



Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Whitecap Resources Inc.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Whitecap Resources Inc. and its subsidiaries (together, the Company) as at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

What we have audited

The Company's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2018 and 2017;
- the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of changes in equity for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Calvin Blain Jacober.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Calgary, Alberta
February 27, 2019

WHITECAP RESOURCES INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at (CAD \$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Assets		
Current Assets		
Accounts receivable	121,120	139,612
Deposits and prepaid expenses	11,082	10,982
Risk management contracts [Notes 4 & 5]	75,219	11,056
Total current assets	207,421	161,650
Property, plant and equipment [Notes 6 & 7]	5,189,461	5,335,004
Exploration and evaluation [Notes 6 & 8]	9,683	10,790
Investment in limited partnership [Note 9]	1,364	7,585
Goodwill [Note 10]	122,682	122,682
Risk management contracts [Notes 4 & 5]	9,454	215
Deferred income tax [Note 18]	418,899	323,421
Total assets	5,958,964	5,961,347
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	165,735	152,026
Dividends payable	11,180	10,242
Risk management contracts [Notes 4 & 5]	-	49,017
Total current liabilities	176,915	211,285
Risk management contracts [Notes 4 & 5]	27	1,548
Long-term debt [Note 11]	1,255,697	1,284,232
Decommissioning liability [Note 12]	725,643	683,015
Share awards liability [Note 13]	3,380	-
Deferred income tax [Note 18]	567,736	448,134
Total liabilities	2,729,398	2,628,214
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital [Note 13]	3,870,798	3,889,255
Contributed surplus [Note 13]	15,719	33,662
Deficit	(656,951)	(589,784)
Total shareholders' equity	3,229,566	3,333,133
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	5,958,964	5,961,347

Commitments (Note 20)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

Approved on behalf of the Board:

(signed) "Stephen C. Nikiforuk"

Stephen C. Nikiforuk
Director

(signed) "Grant B. Fagerheim"

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Director

WHITECAP RESOURCES INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
For the years ended December 31

	2018	2017 (Revised) [Note 3(q)]
(CAD \$000s, except per share amounts)		
Revenue		
Petroleum and natural gas sales [Note 14]	1,525,299	1,010,946
Royalties	(268,090)	(144,563)
Petroleum and natural gas sales, net of royalties	1,257,209	866,383
Other Income		
Net gain on commodity and FX contracts [Note 5]	58,481	53,460
Total revenue and other income	1,315,690	919,843
Expenses		
Operating	327,160	232,040
Transportation	58,952	34,257
Blending	10,273	-
General and administrative [Note 16]	29,856	27,411
Stock-based compensation [Note 13]	12,616	17,280
Transaction costs	200	99
Interest and financing	52,702	29,635
Accretion of decommissioning liabilities [Note 12]	15,726	14,333
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization [Note 7]	487,013	385,918
Impairment [Note 7]	219,253	347,429
Exploration and evaluation [Note 8]	920	2,126
Unrealized loss on investment [Note 9]	6,221	5,618
Net (gain) loss on asset dispositions [Note 7]	1,245	(15,680)
Total expenses	1,222,137	1,080,466
Income (loss) before income taxes	93,553	(160,623)
Taxes		
Deferred income tax expense (recovery) [Note 18]	28,425	(36,655)
Net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss)	65,128	(123,968)
Net Income (Loss) Per Share (\$/share) [Note 17]		
Basic	0.16	(0.33)
Diluted	0.15	(0.33)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

WHITECAP RESOURCES INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the years ended December 31

(CAD \$000s)	2018	2017
Share Capital [Note 13(b)]		
Balance, beginning of year	3,889,255	3,452,671
Issued for cash through public prospectus offering	-	425,014
Share issue costs, net of deferred income tax	-	(9,928)
Common shares repurchased [Note 13(c)]	(42,708)	(10,472)
Contributed surplus adjustment on vesting of share awards	24,251	31,970
Balance, end of year	3,870,798	3,889,255
Contributed Surplus [Note 13(e)]		
Balance, beginning of year	33,662	40,412
Award incentive plan	23,021	25,226
Share award vesting	(24,251)	(31,970)
Conversion of insider share awards to cash-settled	(16,702)	-
Common shares repurchased [Note 13(c)]	(11)	(6)
Balance, end of year	15,719	33,662
Deficit		
Balance, beginning of year	(589,784)	(360,890)
Net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss)	65,128	(123,968)
Dividends	(132,295)	(104,926)
Balance, end of year	(656,951)	(589,784)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

WHITECAP RESOURCES INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended December 31

(CAD \$000s)	2018	2017
Operating Activities		
Net income (loss) for the period	65,128	(123,968)
Items not affecting cash:		
Depletion, depreciation, and amortization [Note 7]	487,013	385,918
Impairment [Note 7]	219,253	347,429
Exploration and evaluation [Note 8]	920	2,126
Deferred income tax expense (recovery) [Note 18]	28,425	(36,655)
Stock-based compensation [Note 13]	12,616	17,280
Accretion of decommissioning liabilities [Note 12]	15,726	14,333
Unrealized gain on risk management contracts [Note 5]	(123,940)	(85,136)
Unrealized loss on investment in limited partnership [Note 9]	6,221	5,618
Net (gain) loss on asset dispositions [Note 7]	1,245	(15,680)
Settlement of decommissioning liabilities [Note 12]	(8,187)	(2,638)
Net change in non-cash working capital items [Note 19]	23,514	(19,508)
Cash flow from operating activities	727,934	489,119
Financing Activities		
Issuance of long-term debt	-	594,470
Repayment of long-term debt	(28,534)	(83,633)
Common shares repurchased [Note 13]	(42,719)	(10,478)
Dividends	(132,295)	(104,926)
Issuance of share capital, net of share issue costs	-	411,415
Net change in non-cash working capital items [Note 19]	938	1,659
Cash flow from (used in) financing activities	(202,610)	808,507
Investing Activities		
Expenditures on property, plant and equipment	(440,499)	(339,761)
Expenditures on property acquisitions	(35,249)	(967,392)
Cash from property dispositions	8,065	24,767
Expenditures on corporate acquisitions net of cash acquired [Note 6]	(58,222)	-
Partnership investment income received [Note 9]	-	422
Net change in non-cash working capital items [Note 19]	581	(15,662)
Cash flow used in investing activities	(525,324)	(1,297,626)
Change in cash, during the year	-	-
Cash, beginning of year	-	-
Cash, end of year	-	-
Cash Interest Paid	52,647	31,567

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

1. NATURE OF BUSINESS

Whitecap Resources Inc. (also referred to herein as “Whitecap” or the “Company”) is a Calgary based oil and gas company that is engaged in the business of acquiring, developing and holding interests in petroleum and natural gas properties and assets. Whitecap's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol WCP. The Company's principal place of business is located at 3800, 525 – 8th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 1G1.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

a) Statement of Compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as at and for the year ended December 31, 2018, including 2017 comparative periods. The policies applied in these consolidated financial statements are based on IFRS issued and outstanding as of February 26, 2019, the date the Board of Directors approved the statements.

b) Basis of Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for derivative financial instruments, share-based transactions and the investment in the partnership which are measured at fair value. The methods used to measure fair values are discussed in Note 4.

c) Functional and Presentation Currency

The financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars which is the Company's functional currency.

d) Use of Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the reporting year. Actual results could differ from those estimated.

Oil and natural gas assets are grouped into cash generating units (“CGUs”) that have been identified as being the smallest identifiable group of assets that generate cash flows that are independent of cash flows of other assets or groups of assets. The determination of these CGUs was based on management's judgment in regards to shared infrastructure, geographical proximity, commodity type and similar exposure to market risk and materiality. The Company's CGUs consist of the following:

- Northern Alberta and British Columbia (“NABC”)
- Southeast Saskatchewan (“SESK”)
- Southwest Saskatchewan (“SWSK”)
- West Central Alberta (“WCAB”)
- West Central Saskatchewan (“WCSK”)

Estimates of future cash flows used in the calculation of the recoverable amount are based on reserve evaluation reports prepared by independent petroleum reservoir engineers. Discounted future net cash flows are based on forecasted commodity prices and costs over the expected economic life of the reserves and discounted using market-based rates to reflect a market participant's view of the risks associated with the assets.

Management's determination of whether a transaction constitutes a business combination or asset acquisition is determined based on the criteria in IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* (“IFRS 3”). Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. The determination of fair value often requires management to make assumptions and estimates about future events. The assumptions and estimates with respect to determining the fair value of property, plant and equipment (“PP&E”) and

exploration and evaluation (“E&E”) assets acquired generally require the most judgment and include estimates of reserves acquired, forecast benchmark commodity prices, and discount rates. Changes in any of the assumptions or estimates used in determining the fair value of acquired assets and liabilities could impact the amounts assigned to assets, liabilities and goodwill. Future net earnings can be affected as a result of changes in future depletion, depreciation and amortization (“DD&A”), asset impairment or reversal, or goodwill impairment.

Amounts recorded for decommissioning costs and the related accretion expense require the use of estimates with respect to the amount and timing of asset retirements, site remediation and related cash flows, as well as the selection of a risk-free discount rate.

The estimated fair values of derivative instruments resulting in financial assets and liabilities, by their very nature, are subject to measurement uncertainty.

Estimated DD&A charges are based on estimates of oil and gas reserves that the Company expects to recover in the future and the future development costs required to produce the reserves.

