



Jazz Air Income Fund

Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2008 and 2007

February 10, 2009

Auditors' Report

To the Unitholders of Jazz Air Income Fund

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of **Jazz Air Income Fund** as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the consolidated statements of unitholders' equity, income (loss), comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

(signed) "*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*"

Chartered Accountants
Halifax, Nova Scotia

February 10, 2009

Management's Report

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of **Jazz Air Income Fund** are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Trustees. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The consolidated financial statements include some amounts and assumptions based on management's best estimates which have been derived with careful judgement.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, management has developed and maintains a system of internal accounting controls. These controls are designed to ensure that the financial records are reliable for preparation of the financial statements. The Audit, Finance and Risk Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the Fund's consolidated financial statements, and recommended their approval by the Board of Trustees.

(signed) "Joseph D. Randell"
President and Chief Executive Officer

(signed) "Allan D. Rowe"
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Jazz Air Income Fund
Consolidated Balance Sheets
As at December 31, 2008 and 2007



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

| | 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 131,876 | 122,874 |
| Accounts receivable - trade and other (note 16) | 71,618 | 82,435 |
| Spare parts, materials and supplies (note 2) | 46,150 | 37,587 |
| Prepaid expenses | 12,905 | 8,560 |
| Total current assets | 262,549 | 251,456 |
| Property and equipment (note 4) | 219,028 | 225,387 |
| Intangible assets (note 5) | 722,102 | 764,985 |
| Goodwill (note 6) | - | 147,284 |
| Other assets (note 7) | 29,072 | 33,756 |
| | 1,232,751 | 1,422,868 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 16) | 197,046 | 201,750 |
| Current portion of obligations under capital leases (note 10) | 2,837 | 2,119 |
| Distributions payable | 10,296 | 10,296 |
| Total current liabilities | 210,179 | 214,165 |
| Long-term debt (note 9) | 114,729 | 113,475 |
| Obligations under capital leases (note 10) | 20,581 | 19,069 |
| Future income tax (note 12) | 23,561 | 74,545 |
| Other long-term liabilities (note 11) | 55,672 | 58,838 |
| | 424,722 | 480,092 |
| Unitholders' Equity | 808,029 | 942,776 |
| | 1,232,751 | 1,422,868 |

Economic dependence (note 16)

Commitments (note 17)

Contingencies (note 23)

Subsequent event (note 24)

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Partnership from May 24, 2007. Prior to that date, the results of the Partnership were accounted for by the equity method (note 3).

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

Approved by the Trustees

By: (signed) "Katherine M. Lee"
Trustee

By: (signed) "Richard H. McCoy"
Trustee

Jazz Air Income Fund
Consolidated Statements of Unitholders' Equity
For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

| | Unitholders' capital \$ | Retained earnings (deficit) | | Contributed surplus \$ | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) \$ | Total \$ |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------|
| | | Accumulated earnings \$ | Distributions \$ | | | |
| Balance - December 31, 2006 | 246,174 | 15,392 | (19,983) | - | - | 241,583 |
| Adjusted opening balance, due to new accounting policies adopted regarding financial instruments | - | - | - | - | (409) | (409) |
| Balance - December 31, 2006, restated | 246,174 | 15,392 | (19,983) | - | (409) | 241,174 |
| Change in fair value during the year | - | - | - | - | 251 | 251 |
| Issuance of 638,223 Fund Units | 5,457 | - | - | - | - | 5,457 |
| Issuance of 50,000,000 Fund Units | 401,500 | - | - | - | - | 401,500 |
| Issuance of 47,226,920 Fund Units | 387,733 | - | - | - | - | 387,733 |
| Distributions | - | - | (107,203) | - | - | (107,203) |
| Fund Units held by unit based compensation plans (note 19) | (6,200) | - | - | 4,505 | - | (1,695) |
| Accretion related to the initial long-term incentive plan | - | - | - | 1,112 | - | 1,112 |
| Accretion related to the ongoing long-term incentive plan | - | - | - | 335 | - | 335 |
| Redemption of 1,077 Fund Units tendered by Unitholders | (8) | - | - | - | - | (8) |
| Net income for the year | - | 14,120 | - | - | - | 14,120 |
| Balance - December 31, 2007 | 1,034,656 | 29,512 | (127,186) | 5,952 | (158) | 942,776 |
| Change in fair value during the year | - | - | - | - | (3,028) | (3,028) |
| Distributions | - | - | (123,552) | - | - | (123,552) |
| Fund Units held by unit based compensation plans (note 19) | (205) | - | - | (1,626) | - | (1,831) |
| Accretion related to the initial long-term incentive plan (note 19) | - | - | - | 1,850 | - | 1,850 |
| Accretion related to the ongoing long-term incentive plan (note 19) | - | - | - | 1,224 | - | 1,224 |
| Net loss for the year | - | (9,410) | - | - | - | (9,410) |
| Balance - December 31, 2008 | 1,034,451 | 20,102 | (250,738) | 7,400 | (3,186) | 808,029 |

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Jazz Air Income Fund
Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss)
For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except Fund Units and earnings per Fund Unit)

| | 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Operating revenue (note 16) | | |
| Passenger | 1,622,850 | 877,058 |
| Other | 13,439 | 4,756 |
| | 1,636,289 | 881,814 |
| Operating expenses (note 16) | | |
| Salaries and wages | 292,647 | 167,905 |
| Benefits | 52,563 | 27,924 |
| Aircraft fuel | 430,216 | 196,024 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 72,509 | 39,873 |
| Food, beverage and supplies | 14,795 | 9,850 |
| Aircraft maintenance materials, supplies and services | 129,533 | 71,346 |
| Airport and navigation fees | 199,419 | 118,157 |
| Aircraft rent | 127,758 | 70,041 |
| Terminal handling services | 107,345 | 53,946 |
| Other | 103,333 | 61,651 |
| | 1,530,118 | 816,717 |
| Operating income | 106,171 | 65,097 |
| Fund's proportionate share of net earnings | - | 25,464 |
| Interest revenue | 4,236 | 4,301 |
| Interest expense | (8,505) | (4,905) |
| Gain on disposal of property and equipment | 182 | 11 |
| Foreign exchange loss | (6,263) | (436) |
| Goodwill impairment loss (note 6) | (153,230) | - |
| Unrealized loss on asset backed commercial paper (note 8) | (2,985) | (867) |
| | (166,565) | 23,568 |
| Income (loss) before future income taxes | (60,394) | 88,665 |
| Provision for (recovery of) future income taxes (note 12) | (50,984) | 74,545 |
| Net income (loss) for the years | (9,410) | 14,120 |
| Weighted average number of Fund units | 122,074,380 | 100,970,364 |
| Earnings (loss) per Fund Unit, basic and diluted | \$(0.08) | \$0.14 |

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Jazz Air Income Fund

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

| | 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Net income (loss) for the years | (9,410) | 14,120 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | | |
| Change in fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges | (2,408) | 64 |
| Reclassification of net realized (gains) losses on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges to income | (620) | 187 |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | (12,438) | 14,371 |

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Jazz Air Income Fund
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars)

| | 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Cash provided by (used in) | | |
| Operating activities | | |
| Net income (loss) for the years | (9,410) | 14,120 |
| Charges (credits) to operations not involving cash | | |
| Equity in net earnings of the Partnership | - | (25,464) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 72,509 | 39,873 |
| Cash distributions from the Partnership earned | - | 35,131 |
| Amortization of prepaid aircraft rent and related fees | 1,928 | 1,072 |
| Gain on disposal of property and equipment | (182) | (11) |
| Unit based compensation | 3,074 | 1,447 |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain) | 4,090 | (947) |
| Future income taxes | (50,984) | 74,545 |
| Goodwill impairment loss | 153,230 | - |
| Unrealized loss on asset backed commercial paper (note 8) | 2,985 | 867 |
| Other | (1,383) | (1,104) |
| Funding of unit based compensation plan, net of forfeitures | (1,831) | (1,695) |
| | 174,026 | 137,834 |
| Net changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations (note 15) | (18,938) | (34,640) |
| | 155,088 | 103,194 |
| Financing activities | | |
| Repayment of obligations under capital leases (note 10) | (2,265) | (706) |
| Redemption of Jazz Units | - | (8) |
| Distributions | (123,552) | (98,730) |
| | (125,817) | (99,444) |
| Investing activities | | |
| Increase in cash on consolidation of subsidiary | - | 138,096 |
| Additions to property and equipment | (20,661) | (13,180) |
| Decrease in long-term receivables | 210 | - |
| Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment | 182 | 11 |
| Cash equivalents reclassified to other assets, net of fair value adjustment (note 8) | - | (5,816) |
| | (20,269) | 119,111 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the years | 9,002 | 122,861 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of years | 122,874 | 13 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - End of years | 131,876 | 122,874 |
| Cash payments of interest | 10,747 | 5,556 |
| Cash receipts of interest | 4,579 | 4,131 |
| Cash and cash equivalents comprise: | | |
| Cash | 29,042 | 122,874 |
| Term deposits and fixed income securities | 102,834 | - |

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(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except Fund Units and earnings per Fund Unit)

1 Nature of operations and economic dependence

Jazz Air Income Fund (the "Fund") is an unincorporated, open-ended trust established under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a declaration of trust dated November 25, 2005 and amended by an amended and restated declaration of trust dated January 24, 2006 (the "Fund Declaration of Trust"). The Fund qualifies as a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada). The principal and head office of the Fund is located at 1000 de la Gauchetière Street West, Suite 2100, Montréal, Québec H3B 4W5. The Fund has been established to acquire and hold, directly or indirectly, investments in Jazz Air LP (the "Partnership") and its general partner Jazz Air Holding GP Inc. ("Jazz GP"), a regional airline, and such other investments as the board of Trustees of the fund (the "Trustees") may determine. Reference to the Fund in the following notes to the consolidated financial statements refers to, as the context may require, the Fund and its subsidiaries Jazz Air Trust (the "Trust") and the Partnership collectively, the Fund and one or more of its subsidiaries, one or more of the Fund's subsidiaries or the Fund itself.

