Financial Statements March 31, 2015



June 13, 2015

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Directors and Members of Canadian Hearing Society

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Hearing Society (the Society), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes, which comprise 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 financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of 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 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

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Basis for qualified opinion

Commencing in fiscal 1998, the Society decided to expense certain purchases of property, plant and equipment in the year in accordance with instructions received from certain government agencies. ASNPO requires asset purchases to be capitalized and amortized on a continuing basis over their useful lives. In the current year, the Society expensed in the operating fund - occupancy and office and program costs, property, plant and equipment of \$714,645 (2014 - \$1,410,956), which should have been capitalized. Amortization expense for the year ended March 31, 2015 is understated by \$866,621 (2014 - \$799,616). The accumulated effect of this policy is to understate the net book value of property, plant and equipment as at March 31, 2015 by \$2,067,019 (2014 - \$2,218,994), and to understate the property plant and equipment fund balance as at March 31, 2015 by \$2,067,019 (2014 - \$2,218,994).

The Society has recorded its land and buildings acquired prior to 2003 in the amount of \$3,476,576 at cost. Since the information is not available to separate the cost of the land and buildings, the Society chooses not to amortize these amounts and we were unable to quantify the effect of this departure from ASNPO. Therefore, we were not able to determine the adjustments to amortization of property, plant and equipment, deficient of revenue over expenses for the years ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, property, plant and equipment and total assets as at March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, and fund balances as at the beginning and end of the years ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Society derives revenue from fundraising and gaming activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these fundraising and gaming revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising and gaming revenue, deficiency of revenue over expenses and cash flows from operating activities for the years ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, current assets as at March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014 and fund balances as at the beginning and end of the years ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014.

Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014 was modified due to the above-noted matters.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects and possible effects of the matters described in the basis for qualified opinion paragraphs, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2015

Designated funds	Endowment		
\$	funds \$	Total \$	Total \$
- - - - - 570,367 -	- - - -	901,984 215,660 1,550,910 503,929 266,081 570,367	291,082 1,625,033 518,663 96,332 626,586 963,053
570,367	-	4,008,931	4,120,749
4,301,831	497,404	4,799,235	3,910,773
-	-	4,045,564	4,144,272
4,872,198	497,404	12,853,730	12,175,794
- -	-	- 1,771,648	1,369,172 1,235,362
- - -	- - -	266,844 1,269,059 570,367	201,479 1,286,444 626,586
-	-	3,877,918	4,719,043
-	-	1,274,000	1,210,040
-	-	5,151,918	5,929,083
-	-	4,045,564 (1,713,354)	4,144,272 (2,144,801)
4,872,198	497,404	5,369,602	4,247,240
4,872,198	497,404	7,701,812	6,246,711
4,872,198	497,404	12,853,730	12,175,794
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Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31, 2015

				2015	2014
	Operating fund \$	Designated funds \$	Endowment fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
Revenue Grants					
Province of Ontario (note 11) Federal and other (notes 11 and 15) Sales of goods and services (note 8) Regional United Way contributions	20,613,418 516,138 9,546,224	- - -	- - -	20,613,418 516,138 9,546,224	21,152,819 525,445 9,299,947
(note 16) Fundraising and gaming activities (note 8) Gain on sale of equipment	1,600,277 2,482,804 39,760	334,973 -	304,432	1,600,277 3,122,209 39,760	1,640,666 1,705,305
Interest and dividends	5,125	115,244	5,502	125,871	117,573
	34,803,746	450,217	309,934	35,563,897	34,441,755
Expenses Salaries and benefits Cost of sales Office and program costs Occupancy Service costs Professional development and travel Promotion and gaming Amortization of property, plant and equipment Bad debts Client assistance and other	23,277,013 3,562,232 2,203,109 1,951,130 808,919 1,147,151 553,531 98,708 65,093 73,721	220,157 - 9,500 173,215 33,840 20,995 59,398 - 47,549	- - - - - - -	23,497,170 3,562,232 2,212,609 2,124,345 842,759 1,168,146 612,929 98,708 65,093 121,270	24,129,233 3,455,678 2,049,752 3,017,653 1,182,712 1,131,199 433,627 82,006 13,396 160,374
	33,740,007	304,034		34,303,201	33,033,030
excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses from operations	1,063,139	(114,437)	309,934	1,258,636	(1,213,875)
Fair value change in investments		186,655	9,810	196,465	332,655
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	1,063,139	72,218	319,744	1,455,101	(881,220)

