

# **ACE AVIATION**

**First Quarter 2013  
Interim Unaudited  
Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes**

**May 29, 2013**

**Notice required under National Instrument 51-102 - “Continuous Disclosure Obligations,” Part 4.3 (3) (a).**

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for ACE Aviation Holdings Inc. as at and for the three month period ended March 31, 2013, together with the accompanying notes have not been reviewed by the Corporation’s auditors.

## Consolidated Statement of Net Assets in Liquidation

Unaudited (Canadian dollars in thousands except per share figures)		As at	
		March 31 2013	December 31 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	Note 2	\$ 11,597	\$ 56,467
Short-term investments	Note 2	120,523	75,000
Commodity taxes receivable		111	175
		<b>\$ 132,231</b>	<b>\$ 131,642</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		212	43
		<b>\$ 212</b>	<b>\$ 43</b>
Contingencies	Note 3	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION</b>		<b>\$ 132,019</b>	<b>\$ 131,599</b>
<b>NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION PER SHARE</b>			
Basic and Diluted	Note 5	\$ 4.07	\$ 4.05

Contingencies, guarantees and indemnities [Notes 3 and 6]

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

Ernst & Young Inc.,  
In its capacity as Court-appointed Liquidator of ACE Aviation Holdings Inc.  
and not in its personal capacity

Per: (signed) Sharon Hamilton

**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets in Liquidation**

Unaudited (Canadian dollars in thousands except per share figures)	Three Months Ended March 31 2013	Year Ended December 31 2012	Three Months Ended March 31 2012
<b>Net assets in liquidation, beginning of period</b>	\$ 131,599	\$ 382,118	\$ 382,118
Interest income	622	1,942	913
Gain (loss) on investment in Air Canada	-	26,428	(1,550)
Gain (loss) on Air Canada warrants	-	918	-
Administrative and other expenses	(202)	(4,807)	(1,903)
<b>Income (loss) before taxes</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>24,481</b>	<b>(2,540)</b>
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-
Current	-	-	-
Deferred	-	-	-
<b>Income (loss) for the period</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>24,481</b>	<b>(2,540)</b>
<b>Distribution to common shareholders</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(275,000)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets in liquidation, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 132,019</b>	<b>\$ 131,599</b>	<b>\$ 379,578</b>
<b>Income (loss) per share</b>			
Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.75	\$ (0.08)

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## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows in Liquidation

Unaudited (Canadian dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2013	2012
<b>Cash flows from (used for)</b>		
Income (loss) for the period	\$ 420	\$ (2,540)
Non-cash adjustments		
(Gain) loss on investment in Air Canada	Note 2	1,550
Changes in non-cash working capital balances	233	(3,874)
	<b>653</b>	<b>(4,864)</b>
<b>Investing</b>		
Increase in short-term investments	Note 2	-
	<b>(45,523)</b>	-
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(44,870)</b>	<b>(4,864)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	56,467	356,194
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	Note 2	<b>\$ 351,330</b>

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**Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)**  
**(Canadian dollars in thousands)****1. GENERAL INFORMATION, BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****A) GENERAL INFORMATION**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements (the "financial statements") are of ACE Aviation Holdings Inc. ("ACE"). ACE is incorporated and domiciled in Canada. The address of its registered office is 1155 René-Lévesque West, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor, Montreal, Québec, H3B 3V2, Canada.

ACE, which was incorporated on June 29, 2004, is an investment company that held aviation interests. Reference to the "Corporation" in the following notes to the financial statements refers to ACE and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Refer to Note 2 for a description of ACE's investments.

On April 25, 2012, at ACE's annual and special meeting, ACE's shareholders approved a special resolution providing for an amendment to the articles of ACE pursuant to which all Class A variable voting shares and Class B voting shares of ACE were converted into a new class of common shares of ACE on a one-for-one basis.

The shareholders of ACE also approved a special resolution providing for the voluntary liquidation of ACE pursuant to Section 211 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, through distribution of its remaining assets to shareholders, after providing for outstanding liabilities, contingencies and costs of the liquidation, the appointment of a liquidator at a time to be determined by the board of directors of ACE and the ultimate dissolution of ACE in the future, once all the liquidation steps have been completed.

On May 9, 2012, ACE declared a distribution in the aggregate amount of \$275,000 (or approximately \$8.46 per common share) to common shareholders of record as of June 1, 2012, which was paid on June 8, 2012. This distribution represents the initial distribution to shareholders of amounts to be paid in the course of the voluntary liquidation of ACE pursuant to Section 211 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*.

On June 28, 2012, the Superior Court of Québec (Commercial Division) (the "Court") issued an order appointing Ernst & Young Inc. as liquidator of ACE (the "Liquidator"). Effective June 28, 2012, all of the directors and officers of ACE have resigned from their positions and the Liquidator is vested with the powers of the directors of ACE.