The Partnership operates a regional airline in Canada and the United States. Effective January 1, 2006, the Partnership entered into a Capacity Purchase Agreement ("CPA") with Air Canada whereby Air Canada purchases the aircraft capacity flown under the tradename "Air Canada Jazz" and on the routes specified by Air Canada. Air Canada receives all passenger and cargo revenue related to passenger seats and cargo services sold on scheduled flights operated by the Partnership pursuant to the CPA and Air Canada pays the Partnership for the capacity. The Partnership is economically and commercially dependent upon Air Canada and certain of its subsidiaries, as, in addition to being the primary source of revenue, these entities currently provide significant services to the Partnership. In addition, Air Canada and its subsidiaries provide a substantial portion of the aircraft financing for the Partnership.

The Partnership has historically experienced greater demand for its services in the second and third quarters of the calendar year and lower demand in the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year. This demand pattern is principally a result of the high number of leisure travelers and their preference for travel during the spring and summer months, thereby increasing the flying hour requirements of Air Canada. The Partnership has substantial fixed costs that do not meaningfully fluctuate with passenger demand in the short-term. The Partnership revenues under the CPA do not fluctuate significantly with passenger load factors.

2 Significant accounting policies

a) Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements of the Fund are expressed in Canadian dollars and are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

b) Principles of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Fund, and from May 24, 2007, the consolidated accounts of the Partnership, the variable interest entity for which the Fund is the primary beneficiary. Prior to May 24, 2007, the Fund accounted for its investment in the Partnership under the equity method. All inter-company and inter-entity balances and transactions are eliminated.

c) Variable Interest Entities

At its inception, the Fund adopted Accounting Guideline 15 ("AcG 15") - *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("VIE")*. AcG 15 defines a VIE as an entity that either does not have sufficient equity at risk to finance its activities without subordinated financial support from other parties, or where the equity investors lack the characteristic of a controlling financial interest, or that do not absorb the expected losses or receive the expected returns of the entity. VIEs are subject to consolidation by an entity if that entity is deemed the primary beneficiary of the VIE. The primary beneficiary is the party that is either exposed to a majority of the losses from the VIE's activities or is entitled to receive a majority of the VIE's residual returns or both.



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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

Management has reviewed its ownership, contractual and financial interests in other entities and determined that, other than the consolidation of the consolidated accounts of the Partnership and the Fund unit based compensation plans referred to in note 2(j), this guideline does not impact the financial statements of the Fund.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of current operating bank accounts, term deposits and fixed income securities with an original term to maturity of 90 days or less. The weighted average interest rate on investments as at December 31, 2008 is 1.62% (2007 - nil).

e) Operating revenue

Under the CPA, the Partnership is paid to provide services to Air Canada as explained in notes 1 and 16. The related fees payable by Air Canada are recognized in revenue as the capacity is provided. Incentive payments and margin adjustments as described in note 16 are recognized, respectively, as increases in and reductions of, passenger revenue based on management estimates during the year.

Other revenues include charter flights, maintenance, repair and overhaul ("MRO") operations and other sources of revenue such as third party ground handling services and flight simulator revenue, all of which are recognized when the service is provided.

The CPA provides for a monthly payment for an amount per aircraft designed to reimburse the Partnership for certain aircraft ownership costs. In accordance with Emerging Issues Committee No. 150, Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease, the Partnership has concluded that a component of the revenue under the CPA is rental income since the CPA identifies the "right of use" of a specific type and number of aircraft over a stated period of time otherwise known as the Covered Aircraft. The amount deemed to be rental income is \$159,647 for the year ended December 31, 2008 (\$91,097 for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007). This amount was recorded in passenger revenue of the Fund's consolidated statements of income.

f) Employee future benefits

The significant policies related to employee future benefits, consistent with Section 3461, "Employee Future Benefits" of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook relating to the Fund's defined benefit pension plan for its pilots, the supplemental executive retirement plan for the Fund executives, and the Other Employee Future Benefits are as follows:

- The cost of pensions earned by employees is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service, market interest rates, and management's best estimate of expected plan investment performance, salary escalation and retirement ages of employees. Obligations are attributed to the period beginning on the employee's date of joining the plan and ending on the earlier of the date of termination, death or retirement.
- The cost of the Other Employee Future Benefits is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service (where applicable), market interest rates, and management's best estimate of retirement ages of employees, health care cost inflation, salary escalation and general inflation.
- The expected return on plan assets is based on the long-term expected rate of return on plan assets and the fair value of the plan assets. It is reasonably possible that management's estimate of the long-term rate of return may change as management continues to assess future investments and strategies and as a result of changes in financial markets.
- Past service costs arising from plan amendments of the defined benefit pension plan and the supplemental executive retirement plan are amortized on a straight-line basis over the average remaining service period of employees active at the date of the amendment. This period is currently 19 years for the pension plan and 14 years for the supplemental executive retirement plan.



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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

- Cumulative unrecognized net actuarial gains and losses of the defined benefit pension plan and the supplemental executive retirement plan in excess of 10% of the greater of the accrued benefit obligation and the market value of plan assets at the beginning of the year are amortized over the average remaining service periods of active members expected to receive benefits under the plan (currently 19 years for the pension plan and 14 years for the supplemental executive retirement plan).
- The fiscal year-end date is December 31 and the measurement date of the plan's assets and obligations is December 31, in prior years the measurement date was November 30. Pension obligations are attributed to the period beginning on the employee's date of joining the plan and ending on the earlier of the date of termination, death or retirement. The obligations for the Other Employee Future Benefits plans are attributed to the period beginning on the employee's date of joining the plan or disablement (whichever applicable) and ending on the earlier of retirement or end of disablement or age 65 (whichever applicable).

g) Fund Unit based compensation

Initial long-term incentive plan

The Partnership has made certain commitments in connection with the granting of Fund Units to key executives as a one-time special award to recognize their efforts in connection with the completion of the initial public offering of the Jazz Air Income Fund ("Offering") and to provide them with incentive compensation under an Initial Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Initial LTIP"). On February 9, 2007, ACE Aviation Holdings Inc. ("ACE") transferred 638,223 Fund Units to a trust for the purpose of funding the Initial LTIP. Under the terms of the Initial LTIP, 50% of the Fund Units granted are subject to vesting conditions based on performance and the remaining 50% are time based and vested on December 31, 2008. Vesting is conditional on the approval of the board of directors. Performance based Fund Units vest (1/3 per year) if the distributable cash target established by the board of directors, on behalf of Jazz GP, for the year is met. The Distributable cash targets were met in each of the years, including the year ended December 31, 2008 and the related units vested.

Compensation costs related to the Fund Units contributed by ACE are charged to compensation expense over the vesting period, as vesting conditions are met and based on the estimated annual performance, with the corresponding equity contribution being accreted to contributed surplus. Distributions declared by the Fund on the Fund Units granted ultimately accrue to the employees. Forfeited Fund Units, to the extent they were contributed by ACE, and accumulated distributions thereon, accrue to ACE. The trust is a VIE with respect to the Fund, and as such it is consolidated with the Fund's financial statements. Fund Units contributed by ACE are credited to contributed surplus at their aggregate value on February 9, 2007, the contribution date, with an equivalent reduction of Fund Unit holders' (the "Unitholders") capital. Compensation expense under this plan is charged to earnings over the vesting period, with a corresponding increase to equity.

Ongoing long-term incentive plan

Under the terms of the Fund Ongoing Long-term Incentive Plan ("Ongoing LTIP"), eligible employees are entitled to yearly Fund Unit grants determined on the basis of a percentage of their annual base salary. The Fund Units, which are held in a trust for the benefit of the eligible employees, vest at the end of a three year period (the "Performance Cycle"), commencing January 1 of the year in respect of which they are granted, subject to achieving distributable cash targets, established by the board of directors, on behalf of Jazz GP, for the Performance Cycle. The Fund will purchase the Fund Units on the secondary market. Distributions declared by the Fund on any Fund Units granted under this plan, may be invested in additional Fund Units, which will vest concurrently and proportionately with the Fund Units granted. Forfeited Fund Units and accumulated distributions thereon accrue to the Fund. The trust is a VIE with respect to the Fund, and as such, it is consolidated with the Fund's financial statements. The fair value of the Fund Units, which approximates their cost under this plan, is charged to earnings as compensation expense over the vesting period, with a corresponding increase to equity. The Fund's cost of the Fund Units held is presented as a reduction of Unitholders' capital. Estimated compensation costs relative to this plan are accrued on the basis of actual performance relative to targets.



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except Fund Units and earnings per Fund Unit)

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

h) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified as follows:

- Cash and cash equivalents are classified as “Financial Assets Held for Trading”. These financial assets are marked-to-market through net income at each period end.
- Accounts receivable are classified as “Loans and Receivables”. After their initial fair value measurement, they are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. For the Fund, the measured amount generally corresponds to historical amounts. Allowances for doubtful accounts are established by management, on an account-by-account basis, based on, among other factors, prior experience and knowledge of the specific debtor and its assessment of the current economic environment.
- Accounts payable, credit facilities, and bank loans are classified as “Other Financial Liabilities”. After their initial fair value measurement, they are measured at amortized cost, net of transaction costs, using the effective interest rate method. For the Fund, the measured amount generally corresponds to cost.

i) Hedges

The Fund applies hedge accounting to its interest rate swaps and treats them as cash flow hedges. These derivatives are marked-to-market at each period end and resulting gains/losses are recognized in comprehensive income to the extent the hedging relationship is effective.

j) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are depreciated to estimated residual values based on the straight-line method over their estimated service lives. Aircraft and flight equipment are depreciated over 20 to 30 years, with 5 - 20% estimated average residual values.

Buildings are depreciated over their useful lives not exceeding 40 years on a straight-line basis. An exception to this is where the useful life of the building is greater than the term of the land lease. In these circumstances, the building is depreciated over the life of the lease.