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended March 31, 2015

						2015	2014
		Operating fund					
	General \$	Property, plant and equipment \$	Total \$	Designated funds \$	Endowment fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
Balances - Beginning of year	(2,144,801)	4,144,272	1,999,471	3,904,580	342,660	6,246,711	7,127,931
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year Appropriations (note 5) Transfers (note 5)	1,161,847 (730,400)	(98,708) - -	1,063,139 (730,400)	72,218 730,400 165,000	319,744 - (165,000)	1,455,101 - -	(881,220) - -
Balances - End of year	(1,713,354)	4,045,564	2,332,210	4,872,198	497,404	7,701,812	6,246,711

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year Adjustments for non-cash items	1,135,357	(911,936)
Amortization of property, plant and equipment Interest and dividends reinvested Fair value change in investments Increase in sick leave benefit liability	98,708 (125,871) (196,465) 63,960	82,006 (117,573) (332,655) 74,025
Change in your cook working conital haloness	975,689	(1,206,133)
Change in non-cash working capital balances Grants receivable Accounts receivable Inventory Other assets Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Amount repayable to funders Deferred revenue	75,422 74,123 14,734 (169,749) 536,286 65,365 (17,385)	(88,526) 68,492 (19,366) 198,261 (448,817) (277,967) (392,724) (2,166,780)
Investing activities Net sale of investments Purchase of property, plant and equipment	396,927 	700,850 (50,188)
	396,927	650,662
Financing activities Endowment contributions	319,744	30,716
Change in cash during the year	2,271,156	(1,485,402)
(Bank indebtedness) cash - Beginning of year	(1,369,172)	116,230
Cash (bank indebtedness) - End of year	901,984	(1,369,172)

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1 The organization

The Canadian Hearing Society (the Society):

- has a vision where all people are respected, have full access to communication, and are able to participate without social, economic, or emotional barriers; and
- has a mission to be the leading provider of services, products and information that:
 - remove barriers to communication;
 - advance hearing health; and
 - promote equity for people who are culturally deaf, oral deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing.

The Society is registered as a charity under the Income Tax Act and therefore is not subject to income taxes provided expenditures meet a certain threshold.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) and include the following significant policies:

Fund accounting

These financial statements include the operations of the head office of the Society and its 26 locations, and the Society uses the restricted fund method of reporting restricted contributions. These financial statements include the following funds:

- Operating fund Invested in property, plant and equipment includes funds that have been used for the purpose of purchasing property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated amortization and financing costs.
- Operating fund General includes the cumulative net excess of operating expenses over revenue.
- Designated funds include bequests and specific donations designated for a particular purpose by the donor and also include funds that have been internally designated by the Board.
- Endowment funds includes donations that are required to be maintained by the Society on a permanent basis, and also includes investment income earned on those funds.

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Revenue recognition

Federal and provincial grant revenue and regional United Way contributions are recognized using the restricted fund method of accounting. Restricted grant revenue contributions for which no corresponding restricted fund is presented are recognized in the operating fund in accordance with the deferral method. Goods and services revenue is recognized when the goods are sold or the service is rendered by the Society. Fundraising and gaming activities revenue is recognized when the donations are received.

All contributions are generally considered unrestricted contributions to the Society unless a donor specifies otherwise and would be reflected as revenue of the operating fund. If a donor specifies the contribution is for an existing endowed fund or specifies it is to be retained permanently, it is recognized as revenue of an endowment fund.