On July 16, 2012, ACE announced that the TSX advised ACE that it no longer met the continued listing requirements of the TSX as a result of the previously announced appointment of the Liquidator of ACE and the resignation of all of the directors and officers of ACE. The TSX had advised ACE that if it did not voluntarily delist by September 14, 2012, the TSX would delist its common shares. As a result, ACE delisted its common shares from the TSX effective at the close of business on September 14, 2012.

ACE transferred the listing of its common shares from the TSX to the NEX board of the TSX Venture Exchange on September 17, 2012, the trading day immediately following the delisting from the TSX.

Pursuant to an order issued by the Court on February 25, 2013, the Liquidator established a process for the identification, resolution and barring of claims and other contingent liabilities against ACE. Creditors had until May 13, 2013 to file their proof of claims, failing which their claims will be barred and extinguished. Following the completion of such process, the review of any claims and the provision for or settlement of any contingencies, the Liquidator will proceed with the distribution of ACE's remaining net cash to its shareholders. The final distribution to shareholders and the cancellation of the shares of ACE will not occur until all remaining contingent liabilities are settled or otherwise provided for.

**B) BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The Corporation prepares its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada ("GAAP") as set out in the Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants – Part 1. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

In accordance with GAAP, these financial statements do not include all of the financial statement disclosures required for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. In the Liquidator's opinion, the financial statements reflect all adjustments that are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim period presented.

The Corporation changed the basis of preparing its financial statements from going concern to liquidation, effective January 1, 2011. As a result, the financial statements have been prepared using a liquidation basis of accounting. This basis of presentation differs from the presentation adopted in the interim financial reports of the Corporation issued during 2011. The adoption of a liquidation basis of presentation on January 1, 2011 did not result in a change to net assets.

The financial statements do not include costs to liquidate the assets of the Corporation, settle any contingent liabilities or future administrative costs and professional fees to wind-up the activities of the Corporation. These costs may be material and the amounts disclosed as net assets in liquidation in total or on a per share basis will change. The actual amounts available for distribution to shareholders will change and such changes may be material.

These financial statements were approved by the Liquidator for issue on May 29, 2013.

#### **C) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements are based on the accounting policies consistent with those disclosed in Note 2 to the 2012 annual consolidated financial statements.

**2. NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION**Cash

As at March 31, 2013, ACE's cash amounted to \$11,597 (December 31, 2012 – \$56,467). The Corporation did not hold any cash equivalents as at March 31, 2013 or December 31, 2012.

Short-term investments

As at March 31, 2013, ACE's short-term investments amounted to \$120,523 (December 31, 2012 – \$75,000). Short-term investments comprise bankers' acceptances and bankers' discount notes that have original maturities over three months, but not more than one year. The average interest rate on short-term investments as at March 31, 2013 is 1.25% per annum (December 31, 2012 – 1.28%).

Investments in Air Canada

On November 13, 2012 ACE sold a total of 31 million shares and 2.5 million warrants which represented its entire remaining investment in Air Canada. The net proceeds obtained as a result of the sale of ACE's investment in Air Canada amounted to \$58,036 resulting in a gain of \$1,616 represented by a gain on the sale of the shares and warrants of \$698 and \$918, respectively. Following the sale, ACE no longer holds any shares or warrants in the capital of Air Canada.

The following table details the carrying value of ACE's investment in Air Canada.

<b>Fair value of ACE's investment in Air Canada as at December 31, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 106,950</b>
Unrealized loss on ACE's investment in Air Canada from January 1 to December 31, 2011	(76,260)
<b>Fair value of ACE's investment in Air Canada as at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 30,690</b>
Unrealized gain on ACE's investment in Air Canada from January 1 to November 13, 2012	25,730
<b>Fair value of ACE's investment in Air Canada as at November 13, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 56,420</b>
Sale of remaining Air Canada shares on November 13, 2012 (31 million shares)	(56,420)
<b>Fair value of ACE's investment in Air Canada as at December 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

- *The fair value of ACE's holdings of Air Canada shares of \$106,950 as at December 31, 2010, \$30,690 as at December 31, 2011 and \$56,420 as at November 13, 2012 are based on the closing prices of \$3.45 per Air Canada Class B Voting Share as at December 31, 2010, \$0.99 per Air Canada Class B Voting Share as at December 31, 2011 and \$1.82 per Air Canada Common Share as at November 13, 2012, as quoted on the TSX.*

**3. TAXES****Certificates of Discharge and tax audits**

In March 2010, ACE applied for Certificates of Discharge from the Canada Revenue Agency (“CRA”) and Revenu Québec.

ACE assisted the CRA and Revenu Québec with their audits of ACE's income tax returns for the years 2005 to 2010 and audits in respect of other taxes. The audits of income tax returns required a detailed review of all of the significant corporate transactions undertaken by ACE since its incorporation in 2004, together with a detailed review of all of its returns.

The audits of income taxes and other taxes were completed in Quarter 1, 2012 and additional reassessments of \$4,094 were paid in Quarter 1, 2012. Approximately \$3,900 had been accrued in respect of these reassessments as at December 31, 2011.