Compensation costs accrued for long-term stock-based compensation plans, including share awards and stock options, are subject to the estimation of what the ultimate payout will be using pricing models such as the Black-Scholes model, which is based on significant assumptions such as volatility, forfeiture and expected term.

The Company’s performance share awards are subject to estimation relating to the performance multiplier, which will determine the ultimate equity payout at the vesting date. This multiplier, ranging from zero to two, will be applied at vesting and is dependent on the performance of the Company relative to pre-defined corporate performance measures for a particular period and the Board of Directors’ discretion. Assumptions on the forfeiture rate at the time of grant are also subject to management estimates.

Tax interpretations, regulations and legislation in the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates are subject to change. As such, income taxes are subject to measurement uncertainty.

The impairment calculation is based on estimates of proved plus probable reserves, production rates, oil and gas prices, future costs, discount rates and other relevant assumptions. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the impact on the financial statements of future periods could be material.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

a) Jointly Controlled Operations

Substantially all of the Company’s exploration and production activities are conducted under joint operating agreements, whereby two or more parties jointly control the assets. These financial statements reflect only the Company’s share of these jointly controlled assets and, once production commences, a proportionate share of the relevant revenue and related costs.

b) Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets have expired, or when the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported on the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

i) Cash, Accounts Receivable, Loans and Other Receivables

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and other short-term highly liquid investments. Accounts receivable, loans and other receivables, which are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed or determinable payment terms and are not quoted in an active market, are classified as financial assets at amortized cost and are reported at amortized cost. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the reporting date, which are classified as non-current assets.

ii) Investment in Limited Partnership

On June 26, 2014 the Company acquired a 10% interest in an oil and gas limited partnership. The investment is classified as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss and is fair valued with the resulting gain or loss recorded in net income or loss.

iii) Financial Derivative Instruments

Financial derivative instruments are included in current assets and liabilities except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period, which are classified as non-current assets and liabilities. The Company has not designated any of its financial derivative contracts as hedging instruments. The Company's financial derivative instruments are classified as financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and are reported at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in net income or loss.

The Company has accounted for its forward physical delivery sales contracts, which were entered into and continue to be held for the purpose of receipt or delivery of non-financial items, in accordance with its expected purchase, sale or usage requirements as executory contracts. As such, these contracts are not considered to be derivative financial instruments and have not been recorded at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet. Realized gains or losses from physically settled commodities sales contracts are recognized in petroleum and natural gas sales as the contracts are settled.

iv) Accounts Payable, Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Debt

These financial instruments are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers or repay borrowings from lenders. They are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. These financial instruments are classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost and are reported at amortized cost.

v) Impairment of Financial Assets

Whitecap applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* ("IFRS 9") which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables carried at amortized cost.

At each reporting date, the Company measures the lifetime expected loss provision taking into consideration Whitecap's historical credit loss experience as well as forward-looking information in order to establish loss rates. The impairment loss (or reversal) is the amount of expected credit losses that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognized.

c) Oil and Gas Exploration and Evaluation Expenditures

Oil and gas E&E expenditures are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 6, *Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources*, whereby costs associated with the exploration for and evaluation of oil and gas reserves are accumulated on an area-by-area basis and are capitalized as either tangible or intangible E&E assets when incurred. Costs incurred in advance of land acquisition are charged to the statement of comprehensive income; however, all other costs, including directly attributable general and administrative costs, are added to E&E assets.

When an area is determined to be technically feasible and commercially viable, the accumulated costs are tested for impairment and transferred to PP&E. When an area is determined not to be technically feasible and commercially viable or the Company decides not to continue to work in the area, the unrecoverable costs are recognized on the statement of comprehensive income.

No depletion or depreciation is provided for E&E assets.

d) PP&E

PP&E, which includes oil and natural gas development and production assets, represents costs incurred in developing oil and natural gas reserves and maintaining or enhancing production from such reserves. Future decommissioning costs, related to producing assets, are also capitalized to PP&E. PP&E is carried at cost, less accumulated DD&A and accumulated net impairment losses.

Gains and losses on disposal of PP&E are determined as the difference between proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the asset sold and is recognized as a gain or loss on disposal in the statement of comprehensive income.

i) DD&A

The net carrying value of the oil and gas assets is depleted using the unit-of-production method based on estimated proved plus probable oil and natural gas reserves, taking into account the future development costs required to produce the reserves.

Proved plus probable reserves are determined by independent engineers in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 51-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities*. Production and reserves of natural gas are converted to equivalent barrels of crude oil on the basis of six thousand cubic feet of gas to one barrel of oil. Changes in estimates used in prior periods, such as proved and probable reserves, that affect the unit-of-production calculations are dealt with on a prospective basis.

e) Assets Held for Sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is met when the sale is highly probable and the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition. For the sale to be highly probable, management must be committed to a plan to sell the asset and an active program to locate a buyer has been initiated. The asset must be actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value and the sale should be expected to be completed within one year from the date of classification.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs of disposal, with impairments recognized in the statement of comprehensive income in the period measured. Non-current assets held for sale are presented in current assets and liabilities within the balance sheet. Assets held for sale are not depleted, depreciated or amortized.

f) Goodwill

The Company records goodwill relating to a business combination when the purchase price exceeds the fair value of the net identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquired business. Goodwill is reported at cost less any impairment and is not amortized. Goodwill is evaluated when facts and circumstances indicate that it is impaired, or at least on an annual basis. Goodwill impairments are not reversed.

g) Impairment

The carrying amounts of PP&E are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such an indication exists, the estimated recoverable amount is calculated. For the purpose of impairment testing, PP&E assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets or group of assets. The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD") and its value in use ("VIU"). FVLCD is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset or CGU in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties, less the costs of disposal or in the case of a lack of comparable transactions, based upon discounted after tax cash flows. VIU is determined by estimating the present value of the future net cash flows expected to be derived from the continued use of the asset or CGU. An impairment loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment if sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, or indicators suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. E&E assets are tested for impairment immediately prior to costs being transferred to PP&E. Exploration and evaluation assets are tested for impairment at the CGU level by referencing the fair

value of current arm's length transactions in the market to the carrying amount of E&E assets. Impairments of E&E assets are reversed when there has been a subsequent increase in the recoverable amount, but only to the extent of what the carrying amount would have been had no impairment been recognized.

The recoverable amount of goodwill is determined as the fair value less costs of disposal using a discounted cash flow method. Goodwill is evaluated at a corporate level as the business combinations giving rise to goodwill do not have specifically identifiable benefits to any one CGU. Furthermore, management does not track or manage goodwill at a CGU level.

Impairment losses previously recognized are assessed at each reporting date for indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed to the extent that the asset's new carrying amount does not exceed the original carrying amount, net of related accumulated DD&A, if there has been an increase in the estimate of the recoverable amount. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

h) Business Combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured at their fair values at the acquisition date. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the acquisition date. The excess of the cost of the acquisition over the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of the acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets acquired, the difference is recognized immediately in net income or loss. Transaction costs associated with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

i) Decommissioning Liability

Decommissioning liabilities include present obligations where the Company will be required to retire tangible long-lived assets. Decommissioning liabilities are measured at the present value of the expenditure expected to be incurred using the relevant risk-free rate. The associated cost is capitalized as part of the cost of the related long-lived asset. Changes in the estimated obligation resulting from revisions to estimated timing, amount of cash flows, or changes in the discount rate are recognized as a change in the decommissioning liability.

Amortization of decommissioning costs is included in depreciation, depletion and amortization in the statement of comprehensive income. Increases resulting from the passage of time are recorded as accretion of decommissioning liabilities in the statement of comprehensive income.

Actual expenditures incurred are charged against the accumulated decommissioning liability.

j) Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets that require greater than a year to be ready for their intended use are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use. All other borrowing costs are recognized as interest and financing expense in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they are incurred.

k) Share-based Compensation

The Company's share-based compensation program consists of share awards. Share awards issued to insiders are accounted for as cash-settled transactions. Share awards issued to employees are accounted for as equity-settled transactions.

Time-based and performance share awards granted under the Award Incentive Plan are accounted for at fair value. Stock-based compensation expense is determined based on the estimated fair value of shares on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The fair value of awards issued to insiders that are accounted for as cash-settled transactions are subsequently adjusted to reflect the fair value at each period end. Fair value is based on the prevailing Whitecap share price. Forfeitures are estimated at the grant date and are subsequently adjusted to reflect actual forfeitures. The expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, with a corresponding increase to contributed

surplus in the case of awards accounted for as equity-settled, or accounts payable and share-based compensation liability in the case of awards accounted for as cash-settled. The Company capitalizes the portion of stock-based compensation directly attributable to development activities, with a corresponding decrease to stock-based compensation expense.

Share awards are either time-based or performance based. Performance based awards are granted with a performance multiplier. This multiplier, ranging from zero to two, will be applied at vesting and is dependent on the performance of the Company relative to pre-defined corporate performance measures for a particular period and the Board of Directors' discretion.

l) Flow-through Shares

Periodically, the Company finances a portion of its exploration and development activities through the issuance of flow-through shares. Under the terms of the flow-through share agreements, the tax attributes of the related expenditures are renounced to subscribers. The stated capital recorded on flow-through share issuances is equal to the estimated fair value of the common shares, exclusive of the flow-through component, on the date of issue. The difference between the gross proceeds received and the stated capital recorded is a liability ("flow-through share liability") until qualifying expenditures are incurred. When the expenditures are incurred, the resulting deferred tax liability is recorded through income tax expense less the reversal of the flow-through share liability previously reported.

m) Income Tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred taxes. Income tax is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in other comprehensive income or elsewhere in shareholders' equity, in which case the related income tax expense or recovery is also recognized directly in other comprehensive income or elsewhere in shareholders' equity.

