

Oil Gas Salt Resources Trust 2005 - Annual Report

June 30, 2006

The Honourable David Ramsay
Minister of Natural Resources
90 Wellesley Street West
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Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

Dear Mr. Ramsay,

It is my pleasure to submit the 2005 Annual Report of the Ontario Oil, Gas & Salt Resources Corporation.

Once again the recently past fiscal year continued to be an extremely productive year for the Trust. It continued to invest in converting the data that exists in the Oil, Gas & Salt Resources Library to a more modern and accessible digital format. In addition to continuing to operate the Library as a resource centre for the study of Ontario's geological subsurface, our new and expanding portfolio of digital products is helping to attract investment and interest in Ontario's petroleum and natural gas resources. While fiscal 2003 saw the beginning, 2005 saw the ending of a financial and research partnership with the Targeted Geoscience Initiative(TGI) of Natural Resources Canada. The TGI project allowed the library to work in partnership with this federal program and geological staff of the Ministry of Natural Resources' Petroleum Resources Centre to develop further mapping of Ontario's geological subsurface. Final deliverables from this project are scheduled for completion in June of 2006 with public release in the fall of 2006.

The Trust website continues to evolve as a tremendous resource for cost effectively distributing data and information about Ontario, essentially creating a virtual Library for users to access when and where they want. Furthermore, the staff ensure that requests from our Ontario constituents as well as those from outside of Ontario are promptly fulfilled hoping to do our part to ensure further investment in Ontario's Oil, Gas and Salt Resources.



Or next fiscal will see the development of more digital data products, enhanced licence agreements with the MNR and a continuously broader geographical coverage of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Joe Van Overberghe
Managing Director
Ontario Oil, Gas & Salt
Resources Corporation

Trust Mission and Objectives

The funding of information management relating to oil, gas and salt resources;

The funding of research, surveys and laboratory facilities and operations relating to:

- oil or gas exploration, drilling or production;
- storage of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons in geological formations;
- disposal of oil field fluids in geological formations; and,
- solution mining of salt.

Such other matters as may be specified by the Minister.

The Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust is a non-profit organization, established by the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, which funds information management relating to oil, gas and salt resources; and also funds research, surveys, and laboratory facilities and operations relating to oil or gas exploration, drilling or production, the storage of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons in geological formations, and the disposal of oil field fluid in geological formations.

The Trust is funded by, and provides services to, companies and individuals involved in oil and gas exploration, drilling or production; the storage of hydrocarbons in geological formations, the disposal of oil field fluid in geological formations, and solution mining. Services are also available to the general public, universities and other clients on a cost recovery basis.

The Trust manages the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library as a resource centre for the study of the subsurface geology and oil, gas, salt, and subsurface storage and fluid disposal resources of all the potential oil, gas and salt-bearing rocks of Ontario.

The Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust specializes in the collection, generation, and dissemination of information and knowledge about the subsurface geology and oil, gas, salt and underground hydrocarbon storage resources of Ontario. It provides its clients in these resource industries with the data they need to conduct their business in the most orderly, safe and efficient way possible, and provides public access to this data at reasonable cost.

The Trust's continuing mandate is to maintain and improve access to existing data, and to develop programs to improve client access to information and to generate new revenue.

Review - 2005

Oil and Gas Industry Activity

Drilling activity in Ontario continued at the relatively low levels experienced in 2004. Oil prices were strong throughout the year due to supply concerns related to the world geopolitical and weather issues and low inventory levels of refined petroleum products in the United States. Natural gas prices exceeded the record highs of 2002 due to demand on inventories in the wake of severe weather throughout the American Southwest and Texas regions.

Despite high commodity prices preliminary figures indicate production of oil and natural gas declined slightly in 2005. Oil production in 2005 totalled 137,000 cubic metres compared to 153,000 cubic metres the previous year. This is due primarily to decreased exploration effort in the Ordovician oil play. Preliminary figures for natural gas indicate production declined to 346 million cubic metres compared to 360 million cubic metres in 2004, due primarily to lower production from wells on Lake Erie. Estimated value of production was \$55 Million for oil and \$135 million for natural gas, compared to \$51.7 million and \$105.2 million for oil and gas respectively the previous year. The increase in value was due to higher world prices.