Depreciation on other property and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis from the date assets are placed in service, to their estimated residual values, over the following estimated useful lives.

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Leaseholds | Over the term of the related lease |
| Ground and other equipment | 5 years |

Property under capital leases and the related obligation for future lease payments are initially recorded at an amount equal to the lesser of fair value of the property or equipment and the present value of those lease payments.

Property and equipment under capital leases are depreciated to estimated residual value over the life of the lease.

Property and equipment is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be used is measured by comparing the net book value of the asset to the undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. An impairment is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the fair value of the asset.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

k) Intangible assets and goodwill

Intangible assets with finite lives are carried at their cost, net of amortization; while assets with indefinite lives are not amortized and are checked annually for impairment.

Goodwill is the residual amount that results when the purchase price of an acquired business exceeds the sum of the amounts allocated to the assets acquired, less liabilities assumed, based on their fair values. The Fund's goodwill arose as a result of its step purchase acquisition of the Partnership during 2007. A full valuation was performed by third party valuers in the fourth quarter of 2007 and as a result fair values were assigned to all assets and liabilities at that time. In accordance with Section 3064 of the CICA Handbook "Goodwill and Intangible Assets", goodwill is not amortized; however, it is reviewed for impairment annually, or more frequently, if facts and circumstances warrant a review.

l) Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. When events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of long-lived assets, other than indefinite life intangibles, are not recoverable, the long-lived assets are tested for impairment by comparing the estimate of future expected cash flows to the carrying amount of the assets or groups of assets. If the carrying value is not recoverable from future expected cash flows, any loss is measured as the amount by which the asset's carrying value exceeds fair value and recorded in the period. Recoverability is assessed relative to undiscounted cash flows from the direct use and disposition of the asset or group of assets.

Indefinite life assets are subject to annual impairment tests under GAAP, or when events or circumstances indicate a potential impairment. Any impairment would be recognized as an expense in the period of impairment.

m) Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at rates of exchange in effect at the date of the balance sheet. Non-monetary assets, liabilities and other items recorded in income are translated at rates of exchange in effect at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange losses of \$6,263 for the year ended December 31, 2008 (\$436 for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007) were included in other non-operating income/expense.

n) Aircraft lease payments

Total aircraft rentals under operating leases and the related lease inducements received and fees paid over the lease term are amortized to operating expense on a straight-line basis. Prepaid aircraft rentals and related fees are the difference between the straight-line aircraft rent and the payments stipulated under the lease agreements and legal and related transaction fees associated with the leases. Current and non-current unamortized lease inducements are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities, respectively.

o) Maintenance and repairs

Maintenance and repair costs are charged to operating expenses as incurred. Significant modification costs considered to be betterments are capitalized and amortized over the remaining service lives of the applicable assets.

The Fund uses the direct expense method of accounting for its airframe overhauls where the expense is recorded when the overhaul event occurs. The Fund has most of its aircraft engines under long-term engine service agreements that cover the scheduled and unscheduled repairs for the covered engines. Under the terms of the agreements, The Fund pays a set dollar amount per engine hour flown on a monthly basis and the third party vendor will assume the responsibility to repair the engines at no additional cost to the Fund, subject to certain specified exclusions. Maintenance costs under these contracts are recognized when a contractual obligation exists. For those engines not covered under a long-term engine services agreement, the overhaul events are expensed in the period when the event occurs. The costs of maintenance for airframe and avionics components, landing gear and normal recurring maintenance are expensed as incurred.



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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

p) Future income tax

The Fund uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under the asset and liability method, future tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Future tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on future tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the year that includes the date of enactment or substantive enactment.

q) Earnings per unit

Earnings per unit are calculated on a weighted average number of units outstanding basis. Fund Units held under the unit based compensation plans reduce the weighted average number of outstanding Fund Units from the date they are contributed to the plan.

r) Distribution to Unitholders

Distributions payable by the Fund to its Unitholders, which are determined at the discretion of the Trustees, are recorded when declared.

Changes in accounting policies

In the first quarter of 2008, the Fund adopted four new Handbook Sections issued by CICA. The adoption of these Handbook Sections has had no material impact on the financial statements of the Fund.

Financial instruments

Section 3862, *Financial instruments - Disclosures*, modifies the disclosure requirements for financial instruments that were included in Section 3861, *Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation*. Where the disclosure requirements of this new standard have not been changed from the previous standard and have already been included in the annual financial statements, no additional disclosure has been provided.

Section 3863, *Financial Instruments - Presentation*, carries forward unchanged the presentation requirements of the previous Section 3861, *Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation*.

These new standards require disclosures related to the significance of financial instruments on the Fund's financial position and performance and the nature and extent of risk arising from financial instruments to which the Fund is exposed and how the Fund manages these risks. Disclosure recommended by the new handbook sections have been included in note 22 of these consolidated financial statements.

Capital disclosures

Section 1535, *Capital Disclosures*, establishes disclosure requirements regarding the Fund's capital and how it is managed. The purpose is to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the Fund's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital. Disclosures recommended by the new handbook section have been included in note 21 of these consolidated financial statements.



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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

Inventories - spare parts, material and supplies

Section 3031, *Inventories*, replaces the existing standard for inventories, Section 3030, and provides more extensive guidance on measurement, and expands disclosure requirements to increase transparency. The Fund's accounting policy for inventories is consistent with measurement requirements, as the Fund values spare parts, materials and supplies at the lower of cost, determined on a first-in, first-out basis, and net realizable value. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the cost of inventories recognized as expense was \$37,277 (period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007 - \$19,520).

Changes in accounting estimates

In the second quarter of 2008, the Fund changed its estimate of both the useful life and the expected residual values of aircraft and certain flight equipment to coincide with the term of the CPA. The revised estimates better reflect the expected useful life of these assets to the Fund and update the residual value to reflect both the changed useful life and current and expected market conditions for such aircraft. The changes have been applied prospectively. The change in the basis of depreciation had the effect of increasing depreciation expense by \$436 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Future accounting changes

Convergence with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

In January 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") announced its decision to replace Canadian GAAP with IFRS. On February 13, 2008 the AcSB confirmed January 1, 2011 as the mandatory changeover date to IFRS for all Canadian publicly accountable enterprises. This means that the Fund will be required to prepare IFRS financial statements for the interim periods and fiscal year ends beginning in 2011. The Fund has created an implementation team, which consists of internal resources and an external consultant. A changeover plan is being established to convert to the new standards within the allotted timeline and consist of the following phases:

- Raise awareness and initial assessment - this phase involves performing a high level impact assessment to identify key IFRS areas that are likely to affect the Fund. Each accounting standard is reviewed under IFRS and is ranked as high, medium or low priority based on the differences from Canadian GAAP. Also, all relevant employees and board members are made aware of the changeover and the relevant timelines. The Fund completed this phase in the third quarter of 2008.
- Detailed assessment - each section is reviewed and analyzed for accounting or disclosure differences between Canadian GAAP and IFRS. Once differences have been identified they are reviewed for potential impacts to existing accounting policies, information systems and business processes. An action plan is then developed for each impact area. This phase is currently underway.
- Implementation and review - the action plan developed in the detailed assessment phase is implemented to create, as necessary, new accounts, system changes, process changes and financial statement models. Accounting policies are approved, including transition elections in IFRS 1 (First time adoption of IFRS).

Based on initial review, the major differences between Canadian GAAP and IFRS that are likely to impact the Fund include, but are not limited to:

- IFRS 1 - provides entities with a number of optional and mandatory exemptions upon initial adoption of the standards. The exemption choices are being analyzed and the Fund will implement those determined to be most appropriate.
- Property, plant and equipment - International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 16 requires an entity to break an asset down to its significant parts upon initial measurement and depreciate assets based on the useful life of the significant individual components as opposed to the assets as a whole. This could have an impact on the way significant parts of the aircraft are tracked and depreciated. Also, significant maintenance events must be broken out as a component of the initial cost and depreciated over the life of the maintenance event. The cost of the maintenance event will then be re-capitalized and this cycle will continue over the life of the asset.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

- Impairment of assets - IAS 36 uses a one step approach for both testing and measurement of impairment, with assets' carrying values compared directly with the higher of fair value less costs to sell or value in use (which uses discounted cash flows). This may potentially result in more write-downs where carrying values of assets under Canadian GAAP were tested for impairment on an undiscounted cash flow basis.
- Recognition of leases - unlike Canadian GAAP, IAS 17 does not provide prescriptive measurements on lease contracts. As a result, all lease contracts will need to be reviewed to determine if they are operating or capital leases based on whether or not management feels substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership have been transferred.
- Accounting for defined benefit pension plans and other future employee benefits - IAS 19 requires the past service costs of defined benefit plans to be recognized on an accelerated basis with vested past service costs expensed immediately and unvested past service costs recognized on a straight line basis until the benefits become vested. Under Canadian GAAP, past service costs are generally amortized on a straight line basis over the average remaining service period. In addition, actuarial gains and losses are permitted to be recognized directly through equity under IAS 19 rather than through the income statement. For other future employee benefits, all actuarial gains and losses, as well as all past service costs, must be recognized immediately with no amortization option.

In addition to the sections noted above, there are generally more extensive presentation and disclosure requirements under IFRS compared to Canadian GAAP. These will be noted in the detailed analysis and will result in additional data collection where required.

3 Investment in the Partnership and Jazz GP

On February 2, 2006, the Fund owned 25,000,000 limited partnership units of the Partnership ("Partnership Units") or 20.3% of the Partnership at a net cost of \$246,174. ACE held 97,865,143 Partnership Units or 79.7% of the Partnership.

On February 9, 2007, ACE exchanged 638,223 of its Partnership Units for 638,223 Fund Units. The 638,223 Fund Units were contributed to a trust in order to fund grants to employees under the Fund's Initial LTIP.