Current tax expense is the expected cash tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted, or substantively enacted, at the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

In general, the deferred tax expense and related liability are recognized in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined on a non-discounted basis using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and are expected to continue to apply when the deferred tax asset or liability is settled. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that the assets can be recovered.

Tax on income in interim periods is accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

n) Share Capital

Proceeds from the issuance of common shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of shares are recognized as a deduction from equity.

o) Net Income/Loss per Share

Net income/loss per share is calculated by dividing the net income/loss for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted net income/loss per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for dilutive instruments. The Company's potentially dilutive common shares comprise stock options and share awards granted to employees and directors. The number of shares included with respect to options and share awards is computed using the treasury stock method.

p) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries and any reference to the Company throughout these consolidated financial statements refers to the Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany balances, transactions, revenue and expenses are eliminated on consolidation. The consolidated accounts are prepared using uniform accounting policies.

q) Changes in Accounting Policies

i) IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

Whitecap retrospectively applied the requirements of IFRS 9 on January 1, 2018 and the adoption did not result in a change in the carrying value of any of the Company's financial instruments on transition date.

IFRS 9 uses a single approach to determine whether a financial asset is classified and measured at amortized cost or fair value, replacing the multiple rules in IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: recognition and measurement* ("IAS 39"). The approach in IFRS 9 is based on how an entity manages its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Most of the requirements in IAS 39 for classification and measurement of financial liabilities were carried forward in IFRS 9, and IFRS 9 has introduced a single expected credit loss impairment model, which is based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition. The adoption of the expected credit loss impairment model did not result in a material change on the financial statements of the Company, however, there are additional required disclosures which have been included in Note 5.

IFRS 9 also contains a new hedge accounting model, however, the Company did not apply hedge accounting to any of its commodity price risk management contracts. In addition, IFRS 9 includes amended guidance for the classification and measurement of financial assets by introducing a fair value through other comprehensive income category for certain debt instruments. Whitecap does not have any investments in debt instruments for which this guidance applies to.

For the comparative year presented, prior to the adoption of IFRS 9, the previous accounting policy differs as follows:

1) Cash, Accounts Receivable, Loans and Other Receivables

A provision for impairment of accounts receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganization, and default or significant delinquency in payments are considered indicators that a receivable is impaired.

2) Impairment of Financial Assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. If such evidence exists, the Company recognizes an impairment loss, as follows:

a) Financial assets carried at amortized cost:

The amount of the impairment is the difference between the amortized cost of the loan or receivable and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted using the effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

b) Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss:

The impairment loss is the difference between the original cost of the asset and its fair value at the measurement date, less any impairment losses previously recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

ii) IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15")

Whitecap adopted the requirements of IFRS 15 on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective approach. Whitecap management reviewed its revenue streams and major contracts with customers using the IFRS 15 five step model and there were no material changes to net earnings or timing of petroleum and natural gas sales revenue recognized. As part of the adoption of the standard, Whitecap has used the practical expedient to not restate contracts that are completed contracts at the beginning of the earliest period presented. Refer to Note 14 for more information including additional disclosures as required under IFRS 15.

Revenue from the sale of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids is measured based on the consideration specified in contracts with customers. Whitecap recognizes revenue when control of the product transfers to the buyer and collection is reasonably assured. This is generally at the point in time when the customer obtains legal title to the product which is when it is physically transferred to the pipeline or other transportation method agreed upon. Revenues from processing activities are recognized over time as processing occurs and are generally billed monthly.

Whitecap has applied the practical expedient to recognize revenue in the amount to which the Company has the right to invoice. As such, no disclosure is included relating to the amount of transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations and when these amounts are expected to be recognized as revenue.

For the comparative year presented, prior to the adoption of IFRS 15, the previous accounting policy differs as follows:

1) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids is recorded when the risks and rewards of ownership of the product is transferred to the buyer, which is usually when legal title passes to the external party. This is generally at the time product enters the pipeline. Royalty income is recognized as it accrues in accordance with the terms of the overriding royalty agreements.

r) Standards Issued but not yet Effective

The Company has reviewed new and revised accounting pronouncements listed below that have been issued but are not yet effective. There are no other standards or interpretations issued, but not yet adopted, that are anticipated to have a material effect on the reported income or net assets of the Company.

i) IFRS 16 Leases (“IFRS 16”)

IFRS 16 was issued in January 2016 and replaces IAS 17 *Leases* and related interpretations. The standard is required to be adopted either retrospectively or by recognizing the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 16 as an adjustment to opening equity at the date of initial application. IFRS 16 is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2019 with earlier adoption permitted if IFRS 15 has also been adopted. IFRS 16 requires lessees to recognize a lease obligation and right-of-use asset for the majority of leases. Whitecap is currently evaluating the impact of the standard including identifying and reviewing contracts that are impacted. The Company expects that the standard will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements. The expected impact on the opening balance sheet at January 1, 2019, is a material increase to property, plant and equipment and a corresponding material increase to finance lease obligations. Interest expense will be recognized on the lease obligation and lease payments will be applied against the lease obligation.

4. DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUES

A number of the Company’s accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. When applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

The Company’s financial instruments recorded at fair value require disclosure about how the fair value was determined based on significant levels of inputs described in the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions occur in sufficient frequency and value to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2 - Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1. Prices in Level 2 are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 valuations for commodity, interest and foreign exchange (“FX”) contracts are based on inputs including quoted forward prices for commodities, forward interest rates and forward exchange rates, respectively,

time value and volatility factors, which can be substantially observed or corroborated in the market place.

- Level 3 - Valuations in this level are those with inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The carrying value of deposits, accounts receivable, bank debt, dividends payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities included in the balance sheet approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of those instruments or the indexed rate of interest on the bank debt. The fair value measurement of the risk management contracts and the senior notes have a fair value hierarchy of Level 2. The fair value measurement of PP&E, E&E, goodwill, and the investment in limited partnership have a fair value hierarchy of Level 3. The Company's finance department is responsible for performing the valuation of financial instruments, including the calculation of Level 3 fair values. Refer to Notes 7, 8, 9 and 10 for changes in the Company's Level 3 assets.

a) PP&E and E&E Assets

The fair value of PP&E recognized is based on market values. The market value of PP&E is the estimated amount for which PP&E could be exchanged on the acquisition date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. The market value of oil and natural gas interests (included in PP&E) are generally estimated with reference to the discounted cash flows expected to be derived from oil and natural gas production based on internally and externally prepared reserve reports. The risk-adjusted discount rate is specific to the asset with reference to general market conditions. The market value of E&E assets is estimated with reference to the market values of current arm's length transactions in comparable locations.

b) Deposits, Accounts Receivable, Long-term Debt, Dividends Payable, Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

The fair value of deposits, accounts receivable, bank debt, senior notes, dividends payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. As at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the fair value of these balances, other than senior notes, approximated their carrying value. The fair value of the bank debt is equal to its carrying amount as the bank debt bears interest at floating rates and credit spreads within the facility are indicative of market rates.

c) Derivatives

The fair value of financial derivatives are recurring measurements and are determined whenever possible based on observable market data. If not available, the Company uses third party models and valuation methodologies that utilize observable market data including forward commodity prices, forward interest rates and forward exchange rates to estimate the fair value of financial derivatives. In addition to market information, the Company incorporates transaction specific details that market participants would utilize in a fair value measurement, including the impact of non-performance risk. The valuation technique used has not changed.

d) Share Awards

The fair values of share awards are measured using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. Measurement inputs include share price on measurement date, exercise price of the instrument, expected volatility, weighted average expected life of the instruments, expected dividends and the risk-free interest rate.

e) Investment in Limited Partnership

The fair value of the investment in limited partnership is based on the Company's share of the fair value of the limited partnership's accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and deposits, risk management contracts, PP&E, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, bank debt, loan from parent, and decommissioning obligations. The fair values are determined using the methods in the preceding paragraphs as applicable.

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

a) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Subject to Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset if Whitecap has the current legal right to offset and intends to settle on a net basis or settle the asset and liability simultaneously. Whitecap offsets risk management assets and liabilities when the counterparty, commodity, currency and timing of settlement are the same. The following table summarizes the gross asset and liability positions of the Company's financial derivatives by counterparty that are offset on the balance sheet as at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

(\$000s)	December 31, 2018			December 31, 2017		
	Asset	Liability	Net	Asset	Liability	Net
Gross amount	86,539	(1,893)	84,646	32,171	(71,465)	(39,294)
Amount offset	(1,866)	1,866	-	(20,900)	20,900	-
Net amount	84,673	(27)	84,646	11,271	(50,565)	(39,294)

b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to Whitecap if a partner or counterparty to a product sales contract or financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Whitecap is exposed to credit risk with respect to its cash, accounts receivable and risk management contracts. Most of Whitecap's accounts receivable relate to oil and natural gas sales or joint interest billings and are subject to typical industry credit risks. Whitecap manages this credit risk as follows:

- By entering into sales contracts with only established creditworthy counterparties as verified by a third party rating agency, through internal evaluation or by requiring security such as letters of credit;
- By limiting exposure to any one counterparty; and
- By restricting cash equivalent investments and risk management transactions to counterparties that, at the time of transaction, are not less than investment grade.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is as follows:

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Accounts receivable	121,120	139,612
Risk management contracts	84,673	11,271
Total exposure	205,793	150,883

Joint interest receivables are typically collected within one to three months following production. The majority of the credit exposure on accounts receivable at December 31, 2018 pertains to accrued revenue for December 2018 production volumes. Whitecap transacts with a number of oil and natural gas marketing companies and commodity end users ("Commodity Purchasers"). Commodity Purchasers typically remit amounts to Whitecap by the 25th day of the month following production. The Company monitors the exposure to any single counterparty along with its financial position. If it is deemed that a counterparty has become materially weaker, the Company will work to reduce the credit exposure to that counterparty. At December 31, 2018, two Commodity Purchasers accounted for approximately eight percent each of the total accounts receivable balance and are not considered a credit risk.