Hydrocarbon storage capacity in underground storage facilities in Ontario was unchanged from the previous year. Natural gas storage capacity totalled 6857 million cubic metres with a product value, when filled to capacity, of approximately \$2 billion. Storage capacity of liquid petroleum products in underground storage caverns totalled 3.5 million cubic metres with a product value of approximately \$1.2 billion depending on the world price for crude oil.

Digital Well Data

Well location and data verification continued aggressively to update the Ministry of Natural



Resources' (MNR) database with digitized well information. Two temporary employees spent approximately 3500 man-hours inputting data on a county-by-county basis. The results of this effort produced completely updated and verified digital data for much of Southern Ontario. Value-added data, including geological formation tops, oil, gas and water interval depths, and intervals with geophysical logs can be purchased from the Library

Digital Maps

At year-end, the OGSRL Library continued to be capable of plotting digital copies of maps that were previously only available as reproductions of old maps from MNR archives. The Library regularly fulfills requests plotting Base Maps, Well Location Maps, Spacing Orders, Counties and Township Maps, and Pool and Pipeline Maps.

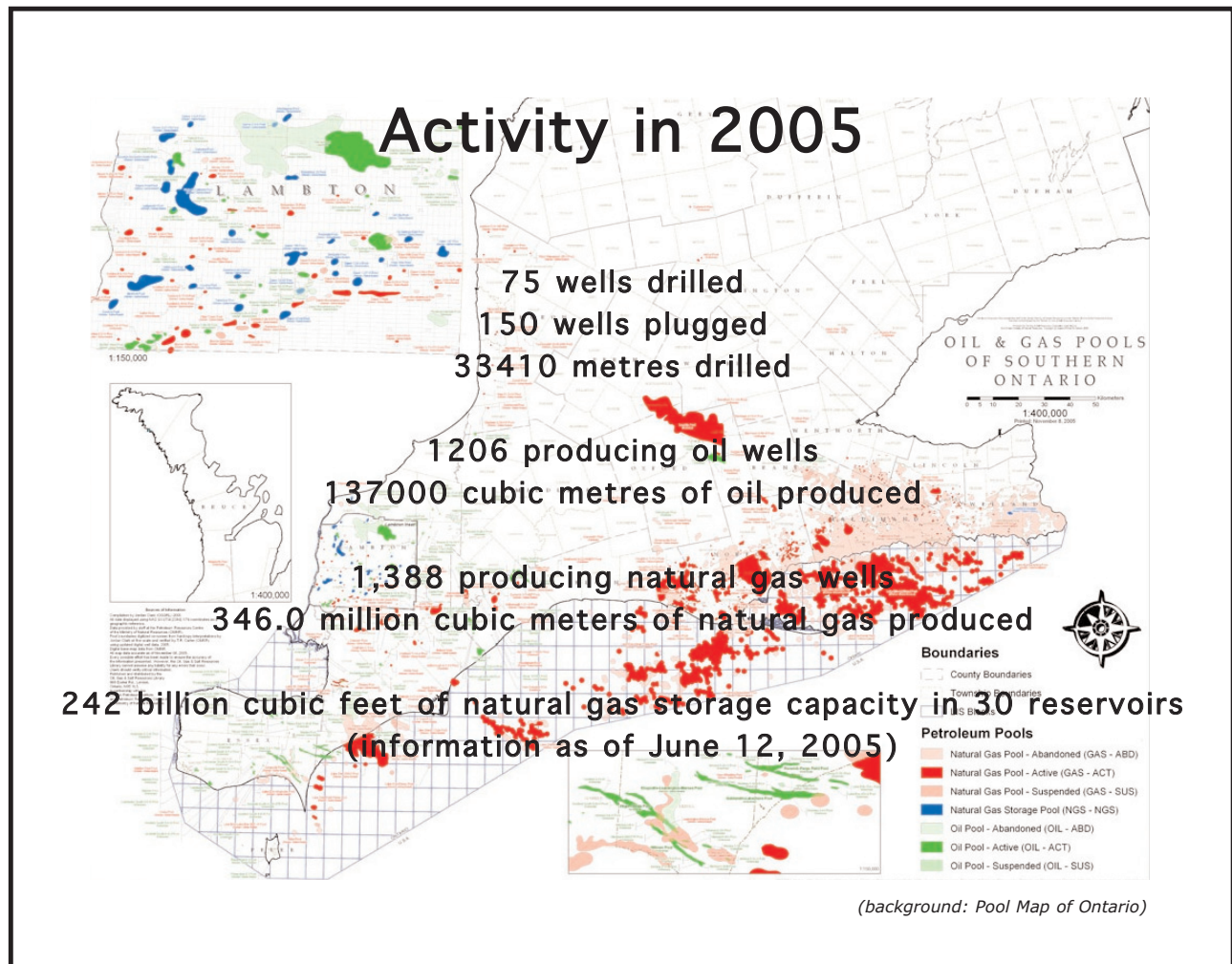
Sample Processing

A summer student was hired in 2003 to concentrate on reducing the number of backlogged sample washings. Drill cutting samples for wells were washed, vialled and permanently stored in the OGSRL Library warehouse.

Marketing and Website

Revisions to the OGSRL Library website were ongoing during 2005: regular features included the posting of free digital well data, bit map images of maps available in the OGSRL Library, weekly new licence reports, monthly activity reports, and additional reference material. Users of the website also have the ability make specific requests of the OGSRL via the website.

The Library as shown on the previous page has marketed its product services at the 44th Annual Ontario Petroleum Institute Conference in London, ON and at the American Association of Petroleum Geologists' (AAPG) International Conference and Exhibition in Calgary, AB. Further at the AAPG, there were two papers presented in reference to the Targeted Geosciences Initiative that the OGSRL participated in.



Future Directions

While the library continues to upgrade in service and facilities at the Oil, Gas & Salt Resources Library, the following projects and initiatives will be undertaken in 2006:

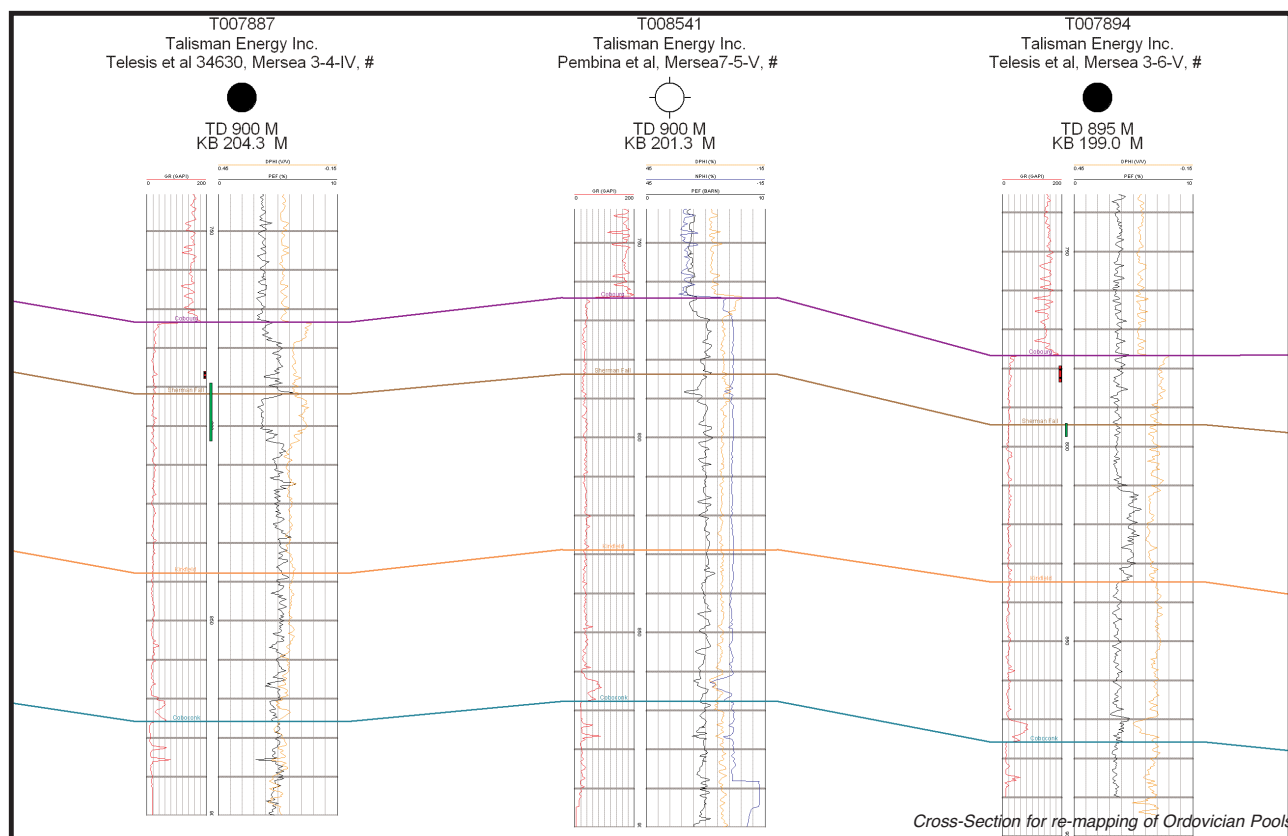
Digital Database

The Trust will continue working in partnership with the MNR to build, maintain and market a digital database of geological and engineering information on wells drilled in Ontario through the MNR's Ontario Petroleum Data System (OPDS). By the end of 2006, data and location verification for the most of Southern Ontario's counties will be completed, as well as all of Lake Erie. This will ensure that the most active counties are completed first, with the balance of the province completed by mid-2006. To facilitate this completion the OGSR Library has taken on three summer staff in addition to our fulltime staff to ensure completion.

In addition to verifying data and publishing up-to-date maps, the Library has begun work on allowing direct access to the data in the Library by users, leading eventually to accessing the data and the digital base maps over the Internet or on remote computers. Access to digital data will help to encourage the sustainable development of Ontario's resources by existing industry participants, as well as attracting new investment to the province.

Targeted Geoscience Initiative

The Trust recently completed its financial partnership within the TGI project. The partnership used federal funding to develop a continued enhancement of the provinces understanding of our subsurface Geology and energy storage. Specific outcomes of the project will consist of updated estimates of discovered and undiscovered oil and gas resources for the Ordovician hydrocarbon play, and a series of subsurface geological cross-sections of Southern Ontario. The TGI partnership "utilized" input and analysis from local geological consultants and analysis from the Ontario Geological Survey. The TGI project will also allow a continued update in both the hardware, software and tools to improve the analysis of geological and geophysical data and reports collected by the MNR from the Ontario Oil, Gas and Gas Storage industries.