On March 14, 2007, pursuant to a statutory plan of arrangement approved in October 2006, ACE exchanged 25,000,000 Partnership Units for an equivalent number of Fund Units. These Fund Units were distributed to ACE's shareholders as part of a special distribution. On the same date, ACE also exchanged an additional 25,000,000 Partnership Units for 25,000,000 Fund Units in accordance with terms of the Investor Liquidity Agreement. On March 30, 2007, ACE exchanged its remaining 47,226,920 Partnership Units for an equivalent amount of Fund Units. On May 24, 2007, ACE distributed 12,000,000 Fund Units to its shareholders through a special distribution. Immediately following this distribution, ACE's ownership of the Fund went from 58.8% to 49.0%. On October 22, 2007, ACE disposed of a further 35,500,000 Fund Units, bringing ACE's ownership to 20.1%, the minimum level required under the Securityholders' Agreement among the Fund, the Trust, the Partnership, Jazz GP and ACE (the "Securityholders' Agreement") to appoint a majority of the board of directors of Jazz GP.

On January 24, 2008, ACE sold 13,000,000 Units, thereby reducing its ownership in the Fund to 9.5% of the issued and outstanding Units. As a result, ACE no longer had the ability to appoint the majority of the board of directors of Jazz GP pursuant to the Securityholders' Agreement. The Securityholders' Agreement was terminated by agreement among the parties effective as of February 7, 2008.

On May 28, 2008, ACE sold its remaining 11,726,920 Fund Units and, to the knowledge of the Fund, presently retains no ownership interest in the Fund.

From February 2, 2006, up to and including May 23, 2007, the Fund accounted for its investment in the Partnership under the equity method and recorded its proportionate share of the Partnership's net earnings, calculated on the same basis as if they had been consolidated, taking into account the increase in ownership as step acquisitions under the purchase method of accounting for investments on the date on which they occurred. Under the equity method, distributions declared and paid by the Partnership reduced the carrying value of the investment.

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3 Investment in the Partnership and Jazz GP (continued)

As a result of the May 24, 2007 transaction, the Partnership is consolidated, as a variable interest entity in the accounts of the Fund and accordingly, as of May 24, 2007, the Fund changed its basis of accounting for its investment in the Partnership from the equity method to consolidation.

The difference between the purchase price and the net book value of the Partnership's assets is allocated to the fair value of identifiable assets, including intangible assets with finite and indefinite lives in excess of the book value.

| | Feb. 2, 2006 \$ | Feb. 9, 2007 \$ | Mar. 14, 2007 \$ | Mar. 30, 2007 \$ | Total \$ |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Step purchase interest | 20.3% | 0.5% | 40.8% | 38.4% | 100% |
| Purchase price | 246,174 | 5,457 | 401,500 | 387,733 | 1,040,864 |
| Proportionate net book value of the Partnership | 9,494 | 425 | 35,204 | 35,813 | 80,936 |
| Excess of purchase price over net book value of assets acquired | 236,680 | 5,032 | 366,296 | 351,920 | 959,928 |
| <i>Allocated as follows:</i> | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | | | | | |
| Finite life | | | | | |
| CPA | 165,401 | 4,179 | 328,139 | 308,843 | 806,562 |
| Indefinite life | | | | | |
| Jazz tradename | 19 | 1 | 60 | 56 | 136 |
| Goodwill | 71,260 | 852 | 38,097 | 43,021 | 153,230 |
| | 236,680 | 5,032 | 366,296 | 351,920 | 959,928 |

During the second quarter of 2008, the Fund adjusted the purchase price allocation to reflect certain previously unrecorded long-term liabilities related to post-employment future benefits, which were assumed by the Partnership upon inception. This resulted in an increase in goodwill of \$5,946.

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3 Investment in the Partnership and Jazz GP (continued)

Prior to consolidation, the following table details the carrying value to the Fund of the investment in the Partnership:

| | May 23, ⁽¹⁾ 2007 \$ | December 31, 2006 \$ |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 23,500,000 Fund Units acquired on February 2, 2006, 1,500,000 Fund Units acquired on February 27, 2006, net of issue costs of \$3,826 | 246,174 | 246,174 |
| 638,223 Partnership Units exchanged by ACE for 638,223 Fund Units and contributed to the Fund's Initial LTIP on February 9, 2007 | 5,457 | - |
| 25,000,000 Partnership Units exchanged by ACE for 25,000,000 Fund Units and distributed to ACE shareholders on March 14, 2007 | 200,750 | - |
| 25,000,000 Partnership Units exchanged by ACE for 25,000,000 Fund Units on March 14, 2007 | 200,750 | - |
| 47,226,920 Partnership Units exchanged by ACE for 47,226,920 Fund Units on March 30, 2007 | 387,733 | - |
| Proportionate share of the Partnership's net earnings from February 2, 2006 to December 31, 2006 | 15,459 | 15,459 |
| Proportionate share of the Partnership's net earnings from January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 | 7,237 | - |
| Proportionate share of the Partnership's net earnings from April 1, 2007 to May 23, 2007 | 18,227 | - |
| Proportionate share of the Partnership's other comprehensive income from January 1, 2007 to May 23, 2007 | 861 | - |
| Distributions declared by the Partnership from February 2, 2006 to May 23, 2007 | (44,818) | (19,983) |
| Priority distributions | (80) | (80) |
| | 1,037,750 | 241,570 |

(1) Immediately prior to consolidation

For the period from January 1, 2007 to May 23, 2007, the Fund recognized, in its equity earnings, amortization of \$12,424 (\$10,954 - for the year ended December 31, 2006) of the value attributed to the CPA.

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4 Property and equipment

| | As at December 31, 2008 | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Cost \$ | Accumulated amortization \$ | Net \$ |
| Flight equipment | 160,204 | 13,504 | 146,700 |
| Facilities | 14,137 | 984 | 13,153 |
| Equipment | 23,893 | 7,206 | 16,687 |
| Leaseholds | 31,586 | 8,448 | 23,138 |
| Assets under capital leases | 23,201 | 3,851 | 19,350 |
| | 253,021 | 33,993 | 219,028 |

| | As at December 31, 2007 | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Cost \$ | Accumulated amortization \$ | Net \$ |
| Flight equipment | 153,120 | 6,511 | 146,609 |
| Facilities | 13,969 | 346 | 13,623 |
| Equipment | 17,964 | 2,254 | 15,710 |
| Leaseholds | 30,155 | 2,907 | 27,248 |
| Assets under capital leases | 23,201 | 1,004 | 22,197 |
| | 238,409 | 13,022 | 225,387 |

The net book value of the property and equipment pledged as collateral related to the credit facility at December 31, 2008 was \$199,678 (2007 - \$203,190). Amortization expense related to property and equipment of \$28,926 was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2008 (\$13,022 - for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007).

Property and equipment were acquired at an aggregate cost of \$nil for the year ended December 31, 2008 (\$23,201 for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007) by means of capital leases.

5 Intangible assets

| | As at December 31, 2008 | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Cost \$ | Accumulated amortization \$ | Net \$ |
| Indefinite life assets | | | |
| Jazz tradename | 1,836 | - | 1,836 |
| Operating license | 4,600 | - | 4,600 |
| Finite life assets | | | |
| Employee contracts | 1,708 | 1,708 | - |
| CPA | 783,184 | 67,518 | 715,666 |
| | 791,328 | 69,226 | 722,102 |

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5 Intangible assets (continued)

| | As at December 31, 2007 | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Cost \$ | Accumulated amortization \$ | Net \$ |
| Indefinite life assets | | | |
| Jazz tradename | 1,836 | - | 1,836 |
| Operating license | 4,600 | - | 4,600 |
| Finite life assets | | | |
| Employee contracts | 1,708 | 925 | 783 |
| CPA | 783,184 | 25,418 | 757,766 |
| | 791,328 | 26,343 | 764,985 |

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Fund recorded amortization of \$42,883 (\$26,343 for period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007.)

6 Goodwill

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance - December 31, 2007 | 147,284 |
| Goodwill adjustment ⁽¹⁾ | 5,946 |
| Goodwill impairment loss | (153,230) |
| Balance - December 31, 2008 | - |

(1) During the second quarter of 2008, the Fund adjusted the purchase price allocation to reflect certain previously unrecorded long-term liabilities related to post-employment future benefits, which were assumed by the Partnership upon inception. This resulted in an increase in goodwill of \$5,946.

At December 31, 2008 the Fund performed an impairment test of goodwill to compare its carrying value to fair value. The impairment test is based on a two step process. In step one a fair value was determined using two different valuation methods, a market based approach and a Discounted Cash Flow ("DCF") approach. The market based approach derives a fair value based on the market capitalization of the Fund. The DCF approach analyzes future cash flows based on internally developed forecasts and then discounts them based on an industry average weighted average cost of capital. Step one showed a carrying value that exceeded fair value and as a result the Fund proceeded to perform step two.

Step two required the fair value determined in step one to be allocated to each individual asset and liability (including any previously unrecognized intangible assets), as it would be in a business combination. After performing this allocation there was no remaining fair value to be allocated to goodwill and as a result the entire \$153,230 of goodwill was deemed to be impaired. The impairment loss has been recorded in non-operating expenses.

The circumstances that led to the impairment of goodwill are the challenges and uncertainties in the airline industry. The contributing factors are the deepening recession in 2009, which is expected to put pressure on airline passenger and cargo revenues, the volatility of fuel prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates, the Fund's economic dependence on Air Canada and tight credit markets.

In determining fair value management relied on a number of factors including operating results, business plans, anticipated future cash flows and marketplace data. There are inherent uncertainties related to these factors and management's judgment in applying them to the analysis of goodwill impairment.