Whitecap applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by IFRS 9 which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. Prior credit losses in the collection of accounts receivable by Whitecap have been negligible and the Company does not anticipate any significant future credit losses based on forward looking information. Accordingly, no provision has been recorded for expected credit losses.

When determining whether amounts that are past due are collectable, management assesses the creditworthiness and past payment history of the counterparty, as well as the nature of the past due amount. Whitecap considers all amounts greater than 90 days to be past due. As at December 31, 2018, there was \$1.6 million (December 31, 2017 – \$1.6 million) of receivables aged over 90 days. Subsequent to December 31, 2018, approximately \$0.8 million (December 31, 2017 – \$0.8 million) has been collected and the remaining balance is not considered to be a credit risk.

c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Whitecap will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. Whitecap actively manages its liquidity through cash, debt and equity management strategies. Such strategies include continuously monitoring forecasted and actual cash flows from operating, financing and investing activities, available credit under existing banking arrangements and opportunities to issue additional common shares and/or long-term debt. Whitecap actively monitors its credit and working capital facilities to ensure that it has sufficient available funds to meet its dividend payments and financial requirements at a reasonable cost. Management believes that future funds generated from these sources will be adequate to settle Whitecap's financial liabilities.

The following table details Whitecap's financial liabilities as at December 31, 2018:

(\$000s)	<1 year	1 to 2 years	2+ years	Total
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	165,735	-	-	165,735
Dividends payable	11,180	-	-	11,180
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	21,605	21,605	1,332,322	1,375,532
Risk management contracts ⁽¹⁾	-	27	-	27
Total financial liabilities	198,520	21,632	1,332,322	1,552,474

Note:

⁽¹⁾ These amounts include the notional principal and interest payments. Interest rate swaps are included in risk management contracts.

The following table details Whitecap's financial liabilities as at December 31, 2017:

(\$000s)	<1 year	1 to 2 years	2+ years	Total
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	152,026	-	-	152,026
Dividends payable	10,242	-	-	10,242
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	21,605	710,837	693,230	1,425,672
Risk management contracts ⁽¹⁾	49,017	1,548	-	50,565
Total financial liabilities	232,890	712,385	693,230	1,638,505

Note:

⁽¹⁾ These amounts include the notional principal and interest payments. Interest rate swaps are included in risk management contracts.

d) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk is composed of commodity price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk as discussed below.

Whitecap's consolidated balance sheet included the following risk management assets recorded at fair value:

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Current Assets		
Crude oil	74,588	7,772
Natural gas	388	861
Interest	180	-
Power	63	310
Foreign exchange	-	2,113
Total current assets	75,219	11,056
Long-term Assets		
Crude oil	9,454	-
Interest	-	130
Power	-	85
Total long-term assets	9,454	215
Total fair value	84,673	11,271

Whitecap's consolidated balance sheet included the following risk management liabilities recorded at fair value:

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Current Liabilities		
Crude oil	-	47,358
Interest	-	1,409
Foreign exchange	-	250
Total current liabilities	-	49,017
Long-term Liabilities		
Crude oil	-	1,548
Power	27	-
Total long-term liabilities	27	1,548
Total fair value	27	50,565

Whitecap's net income (loss) includes the following realized and unrealized gains (losses) on risk management contracts:

(\$000s)	Twelve months ended December 31	
	2018	2017
Realized loss on commodity and FX contracts	(64,000)	(24,174)
Unrealized gain on commodity and FX contracts	122,481	77,634
Net gain on commodity and FX contracts	58,481	53,460
Realized loss on interest rate contracts ⁽¹⁾	(1,623)	(4,485)
Unrealized gain on interest rate contracts ⁽¹⁾	1,459	7,502
Net gain on risk management contracts	58,317	56,477

Note:

⁽¹⁾ The gain (loss) on interest rate risk management contracts is included in interest and financing expense.

i) Commodity Price Risk

The Company's operational results and financial condition are largely dependent on the commodity price received for its oil and natural gas production. Commodity prices have fluctuated widely in recent years due to global and regional factors including supply and demand fundamentals, inventory levels, weather, economic and geopolitical factors.

Whitecap manages the risks associated with changes in commodity prices by entering into a variety of risk management contracts. The Company assesses the effects of movement in commodity prices on income before tax. When assessing the potential impact of these commodity price changes, the Company believes a ten percent volatility is a reasonable measure. A ten percent increase or decrease in commodity prices would have resulted in the following impact to unrealized gains (losses) on risk management contracts and net income before tax:

(\$000s)	December 31, 2018	
	Increase 10%	Decrease 10%
Commodity Price		
Crude Oil	(48,843)	50,732
Natural Gas	(63)	63
Power	179	(179)
Differential		
Crude oil	619	(619)

At December 31, 2018, the following commodity risk management contracts were outstanding with an asset fair market value of \$84.5 million and a liability fair market value of \$0.1 million (December 31, 2017 – asset of \$9.0 million and liability of \$48.9 million):

1) *WTI Crude Oil Derivative Contracts*

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Bought Put Price (C\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	Sold Call Price (C\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	Swap Price (C\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾
Swap ⁽²⁾	2019 Jan – Jun	13,500			74.86
Collar	2019 Jan – Jun	8,000	71.56	91.76	
Swap	2019 Jul – Dec	6,000			72.85
Collar	2019 Jul – Dec	9,000	71.67	92.44	
Swap	2019	2,000			72.74
Collar	2020 Jan – Jun	7,000	68.57	88.61	

Notes:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

(2) 2,000 bbls/d at \$74.00/bbl are extendable through the second half of 2019 at the option of the counterparties through the exercise of a one-time option on June 28, 2019.

2) *WTI Crude Oil Differential Derivative Contracts*

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Basis ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Swap Price (C\$/bbl) ⁽³⁾
Swap	2019 Jan – Mar	2,000	MSW	18.90
Swap	2019 Jan – Mar	2,000	WCS	25.90

Notes:

(1) Mixed Sweet Blend ("MSW").

(2) Western Canadian Select ("WCS").

(3) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

3) *Natural Gas Derivative Contracts*

Type	Term	Volume (GJ/d)	Swap Price (C\$/GJ) ⁽¹⁾
Swap	2019 Jan – Mar	5,000	2.27

Note:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

4) *Power Derivative Contracts*

Type	Term	Volume (MWh)	Fixed Rate (\$/MWh) ⁽¹⁾
Swap	2019	26,280	51.10
Swap	2020	8,760	50.50

Note:

(1) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

5) *Contracts entered into subsequent to December 31, 2018*

a) *WTI Crude Oil Differential Derivative Contracts*

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Basis ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Swap Price (C\$/bbl) ⁽³⁾
Swap	2019 Feb – Mar	2,000	MSW	9.85
Swap	2019 Mar	2,000	MSW	5.85
Swap	2019 Apr – Jun	4,000	MSW	9.75
Swap	2019 Feb – Mar	4,000	WCS	19.98
Swap	2019 Apr – Jun	5,000	WCS	19.30

Notes:

(1) Mixed Sweet Blend ("MSW").

(2) Western Canadian Select ("WCS").

(3) Prices reported are the weighted average prices for the period.

ii) Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its credit facility. The credit facility consists of a \$1.03 billion revolving syndicated facility and a \$75 million revolving operating facility. The revolving syndicated facility and revolving operating facility bear interest at the bank's prime lending or bankers' acceptance rates plus applicable margins. Changes in interest rates could result in an increase or decrease in the amount Whitecap pays to service the variable interest rate debt. The Company mitigates its exposure to interest rate changes by entering into interest rate swap transactions and/or fixed rate debt.

If interest rates applicable to floating rate debt at December 31, 2018 were to have increased or decreased by 25 basis points, it is estimated that the Company's income before tax would change by approximately \$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 (\$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2017). This assumes that the change in interest rate is effective from the beginning of the year and the amount of floating rate debt is as at December 31, 2018.