The hope of the OGSR Trust is that such initiatives continue to be available in the future to enhance the trusts targeted research budgets. The final deliverables will be available in the second half of 2006.

Future research initiatives

Future research initiatives of the OGSR Trust will focus on emerging and environmental issues in Ontario and Canada. There has been recent media recognition of potential global supply problems regarding oil and gas. In particular the declining gas delivery capacity from Western Canada. In this regard, the OGSR Trust shall fund projects that further enhance Ontario's energy self-sufficiency, in particular, the contribution of natural gas as an energy alternative to coal. Other areas of future research may include calcium brine production, compressed air energy storage, carbon sequestration and cavern storage of natural gas.

In late 2005 the Library initiated work on a geological data project as part of a larger effort by the Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) to produce an updated map of bedrock topography and drift thickness for southern Ontario. This type of mapping is a critical data requirement for aquifer mapping for source water protection as most of Ontario's drinking water aquifers occur within unconsolidated glacial sediments at or above the top of the bedrock. The Library will provide OGS with a digital database identifying the depth at which petroleum wells drilled in southern Ontario intersect the top of bedrock. The project is funded by the Ontario Geological Survey and project supervision is provided by the Chief Geologist of the MNR's Petroleum Resources Centre.

Notes about financial issues:

Please read all financial notes. The OGSR Corp and Trust have moved to accrual accounting and thus do show a decline in membership revenue. As we move to fiscal 2006, this will evolve into a more true reflection of membership revenue.

Also note that at the time of printing the Lease on the facility currently occupied has not yet been renewed. We are anticipating successful negotiations with our landlord.