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost, calculated on a first-in, first-out basis, and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a specific item basis for Hearing Aid Program inventory, and a weighted average basis for Communicative Device Program inventory. Included in the cost of inventory are the purchase cost, transportation, handling and other costs directly attributable to the acquisition of inventory. An inventory valuation provision is estimated by management based on historical and expected future sales and is included in the cost of goods sold for the year ended March 31, 2015. The cost of goods sold recognized in the statement of operations for the year amounts to \$3,115,215 (2014 - \$3,119,999). The Society recognized a writedown of approximately \$nil (2014 - \$nil).

Investments

Investments are managed by a third party investment manager reporting directly to the Finance Committee established by the Board of Directors. The investments can consist of a mix of publicly traded short and long-term fixed income investments, guaranteed investment certificates and publicly traded equities. Investments are made in accordance with the Society's investment policy. The principal of the investment policy is to provide sufficient income to enable the Society to carry out its mission and related activities, effectively, both in the short and long term as well as to preserve investment capital by closely managing the risk of significant investment loss.

Fixed income investments maturing within one year from the statement of financial position date are reflected as short-term investments. The change in fair value of investments comprises realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments and is recorded in the statement of operations.

Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings acquired prior to 2003 are recorded at cost and no amortization is provided on the basis that the necessary financial information is not reasonably determinable.

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The property, plant and equipment purchased from operating funds are recorded at cost, less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed on the straight-line basis based on the estimated useful lives of the particular assets over the following periods:

Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	5 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Automobiles	5 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Telephone equipment	6 years
Video conferencing equipment	6 years

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Society reviews its long-lived assets for impairment. An impairment charge is recognized for long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate a tangible capital asset no longer contributes to the Society's ability to provide services. The impairment loss is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the residual value, if any. The amount of the writedown is recognized as an impairment loss in net income.

Donated materials and services

Contributions, to the extent recognized in the fund accounts, are recorded at an approximation of fair value. Due to system restrictions, the Society is not able to provide the fair value of the recorded contributions. The Society is dependent on the ongoing support of volunteers, the value of which has not been quantified in these financial statements.

Expenditures

Direct expenditures have been charged to programs and services, fundraising and administration according to the activity to which they relate or benefit.

Financial instruments

The Society initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Society subsequently measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity investments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, grants receivable, accounts receivable, interfund receivable and guaranteed investment certificates.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, amount repayable to funders and interfund payable.

Financial assets, other than those measured at fair value, are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indicators the asset may be impaired.

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Transaction costs are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the related financial instrument.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. For all estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

3 Investments

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Guaranteed investment certificates held with Royal Bank of Canada Short-term restricted investments		
Non-redeemable, 1.20%, maturity April 2, 2014	-	207,200
Non-redeemable, 1.25%, maturity September 30, 2014	-	455,853
Non-redeemable, 1.15%, maturity July 2, 2014		300,000
		963,053
Equity instruments held in pooled funds with Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd. quoted in an active market	4,799,235	3,910,773

4 Property, plant and equipment

<u>-</u>			2015	2014
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$	Net \$
Land and buildings (prior to 2003)	3,476,574	-	3,476,574	3,476,574
Land (post 2002)	100,000	-	100,000	100,000
Buildings (post 2002)	241,429	77,459	163,970	170,006
Building improvements (post 2002)	48,597	48,597	· -	· -
Furniture and equipment	290,132	254,526	35,606	35,606
Automobiles	59,618	59,618	-	7,125
Computer equipment	32,117	27,737	4,380	9,157
Telephone equipment	100,212	16,702	83,510	100,212
Video conferencing equipment	384,404	202,880	181,524	245,592
` <u>-</u>	4,733,083	687,519	4,045,564	4,144,272

5 Interfund receivables and payables

The interfund loan amount represents an amount owing between the operating and designated funds. The amount is non-interest bearing and payable on demand.

