	22,398	23,555
	\$ 168,968	\$ 180,764

9. Capital management:

The Minister of Finance and Treasury Board (see note 1) manages the benefits and administration of the Fund as required by the Sydney Steel Corporation Sale Act. The Fund exercises due diligence and has established written policies, procedures, and approval processes. Operating budgets, audited consolidated financial statements, actuarial valuations and reports, and as required, the retention of supplementary professional, technical and other advisors, are part of the Fund's governance structure.

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Schedule A – Statements of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

As at March 31, 2018	United Steel Workers of America (Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516) Pension Plan	Salaried Pension Plan	Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 1675) Pension Plan	Total
Net Assets Available for Benefits				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 1,972	\$ 7,536	\$ 8,929	\$ 18,437
Rebates receivable	361	803	3,514	4,678
Total assets	2,333	8,339	12,443	23,115
Liabilities				
Due to Province of Nova Scotia	(3,486)	6,278	8,583	11,375
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,819	2,061	3,860	11,740
Total liabilities	2,333	8,339	12,443	23,115
Net assets available for benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Accrued Pension Obligation and Deficit				
Accrued pension obligation	\$ 102,797,400	\$ 39,500,200	\$ 1,513,000	\$ 143,810,600
Deficit	(102,797,400)	(39,500,200)	(1,513,000)	(143,810,600)
Accrued pension obligation and deficit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-

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As at March 31, 2017	United Steel Workers of America (Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516) Pension Plan	Salaried Pension Plan	Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 1675) Pension Plan	Total
Net Assets Available for Benefits				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 6,774	\$ 6,408	\$ 1,471	\$ 14,653
Rebates receivable	1,532	351	155	2,038
Total assets	8,306	6,759	1,626	16,691
Liabilities				
Due to Province of Nova Scotia	(76)	5,230	1,353	6,507
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,382	1,529	273	10,184
Total liabilities	8,306	6,759	1,626	16,691
Net assets available for benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Accrued Pension Obligation and Deficit				
Accrued pension obligation	\$ 109,787,000	\$ 41,714,800	\$ 1,876,700	\$ 153,378,500
Deficit	(109,787,000)	(41,714,800)	(1,876,700)	(153,378,500)
Accrued pension obligation and deficit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-

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Schedule B – Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

Year ended March 31, 2018	United Steel Workers of America (Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516) Pension Plan	Salaried Pension Plan	Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 1675) Pension Plan	Total
Increase in Assets				
Special payments	\$ 9,464,601	\$ 3,502,601	\$ 123,040	\$ 13,090,242
Total increase in assets	9,464,601	3,502,601	123,040	13,090,242
Decrease in Assets				
Benefits paid	9,329,023	3,472,923	119,328	12,921,274
Administration expenses	135,578	29,678	3,712	168,968
Total decrease in assets	9,464,601	3,502,601	123,040	13,090,242
Change in net assets available for benefits	-	-	-	-
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Schedule B – Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

Year ended March 31, 2017	United Steel Workers of America (Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516) Pension Plan	Salaried Pension Plan	Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 1675) Pension Plan	Total
Increase in Assets				
Special payments	\$ 10,196,036	\$ 3,629,015	\$ 130,661	\$ 13,955,712
Total increase in assets	10,196,036	3,629,015	130,661	13,955,712
Decrease in Assets				
Benefits paid	10,049,524	3,598,636	126,788	13,774,948
Administration expenses	146,512	30,379	3,873	180,764
Total decrease in assets	10,196,036	3,629,015	130,661	13,955,712
Change in net assets available for benefits	-	-	-	-
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Schedule C – Statements of Changes in Pension Obligation and Changes in Deficit
 Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

Year ended March 31, 2018	United Steel Workers of America (Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516) Pension Plan		Salaried Pension Plan		Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 1675) Pension Plan		Total
Accrued pension obligation, beginning of year	\$	109,787,000	\$	41,714,800	\$	1,876,700	\$ 153,378,500
Increase in accrued pension benefits:							
Adjustment to accrued pension obligation, beginning of year due to estimated interest and benefits paid		253,000		22,400		7,200	282,600
Interest on accrued pension obligation		3,658,500		1,390,400		63,500	5,112,400
Changes in actuarial assumptions		1,615,100		657,100		32,600	2,304,800
		5,526,600		2,069,900		103,300	7,699,800
Decrease in accrued pension benefits:							
Benefits paid		9,329,023		3,472,923		119,328	12,921,274
valuation versus actual benefits paid		36,277		7,077		(28)	43,326
Net experience gain		3,150,900		804,500		347,700	4,303,100
		12,516,200		4,284,500		467,000	17,267,700
Net decrease in accrued pension benefits		(6,989,600)		(2,214,600)		(363,700)	(9,567,900)
Accrued pension obligation, end of period	\$	102,797,400	\$	39,500,200	\$	1,513,000	\$ 143,810,600
Statement of Changes in Deficit							
Year ended March 31, 2018							
Deficit, beginning of year	\$	109,787,000	\$	41,714,800	\$	1,876,700	\$ 153,378,500
Net change in net assets available for benefits		-		-		-	-
Net decrease in accrued pension obligation		(6,989,600)		(2,214,600)		(363,700)	(9,567,900)
Deficit, end of year	\$	102,797,400	\$	39,500,200	\$	1,513,000	\$ 143,810,600

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Schedule C – Statements of Changes in Pension Obligation and Changes in Deficit
Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

Year ended March 31, 2017	United Steel Workers of America (Locals 1064, 6537 and 6516) Pension Plan		Salaried Pension Plan		Canadian Union of Public Employees (Local 1675) Pension Plan		Total
Accrued pension obligation, beginning of year	\$	114,738,500	\$	43,338,900	\$	1,918,400	\$ 159,995,800
Increase in accrued pension benefits:							
Adjustment to accrued pension obligation, beginning of year due to estimated interest and benefits paid		123,900		2,600		1,100	127,600
Interest on accrued pension obligation		3,982,500		1,508,400		67,400	5,558,300
Changes in actuarial assumptions		1,204,000		485,500		23,700	1,713,200
		5,310,400		1,996,500		92,200	7,399,100
Decrease in accrued pension benefits:							
Benefits paid		10,049,524		3,598,636		126,788	13,774,948
Difference in estimated benefits paid used in actuarial valuation versus actual benefits paid		212,376		21,964		7,112	241,452
Net experience gain		-		-		-	-
		10,261,900		3,620,600		133,900	14,016,400
Net decrease in accrued pension benefits		(4,951,500)		(1,624,100)		(41,700)	(6,617,300)
Accrued pension obligation, end of period	\$	109,787,000	\$	41,714,800	\$	1,876,700	\$ 153,378,500
Statement of Changes in Deficit							
Year ended March 31, 2017							
Deficit, beginning of year	\$	114,738,500	\$	43,338,900	\$	1,918,400	\$ 159,995,800
Net change in net assets available for benefits		-		-		-	-
Net decrease in accrued pension obligation		(4,951,500)		(1,624,100)		(41,700)	(6,617,300)
Deficit, end of year	\$	109,787,000	\$	41,714,800	\$	1,876,700	\$ 153,378,500