Questions Related to the OGSRL:

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Notice To Reader

To the Shareholder of
Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Corporation

We have compiled the balance sheet of **Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Corporation** as at December 31, 2005 and the statement of earnings and retained earnings for the year then ended from information provided by management. We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

London, Ontario
March 16, 2006

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Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Corporation

Statement of Earnings and Retained Earnings

Years Ended December 31

2005

2004

Revenue

Trustee management fee	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Trustee service fees	<u>10,566</u>	<u>10,310</u>
	18,066	17,810

Expenses

Management fees – Ontario Petroleum Institute Inc.	7,500	7,500
Insurance – directors and officers	3,066	2,810
Administration	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
	18,066	17,810

Net earnings

\$ - \$ -

Retained earnings, beginning of year

\$ - \$ -

Net earnings

- -

Retained earnings, end of year

\$ - \$ -

Unaudited

Notice To Reader Appended

Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Corporation

Balance Sheet

As At December 31

2005

2004

Assets

Current Asset

Cash

\$ 1

\$ 1

Shareholder's Equity

Share Capital

Authorized:

1 Common share

Issued:

1 Common share

\$ 1

\$ 1

On behalf of the Board

_____ Director

_____ Director

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Auditors' Report

To the Members of
Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust

We have audited the balance sheet of the **Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust** as at December 31, 2005 and the statements of earnings, retained earnings and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trustee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the 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 the organization, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust as at December 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

London, Ontario
March 15, 2006

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Statement of Earnings

Years Ended December 31

2005

2004

Revenue

Well licence fees	\$ 140,876	\$ 147,891
Sample processing fees	33,374	30,178
Labour and clerical	12,813	6,547
Memberships	13,804	32,970
Lab user fees	736	725
Publications and data	22,590	16,805
Geoscience	1,765	10,588
Interest and foreign exchange	2,860	1,840
	<u>228,818</u>	<u>247,544</u>

Expenses

Wages and employee benefits	67,903	70,023
Contract and co-op wages	44,657	48,160
Processing supplies	6,065	6,470
Waste removal	669	152
Sundry	14,078	6,698
Trust management fee	7,500	7,500
Trust services fee	7,500	7,500
Professional fees	3,100	2,300
Office expenses	4,803	7,170
Postage and telephone	2,760	3,899
Insurance	2,496	4,037
Travel	63	355
Rent	62,390	73,846
Database management	-	216
Bad debts (recovery)	(727)	940
Amortization	2,608	4,317
	<u>225,865</u>	<u>243,583</u>

Earnings before allocation

2,953 3,961

Allocation to the Province of Ontario

(2,953) (3,961)

Net earnings

\$ - \$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust

Statement of Retained Earnings

Years Ended December 31

	2005	2004
Retained earnings, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Net earnings (Page 2)	-	-
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust

Balance Sheet

As At December 31

2005

2004

Assets

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 6,939	\$ 34,049
Temporary investments (market value \$111,360)	111,360	25,049
Accounts receivable	153,521	248,952
Inventory of supplies	3,473	7,189
Prepaid expenses	6,445	5,160
	<u>281,738</u>	<u>320,399</u>

Capital Assets (Note 3)

9,848 12,456

\$ 291,586 \$ 332,855

Commitments (Note 4)

On behalf of the Trustee

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust

Balance Sheet

As At December 31

2005

2004

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 13,687	\$ 62,517
Unearned revenue	8,696	4,113
Payable to the Province of Ontario	<u>269,203</u>	<u>266,225</u>
Total liabilities	291,586	332,855

Equity

Retained Earnings (Page 3)

-	-
\$ <u>291,586</u>	\$ <u>332,855</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust

Statement of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31

2005

2004

Increase (decrease) in cash

Operating

Cash received from customers	\$ 326,699	\$ 146,943
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(157,798)	(82,829)
Cash payments to employees	(112,560)	(118,183)
Interest received	<u>2,860</u>	<u>3,491</u>
	59,201	(50,578)

Investing

Purchase of capital assets	-	(1,000)
Purchase of temporary investments	(292,983)	(575,798)
Proceeds on the redemption of term deposits	<u>206,672</u>	<u>635,749</u>
	(86,311)	58,951

Change in cash

(27,110) 8,373

Cash, beginning of year 34,049 25,676

Cash, end of year \$ 6,939 \$ 34,049

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2005

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Organization

Pursuant to the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, R.S.O 1990, the Trust was formed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. A trust agreement, dated February 16, 1998, was signed with the original trustee, the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Corporation. The purpose of the Trust is to provide for the funding of research, surveys and laboratory facilities relating to the oil and gas industry. Pursuant to the trust agreement, the net assets of the Trust accrue to the benefit of the Province of Ontario. The monetary value of this entitlement is reflected within current liabilities as "Payable to the Province of Ontario."