When assessing the potential impact of forward interest rate changes on the Company's interest rate swaps, the Company believes an interest rate volatility of 25 basis points is a reasonable measure. A 25 basis point increase or decrease in forward interest rates would have resulted in the following impact to unrealized gains (losses) on risk management contracts and net income before tax:

(\$000s)	December 31, 2018	
	Increase 0.25%	Decrease 0.25%
Interest rate swap	97	(97)

At December 31, 2018, the following interest rate risk management contract was outstanding with an asset fair market value of \$0.2 million (December 31, 2017 – asset of \$0.1 million and liability of \$1.4 million):

1) Interest Rate Contract

Type	Term		Amount (\$000s)	Fixed Rate (%)	Index ⁽¹⁾
Swap	01-May-14	01-May-19	200,000	1.97	CDOR

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Canadian Dollar Offered Rate ("CDOR").

iii) Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company is exposed to the risk of changes in the U.S./Canadian dollar exchange rate ("USD/CAD") on crude oil sales based on U.S. dollar benchmark prices and commodity contracts that are settled in U.S. dollars. Foreign exchange risk is mitigated by entering into Canadian dollar denominated commodity risk management contracts or foreign exchange contracts. At December 31, 2018, Whitecap did not have any foreign exchange contracts outstanding.

e) Physical Purchase and Sale Contracts

1) WTI Crude Oil Differential Derivative Contracts

Type	Term	Volume (bbls/d)	Basis ⁽¹⁾	Swap Price (US\$/bbl)
Swap	2019 Feb – Jun	2,000	MSW	9.85

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Mixed Sweet Blend ("MSW").

f) Capital Management

The Company's policy is to maintain a strong capital base for the objectives of maintaining financial flexibility, creditor and market confidence and to sustain the future development of the business. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying petroleum and natural gas assets. The Company considers its capital structure to include shareholders' equity, long-term debt and working capital.

i) Net Debt and Total Capitalization

Management considers net debt a key measure to assess the Company's liquidity. Total capitalization is used by Management and investors in analyzing the Company's balance sheet strength and liquidity.

The following is a breakdown of the Company's capital structure:

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Accounts receivable	(121,120)	(139,612)
Deposits and prepaid expenses	(11,082)	(10,982)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	165,735	152,026
Dividends payable	11,180	10,242
Working capital deficiency	44,713	11,674
Long-term debt	1,255,697	1,284,232
Net debt	1,300,410	1,295,906
Shareholders' equity	3,229,566	3,333,133
Total capitalization	4,529,976	4,629,039

ii) Funds Flow

Management considers funds flow to be a key measure of operating performance as it demonstrates Whitecap's ability to generate the cash necessary to pay dividends, repay debt, make capital investments, and/or to repurchase common shares under the Company's Normal Course Issuer Bid ("NCIB"). Management believes that by excluding the temporary impact of changes in non-cash operating working capital, funds flow provides a useful measure of Whitecap's ability to generate cash that is not subject to short-term movements in non-cash operating working capital. Funds flow is not a standardized measure and therefore may not be comparable with the calculation of similar measures by other entities.

Funds flow for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 is calculated as follows:

(\$000s)	Twelve months ended December 31	
	2018	2017
Cash flow from operating activities	727,934	489,119
Net change in non-cash working capital items	(23,514)	19,508
Funds flow	704,420	508,627

6. ACQUISITIONS

The revenue and operating income for the post-acquisition period of the acquisitions listed below are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

The below amounts are estimates which were made by management at the time of the preparation of these consolidated financial statements based on information then available. Amendments may be made to these amounts as values subject to estimate are finalized for a period of up to one year. The pro-forma information disclosed below is not necessarily indicative of the actual results that would have been achieved had the business combinations closed on January 1, 2018.

a) 2018 Acquisitions

i) Capio Energy Inc. ("Capio") Acquisition

On February 22, 2018, the Company closed the acquisition of Capio by acquiring all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Capio for cash consideration of \$56.8 million, net of acquired working capital. The corporate acquisition has been accounted for as a business combinations under IFRS 3.

The acquisition of Capio has contributed revenues of \$16.0 million and operating income of \$11.2 million since February 22, 2018. Had the acquisition closed on January 1, 2018, estimated contributed revenues would have been \$18.7 million and estimated contributed operating income would have been \$13.5 million for the period ended December 31, 2018.

Net assets acquired (\$000s):

Working capital	6,718
Petroleum and natural gas properties	52,025
Exploration and evaluation	1,141
Deferred income tax	4,301
Decommissioning liability	(637)
Total net assets acquired	63,548

Cash consideration:

Total consideration	63,548
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ii) SESK Royalty Interest Acquisition

On September 14, 2018, the Company closed the acquisition of a gross overriding royalty on property where the Company has a 100% working interest. The acquisition was accounted for as a business combination under IFRS 3.

The royalty interest acquired has contributed operating income of \$0.4 million since September 14, 2018. Had the acquisition closed on January 1, 2018, estimated contributed operating income would have been \$1.6 million for the period ended December 31, 2018.

Net assets acquired (\$000s):

Petroleum and natural gas properties	12,034
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Cash consideration:

Total consideration	12,034
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iii) West Pembina Property Acquisition

On October 1, 2018, the Company closed the acquisition of certain light oil assets in the West Pembina area. The property acquisition was accounted for as a business combination under IFRS 3.

The light oil assets acquired have contributed revenues of \$0.4 million and operating income of \$0.3 million since October 1, 2018. Had the acquisition closed on January 1, 2018, estimated contributed revenues would have been \$2.1 million and estimated contributed operating income would have been \$1.4 million for the period ended December 31, 2018.

Net assets acquired (\$000s):

Petroleum and natural gas properties	15,443
Decommissioning liability	(444)
Total net assets acquired	14,999

Cash consideration:

Total consideration	14,999
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iv) Other Acquisitions

In the twelve months ended December 31, 2018, the Company acquired, for cash, strategic tuck-in properties and working interests that complement existing assets in the NABC CGU and the WCAB CGU. The acquisitions were accounted for as business combinations under IFRS 3.

Net assets acquired (\$000s):	
Petroleum and natural gas properties	8,655
Decommissioning liability	(731)
Total net assets acquired	7,924
Cash consideration:	
Total consideration	7,924

b) 2017 Acquisitions

i) Boundary Lake Property Acquisition

On July 6, 2017, the Company closed the acquisition of certain light oil assets in the Boundary Lake area. The property acquisition was accounted for as a business combination under IFRS 3.

The light oil assets acquired have contributed revenues of \$1.6 million and operating income of \$0.9 million since July 6, 2017. Had the acquisition closed on January 1, 2017, estimated contributed revenues would have been \$3.5 million and estimated contributed operating income would have been \$2.1 million for the period ended December 31, 2017.

Net assets acquired (\$000s):	
Petroleum and natural gas properties	17,588
Decommissioning liability	(168)
Total net assets acquired	17,420
Cash consideration:	
Total consideration	17,420

ii) Southeast Saskatchewan Acquisition

On December 14, 2017, the Company closed the acquisition of high quality light oil assets in southeast Saskatchewan. The property acquisition was accounted for as a business combination under IFRS 3.

The light oil assets acquired have contributed revenues of \$17.7 million and operating income of \$9.5 million since December 14, 2017. Had the acquisition closed on January 1, 2017, estimated contributed revenues would have been \$321.3 million and estimated contributed operating income would have been \$151.7 million for the period ended December 31, 2017.

Net assets acquired (\$000s):	
Petroleum and natural gas properties	946,544
Exploration and evaluation	1,662
Decommissioning liability	(9,990)
Total net assets acquired	938,216
Cash consideration:	
Total consideration	938,216

iii) Asset Swaps and Other Property Acquisitions

In the twelve months ended December 31, 2017, the Company acquired strategic tuck-in properties and working interests that complement existing assets in the NABC CGU and the WCAB CGU. The property acquisitions were accounted for as business combinations under IFRS 3.

Net assets acquired (\$000s): ⁽¹⁾	
Petroleum and natural gas properties	15,514
Cash	197
Decommissioning liability	(267)
	15,444
Consideration: ⁽¹⁾	
Cash consideration	11,756
Non-cash consideration	3,688
Total consideration	15,444

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Net assets acquired and consideration include the impact of an asset swap transaction which closed on January 26, 2017 in which \$3.5 million of PP&E assets and \$0.2 million of cash were received in exchange for properties in northwest Alberta. The net book value of the properties disposed in the asset swap transaction was \$2.7 million.

7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Net book value (\$000s)		
Petroleum and natural gas properties	7,876,793	7,320,003
Other assets	4,706	3,144
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	7,881,499	7,323,147
Less: accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment	(2,692,038)	(1,988,143)
Total net carrying amount	5,189,461	5,335,004

Cost (\$000s)	Petroleum and natural gas properties	Other assets	Total
Balance at December 31, 2016	5,954,201	2,163	5,956,364
Additions	402,524	981	403,505
Property acquisitions	976,559	-	976,559
Transfer from evaluation and exploration assets	4,502	-	4,502
Disposals	(17,783)	-	(17,783)
Balance at December 31, 2017	7,320,003	3,144	7,323,147
Additions	482,496	1,767	484,263
Property acquisitions	35,032	-	35,032
Corporate acquisition	52,775	-	52,775
Transfer from evaluation and exploration assets	1,268	-	1,268
Disposals	(14,781)	(205)	(14,986)
Balance at December 31, 2018	7,876,793	4,706	7,881,499

a) Non-Core Asset Dispositions

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized a net loss of \$1.2 million on the disposition of non-core assets (\$15.7 million net gain for the year ended December 31, 2017). The loss was primarily attributed to the disposition of certain non-core producing properties in northern Alberta for a loss of \$1.4 million, partially offset by a \$0.1 million gain from the disposition of certain non-core producing properties in west central Saskatchewan.