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7 Other assets

| | As at December 31, | |
|--|-----------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Promissory note receivable, non-interest bearing, repayable in equal annual installments over 10 years | 419 | 628 |
| Prepaid aircraft rent and related fees, net of accumulated amortization | 26,644 | 28,539 |
| Asset backed commercial paper (note 8) | 2,009 | 4,589 |
| | 29,072 | 33,756 |

8 Asset backed commercial paper

As at December 31, 2008, included in other assets is US dollar denominated, third-party sponsored, asset backed commercial paper ("ABCP") with an original cost of \$5,816 CDN. The ABCP had been classified as Held for Trading on initial recognition and is measured at fair value at each reporting date. The asset, which was set to mature on August 16, 2007, was not paid out due to liquidity problems experienced in the ABCP market.

Given the disruption in the third party sponsored ABCP market, a quoted market value of the investment is not available. Based on the Restructuring of the Canadian Third-Party Structured ABCP (the "Plan"), which was initially approved June 5, 2008 by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and subsequently the Ontario Court of Appeal, it has been determined that the Fund's ABCP investment will be exchanged for Master Asset Vehicle 3 ("MAV3") Ineligible Asset ("IA") tracking notes. The MAV3 IA notes will have a maturity date equal to one year plus the longest maturity of the related ineligible asset and will maintain exposure to the existing underlying assets. On December 24, 2008, the investors committee issued a press release confirming an agreement had been finalized with all key stakeholders regarding the funding of the margin facilities for ABCP. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the governments, together with certain participants in the restructuring plan will provide, in aggregate, \$4,450,000 of additional margin facilities to support the Plan. Subsequent to December 31, 2008, a motion was brought forward to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the closing process was approved. Thereafter, the Fund received its MAV3 IA notes. The Fund does not believe the fair value of these notes is materially different than the current carrying value of the ABCP.

Management has reviewed available investment reports and found that 69% of the portfolio's notional amount is rated 'investment grade' and there has been one default of the underlying assets since inception of the trust, which represents 0.27% of the total trust value. Accordingly, management has used current market information and other factors at December 31, 2008 to estimate the fair value of the investment. This was done by analyzing potential outcomes and discounting the expected future cash flows according to the probability of recovery of principal and interest based on a maturity date that is in line with the expected conversion of the ABCP into the floating rate notes. Based on management's assessment of the value of its investment in ABCP, a fair value loss of \$3,852 has been recorded to date. This amount has been recorded in other non-operating expenses. This estimate is subject to measurement uncertainty and is dependent on the performance of the underlying assets as well as the market value once trading of the new notes begins. There is no assurance that the value of the investment will not decline further; therefore, the estimated value of the investment in ABCP may change in subsequent periods. It has been determined that no additional adjustment to fair value is required at this time as there has been no change in the expected recovery of the underlying assets and in the discount rates used in the present value calculation. This situation has had no impact on the Fund's operations, financial covenants or ability to meet obligations as they come due. The Fund is not accruing interest on this investment.

The carrying value of this investment of \$2,009 is included in other assets.

The net foreign exchange gain recorded on the investment since inception, up to the period ended December 31, 2008, was \$45.

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9 Long-term debt

The following provides a breakdown of the Partnership's authorized and outstanding credit facilities:

| | Authorized \$ | Drawn at December 31, 2008 \$ | Drawn at December 31, 2007 \$ |
|---|------------------|--|--|
| Revolving term facility ^(a) | 35,000 | - | - |
| Term facility ^(b) | 115,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 |
| Prepaid interest ^(c) | - | (213) | (767) |
| Unamortized commitment fee ^(c) | - | (58) | (758) |
| | 150,000 | 114,729 | 113,475 |

(a) The revolving term facility matures on February 2, 2010 and bears interest at rates ranging from Canadian prime rate and US base rate plus 1.75% to 2.75% and the bankers' acceptance rate and LIBOR plus 2.75% to 3.75%. As at December 31, 2008, there were no borrowings under the revolving term facility, however, the available credit, after deducting letters of credit, bears interest at 0.50%.

Letters of credit

The Partnership has issued irrevocable letters of credit in the aggregate amount of \$3,382. This amount reduces the available credit under the revolving term facility and bears interest at 2.875%.

(b) The term facility matures on February 2, 2010 and bears interest at rates ranging from Canadian prime rate and US base rate plus 1.75% to 2.75% and the bankers' acceptance rate and LIBOR plus 2.75% to 3.75%. As at December 31, 2008, of borrowings under the term facility, \$114,400 were in the form of bankers' acceptances with a 90 day term and an effective interest rate of 5.45%. A further \$600 was in the form of prime rate advances bearing interest at 5.50%. As at December 31, 2008 the Partnership had entered into interest rate swap agreements with third parties in respect of \$115,000 of debt which has effectively resulted in a fixed interest rate of 7.09% until February 2, 2009 and 5.98% until February 2, 2010.

(c) Long term debt is presented net of prepaid interest and unamortized financing charges.

Borrowings under the credit facilities are secured by substantially all the present and future assets of Partnership. The continued availability of the credit facilities is subject to the Partnership's ability to maintain certain leverage, debt service and interest coverage covenants, as well as other affirmative and negative covenants.

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10 Obligations under capital leases

The Partnership has entered into capital leases related to aircraft and ground equipment. The obligations are as follows:

| | 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Year ended December 31, 2008 | - | 3,910 |
| 2009 | 4,796 | 3,910 |
| 2010 | 4,796 | 3,910 |
| 2011 | 4,764 | 3,884 |
| 2012 | 4,367 | 3,554 |
| 2013 | 4,341 | - |
| Thereafter | 8,008 | 10,039 |
| Total minimum lease payments | 31,072 | 29,207 |
| Less: Amount representing interest (at rates ranging from 8.755% to 9.450%) | 7,654 | 8,019 |
| Present value of net minimum capital lease payments | 23,418 | 21,188 |
| Less: Current portion | 2,837 | 2,119 |
| Obligations under capital leases | 20,581 | 19,069 |

A significant portion of the lease payments is payable in US dollars. Interest of \$1,895 (2007 - \$791) relating to capital lease obligations has been included in aircraft rent.

11 Other long-term liabilities

| | As at December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| | 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
| Accrued pension benefit liability (note 20) | (396) | 4,810 |
| Accrued other future employee benefits liability (note 20) | 6,991 | - |
| Accrued termination benefits, non-current portion | - | 59 |
| Deferred operating lease inducements, non-current portion | 49,077 | 53,969 |
| | 55,672 | 58,838 |

12 Future income tax

Under the provisions of Bill C-52, Budget Implementation Act, 2007, which received Royal Assent on June 22, 2007, the Fund, as a publicly traded income trust, is considered a specified investment flow-through and will become subject to income taxes commencing January 1, 2011. Prior to 2011, the Fund continues to qualify for special income tax treatment that permits a tax deduction by the Fund for distributions paid to its Unitholders. For accounting purposes, the Fund has computed future income tax based on temporary differences at the substantively enacted tax rate expected to apply for such periods. For periods prior to January 1, 2011, the Fund has not recognized any current income taxes or future income tax assets or liabilities on temporary differences expected to reverse prior to 2011 as the Trust is committed to distribute to its Unitholders all or virtually all of its taxable income that would otherwise be taxable in the Fund and the Fund intends to continue to meet the requirements of the Tax Act applicable to the Fund. Initially, the legislation imposed an income tax rate of 31.5% on Canadian public income trusts. The income tax rate was subsequently lowered in December 2007 to 29.5% for 2011 and 28% for 2012 and subsequent years.

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12 Future income tax (continued)

The future income tax provision reflects the impact of the new legislation and the tax rate changes and accounts for the entire difference between the amount of the future income tax provision and the statutory income tax dollar amount of \$nil.

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the future income tax assets and future income tax liabilities at December 31, 2008, that are expected to reverse after 2010, are presented below:

| | As at December 31, | |
|--|--------------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Future income tax assets | | |
| Deferred lease inducements | 10,701 | 11,030 |
| Other | 3,529 | 1,592 |
| | 14,230 | 12,622 |
| Future income tax liabilities | | |
| Intangibles | 31,856 | 73,211 |
| Property, plant and equipment - differences in net book value and undepreciated capital cost | 5,935 | 13,956 |
| | 37,791 | 87,167 |
| Net future income tax liability | 23,561 | 74,545 |
| Income tax expense (recovery) is comprised of: | | |
| Future income tax recovery, exclusive of the effects of other components below | (8,080) | - |
| Future income tax recovery resulting from impairment of goodwill | (42,904) | - |
| Future income tax expense related to the substantive enactment of Bill C-52 | - | 83,810 |
| Future income tax recovery related to the change in the taxation rate | - | (9,265) |
| Net future income tax (recovery) expense | (50,984) | 74,545 |

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13 Distributions

The Fund declared a distribution for the month ended December 31, 2008 of \$0.0838 per Fund Unit (December 31, 2007 - \$0.0838 per Fund Unit). The distribution of \$10,296 (2007 - \$10,296) is payable January 15, 2009 to Unitholders of record on December 31, 2008.

Distributions declared to the Unitholders of record on the last business day of each month during the months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 aggregated to approximately \$123,552 and \$107,203, respectively, as follows:

| | December 31, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Amount \$ | Amount per Fund Unit \$ | Amount \$ | Amount per Fund Unit \$ |
| January | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 2,095 | 0.0838 |
| February | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 2,148 | 0.0838 |
| March | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| April | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| May | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| June | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| July | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| August | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| September | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| October | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| November | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| December | 10,296 | 0.0838 | 10,296 | 0.0838 |
| | 123,552 | 1.0056 | 107,203 | 1.0056 |

14 Fund Units

The Fund may issue an unlimited number of Fund Units for the consideration of, and on the terms and conditions determined by, the Trustees. Each Fund Unit is transferable and represents an equal undivided beneficial interest in any distribution from the Fund. All Fund Units are of the same class and have equal rights and privileges with respect to distributions.

Fund Units are redeemable at any time on demand by the Unitholder. The redemption price per Fund Unit is equal to the lesser of 90.0% of the market price on the date of surrender of the Fund Unit for redemption and 100.0% of the closing market price on the redemption date. The total amount payable in respect of Fund Units tendered for redemption in the same calendar month shall not exceed \$50. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Fund redeemed 54 Fund Units for total cash consideration of less than \$1 (1,077 Fund units redeemed for total cash consideration of \$8 for the year ended December 31, 2007).

