

**BC IMMIGRANT INVESTMENT FUND LTD.**

**Financial Statements**

**March 31, 2003**

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## **Statement of Management Responsibility**

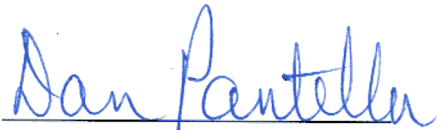
Management, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, has prepared the financial statements of *BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.* These statements present fairly the financial position of the Corporation as at March 31, 2003 and results of its operations for the year then ended.

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity and objectivity of the financial statements. Systems of internal control are developed and maintained by management to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded, and financial records are properly maintained to provide a reliable basis for preparation of the financial statements.

The Auditor General of British Columbia has performed an independent audit of the financial statements. The Report of the Auditor General outlines the scope of his audit and his opinion on the financial statements of *BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.*



Chris Nelson  
President



Dan Pantella  
Secretary

Victoria, British Columbia  
April 11, 2003



## Report of the Auditor General of British Columbia

*To the Shareholder of BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.*

I have audited the balance sheet of *BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.* as at March 31, 2003 and the statement of operations and retained earnings and cash flows for the year then ended March 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of *BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd.* as at March 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.


*Victoria, British Columbia  
April 11, 2003*

Wayne Strelieff, CA  
Auditor General

**BC IMMIGRANT INVESTMENT FUND LTD.**  
**Balance Sheet**

March 31, (thousands of dollars)	2003	2002
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	17,549	8,816
Interest receivable	39	15
Deferred charges (note 3)	771	353
	<b>18,359</b>	<b>9,184</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	3	3
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>		
Promissory notes (note 4)	18,075	9,105
	<b>18,078</b>	<b>9,108</b>
<b>Shareholder's equity</b>		
Share capital (note 6)	-	-
Retained earnings	281	76
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	<b>18,359</b>	<b>9,184</b>

On behalf of the Board

  
 Director

  
 Director

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

**BC IMMIGRANT INVESTMENT FUND LTD.**  
**Statement of Operations and Retained Earnings**

Year ended March 31, (thousands of dollars)	2003	2002
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Interest	348	119
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<b>Expenses</b>		
Administrative	-	16
Amortization of commissions (note 3)	140	25
Professional fees	3	3
	143	44
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	205	75
<b>Retained earnings beginning of year</b>	76	1
<b>Retained earnings end of year</b>	281	76

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**BC IMMIGRANT INVESTMENT FUND LTD.**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

<b>Year ended March 31,</b> <b>(thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Interest	<b>323</b>	<b>107</b>
Payments to suppliers	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(18)</b>
	<b>320</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Promissory notes received	<b>8,622</b>	<b>8,165</b>
Promissory notes repaid	<b>(209)</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>8,413</b>	<b>8,165</b>
<b>Increase in cash during the year</b>	<b>8,733</b>	<b>8,254</b>
<b>Cash beginning of year</b>	<b>8,816</b>	
<b>Cash end of period</b>	<b>17,549</b>	<b>8,816</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 1. Nature of business

BC Immigrant Investment Fund Ltd., (the "Corporation") was incorporated on September 19, 2000 under the *Company Act* of British Columbia and is wholly owned by the Province of British Columbia.

The Corporation is an approved fund under the Federal Immigrant Investor Program (the "Program"). The Program provides an opportunity for experienced business persons to immigrate to Canada after making an investment in a Fund approved by a Province and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. The Minister acts as agent for approved funds by receiving investments from immigrant investors and disbursing them to approved funds according to an allocation formula set out in the Immigration Regulations, 1978. The regulations require approved Funds participating in the Program to invest in economic initiatives, which will create employment in Canada to foster the development of a strong and viable economy.

The Minister of Finance acts as fiscal agent for the Corporation.

The Corporation is exempt from federal and provincial taxes.

### 2. Significant accounting policy

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

### 3. Deferred charges

Deferred charges represent the commission paid on promissory notes received. This amount is deferred and amortized over the life of the note.

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Deferred charges beginning of year		
Additions during the year	573	378
Amortization during the year	(140)	(25)
Repayments' during the year	(15)	
Deferred charges end of year	<u>771</u>	<u>353</u>

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### 4. Promissory Notes

The funds received from the Immigrant Investor Program are repayable, without interest, 5 years after they are received. The obligation of the Corporation is represented by non-transferable zero interest promissory notes. The Province of British Columbia fully guarantees these funds.

	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Promissory notes beginning of year	9,105	563
Additions during the year	9,195	8,542
Repayments during the year	(225)	
Promissory notes end of year	<u>18,075</u>	<u>9,105</u>

### 5. Related party transactions

The Corporation is related through common ownership to all Province of British Columbia ministries, agencies and Crown corporations. Transactions with these entities, unless disclosed separately in these financial statements, are generally considered to be in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the exchange amount.

The Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise provide general administrative services to the Corporation at no cost. The cost of this support is not material and has not been recorded in these financial statements.

### 6. Share capital

The Corporation has authorized capital consisting of 100,000 common shares with no par value. The Minister of Competition, Science and Enterprise holds the one common share issued as representative of Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of British Columbia.