b) Accumulated Depletion, Depreciation, Amortization and Impairment

Accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment (\$000s)	Petroleum and natural gas properties	Other assets	Total
Balance at December 31, 2016	1,255,212	1,604	1,256,816
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	385,434	484	385,918
Impairment	347,429	-	347,429
Disposals	(2,020)	-	(2,020)
Balance at December 31, 2017	1,986,055	2,088	1,988,143
Depletion, depreciation and amortization	486,124	889	487,013
Impairment	219,253	-	219,253
Disposals	(2,325)	(46)	(2,371)
Balance at December 31, 2018	2,689,107	2,931	2,692,038

At December 31, 2018, \$217.7 million of salvage value (December 31, 2017 – \$211.3 million) was excluded from the depletion calculation. Future development costs of \$3.4 billion (December 31, 2017 – \$3.1 billion) were included in the depletion calculation. The Company capitalized \$13.0 million (December 31, 2017 – \$15.0 million) of administrative costs directly relating to development activities which includes \$5.7 million (December 31, 2017 – \$7.9 million) of stock-based compensation.

c) Impairment Test of Property, Plant and Equipment

The recoverable amount of PP&E is determined as the fair value less costs of disposal using a discounted cash flow method and is assessed at the CGU level. As a result of the decrease in Whitecap's share price causing the Company's net assets recognized on the consolidated balance sheet to exceed market capitalization as at December 31, 2018, an impairment test on the Company's PP&E assets was performed. The fair value measurement of the Company's PP&E is designated Level 3 on the fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 4 – "Determination of Fair Values" for a description of the methodology used in the determination of fair values.

The following table outlines the forecast benchmark commodity prices used in the impairment calculation of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2018. Forecast benchmark commodity price assumptions tend to be stable because short-term increases or decreases in prices are not considered indicative of long-term price levels, but are nonetheless subject to change. The Company used an after-tax discount rate of 10 percent.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 ⁽²⁾
WTI crude oil (US\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	58.58	64.60	68.20	71.00	72.81	74.59	76.42	78.40	79.98	81.59
AECO natural gas (\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	1.88	2.31	2.74	3.05	3.21	3.31	3.39	3.46	3.54	3.62
Exchange Rate (CAD/USD)	0.76	0.78	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81

Notes:

- (1) The forecast benchmark commodity prices listed are adjusted for quality differentials, heat content, transportation and marketing costs and other factors specific to the Company's operations in performing the Company's impairment tests.
- (2) Forecast benchmark commodity prices are assumed to increase by 2% in each year after 2028 to the end of the reserve life. Forecast exchange rate is assumed to remain at 0.81 CAD/USD each year after 2028 to the end of the reserve life.

The impairment test of PP&E at December 31, 2018 concluded that the carrying amount of the WCSK CGU of \$1.1 billion exceeded its fair value less costs of disposal of \$846.0 million. The full amount of the impairment was attributed to PP&E and, as a result, a total impairment loss of \$219.3 million was recorded in impairment expense. The impairment expense in 2018 was primarily a result of negative technical revisions in reserves assigned due to well performance at December 31, 2018, compared to December 31, 2017.

Changes in any of the key judgments, such as a downward revision in reserves, a decrease in forecast benchmark commodity prices, changes in foreign exchange rates, an increase in royalties or an increase in operating costs would decrease the recoverable amounts of assets and any impairment charges or reversals would affect net income (loss).

As at December 31, 2018, a one percent increase in the assumed discount rate and/or a five percent decrease in the forecast operating cash flows would result in the following pre-tax impairment expense being recognized:

Impairment expense (reversal) (\$000s)	WCSK CGU	WCAB CGU
1% increase in discount rate	283,940	129,352
5% decrease in cash flows	277,199	95,234
1% increase in discount rate and 5% decrease in cash flows	338,651	209,185

The increase in discount rate and decrease in forecast operating cash flows would not result in impairment in the Company's remaining CGUs other than the WCAB CGU. Impairment losses can be reversed in future periods if the estimated recoverable amount of the CGU exceeds its carrying value. The impairment recovery is limited to a maximum of the estimated depleted historical cost if the impairment had not been recognized.

The impairment test of PP&E at December 31, 2017 concluded that the carrying amounts of the WCSK and the WCAB CGUs of \$1.2 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively, exceeded their fair value less costs of disposal of \$1.0 billion and \$1.3 billion, respectively. The full amounts of the impairments were attributed to PP&E and, as a result, a total impairment loss of \$347.4 million was recorded in impairment expense. The impairment expense in 2017 was primarily a result of lower forecast benchmark commodity prices at December 31, 2017, compared to December 31, 2016.

8. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Exploration and evaluation assets	38,786	38,973
Less: accumulated land expiries and write-offs	(29,103)	(28,183)
Total net carrying amount	9,683	10,790

(\$000s)	Undeveloped Land
Balance at December 31, 2016	40,172
Property acquisitions	4,749
Disposals	(1,446)
Transfer to property, plant and equipment	(4,502)
Balance at December 31, 2017	38,973
Property acquisitions	350
Corporate acquisition	1,141
Transfer to property, plant and equipment	(1,268)
Disposals	(410)
Balance at December 31, 2018	38,786

(\$000s)	Accumulated land expiries and write-offs
Balance at December 31, 2016	26,057
Land expiries and write-offs	2,126
Balance at December 31, 2017	28,183
Land expiries and write-offs	920
Balance at December 31, 2018	29,103

E&E assets consist of the Company's exploration projects which are pending the determination of proved reserves. Additions represent the Company's share of costs acquired or incurred on E&E assets during the period.

a) Impairment Test of Exploration and Evaluation Assets

There were no indicators of impairment at December 31, 2018.

9. INVESTMENT IN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Investment in limited partnership, beginning of year	7,585	13,625
Unrealized loss on investment	(6,221)	(5,618)
Partnership distributions	-	(422)
Investment in limited partnership, end of period	1,364	7,585

On June 26, 2014, the Company acquired a ten percent interest in an oil and gas limited partnership. The investment is recorded at fair value and any subsequent gains or losses recorded in net income or loss. At December 31, 2018, the investment is recorded at a fair value of \$1.4 million which was \$41.4 million less than the original cost of the investment. See Note 4 – "Determination of Fair Values" for additional information regarding the Company's Level 3 investment. The Company's key assumptions used in determining the fair value include reserves, discount rate, future commodity prices, operating costs and capital expenditures. Refer to Note 4 – "Determination of Fair Values" for a description of the methodology used in the determination of fair values.

a) Fair Value of Investment in Limited Partnership

The following table outlines the forecast benchmark commodity prices used in the fair value calculation of PP&E held by the limited partnership at December 31, 2018. The Company used after-tax discount rates of 10 percent. The decrease in fair value in 2018 was a result of lower forecast benchmark commodity prices at December 31, 2018 compared to December 31, 2017. The decrease in fair value in 2017 was a result of lower forecast benchmark commodity prices at December 31, 2017 compared to December 31, 2016.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 ⁽²⁾
Canadian Light Sweet Crude (\$/bbl) ⁽¹⁾	63.30	74.30	78.50	83.40	85.10	86.80	88.50	90.30	92.10	94.00
AECO natural gas (\$/MMBtu) ⁽¹⁾	1.85	2.20	2.55	3.05	3.20	3.30	3.35	3.40	3.45	3.55

Notes:

(1) The forecast benchmark commodity prices listed are adjusted for quality differentials, heat content, transportation and marketing costs and other factors specific to the Company's operations in performing the Company's impairment tests.

(2) Forecast benchmark commodity prices are assumed to increase by 2% in each year after 2028 to the end of the reserve life.

As at December 31, 2018, a one percent increase in the assumed after-tax discount rates would decrease earnings by \$1.2 million, while a five percent decrease in the forecast operating cash flows would decrease earnings by \$0.5 million. An increase in discount rate and decrease in forecast operating cash flows would decrease earnings by \$1.6 million.

10. GOODWILL

At December 31, 2018, the Company had goodwill of \$122.7 million (December 31, 2017 – \$122.7 million). At December 31, 2018, the Company had total accumulated goodwill impairment charges of \$126.4 million, which was recorded during the year ended December 31, 2015. The recoverable amount of goodwill is determined as the fair value less costs of disposal using a discounted cash flow method and is assessed at the corporate level. The Company's key assumptions used in determining the fair value less costs of disposal include reserves, discount rate, future commodity prices, operating costs and capital expenditures of the Company. The values of these assumptions have been assigned based on internal and external reserve and market price information. The fair value measurement of the Company's goodwill is designated Level 3 on the fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 4 – "Determination of Fair Values" for a description of the methodology used in the determination of fair values.

a) Impairment Test of Goodwill

The impairment test of goodwill at December 31, 2018 concluded that the estimated recoverable amount exceeded the carrying amount. As such, no goodwill impairment existed. Refer to Note 7 – "Property, Plant and Equipment" for a description of the key input estimates and the methodology used in the determination of the estimated recoverable amount related to goodwill.