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The Society's Board approved an appropriation relating to fiscal 2015 of \$602,400 (2014 - \$10,000) to regional funds and \$128,000 (2014 - \$128,000) to building funds from the operating fund to the internally restricted fund for various uses and building costs. The Society's Board also approved a transfer of interest earned on endowment funds of \$165,000 (2014 - \$nil) to the designated funds.

6 Bank indebtedness

The Society has a line of credit with a chartered bank of up to \$2,030,000 bearing interest at prime plus 0.35% per annum, which is secured by a collateral first mortgage on 271 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario. As at March 31, 2015, \$nil (2014 - \$790,000) of the line of credit had been utilized.

7 Amount repayable to funders

The amount repayable to funders represents funds received that were not spent prior to the year-end. Under the terms of the contract, the funder has the right to ask for any unspent funds to be repaid.

8 Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue reported in the operating fund relates to funding received that is related to specific programs in subsequent periods.

Changes in the deferred revenue balance in the operating fund are as follows:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Balance - Beginning of year Less: Amounts recognized as revenue in the year Add: Amounts received	1,286,444 (790,857) 773,472	1,679,168 (1,301,956) 909,232
Balance - End of year	1,269,059	1,286,444

9 Sick leave benefit

In accordance with the Society's sick leave defined benefit plan, employees receive a maximum of 18 sick days per annum and unused days accumulate. Employees are entitled to a cash payment equal to 50% of the value of the unused sick days on retirement at 65 years of age or older, or death.

The liability for the accumulated sick leave represents management's best estimate as to the Society's future liability pertaining to all employees. In 2015, the Society undertook an actuarial valuation of the sick leave benefit and based on the results of the actuarial report, increased the liability by \$63,960 to \$1,274,000 (2014 - \$1,210,040).

Sick day benefit payments during the year amounted to \$15,840 (2014 - \$975).

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10 Designated funds

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Externally restricted by donor Allison Cochlear Implant Fund CHS Children's Fund Dorothy O'Neill Research Fund Durham Area Fund Hamilton Steele Children's Fund IMO Monica Price Bursary London Regional Fund London Anne Sanderson Fund Niagara Area Fund Nicole Majorose Fund Peel Regional Fund Thunder Bay Sharon Bjorklund Fund Waterloo Building Occupancy Fund Waterloo Children's Fund Waterloo Sertoma/LaSetoma Fund	33,197 62,763 30,376 25,415 367,290 3,142 155,244 80,265 238,141 6,914 32,993 28,102 39,590 8,226 225,355	31,404 69,037 28,456 23,809 357,905 3,429 145,946 223,089 6,477 30,907 37,087 7,706
	1,337,013	965,252
Board restricted - unrestricted by donor Award Fund Hamilton Access Fund Hamilton Building Fund Kortwright Fund Ottawa Regional Fund Peterborough Regional Fund Sault Ste. Marie Regional Fund Head Office Building Fund Strategic Initiatives Fund Sudbury Regional Fund Thunder Bay Regional Fund Toronto Regional Fund Training and Development Fund Waterloo Stork Family Fund	4,078 74,487 - 304,327 187,349 46,528 1,290,146 1,288,316 23,993 28,622 50,566 206,541 29,990 242	18,693 3,820 69,779 20,388 306,519 196,863 43,587 1,222,813 532,670 22,477 26,813 47,370 388,255 29,756 9,525
	<u>3,535,185</u> <u>4,872,198</u>	2,939,328 3,904,580
Endowment funds* Donald & Anne C. McLean Fund* Hamilton McCormick Fund	194,110 303,294	342,660
	497,404	342,600

^{*} These are restricted funds and only the investment income earned on the fund balance can be used by the Society.