(b) Revenue recognition

Fees and other revenue received in advance are deferred and recognized as income at the time the related expenditures are incurred. Members' fees as set by the Board of Directors are recognized as revenue on a fiscal year basis.

(c) Cash

Cash includes cash on hand, balances with banks, net of outstanding cheques.

(d) Temporary investments

Temporary investments consist of cashable guaranteed investment certificates with banks, and are carried at the lower of cost and market value. The weighted average interest rate of the guaranteed investment certificates is 2.31%.

(e) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and current replacement value. Cost is determined on an original cost basis.

(f) Amortization

It is the Trust's policy to provide for amortization of capital assets on the following basis:

Furniture and fixtures	20% declining balance
Computer hardware	3 years, straight-line
Computer software	100%

(g) Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Expenses are recorded at average rates of exchange. Translation gains and losses are included in earnings.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Use of estimates

In preparing the Trust's financial statements, management is required 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 reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

2. Financial instruments

(a) Fair value of financial instruments

The fair values of accounts receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and amounts payable to the Province of Ontario are assumed to approximate their carrying value because of their short term to maturity.

(b) Financial risk

The Trust is exposed to financial risk with respect to foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Trust does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk.

(c) Credit risk

The Trust is exposed to credit risk with respect to its accounts receivable. However, this is minimized by the Trust's customer base, which covers different consumer and business sectors. The Trust performs initial credit evaluations of its potential customers and limits the amount of credit extended when deemed necessary. The Trust maintains provisions for potential credit losses, and any such losses to date have been within management's expectations.

3. Capital assets			<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 31,557	\$ 22,588	\$ 8,969	\$ 11,212
Computer hardware and software	<u>20,072</u>	<u>19,193</u>	<u>879</u>	<u>1,244</u>
	<u>\$ 51,629</u>	<u>\$ 41,781</u>	<u>\$ 9,848</u>	<u>\$ 12,456</u>

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4. Commitments

Pursuant to a lease agreement in respect of its business premises, the Trust is contractually obligated to lease payments in the amount of \$4,823 monthly as at December 31, 2005. The minimum annual lease payment due to the expiry of this lease, in March 2006 is as follows:

2006	\$	14,469
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5. Targeted geosciences initiative

In 2003 the Trust entered into a contract with the federal government to provide specific mapping information on the locations of various natural resources within Ontario. Under the terms of this contract all expenses incurred are to be billed back to Natural Resources Canada.

Detail of expenses billed to Federal Government

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Project Start Up		
Capital costs	\$ 8,087	\$ -
Part 1 – Hydrocarbon Resource Evaluation		
Pool maps and summary sheets	-	52,009
Monthly production data	-	10,000
Reserves by Pool	-	58,757
Ordovician and Cambrian Hydrocarbon Potential Report	<u>31,577</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	39,664	125,766
Part 2 – Regional Stratigraphic Correlations		
Progress report 1 - Research summary and digitized logs	-	19,000
Progress report 2 - Drill core and cuttings descriptions and field work	-	81,686
Progress report 3 - Correlated log cross-sections	<u>47,424</u>	<u>20,087</u>
	47,424	120,773
Billings to Federal Government	\$ <u>87,088</u>	\$ <u>246,539</u>

Schedule of Fee Recognition

2003	\$	1,765
2004		10,588
2005		<u>2,647</u>
	\$	<u>15,000</u>

Fees are pro-rated monthly over the term of the contract.

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6. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with current financial statement presentation.

7. Prior period adjustment

Within the current year a prior period adjustment has been recorded to the 2004 fiscal year end to properly record revenues, and payable to Province of Ontario on an accrual basis. The net increase to earnings before allocation is \$29,133.
