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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Administrator

We have audited the calculation of the combined average annual rate of return for The Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University, including McMaster Divinity College 2000, for the year ended June 30, 2017. The financial information has been prepared in accordance with the approved amendments to Section 2.13 of The Plan text dated July 1, 2002.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Information

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial information in accordance with the approved amendments to Sections 2.13 of The Plan text dated July 1, 2002, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial information based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial information is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial information whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial information 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

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



Opinion

In our opinion, the combined average annual rate of return of 10.07% for The Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University, including McMaster Divinity College 2000, for the year ended June 30, 2017, is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the approved amendments to Sections 2.13 of The Plan text dated July 1, 2002.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

November 20, 2017

Hamilton, Canada

McMASTER UNIVERSITY
CONTRIBUTORY PENSION PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES
AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017
(in thousands of dollars)

	<u>Plan 2000</u>	<u>Original Plan</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(2)	(2)	
<u>Income</u>			
Investment income	41,698	78	41,776
Net realized gain on sale of investments	45,409	85	45,494
Net realized gain(loss) on sale of units in the Master Trust Fund	13,140	3	13,143
Change in net unrealized gain/(loss) in investments	96,826	203	97,029
	<u>197,073</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>197,442</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Investment managers	5,157	10	5,167
Professional	387	4	391
Administrative	298	0	298
Trustee and custodial	258	3	261
Pension filing	47		47
Audit	18	8	26
	<u>6,165</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>6,190</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>190,908</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>191,252</u>
Net Assets Market Value June 30, 2016	1,708,925	3,132	1,712,057
Net Assets Market Value June 30, 2017	1,903,823	3,638	1,907,461

$$2017 \text{ Rate of Return (1)} = \frac{191,252}{\frac{1}{2} (1,907,461 + 1,712,057 - 191,252)}$$

$$= 11.16 \%$$

Calculation of Five Year Average

	<u>%</u>
2017 Rate of Return	11.16
2016 Rate of Return	1.71
2015 Rate of Return	8.31
2014 Rate of Return	18.40
2013 Rate of Return	10.79
	<u>50.37</u>
Total Return for Last Five Years	
Five Year Annual Average Return (Total Return / 5)	<u>10.07%</u>

(1) Formula as established

(2) Amounts as reported on June 30, 2017 Audited Statements

THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF MCMASTER UNIVERSITY INCLUDING MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE AND THE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES OF MCMASTER UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE 2000

Note to the Auditors' Report

For the year ended June 30, 2017

1. Combined average annual rate of return:

The combined average annual rate of return was determined by combining the results for the year ended June 30, 2017, of the fund of The Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University including McMaster Divinity College and the fund of The Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University including McMaster Divinity College 2000.