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11 Grants

The Society has received the following grants:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Ministry of Community and Social Services (note 12) Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Ministry of Community and Social Services - Ontario	9,852,938 7,766,502 2,233,886	10,098,952 7,779,408 2,267,397
Disability Support Program Other Ontario Trillium Foundation	537,045 223,047 - 20,613,418	453,549 378,513 175,000 21,152,819
Federal and other Human Resources and Social Development Canada Citizenship Immigration Canada Other	40,753 427,480 47,905	35,177 438,825 51,443
	516,138	525,445
	21,129,556	21,678,264

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12 Grants from the Ministry of Community and Social Services

The Society has a number of contracts with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. One requirement of the contracts is the production by management of a transfer payment annual report, which shows a summary of all revenue and expenditures and any resulting surplus or deficit that relates to that contract. Surplus amounts, if any, are reflected in amounts repayable to funders. The deficit amounts below include the cost of property, plant and equipment purchased during the year, and exclude amortization, in accordance with the contracts:

Region	Detail code	TPBE	Service name	Grant \$	Other revenues \$	Expenses \$	Surplus (deficit) \$
Provincial Ontario Interpreting Services Provincial	8783 9295 9295 9295 9295 9295 9295 8754 8753	109702 109702 1000162 1000165 1000167 1000168 109702 109702	BPS - Other Adult Social Services ASL Interpreter Services Interpreter Internship Program Langue de Québecoise (LSQ) Interpreter Services After-Hours Health Related Interpreting Services	260,153 766,303 989,265 1,105,935 1,437,380 829,059 858,637 279,808 692,833 7,219,373	455,757 535,815 443,433 324,957 129,334 - 71,983 81,403	260,153 812,021 1,428,192 1,709,371 1,954,537 1,084,880 853,186 340,321 840,999	410,039 96,888 (160,003) (192,200) (126,487) 5,451 11,470 (66,763) (21,605)
Intervenors Service Funding Sudbury	8746 8783	052686 052686	Intervenors Services for Community Participation BPS - Other Adult Social Services	547,783 4,197 551,980	1,000 - 2,403,682	539,585 4,197 9,827,442	9,198
Less: Repayables for 2014 - 2015 Plus: Prior year's adjustments Total grants from Ministry of Community and Social Services				(9,198) 4,347 7,766,502	2,700,002	0,021,772	(12,407)

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13 Break-open ticket sales

As required by government regulation, the following summarizes revenue and expenses with respect to the sale of Nevada break-open ticket lotteries under provincial licence:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue	287,475	251,191
Expenses Cost of tickets sold and promotion fees - retail Promotion fees - agent Licence fees and other	39,282 89,802 64,948	34,494 78,489 60,893
	194,032	173,876
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	93,443	77,315

14 Lease commitments

The Society is committed under operating leases for office space and office equipment over the next five fiscal years and thereafter as follows:

	\$
2016 2017	936,838 644,407
2018	527,318
2019 2020	382,118 277,958
Thereafter	209,279
	2,977,918

15 Community service grant

The Society received a community service grant of \$16,705 (2014 - \$16,345) from the City of Toronto.

16 United Way contribution

The Society received a contribution of \$33,404 (2014 - \$39,097) from the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton.

17 Financial instruments

The main risks to which the Society's financial instruments are exposed are interest rate risk, market risk and credit risk. It is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk.

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Interest rate risk

The bonds and guaranteed investment certificates bear interest at fixed rates and as such the risk resulting from fluctuations in interest rates is low.

Market risk

Market risk arises from the possibility that changes in market prices will affect the value of the financial instruments of the Society. The Society manages its risk by investing only in high quality bonds. In addition, the Finance Committee reviews any significant changes to the investment mix.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of an unexpected loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Society to credit risk consist principally of cash and short-term investments. The Society places its cash and short-term investments with high quality institutions to mitigate this risk.

The Society is exposed to credit risk on accounts receivable from the public. The Society's accounts receivable risk is considered to be low as receivables are recognized only if it is certain the monies will be received.

18 Contingencies

From time to time, lawsuits and claims have been brought against the Society. The Society vigorously contests such lawsuits and claims, and management believes any resulting outcome would not have a material effect on the financial position or the statement of operations of the Society.

19 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.