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INCORPORATED AS A PUBLIC COMPANY,
BEING A COMPANY LIMITED BY
GUARANTEE—JULY 29, 1985

ENDORSED AS AN INCOME TAX EXEMPT
CHARITABLE ENTITY UNDER
SUBDIVISION 50-B OF THE ITAA 1997—
JULY 1, 2000

***WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT
SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
2014***

A.B.N. 42 002 861 225

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NEW SOUTH WALES 2565
AUSTRALIA

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2014**

WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**AUGUST 31, 2014**

CONSTITUTION

THE COMPANY IS INCORPORATED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, AS A PUBLIC COMPANY, BEING A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE—
JULY 29, 1985.

DIRECTORS

HAROLD VIVIAN MOURITZ
TERRENCE JOHN O'BRIEN
WINSTON REGINALD PAYNE
GREGORY JOHN FRANK
ALAN JOHN WOOD

SECRETARY

TERRENCE JOHN O'BRIEN

REGISTERED OFFICE

WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
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PRINCIPAL BANKERS

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SHOP 32 INGLEBURN FAIR
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AUDITOR

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DIRECTORS' REPORT**For the year ended August 31, 2014**

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements of Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia, for the year ending August 31st, 2014, along with the Notes to the Financial Statements, Directors' Declaration and the Audit Report.

DIRECTORS

The following persons were Directors of Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia during the year and at the date of this Report:

Name	Appointed	Resigned
Mr. Gordon Douglas King	29/07/1985	28/12/2013
Mr. Donald Howard MacLean	29/07/1985	28/12/2013
Mr. Harold Vivian Mouritz	29/07/1985	
Mr. Winston Reginald Payne	17/10/2002	
Mr. Terrence John O'Brien	19/12/2009	
Mr. Alan John Wood	28/12/2013	
Mr. Gregory John Frank	28/12/2013	

The Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year, with the exception of Mr Alan John Wood and Mr. Gregory John Frank.

COMPANY SECRETARY

The following person held the position of entity secretary at the end of the financial year:

Mr. Terrence John O'Brien (date of appointment 3/12/11)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the entity in the course of the financial year were to promote the Christian religion and study of the Bible, in accordance with the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses by the dissemination of Bible truths, both orally and by printed word, by charitable work for the relief of poverty, by establishing and maintaining private Bible schools and classes for instruction and by Christian missionary work and support facilities, both in Australia and overseas. No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The net amount of the deficit of the entity for the financial year ending August 31st, 2014 amounted to \$1,703,164. This is due to extraordinary donations to the charitable work of Jehovah's Witnesses.

DIVIDENDS

As a not-for-profit entity no dividends are permitted to members.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
For the year ended August 31, 2014

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

A review of the operation of the entity during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows:

The entity continues to provide literature and Bible educational programs to the members of the public at no cost.

The entity is still committed to further overseas aid, including building projects, which will result in continuing cash outflows.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

No significant changes in the entity's state of affairs occurred during the financial year other than disclosed in the operating result.

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the entity in subsequent financial years.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The entity expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the operations in future financial years.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The entity's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory. However, the entity is in compliance with major environmental legislation.

OPTIONS

Nil.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
For the year ended August 31, 2014

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Particulars of Directors' liability:

DIRECTORS' LIMITED LIABILITY	2014	2013
Mr. Harold Vivian Mouritz	\$100	\$100
Mr. Terrence John O'Brien	\$100	\$100
Mr. Winston Reginald Payne	\$100	\$100
Mr. Alan John Wood	\$100	\$100
Mr. Gregory John Frank	\$100	\$100

There are no shares issued to Directors. The particulars of Directors' interest and liability are at the date of this *Report*.

Qualifications & experience. All directors are ordained ministers in the Jehovah's Witnesses religion.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the financial year there were four meetings of directors. Attendance by each director was as follows:

Name	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Mr. Gordon Douglas King	3	3
Mr. Donald Howard MacLean	3	3
Mr. Harold Vivian Mouritz	4	2
Mr. Winston Reginald Payne	4	4
Mr. Terrence John O'Brien	4	4
Mr. Alan John Wood	1	1
Mr. Gregory John Frank	1	0

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND BENEFITS

Since the end of the previous financial year, no Director of the entity has received or become entitled to receive any benefit because of a contract made by the entity with a firm of which the Director is a member or with an entity in which the Director has a substantial interest.

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Directors serve in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
For the year ended August 31, 2014

INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE

Under the entity's *Articles of Association, Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia* (the "Company") is required to indemnify, to the extent permitted by Law, each Officer of the entity against

- liability to third parties arising out of conduct undertaken in his capacity as an Officer of the entity, unless the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith, willful misconduct or reckless behavior; and
- the costs and expenses of successfully defending legal proceedings arising out of conduct undertaken in his capacity as an Officer of the Company.

