

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Management is responsible for the preparation of Northland's consolidated financial statements and annual report. Management has prepared the accompanying consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and the financial information included in the annual report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements. Where appropriate, these consolidated financial statements reflect estimates based on the judgments of management. When alternative methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

Management is responsible for the development and maintenance of systems of internal accounting and administrative cost controls of high quality, consistent with a suitable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is accurate, relevant and reliable and that Northland and its subsidiaries' assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The Board of Directors and Audit Committee (consisting of independent directors) are responsible for reviewing the consolidated financial statements of Northland and the accompanying management's discussion and analysis and ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting.

Ernst & Young LLP, the independent auditor, have examined the consolidated financial statements of Northland. The independent auditor's responsibility is to express a professional opinion on the fairness of the consolidated financial statements. The auditor's report outlines the scope of their examination and sets forth their opinion on the consolidated financial statements. Their report as auditor is set out on page 43.

The Audit Committee of Northland meets periodically with management and the independent auditor to discuss internal controls, auditing matters and financial reporting issues and to satisfy itself that each party is properly discharging its responsibilities. The Audit Committee also reviews the consolidated financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and the external auditor's report; examines the fees and expenses for audit services; and considers the engagement or reappointment of the external auditor. The Audit Committee reports its findings to the Board of Directors for consideration prior to the issuance of the Northland consolidated financial statements to the shareholders. Ernst & Young LLP have full access to the Audit Committee and meet with the committee both in the presence of management and separately.

(signed, Mike Crawley)

Mike Crawley
President and Chief Executive Officer

(signed, Paul J. Bradley)

Paul J. Bradley
Chief Financial Officer
Toronto, Canada
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