11. LONG-TERM DEBT

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Bank debt	661,151	689,762
Senior secured notes	594,546	594,470
Long-term debt	1,255,697	1,284,232

a) Bank Debt

As at December 31, 2018, the Company had a \$1.105 billion credit facility with a syndicate of Canadian and American banks. The credit facility consists of a \$1.03 billion revolving syndicated facility and a \$75 million revolving operating facility, with a termination date of May 31, 2022. Prior to any anniversary date, being May 31 of each year, Whitecap may request an extension of the then current termination date, subject to approval by the banks. Following the granting of such extension, the term to maturity of the credit facilities shall not exceed four years. The credit facility provides that advances may be made by way of direct advances, banker's acceptances or letters of credit/guarantees. The credit facility bears interest at the bank's prime lending or bankers' acceptance rates plus applicable margins. The applicable margin charged by the bank is dependent upon the Company's debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization "EBITDA" ratio for the most recent quarter. The bankers' acceptances bear interest at the applicable banker's acceptance rate plus an explicit stamping fee based upon the Company's debt to EBITDA ratio. The credit facilities are secured by a floating charge debenture on the assets of the Company. In the second quarter of 2017, Whitecap repaid its \$372 million term loan facility with banker's acceptances under the Company's revolving production facility.

In the second quarter of 2018, as part of our annual credit facility review, the credit facility transitioned from a borrowing-based structure with lending capacity re-determined on a semi-annual basis, to a financial covenant-based structure with an extendible four year term governed by our existing financial covenants. The credit facility has two financial covenants, whereby the Company's ratio of debt to EBITDA shall not exceed 4.00:1.00 (1.65:1.00 as at December 31, 2018) and the ratio of EBITDA to interest expense shall not be less than 3.50:1.00 (14.16:1.00 as at December 31, 2018). The EBITDA used in the covenant calculation is adjusted for non-cash items, transaction costs and extraordinary and non-recurring items such as material acquisitions or dispositions. The debt used in the covenant calculation includes bank indebtedness, letters of credit, and dividends declared. As of December 31, 2018, the Company was compliant with all covenants provided for in the lending agreement.

b) Senior Secured Notes

As at December 31, 2018, the Company had issued \$595 million senior secured notes. The notes rank equally with Whitecap's obligations under its credit facility. The terms, rates, principals and carrying amounts of the Company's outstanding senior notes are detailed below:

(\$000s)					
Issue Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Principal	Carrying Value	Fair Value
January 5, 2017	January 5, 2022	3.46%	200,000	199,827	193,826
May 31, 2017	May 31, 2024	3.54%	200,000	199,847	188,465
December 20, 2017	December 20, 2026	3.90%	195,000	194,872	183,658
Balance at December 31, 2018			595,000	594,546	565,949

The senior secured notes are subject to the same debt to EBITDA ratio and EBITDA to interest expense ratio described under the credit facility. As of December 31, 2018, the Company was compliant with all covenants provided for in the lending agreements.

12. DECOMMISSIONING LIABILITY

(\$000s)	
Balance at December 31, 2016	609,729
Liabilities incurred	12,758
Liabilities acquired	10,425
Liabilities settled	(2,638)
Liabilities disposed	(4,482)
Revaluation of liabilities acquired ⁽¹⁾	36,989
Change in discount rate	5,901
Accretion expense	14,333
Balance at December 31, 2017	683,015
Liabilities incurred	12,668
Liabilities acquired	1,812
Liabilities settled	(8,187)
Liabilities disposed	(3,714)
Revaluation of liabilities acquired ⁽¹⁾	5,660
Change in estimate	18,663
Accretion expense	15,726
Balance at December 31, 2018	725,643

Note:

- (1) Revaluation of liabilities acquired is the revaluation of acquired decommissioning liabilities at the end of the period using the risk-free discount rate. At the date of acquisition, acquired decommissioning liabilities are fair valued.

The Company's decommissioning liability results from its ownership interest in oil and natural gas assets including well sites and gathering systems. The total decommissioning liability is estimated based on the Company's net ownership interest in all wells and facilities, estimated costs to reclaim and abandon these wells and facilities and the estimated timing of the costs to be incurred in future years. The key assumptions, on which the carrying amount of the decommissioning liability is based, include a risk-free rate of 2.2 percent (2.3 percent at December 31, 2017) and inflation rate of 2.0 percent (2.0 percent at December 31, 2017). The total undiscounted amount of the estimated cash flows required to settle the obligations was \$1.2 billion (December 31, 2017 – \$1.2 billion). The expected timing of payment of the cash flows required for settling the obligations extends up to 47 years.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

a) Authorized

Unlimited number of common shares without nominal or par value.

b) Issued and outstanding

(000s)	Shares	\$
Balance at December 31, 2016	368,351	3,452,671
Issued for cash through public prospectus offering ⁽¹⁾	48,297	425,014
Share issue costs, net of deferred income tax	-	(9,928)
Issued on share award vesting	2,573	-
Common shares repurchased	(1,192)	(10,472)
Contributed surplus adjustment on vesting of share awards	-	31,970
Balance at December 31, 2017	418,029	3,889,255
Issued on share award vesting	1,401	-
Common shares repurchased	(5,367)	(42,708)
Contributed surplus adjustment on vesting of share awards	-	24,251
Balance at December 31, 2018	414,063	3,870,798

Note:

- (1) On December 4, 2017, the Company closed a bought deal public financing and concurrent non-brokered private placement of subscription receipts. Through the bought deal public financing, the Company issued approximately 37.8 million subscription receipts at a price of \$8.80 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of approximately \$332.5 million. Through the private placement, Whitecap issued approximately 10.5 million subscription receipts at a price of \$8.80 per subscription receipt for gross proceeds of approximately \$92.5 million. The gross proceeds were used to partially fund the acquisition of certain petroleum and natural gas properties, interests and related assets located in southeast Saskatchewan. Each subscription receipt was converted to one common share on December 14, 2017 with the closing of the acquisition.

c) Normal Course Issuer Bid

On May 16, 2017, the Company announced the approval of its NCIB by the TSX (the “2017 NCIB”). The 2017 NCIB allowed the Company to purchase up to 18,457,076 common shares over a period of twelve months commencing on May 18, 2017.

On May 16, 2018, the Company announced the approval of its renewed NCIB by the TSX (the “2018 NCIB”). The 2018 NCIB allows the Company to purchase up to 20,864,806 common shares over a period of twelve months commencing on May 18, 2018.

Purchases are made on the open market through the TSX or alternative platforms at the market price of such common shares. All common shares purchased under the NCIB are cancelled. The total cost paid, including commissions and fees, are first charged to share capital to the extent of the average carrying value of Whitecap’s common shares and the excess is charged to contributed surplus.

The following table summarizes the share repurchase activities during the period:

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(000s except per share amounts)	2018	2017
Shares repurchased ⁽¹⁾	6,277	1,192
Average cost (\$/share)	6.81	8.79
Amounts charged to		
Share capital	42,708	10,472
Contributed surplus	11	6
Share repurchase cost	42,719	10,478

Note:

⁽¹⁾ As at December 31, 2018, 910,000 shares repurchased under the NCIB were held in treasury. Subsequent to year-end, all of the shares held in treasury were cancelled.

d) Award Incentive Plan

The Company implemented an Award Incentive Plan effective April 30, 2013. The Award Incentive Plan has time-based awards and performance awards which may be granted to directors, officers, employees of the Company and other service providers. Effective January 1, 2017, independent outside directors will receive only time-based awards as the primary form of long-term compensation. As at December 31, 2018, the maximum number of common shares issuable under the plan shall not at any time exceed 3.755 percent of the total common shares outstanding. Vesting is determined by the Company’s Board of Directors. Currently, time-based and performance share awards issued to employees of the Company vest three years from date of grant. Time-based awards issued to independent outside directors and performance awards issued to officers of the Company vest in two tranches with one half of such awards vesting February 1 of the third year following the grant date and one half vesting October 1 of the third year following the grant date.

Each time-based award may in our sole discretion, entitle the holder to be issued the number of common shares designated in the time-based award plus dividend equivalents or payment in cash. Decisions regarding settlement method for insider and non-insider awards are mutually exclusive. On October 1, 2018, consistent with the terms of the Award Incentive Plan, awards vesting for insiders were settled in cash. As a result, the remaining insider awards were accounted for as cash-settled, resulting in the recognition of share awards liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. Performance awards are also subject to a performance multiplier. This multiplier, ranging from zero to two, will be applied on vesting and is dependent on the performance of the Company relative to predefined corporate performance measures set by the Board of Directors for the associated period.

Based on the terms of the Award Incentive Plan, the fair value of share awards is equal to the underlying share price on grant date. The fair value of awards issued to insiders that are accounted for as cash-settled transactions is subsequently adjusted to the underlying share price at each period end. Performance awards are also adjusted by an estimated payout multiplier. The amount of compensation expense is reduced by an estimated forfeiture rate on the grant date, which has been estimated at 4 percent of outstanding share awards. The forfeiture rate is adjusted to reflect the actual number of shares that vest.

Fluctuations in compensation expense may occur due to changes in estimating the outcome of the performance conditions as well as changes in fair value for awards that are accounted for as cash-settled. Upon the vesting of the awards that are accounted for as equity-settled, the associated amount in contributed surplus is recorded as an increase to share capital.

The estimated weighted average fair value for equity-settled share awards at the measurement date is \$8.31 per award granted during the period ended December 31, 2018.

(000s)	Number of Time-based Awards	Number of Performance Awards ⁽¹⁾	Total Awards
Balance at December 31, 2016	1,018	3,017	4,035
Granted	740	1,925	2,665
Forfeited	(32)	(41)	(73)
Vested	(397)	(1,034)	(1,431)
Balance at December 31, 2017	1,329	3,867	5,196
Granted	699	1,701	2,400
Forfeited	(74)	(142)	(216)
Vested	(230)	(856)	(1,086)
Balance at December 31, 2018	1,724	4,570	6,294

Note:

(1) Based on underlying awards before performance multiplier and dividends accrued.