The Company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Company:

- indemnified, or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying, against a liability that was incurred by an officer of the Company, including costs and expenses in defending legal proceedings; or
- paid, or agreed to pay, a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred by an officer of the Company, for the costs and expenses in defending legal proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not party to any proceedings during the year.

CONTRIBUTION IN WINDING UP

If the Company is wound up, each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At August 31, 2014, the total amount that the 26 members are liable to contribute is \$2,600.

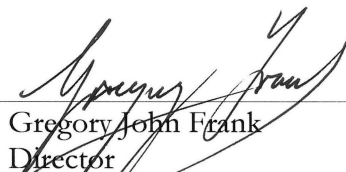
AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012* for the year ending 31st August 2014 can be found on page 6 of this financial report and forms part of the Directors' report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



Winston Reginald Payne
Director



Gregory John Frank
Director


Dated at Denham Court, NSW this nineteenth day of September 2014.

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF
WATCHTOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**

In accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as auditor of *Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Australia* for the year ending 31 August 2014, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Peter J. Mitchell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'P. Mitchell', is written over a horizontal line.

19th September 2014

114 Poplar Parade
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Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Australia

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Not-for-Profit Entity

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended August 31, 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
INCOME			
Revenue			
Interest		53,574	93,032
Other		275,601	405,490
Watchtower Travel Revenue		750	1,740
Total Revenue		329,925	500,262
Gains/(Losses)			
Disposal of Assets		(15,623)	7,597
Currency Translation		33	7,072
Donations		19,611,866	17,510,964
Total Gains/(Losses)		19,596,276	17,525,633
TOTAL INCOME		19,926,202	18,025,895
EXPENSES			
Evangelizing		2,180,046	2,013,947
Teaching		3,446,162	3,024,916
Bethel Services		2,882,424	2,745,417
Information Services		289,921	338,263
Facilities		1,770,088	1,290,607
Fleet Management		110,241	117,584
Donations and Overseas Aid	2	10,236,291	8,210,907
Administrative Services		714,193	830,522
TOTAL EXPENSES		21,629,366	18,572,163
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,703,164)	(546,268)

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Not-for-Profit Entity

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at August 31, 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash, Deposits & Receivables	3	3,803,840	3,979,007
Inventory	4	1,147,059	1,216,313
Related Entity Loans	6	8,000	68,000
Total Current Assets		4,958,899	5,263,320
Non-Current Assets			
Plant, Equipment & Motor Vehicles (Cost Less Depreciation)	5	3,553,982	3,957,759
Land and Buildings	5	2,520,000	2,980,000
Related Entity Loans	6	15,679,767	15,812,397
Total Non-Current Assets		21,753,749	22,750,156
Total Assets		26,712,647	28,013,476
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables		1,255,184	1,146,776
Related Entity Loans	6	2,738,000	879,000
Total Current Liabilities		3,993,184	2,025,776
Non-Current Liabilities			
Building and Charitable Loans		-	38,150
Related Entity Loans	6	13,572,503	15,099,426
Total Non-Current Liabilities		13,572,503	15,137,576
Total Liabilities		17,565,687	17,163,351
Net Assets		9,146,960	10,850,125
EQUITY			
Unrestricted		9,146,960	10,850,125
Total Equity	7	9,146,960	10,850,125

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Not-for-Profit Entity

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended August 31, 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
Unrestricted Equity			
Opening Balance	7	10,850,125	11,396,392
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		(1,703,164)	(546,268)
Closing Balance		9,146,960	10,850,125
Restricted Equity			
Closing Balance		-	-
TOTAL EQUITY		9,146,960	10,850,125

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended August 31, 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Donations		18,186,147	15,574,074
Interest received		53,574	93,032
Other receipts		589,929	4,701,299
Cash paid to suppliers and volunteers		(12,028,389)	(10,653,614)
Cash donated to related entities		(7,204,552)	(10,405,947)
Net Cash Provided/Used by Operating Activities (Note 2)	2	(403,292)	(691,155)
Cash Flows from Investing			
Assistance for Kingdom Hall construction		393,052	(149,253)
Purchase & fabrication of property, plant and equipment		(1,008,426)	(3,382,344)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		1,040,859	4,588,030
Net Cash Provided/Used by Investing Activities		425,485	1,056,433
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Loans to Watchtower Building fund & Worldwide Work		(38,150)	(33,422)
Net Cash Provided/Used by Financing Activities		(38,150)	(33,422)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(15,957)	331,855
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of period (Note 1)	1	2,952,107	2,613,180
Effect of exchange rate changes		33	7,072
Cash and cash Equivalents at end of period (Note 1)	1	2,936,183	2,952,107
Notes to Accounts			
1. Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash on hand and balances with banks		2,860,576	2,862,261
Short-term investments (Maturing within 100 days)		75,607	89,846
Cash and cash equivalents		2,936,183	2,952,107
2. Reconciliation of Net Cash provided/used by Operating Activities to Profit or Loss			
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,703,164)	(546,268)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		858,164	826,642
Foreign Exchange loss (gain)		(33)	(7,072)
Gain/loss on sale of assets		15,623	(7,597)
Total		(829,410)	265,706
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable		42,478	(11,975)
(Increase)/decrease in prepaid expenses		(5,300)	(203,871)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable		455,502	1,710,593
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		100,514	1,823,285
(Increase)/decrease in related entities		(135,918)	(4,182,926)
(Increase)/decrease in work in progress		(31,157)	(91,967)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		(403,292)	(691,155)