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14 Fund Units (continued)

The issued and outstanding Fund Units are summarized as follows:

| Description | December 31, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| | Number of Fund Units | \$ | Number of Fund Units | \$ |
| Issued for \$10 each, net of issue costs of \$3,826 | 25,000,000 | 246,174 | 25,000,000 | 246,174 |
| Issued on February 9, 2007 for \$8.55 each | 638,223 | 5,457 | 638,223 | 5,457 |
| Issued on March 14, 2007 for \$8.03 each | 50,000,000 | 401,500 | 50,000,000 | 401,500 |
| Issued on March 30, 2007 for \$8.21 each | 47,226,920 | 387,733 | 47,226,920 | 387,733 |
| Subtotal | 122,865,143 | 1,040,864 | 122,865,143 | 1,040,864 |
| Redemption of Fund Units tendered | (1,131) | (8) | (1,077) | (8) |
| Issued and outstanding, before the following | 122,864,012 | 1,040,856 | 122,864,066 | 1,040,856 |
| Fund Units held to fund unit based compensation plans (note 19) | (749,882) | (6,405) | (728,290) | (6,200) |
| Total issued and outstanding | 122,144,130 | 1,034,451 | 122,135,776 | 1,034,656 |

In 2007, ACE exercised its exchange right in connection with the transactions described in note 3, and the Fund issued 638,223 Fund Units at \$8.55 each, 50,000,000 Fund Units at \$8.03 each, and 47,226,920 Fund Units at \$8.21 each for a total number of Fund Units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008 of 122,864,012 (net of the redemption of 1,131 Fund Units) for a total consideration of \$1,040,856.

Effective with the March 30, 2007 transaction, all of the Partnership Units held by ACE were exchanged.

15 Statement of cash flows - supplementary information

Net changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations:

| | Year ended December 31, | |
|---|-------------------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - trade and other | 10,817 | (7,411) |
| Decrease (increase) in spare parts, materials and supplies | (8,563) | (6,860) |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses | (4,345) | 1,139 |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (7,732) | (13,148) |
| Increase (decrease) in other long-term liabilities | (9,115) | (8,360) |
| | (18,938) | (34,640) |

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16 Economic dependence

The transactions between Air Canada and its subsidiaries and the Fund are summarized in the table below.

| | Year ended December 31, 2008 \$ | Period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007 \$ |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Operating revenue | | |
| Air Canada | 1,622,589 | 875,826 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Air Canada | 46,425 | 26,983 |
| Air Canada Capital Ltd. | 92,583 | 50,891 |
| ACGHS Limited Partnership | 64,870 | 32,853 |

The following balances with Air Canada and its subsidiaries are included in the financial statements:

| | As at December 31, 2008 \$ | 2007 \$ |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|
| Accounts receivable | | |
| Air Canada | 58,353 | 71,173 |
| ACGHS Limited Partnership | 169 | 55 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | |
| Air Canada | 58,752 | 63,604 |
| Air Canada Capital Ltd. | 9,405 | 7,584 |
| ACGHS Limited Partnership | 14,777 | 13,461 |
| ACE Aviation Holdings Inc. | 528 | 557 |

Capacity Purchase Agreement

The Partnership is party to the CPA with Air Canada, whereby Air Canada purchases the capacity of certain specified aircraft crewed and operated by the Partnership under the tradename of "Air Canada Jazz" on routes specified by Air Canada. The CPA has a term of ten years and is renewable for two additional periods of five years. Under this agreement, the Partnership is required to provide Air Canada with the capacity of the specified aircraft, all crews and applicable personnel, aircraft maintenance, and airport operations for such flights. Air Canada determines routes and controls scheduling, sets ticket prices, determines seat inventories, and performs marketing and advertising for these flights. Air Canada retains all revenue derived from the sale of seats to passengers and cargo services and pays the Partnership for the capacity provided.

The Partnership is paid fees, on a monthly basis, for the capacity provided. These fees consist of a number of variable components based on different metrics, including block hours flown, cycles (which are number of take-offs and landings), number of passengers and number of aircraft covered by the CPA. The rates for these metrics are fixed for annual periods and vary by aircraft type with current rates in effect until December 31, 2008. In addition, Air Canada is required to reimburse the Partnership for certain pass-through costs, including fuel, de-icing, navigation, landing and terminal fees, station provisioning costs, station termination costs, passenger liability insurance and certain employee relocation costs. As these costs are required to operate the aircraft provided under the CPA, the reimbursement of these costs are included in revenue. Pass-through costs amounted to \$668,557 for the year ended December 31, 2008 (\$334,188 for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007).



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16 Economic dependence (continued)

The fees which are related to controllable costs are paid on the first day of each month based on estimates for that month which are reconciled at the end of the month for actual amounts and which are paid no later than the 30th day of the following month. Pass-through costs are reimbursed by Air Canada 30 days following the month in which they were incurred.

Pursuant to the terms of the CPA, the Partnership and Air Canada agreed to re-set detailed rates (subject to the terms of the contract, including the controllable target margin requirements) applicable to the period commencing on January 1, 2009 and ending on December 31, 2011.

The Partnership is also paid certain performance incentive payments on a quarterly basis related to on-time performance, controllable flight completion, baggage handling performance and other customer satisfaction criteria. Rates under the CPA have been established so as to achieve a controllable target margin of 14.09% for the Partnership, excluding incentive and pass-through revenue, and before the deduction of profit sharing expenses paid to employees as a result of performance achievements on the CPA services provided to Air Canada.

Margin adjustment

With respect to each calendar year subsequent to January 1, 2006, during the remaining term of the CPA, if the annual margin for flights provided under the CPA is greater than 14.09%, after deducting employee profit sharing expenses, the Partnership will pay Air Canada an amount equal to 50% of the margin exceeding 14.09%. Margin represents the total operating revenue from scheduled flights under the CPA less expenses incurred related to such flights, including employee profit sharing expenses; however, it excludes incentive and pass-through revenue. This margin adjustment for the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$nil (\$3,772 for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007) is accounted for as a reduction of revenue.

Master Services Agreement

Under the Master Services Agreement dated September 24, 2004, between the Partnership and Air Canada, Air Canada provides certain services to the Partnership for a fee. These services include Insurance and Tax Services, Corporate Real Estate Services, Environmental Affairs Services and Legal Services.

The Master Services Agreement will continue in effect until the termination or expiration of the CPA, but individual services can be terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the Master Services Agreement.

Other

Air Canada provides certain supplies from third parties, primarily fuel, to the Partnership and subsequently collects payment from the Partnership. As these transactions and balances merely represent a method of settlement for transactions in the normal course of business, they have not been separately disclosed. ACGHS Limited Partnership, which is wholly owned by Air Canada, provides ground handling services.

Substantially all of the trade receivable from Air Canada relates to outstanding balances under the CPA.

The balances in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are payable on normal trade terms and have arisen from the services provided by the named party.

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17 Commitments

The Fund is committed to the following future minimum lease payments under operating leases for flight equipment and base facilities that have initial or remaining non-cancellable terms in excess of one year.

| | As at December 31, 2008 | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Other third parties \$ | Air Canada and its subsidiaries \$ |
| Year ending December 31, 2009 | 13,451 | 144,394 |
| 2010 | 11,839 | 119,133 |
| 2011 | 9,090 | 101,805 |
| 2012 | 5,658 | 98,412 |
| 2013 | 5,095 | 96,659 |
| Thereafter | 37,096 | 739,485 |

A significant portion of the lease payments is payable in US dollars.

Certain of the aircraft lease agreements have been entered into by Air Canada Capital Ltd. or Air Canada with head lessors and subleased to the Partnership. Future minimum lease payments that will arise under these leases are listed in the above table under the heading "Air Canada and its subsidiaries".

18 Post-employment expenses

The Fund has recorded pension and other future employee benefit expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$18,049 (\$9,956 for the period from May 24, 2007 to December 31, 2007).

19 Unit based compensation

The details of Fund Units held under unit based compensation plans discussed in note 2 are as follows:

| | December 31, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Initial LTIP | Ongoing LTIP | Initial LTIP | Ongoing LTIP |
| Number of Fund Units granted | 638,223 | 472,542 | 638,223 | 201,438 |
| Number of Fund Units forfeited | (64,201) | (59,259) | (6,000) | - |
| | 574,022 | 413,283 | 632,223 | 201,438 |
| Number of Fund Units vested | (237,423) | - | (105,371) | - |
| Number of Fund Units outstanding, end of year | 336,599 | 413,283 | 526,852 | 201,438 |
| Weighted average remaining life (years) | Nil | 1.55 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Cost of units purchased during the year ⁽¹⁾ | \$ - | \$2,178 | \$ - | \$1,695 |
| Weighted average fair value per Fund Unit on date of grant | \$8.55 | \$8.14 | \$8.55 | \$8.42 |
| Compensation expense for the year | \$1,850 | \$1,224 | \$1,112 | \$335 |

(1) The cost of Fund Units purchased under the Ongoing LTIP is not materially different from their fair value at the date they were granted.

Pursuant to the terms of the Ongoing LTIP, Fund Units are purchased on the open market of the Toronto Stock Exchange and are held by a trustee for the benefit of the eligible employees until their vesting.

During the year, the Fund granted 271,104 Units under the Ongoing LTIP. The weighted average fair value of these Units was \$8.03.



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20 Pension and other future employee benefits

The Partnership maintains several registered defined contributions pension plans for eligible employees and a registered defined benefit plan for Pilots, which effective May 24, 2007, are consolidated in these financial statements. The Partnership is the plan sponsor for these plans under the Pension Benefits Standard Act, 1985 (Canada). In addition, the Partnership maintains an unregistered supplementary defined benefit pension plan which is partially funded for certain employees. Contributions to the supplementary pension plan started being made in December 2007. The registered and supplementary defined benefit pension plans provide benefits upon retirement, termination or death based on the member's years of service and the final average earnings for a specified period.