At December 31, 2018, the current portion of the share awards liability of \$4.1 million was included in accounts payable (December 31, 2017 - nil) and the long-term portion of \$3.4 million was included in share awards liability (December 31, 2017 - nil).

e) Contributed Surplus

(\$000s)	
Balance at December 31, 2016	40,412
Stock-based compensation	25,226
Share award vesting	(31,970)
Common shares repurchased	(6)
Balance at December 31, 2017	33,662
Stock-based compensation	23,021
Share award vesting	(24,251)
Conversion of insider share awards to cash-settled	(16,702)
Common shares repurchased	(11)
Balance at December 31, 2018	15,719

f) Dividends

Dividends declared were \$0.32 per common share in the year ended December 31, 2018 (\$0.28 in the year ended December 31, 2017).

On January 15, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.027 per common share designated as an eligible dividend, payable in cash to shareholders of record on January 31, 2019. The dividend payment date is February 15, 2019.

On February 14, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.027 per common share designated as an eligible dividend, payable in cash to shareholders of record on February 28, 2019. The dividend payment date is March 15, 2019.

14. REVENUE

Whitecap sells its production pursuant to fixed and variable-price contracts. The transaction price for fixed price contracts represents the stand alone selling price per the contract terms. The transaction price for variable priced contracts is based on the commodity price, adjusted for quality, location or other factors, whereby each component of the pricing formula can be either fixed or variable, depending on the contract terms. Under its contracts, Whitecap is required to deliver fixed or variable volumes of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids to the contract counterparty. The amount of revenue recognized is based on the agreed transaction price, whereby any variability in revenue relates specifically to the Company's efforts to transfer production, and therefore the resulting revenue is allocated to the production delivered in the period during which the variability occurs. As a result, none of the variable consideration is considered constrained.

The contracts generally have a term of one year or less, whereby delivery occurs throughout the contract period. Commodity Purchasers typically remit amounts to Whitecap by the 25th day of the month following production.

Whitecap adopted IFRS 15 on January 1, 2018 as detailed in Note 3, using the modified retrospective approach. The impact to petroleum and natural gas sales as a result of adopting IFRS 15 was an increase of \$11.6 million in the year ended December 31, 2018 (\$9.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017) and an offsetting increase to operating expense, resulting in no impact to net income.

A breakdown of petroleum and natural gas sales is as follows:

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(\$000s)	2018	2017
Crude oil	1,419,363	932,457
NGLs	57,617	38,106
Natural gas	42,865	60,677
Petroleum and natural gas revenues	1,519,845	1,031,240
Tariffs	(19,524)	(29,897)
Processing income	12,210	9,603
Blending revenue	12,768	-
Petroleum and natural gas sales	1,525,299	1,010,946

Substantially all of petroleum and natural gas revenues for the year ended December 31, 2018 are derived from variable price contracts based on index prices.

Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2018 is \$46.0 million (December 31, 2017 – \$105.6 million) of accrued petroleum and natural gas revenues related to December 2018 production.

15. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(\$000s)	2018	2017
Salaries and bonuses	5,086	5,070
Stock-based compensation	2,407	12,837
	7,493	17,907

Executive compensation relates to amounts paid in salary and bonus expense and non-cash share-based compensation to the eight officers and eight directors of the Company.

16. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(\$000s)	2018	2017
Salaries and benefits	33,823	26,306
Building leases	5,577	7,006
Professional services	2,550	4,968
Other	11,987	6,645
Overhead recoveries	(16,854)	(10,494)
Capitalized salaries	(7,227)	(7,020)
Total general and administrative expenses	29,856	27,411

17. PER SHARE RESULTS

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(000s except per share amounts)	2018	2017
Per share income (loss) (\$/share)		
Basic	\$0.16	(\$0.33)
Diluted	\$0.15	(\$0.33)
Weighted average shares outstanding		
Basic	417,061	371,848
Diluted ⁽¹⁾	420,587	371,848

Note:

⁽¹⁾ For the year ended December 31, 2018, 1.3 million share awards (5.2 million share awards for the year ended December 31, 2017) were excluded from the diluted weighted average shares calculation as they were anti-dilutive.

18. INCOME TAXES

Income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

Deferred tax:

(\$000s)	2018	2017
Origination and reversal of timing differences	28,425	(36,655)
Income tax expense (recovery)	28,425	(36,655)

The tax provision differs from the amount computed by applying the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory income tax rates to income before income tax expense as follows:

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(\$000s, except statutory tax rates)	2018	2017
Income (loss) before income taxes	93,553	(160,623)
Statutory income tax rate ⁽¹⁾	27.00%	26.96%
Expected income tax expense at statutory rates	25,259	(43,299)
Increase (decrease) resulting from		
Change in statutory rate	-	(57)
Return to provision true-up	(481)	2,018
Non-deductible stock-based compensation	3,406	4,659
Non-deductible transaction costs	54	27
Other	187	(3)
Deferred income tax expense (recovery)	28,425	(36,655)

Note:

⁽¹⁾ The tax rate consists of the combined federal and provincial statutory tax rates for the Company and its subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The combined federal and provincial rate increased to 27.00% in 2018 from 26.96% in 2017, reflecting the BC corporate tax rate increase from 11% to 12% effective January 1, 2018.

The analysis of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities is as follows:

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Deferred tax assets		
To be recovered after more than 12 months	(495,506)	(500,150)
Deferred tax liabilities		
To be recovered after more than 12 months	621,489	635,474
To be recovered within 12 months	22,854	(10,611)
Deferred tax liability (net)	148,837	124,713

Deferred tax liabilities / (assets)

(\$000s)	Capital assets in excess of tax value	Risk Management asset / (liability)	Decomm- issioning liability	Non- capital loss carry forward	Share issue costs	Investment in limited partnership	Total
At December 31, 2016	627,739	(33,596)	(164,799)	(253,023)	(12,662)	1,379	165,038
Charged / (credited) to the income statement	(39,355)	22,953	(3,153)	(20,212)	4,743	(1,631)	(36,655)
Charged / (credited) directly to equity	-	-	-	-	(3,672)	-	(3,672)
Change in estimate of decommissioning liabilities	16,630	-	(16,630)	-	-	-	-
Other	416	34	(327)	321	(442)	-	2
At December 31, 2017	605,430	(10,609)	(184,909)	(272,914)	(12,033)	(252)	124,713
Charged / (credited) to the income statement	(33,721)	33,464	(2,035)	27,778	4,619	(1,680)	28,425
Change in estimate of decommissioning liabilities	9,302	-	(9,474)	-	-	-	(172)
Other	588	(1)	(665)	(3,611)	(440)	-	(4,129)
At December 31, 2018	581,599	22,854	(197,083)	(248,747)	(7,854)	(1,932)	148,837

The following gross deductions are available for deferred income tax purposes:

(\$000s)	December 31 2018	December 31 2017
Undepreciated capital cost	594,470	613,427
Canadian development expense	598,346	499,521
Canadian oil and gas property expense	1,807,731	1,951,708
Non-capital loss carry forward	919,893	1,007,769
Share issue costs	30,467	47,575
Total	3,950,907	4,120,000

At December 31, 2018, the Company has non-capital losses of \$919.9 million that expire between 2028 and 2037.

19. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

a) Changes in Non-Cash Working Capital

Changes in non-cash working capital, excluding acquired working capital:

	Twelve months ended December 31	
(\$000s)	2018	2017
Accounts receivable	21,026	(37,444)
Deposits and prepaid expenses	(68)	(1,984)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11,785	4,258
Dividend payable	938	1,659
Share awards liability	3,380	-
Change in non-cash working capital	37,061	(33,511)
Related to:		
Operating activities	23,514	(19,508)
Financing activities	938	1,659
Investing activities	581	(15,662)
Items not impacting cash	12,028	-

b) Reconciliation of Financing Liabilities Arising from Financing Activities

The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the cash and non-cash changes in financing liabilities arising from financing activities:

(\$000s)	Long-term debt	Dividend payable
Balance at December 31, 2016	773,395	8,583
Cash flows	509,010	-
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,827	-
Change in dividends payable	-	1,659
Balance at December 31, 2017	1,284,232	10,242
Cash payments	(30,152)	-
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,617	-
Change in dividends payable	-	938
Balance at December 31, 2018	1,255,697	11,180

20. COMMITMENTS

The Company is committed to future payments under the following agreements:

(\$000s)	2019	2020	2021	2022+	Total
Operating leases	21,144	15,728	15,797	78,341	131,010
Transportation agreements	19,311	16,976	13,084	40,636	90,007
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	21,605	21,605	21,605	1,310,717	1,375,532
Total	62,060	54,309	50,486	1,429,694	1,596,549

Note:

⁽¹⁾ These amounts include the notional principal and interest payments.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has retained the law firm of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP ("BD&P") to provide Whitecap with legal services. A director of Whitecap is a partner of this firm. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company incurred \$0.7 million for legal fees and disbursements (\$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017). These amounts have been recorded at the amounts that have been agreed upon by the two parties. The Company expects to retain the services of BD&P from time to time. As of December 31, 2018, a nil payable balance (\$0.3 million – December 31, 2017) was outstanding.

22. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

The Company has the following material subsidiaries, each owned 100% directly, at December 31, 2018:

Name of Subsidiary	Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Formation
Whitecap Energy Inc.	Canada
Whitecap Resources Partnership	Canada