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Notes to the Financial StatementsFOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and requirements of the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis of Preparation*Reporting Basis and Conventions*

The functional aspects of the Statement of Comprehensive Income are disclosed in accordance with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society of Pennsylvania's worldwide classifications.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

(a) Income

Revenue. Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue including that from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Gains. Donations and bequests are recognised in accordance with AASB 1004 (Contributions) at the time of receipt or when in receipt of property at fair market value. (AASB116 Aus15.1)

(b) Income Tax. The entity is exempt as a charitable entity from income tax under Subdivision 50-B of the ITAA 1997.

(c) Inventories. Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a weighted-average basis.

(d) Property, Plant, Equipment and Motor Vehicles. Each class of asset is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. (AASB116.30)

Property. Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis being the amount by which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Plant, Equipment and Motor Vehicles. These are measured on the cost basis. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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- (e) **Depreciation.** The depreciable amount of all fixed assets but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Asset Class	Depreciation Rate (%)
Plant & Equipment	5 – 20
Computer equipment & software	20 – 33
Vehicles	10 – 20

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

- (f) **Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into Australian currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary items are recognised in the Statement of Changes of Equity.

- (g) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of 100 days or less.

- (h) **Goods & Services Tax (GST)**

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the item of the expense. Where applicable receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown as inclusive of GST.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Note 2. Donations and Overseas Aid

	2014	2013
For use in Australia	772,371	-
For use outside Australia	9,463,920	8,210,907

Note 3. Cash, Deposits and Receivables

Included in the total of Cash, Deposits and Receivables are Cash of and Receivables of:

	2014	2013
Cash	2,936,183	2,952,107
Receivables	867,657	1,026,900

Note 4. Inventories

	2014	2013
Production	353,044	460,908
Supplies – Services/Work in progress	794,015	755,405

Note 5. Property, Plant, Equipment & Motor Vehicles

Asset Class	Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Computers & Software	Motor Vehicles
At Cost	2,520,000	8,114,438	648,692	2,093,541
Accumulated depreciation	-	(5,892,478)	(457,035)	(953,176)
Carrying amount	2,520,000	2,221,960	191,657	1,140,365
Reconciliation				
Carrying amount 1 Sep 13	2,980,000	2,501,861	180,716	1,275,181
Additions	-	251,446	82,020	200,437
Disposals (at carrying amount)	(460,000)	(6,270)	-	(73,246)
Depreciation	-	(525,077)	(71,079)	(262,007)
Carrying amount 31 Aug 14	2,520,000	2,221,960	191,657	1,140,365

Note 6. Related Entity Loans

These amounts are loans due to and due from domestic and overseas entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with respect to promoting the worldwide religion and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Note 7. Equity

Equity relates to various activities undertaken in the promotion of the Christian religion and study of the Bible, in accordance with the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the Directors of *Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Australia*:

1. the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and:

(a) are in compliance with Australian Accounting Standards, including the Australian Accounting Interpretations and *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*; and

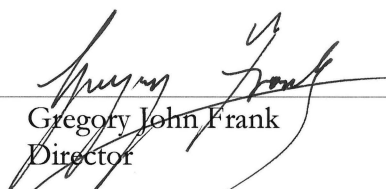
(b) give a true and fair view of its financial position as at August 31, 2014 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;

2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013*.



Winston Reginald Payne
Director



Gregory John Frank
Director

Dated at Denham Court, NSW this nineteenth day of September 2014.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
To The Members Of
Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia
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Not-for-Profit Entity

Report on the Financial Statements I have audited the financial statements of Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia for the year ended August 31, 2014 as set out in pages 1 to 14. The financial statements include the Directors' Report, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements and Directors' Declaration.

Director's responsibility for the financial report The directors of the company are responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that give a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including the Australian Accounting Interpretations and the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (the "Act"). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

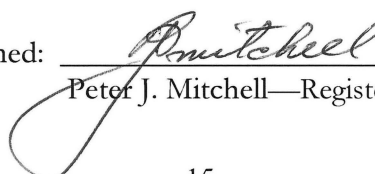
Independence In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Act. I confirm that the independence declaration required by the Act provided to the directors of Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Australia on 19 September 2014 would be in the same terms if provided to the directors at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion In my opinion, the financial report is in accordance with the Act including:

1. Giving a true and fair view of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Australia's position on 31 August 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Date: 19 September 2014

Signed:



Peter J. Mitchell—Registered Company Auditor