The Partnership also maintains Other (non-pension) Employee Future Benefits. The Other Employee Future Benefits include medical and dental benefits provided to the employees on long-term disability and Workplace Safety Insurance Board ("WSIB"). These benefits cease to be provided when the employee reaches age 65. The sick leave gratuity benefits represent the payout of sick leave accruals upon or just prior to retirement for eligible employees. The self-insured WSIB benefits are in respect of self-insured benefits provided to Ontario employees.

The total expense for the Partnership's defined contribution plans including two pension plans sponsored by an employee group and a union respectively, for which the Partnership is obligated to make defined contributions only, for the year ended December 31, 2008 is \$7,097, and for the year ended December 31, 2007 is \$6,474.

Total cash payments made by the Partnership in 2008 for registered pension plans were \$18,797, which includes cash payments for the Registered Defined Benefit Plan of \$11,962 (year December 31, 2007 - \$16,607; \$10,345 for the Registered Defined Benefit Plan). Total cash payments made in 2008 for the Other Employee Future Benefits were \$733.

The most recent actuarial valuations of the defined pension benefit plans for funding purposes were as of January 1, 2008 and the next funding valuation will be as of January 1, 2009.

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20 Pension and other future employee benefits (continued)

Information about the Partnership's defined benefit plans and other future employee benefits in aggregate, is as follows:

| | Pension Benefits | | Other Future Employee Benefits | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 2007 ⁽²⁾ | 2008 | 2008 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Change in benefit obligation | | | | |
| Benefit obligation, beginning of year | 105,308 | 95,541 | 5,946 | 5,946 |
| Current service cost | 8,963 | 9,978 | 1,410 | 1,410 |
| Interest cost | 6,712 | 5,383 | 368 | 368 |
| Plan participants' contributions | 6,284 | 5,549 | - | - |
| Benefits paid | (2,297) | (3,106) | (733) | (733) |
| Actuarial (gain) loss | (25,965) | (8,037) | 995 | 995 |
| Benefit obligation, end of year | 99,005 | 105,308 | 7,986 | 7,986 |
| Change in plan assets | | | | |
| Fair market value of plan assets, beginning of year | 90,147 | 76,526 | - | - |
| Actual return on plan assets | (21,317) | 953 | - | - |
| Employer contribution | 19,427 | 10,225 | 733 | 733 |
| Plan participants' contributions | 6,283 | 5,549 | - | - |
| Benefits paid | (2,297) | (3,106) | (733) | (733) |
| Fair market value of plan assets, end of year | 92,243 | 90,147 | - | - |
| Funded status, end of year | (6,762) | (15,161) | (7,986) | (7,986) |
| Employer contributions after measurement date | - | 4,969 | - | - |
| Unamortized net actuarial loss | 7,158 | 5,382 | 995 | 995 |
| Accrued benefit asset (liability) | 396 | (4,810) | (6,991) | (6,991) |

(1) 2008 - Based on a measurement date of December 31, 2008

(2) 2007 - Based on a measurement date of November 30, 2007

The accrued benefit liability is included in other long-term liabilities.

Plan assets consist of the following:

| | Pension Benefits | |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Canadian equity | 35% | 35% |
| Debt securities | 33% | 38% |
| International equity | 28% | 24% |
| Short-term and other | 4% | 3% |
| | 100% | 100% |

The plan's assets are invested in a balanced fund and include no significant investment in the Fund, if any, at the measurement date, December 31, 2008 or November 30, 2007.

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20 Pension and other future employee benefits (continued)

Weighted average assumptions used to determine the accrued benefit liability:

| | 2008 \$ | Pension 2007 \$ | Other Future Employee Benefits 2008 \$ |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| Discount rate to determine accrued benefit obligations | 7.10% | 5.75% | 7.10% |
| Discount rate to determine the pension and benefit cost | 5.75% | 5.00% | 5.60% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 4.00 - 5.00% | 4.00 - 5.00% | 4.00 - 5.00% |
| Expected return on plan assets | 6.40% | 6.00% | n/a |
| Health care inflation - Select to determine accrued benefit obligation | n/a | n/a | 6.5% |
| Health care inflation - Select to determine pension and benefit cost | n/a | n/a | 7.1% |

The health care inflation assumption was graded down in and after 2012 to 4.5% per annum

The Partnership's net defined benefit pension plan and other future employee benefits expense is as follows:

| | 2008 \$ | Pension 2007 \$ | Other Future Employee Benefits 2008 \$ |
|---|------------|-----------------------|---|
| Components of expense | | | |
| Current service cost (including provision for plan expenses) | 8,963 | 9,978 | 1,410 |
| Interest cost | 6,712 | 5,383 | 368 |
| Actual return on plan assets | 21,317 | (953) | - |
| Actuarial (gain) loss | (25,965) | (8,037) | 995 |
| Costs arising in the period | 11,027 | 6,371 | 2,773 |
| Differences between costs arising in the period and costs recognized in the period in respect of: | | | |
| Return on plan assets | (27,772) | (4,050) | - |
| Actuarial (gain) loss | 25,996 | 8,074 | (995) |
| Net periodic pension and benefit cost recognized | 9,251 | 10,395 | 1,778 |

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21 Capital disclosures

The Fund's capital consists of cash, cash equivalents, long-term debt, and Unitholders' Equity (excluding accumulated other comprehensive income).

The Fund's objective when managing capital is to maximize long-term Unitholder value by:

- maintaining a flexible capital structure that optimizes the cost of capital at acceptable risk and preserves the ability to meet financial obligations; and
- providing a return to Unitholders by delivering monthly cash distributions.

In managing its capital structure, the Fund monitors performance throughout the year to ensure anticipated cash distributions, working capital requirements and maintenance capital expenditures are funded from operations, available cash on deposit and, where applicable, bank borrowings. The Fund will make adjustments to its capital structure to meet the objectives of the broader corporate strategy or in response to changes in economic conditions and risk. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund may adjust the amount of cash distributions to Unitholders, issue debt and/or issue, redeem or repurchase units.

The amount of cash distributions is determined by reference to available operating cash flows, net of property and equipment acquisition costs and adjustments made with reference to the definition of distributable cash in the limited partnership agreement.

The Fund monitors capital using a number of financial metrics, including (but not limited to):

- The Leverage Ratio defined as long-term debt ⁽¹⁾ to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and other non-operating income and expense (EBITDA);
- The Coverage Ratio defined as EBITDA to interest expense (defined as interest on capital leases, security deposits and the credit facility); and
- Minimum Cash Balance.

The Fund's measure of distributable cash and EBITDA may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities.

The following table illustrates the financial ratios calculated on a trailing twelve-month basis:

| | Measure Targets | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Leverage Ratio | <2.0x | 0.79 | 0.78 |
| Coverage Ratio | >3.5x | 15.72 | 17.09 |
| Minimum Cash Balance ⁽²⁾ | \$60,000 | \$131,876 | \$122,874 |

⁽¹⁾ Debt includes amounts related to term facility, letters of credit and capital leases.

⁽²⁾ This is a continuous measurement covenant. The Fund has been in compliance since the related agreement was entered into during the fourth quarter of 2007.

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21 Capital disclosures (continued)

As a result of the Canadian income trust taxation legislation passed in June 2007 and effective January 1, 2011, the Fund is subject to certain capital growth restrictions referred to as “normal growth” equity rules. These rules limit the amount of Unitholders’ capital that can be issued by the Fund in each of the next three years, based on the Fund’s market capitalization on October 31, 2006, as follows:

| | Cumulative |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Normal growth capital allowed in: | |
| 2009 | \$232,000 |
| 2010 | \$232,000 |

On December 4, 2008, the Department of Finance (Canada) announced an acceleration of the safe harbour amounts for 2009 and 2010, such that after December 4, 2008, they became immediately available. The safe harbour rules remained cumulative such that after December 4, 2008, the maximum amount that could be issued by a SIFT under the safe harbour rules is 100% of its October 31, 2006 market capitalization, less the value of any units issued after October 31, 2006 (other than any issuances of units that would not be subject to the Normal Growth Guidelines).

If the maximum equity growth allowed is exceeded, the Fund may be subject to taxation prior to 2011.

In addition to growth capital restrictions, the Fund monitors its ownership levels, to the extent possible given the practical limitations, regarding beneficial ownership information. The Trust Indenture, under which the Fund was created, provides that no more than 49.9% of the Units of the Fund can be held by non-residents of Canada. The potential impact to the Fund of breaching this threshold could be the loss of mutual fund trust status, and being subject to taxation for the entire fiscal year in which the breach occurred. On the basis of information supplied by the transfer agent, at December 31, 2008, the Fund’s best estimate of the ownership level by non-residents was 13%.

22 Financial instruments

The Fund’s financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, promissory note receivable, ABCP, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, obligations under capital leases and long-term debt.

The Fund, through its financial assets and liabilities, has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments: interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and currency risk. Senior management monitors risk levels and reviews risk management activities as they determine to be necessary.

Interest rate risk

Investments included in the Fund’s cash and cash equivalents earn interest at prevailing and fluctuating market rates, as the Fund’s objective is to maintain these balances in highly liquid investments. As at December 31, 2008, the Fund’s investments consisted of bankers’ acceptances and bank deposit notes issued by five Schedule 1 banks. The Fund is exposed to interest rate fluctuation risk as a result of variable interest rate on long-term debt. The Fund uses interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to changes in interest rates, swapping its credit facility variable interest rate payments for fixed interest rate payments. The Fund has elected to designate its interest rate swaps as cash flow hedges and has no intention of settling these contracts early. The Fund entered into an interest rate swap agreement with third parties in respect of \$115,000 of debt which has effectively resulted in a fixed interest rate of 7.09% until February 2, 2009. If the Fund had settled these contracts at December 31, 2008, a payment of \$472 by the Fund would have resulted.