On March 7, 2012, a tax clearance certificate was issued by the CRA in connection with all taxation years ended on or prior to December 31, 2010. On March 12, 2012, Revenu Québec issued an equivalent certificate authorizing the distribution of property up to \$500,000.

In 2010 and 2011, ACE received and paid notices of reassessment from Revenu Québec in the amount of \$45,091. The reassessments primarily related to audits of GST and QST in respect of ACTS LP, and its predecessor ACTS Limited Partnership, for periods prior to ACE's monetization of ACTS LP in October 2007. Approximately \$41,900 of such reassessments were recovered from Air Canada and other parties. The total recovery amount of \$41,900 included approximately \$40,140 recovered from Air Canada and \$1,096 from Aveos. ACE has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Air Canada and Aveos from loss should related additional Input Tax Credit claims by Air Canada and Aveos be reassessed in the future.

In addition, in Quarter 2, 2011, ACE received and paid a notice of reassessment for other taxes from Revenu Québec in the amount of \$2,900.

Administrative and other expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2012 include net provisions for other taxes of nil, \$200 and nil respectively.

**Advance Tax Ruling**

In Quarter 1, 2012, ACE obtained an advance tax ruling from the CRA in order to confirm that neither the share conversion, described in Note 5, nor the other liquidation steps will result in the Common Shares of ACE being considered short-term preferred shares or taxable preferred shares for the purpose of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the “Tax Act”) and the regulations thereunder, such that no tax under Part VI.1 of the Tax Act will be payable by ACE in connection with the liquidation steps.

**4. DISTRIBUTION TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS**

On May 9, 2012, ACE declared a distribution in the aggregate amount of \$275,000 (or approximately \$8.46 per common share) to common shareholders of record as of June 1, 2012, which was paid on June 8, 2012. This distribution represents the initial distribution to shareholders of amounts to be paid in the course of the voluntary liquidation of ACE pursuant to Section 211 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, which was approved at the annual and special meeting of shareholders held on April 25, 2012, as described in Note 1.

**5. SHARE CAPITAL**

The issued and outstanding common shares of ACE as at March 31, 2013, along with potential common shares, are as follows:

	As at March 31 2013	As at December 31 2012
<b>Outstanding shares ('000s)</b>		
<b>Issued and Outstanding</b>		
Common Shares	32,475	32,475
<b>Total issued and outstanding <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>32,475</b>	<b>32,475</b>
<b>Potential common shares issuable</b>		
Stock options <sup>(2)</sup>	-	65
<b>Total potential common shares</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> This also represents the weighted average number of shares outstanding as at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Corporation's stock option plan is described in Note 6 to the 2012 annual audited consolidated financial statements. All of the outstanding stock options of ACE expired in accordance with their terms in February 2013.

In accordance with the terms of the ACE stock option plan, the cash distribution to shareholders of \$275 during Q2 2012 (Refer to Note 4) triggered an adjustment to the exercise price and the number of options outstanding. Effective on the applicable date of the distribution, the adjustment was applied to all unexercised ACE stock options.

**Share Conversion**

On April 25, 2012, ACE's shareholders approved a special resolution providing for an amendment to the articles of ACE pursuant to which all Class A variable voting shares and Class B voting shares were converted, on a one-for-one basis, into a new class of common shares (the "Common Shares"), each entitled to one vote per share (the "Share Conversion").

The Share Conversion formed part of the steps being implemented by ACE in order to complete its liquidation described in Note 1 in a tax-efficient manner for ACE and its shareholders. At the time of incorporation of ACE in 2004, when ACE controlled Air Canada, the articles of ACE provided for ownership restrictions through a dual-class share structure to ensure that ACE, as the controlling shareholder of Air Canada, remained Canadian under the Canada Transportation Act ("CTA"). ACE no longer holds an interest in any holder of a license under the CTA and accordingly, ACE's dual class structure is no longer necessary.

**Terms of the New Common Shares**

The terms of the Common Shares pertaining to dividend entitlements and entitlement upon liquidation or dissolution are the same as the rights previously attached to Class A variable voting shares and Class B voting shares of ACE. The Common Shares carry one vote per share and are not subject to any ownership restriction.

The holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, all meetings of the shareholders of ACE and each Common Share confers the right to one vote in person or by proxy at all meetings of shareholders of ACE.

With respect to dividends, the holders of the Common Shares will, if declared, be entitled to receive, out of monies, assets or property of ACE properly applicable to the payment of dividends, any dividends declared and payable by ACE on the Common Shares.

Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of ACE or other distribution of ACE's assets among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs, the holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive the remaining property of ACE and are entitled to share equally, share for share, in all distributions of such assets.

Since April 25, 2012, the authorized share capital of ACE no longer includes a class of preferred shares.

## **6. CONTINGENCIES, GUARANTEES AND INDEMNITIES**

### Indemnification agreements

Refer to Note 3 for a description of indemnification agreements between ACE, Air Canada and Aveos related to certain commodity tax reassessments.