In the first quarter of 2008, the Fund entered into a second interest swap agreement with a third party in respect of \$57,500 of debt. This swap becomes effective February 2, 2009 and effectively results in a fixed interest rate of 6.23% for the related portion of the credit facility extension, maturing on February 1, 2010. If the Fund had settled these contracts at December 31, 2008, a payment of \$1,500 by the Fund would have resulted.

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22 Financial instruments (continued)

In the third quarter of 2008, the Fund entered into a third interest swap agreement with a third party in respect of \$57,500 of debt. This swap becomes effective February 2, 2009 and effectively results in a fixed interest rate of 5.73% for the related portion of the credit facility extension, maturing on February 1, 2010. If the Fund had settled these contracts at December 31, 2008, a payment of \$1,214 by the Fund would have resulted.

A 1% change in the interest rate would not have a significant impact on the net income of the Fund.

Credit risk

In accordance with its investment policy, the Fund invests excess cash in Government of Canada treasury bills, short-term Canadian and provincial government debt, bankers' acceptance notes, term deposits of Schedule 1 Banks and commercial paper rated R-1 high. The Fund manages the credit risk on cash and cash equivalents by ensuring that the counter-parties are governments, banks and corporations with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. Given the disruption in the third party sponsored ABCP market, the Fund amended its investment policy during the third quarter of 2007 to prohibit investment in all third party and bank sponsored ABCP, despite any changes on the credit rating on such issues. With respect to investments in ABCP, refer to note 8.

The amount of accounts receivable disclosed in the balance sheet of \$71,618, is net of allowances for bad debts of \$4, estimated by management based on prior experience and its assessment of the current economic environment and the specific debtor. Approximately 82% of receivables are with one company, Air Canada. Accordingly, the Fund is directly affected by the financial and operational strength of Air Canada. The Fund does not believe it is subject to any significant concentration of credit risk other than with Air Canada.

Liquidity risk

The Fund's objective is to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due, as well as to demonstrate compliance with liquidity covenants on financing contracts. The Fund monitors its cash balances and cash flows generated from operations to meet requirements. For discussion on timing of cash flows under the CPA with Air Canada, refer to note 16 - Economic Dependence). As at December 31, 2008, the Partnership had \$31,168 in unutilized balance of the credit facilities available and the Fund had cash and cash equivalents of \$131,876. As at December 31, 2008, the Partnership had authorized credit facilities of \$150,000 and drawings of \$115,000, against the facilities. Letters of credit totalling approximately \$3,382 (December 31, 2007 - \$2,708) have been issued as security for groundhandling and airport fee contracts, lease payments on rental space and certain employee benefits. The letters of credit are drawn against the unutilized balance of the credit facilities.

Credit facilities are in place until February 2, 2010 and are provided by a syndicate that consists of seven institutional lenders, including two US financial institutions which are currently subject to US government relief under the Troubled Assets Relief Program. The Partnership will have to refinance its available credit facilities, and given current market conditions, it is anticipated that such financing may occur at terms that are less favorable than current terms. Such financing may cause the Partnership to reduce or suspend cash distributions to the Fund, or reduce cash available for planned capital expenditures. The Partnership is evaluating options to raise cash to refinance all or part of its existing debt. These include, but are not limited to, establishing a replacement bank credit facility, sale and leaseback of owned aircraft which have current market value in excess of carrying value, application of current cash balances, and potential reduction of cash distributions paid to the Fund for distributions to Unitholders.

Currency risk

The Fund receives revenue and incurs expenses in US and Canadian currency, and as such, is subject to fluctuations as a result of foreign exchange rate variations. The Fund manages its exposure to currency risk by billing for its services within the CPA in the underlying currency related to the expenditure. Accordingly, the primary exposure results from balance sheet fluctuations of US denominated cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and in particular, obligations under capital leases, which are long-term and so are subject to larger unrealized gains or losses. The Fund minimizes its currency risk by maintaining a balance of US dollars which is used to pay down US denominated liabilities and replenishes the balance through US denominated revenues. The amount of US dollar denominated assets was \$41,890 and US denominated liabilities was \$56,491 at December 31, 2008. A 1¢ change in the US exchange rate would result in a change in the unrealized gain or loss of approximately \$146.

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22 Financial instruments (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for accounts receivable, bank indebtedness and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair values based on the immediate or short-term maturities of these financial instruments. Due to current market conditions and related increases in risk premiums on credit facilities, management has estimated the fair value of the credit facilities at December 31, 2008 to be \$110,000. Financial assets included in the balance sheet include ABCP with an estimated fair value of \$2,009 (see note 8 for discussion on determination of fair value of ABCP).

Carrying amounts and fair values

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities, together with the carrying amounts included in the consolidated balance sheets, are as follows:

| | December 31, 2008 | | December 31, 2007 | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | Carrying Amount \$ | Fair Value \$ | Carrying Amount \$ | Fair Value \$ |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Held for trading | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 131,876 | 131,876 | 122,874 | 122,874 |
| Asset backed commercial paper | 2,009 | 2,009 | 4,589 | 4,589 |
| Loans and receivables | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 71,618 | 71,618 | 83,435 | 83,435 |
| Promissory note | 419 | 419 | 628 | 628 |
| Financial liabilities | | | | |
| Other financial liabilities | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (includes current portion of obligations under capital leases) | 199,883 | 199,883 | 203,869 | 203,869 |
| Distributions payable | 10,296 | 10,296 | 10,296 | 10,296 |
| Long-term debt | 114,729 | 110,000 | 113,475 | 113,475 |
| Obligations under capital leases | 20,581 | 20,581 | 19,017 | 19,017 |



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23 Contingencies

The Fund Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees will act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Fund and in connection with that duty, will exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Fund Declaration of Trust provides that each Trustee will be entitled to indemnification from the Fund in respect of the exercise of the Trust's power and the discharge of the Trustee's duties, provided that the Trustee acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of all Unitholders, or in the case of a criminal or administrative action proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, where the Trustee had reasonable grounds for believing that his/her conduct was lawful. No claims with respect to such occurrences have been made and, as such, no amount has been recorded in these financial statements with respect to these indemnifications.

In February 2006, the Partnership commenced proceedings before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Porter Airlines Inc. ("Porter") and other defendants (collectively the "Porter Defendants") after the Partnership became aware that it would be excluded from operating flights from Toronto City Centre (Island) Airport (the "TCCA"). On October 26, 2007, the defendants counter-claimed against the Partnership and Air Canada alleging various violations of competition law, including that the Partnership and Air Canada's commercial relationship contravenes Canadian competition laws, and claiming \$850,000 in damages. Concurrently with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice proceedings, the Partnership commenced judicial review proceedings against the Toronto Port Authority ("TPA") before the Federal Court of Canada relating to the Partnership's access to the TCCA. The Porter Defendants were granted intervener and party status in these proceedings. In January of 2008, Porter filed a defence and counterclaim against the Partnership and Air Canada making allegations and seeking conclusions similar to those in the Ontario Superior Court counterclaim. The Partnership maintains that Porter's counterclaims in both jurisdictions are without merit. These counterclaims are being vigorously contested by the Partnership in court.

Various other lawsuits and claims that have arisen in the normal course of business are pending by and against the Partnership and provisions have been recorded where appropriate. It is the opinion of management that final determination of these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position or the results of the Fund.

Jazz GP has agreed to indemnify its directors and officers, to the extent permitted under corporate law, against costs and damages incurred by the directors and officers as a result of lawsuits or any other judicial, administrative or investigative proceeding in which the directors and officers are sued as a result of their service. The directors and officers are covered by directors' and officers' liability insurance. No amount has been recorded in these financial statements with respect to the indemnification agreements.

The Partnership enters into real estate leases or operating agreements, which grant a license to the Partnership to use certain premises and/or operate at certain airports, in essentially all cities that it serves. It is common in such commercial lease transactions for the Partnership as the lessee to agree to indemnify the lessor and other related third parties for tort liabilities that arise out of or relate to the Partnership's use or occupancy of the leased or licensed premises. Exceptionally, this indemnity extends to related liabilities arising from the negligence of the indemnified parties, but usually excludes any liabilities caused by their gross negligence or willful misconduct. Additionally, the Partnership typically indemnifies such parties for any environmental liability that arises out of or relates to its use or occupancy of the leased or licensed premises.

In aircraft and engine financing or leasing agreements, the Partnership typically indemnifies the financing parties, trustees acting on their behalf and other related parties and/or lessors against liabilities that arise from the manufacture, design, ownership, financing, use, operation and maintenance of the aircraft and engines and for tort liability, whether or not these liabilities arise out of or relate to the negligence of these indemnified parties, but usually excludes any liabilities caused by their gross negligence or willful misconduct. In addition, in aircraft and engine financing or leasing transactions, including those structured as leveraged leases, the Partnership typically provides indemnities in respect of certain tax consequences. The Partnership carries or is otherwise the beneficiary of various insurance policies in respect of various risks applicable to the business (including in respect of tort liability and certain contractual indemnities).



(expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars, except Fund Units and earnings per Fund Unit)

23 Contingencies (continued)

When the Partnership, as a customer, enters into technical service agreements with service providers, primarily service providers who operate an airline as their main business, the Partnership has from time to time agreed to indemnify the service provider against liabilities that arise from third party claims, whether or not these liabilities arise out of or relate to the negligence of the service provider, but usually excluding liabilities that arise from the service provider's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The maximum amount payable, if any, under the foregoing indemnities cannot be reasonably estimated. The Fund carries or is otherwise the beneficiary of various insurance policies in respect of various risks applicable to the business (including in respect of tort liability and certain contractual indemnities).

24 Subsequent event

The Partnership has successfully reached an agreement with Air Canada regarding the establishment of new rates for controllable costs that will become payable by Air Canada under the CPA in the next three-year period (2009 to 2011, inclusive). The new rates are retroactive to January 1, 2009.