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### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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#### INTRODUCTION

This management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) relates to the unaudited interim consolidated financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows as at and for the three months ended November 30, 2022 (Q1 fiscal 2023) of NAV CANADA and its subsidiaries (also referred to in this MD&A as we, our, us or the Company). It should be read in conjunction with our unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for Q1 fiscal 2023 (Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements), our audited annual consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes for the year ended August 31, 2022 (fiscal 2022), our fiscal 2022 annual MD&A, as well as our 2022 Annual Information Form dated October 20, 2022 (fiscal 2022 AIF). Additional information about NAV CANADA, including our Q1 fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022 financial statements, our fiscal 2022 annual MD&A, and our fiscal 2022 AIF are filed on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Our financial statements are prepared in Canadian dollars (CDN), in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and are comprised of the accounts of NAV CANADA and its subsidiaries. Our Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (IAS) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. All information presented has been rounded to the nearest million dollars, unless otherwise indicated. Our Audit & Finance Committee reviewed this MD&A and our Board of Directors (the Board) approved it before it was filed.

### **Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Information**

This MD&A and, in particular, but without limitation, the section "INTRODUCTION - Significant Financial Matters" of this MD&A, contain certain statements about NAV CANADA's future expectations. These statements are generally identified by words like "anticipate", "plan", "believe", "intend", "expect", "estimate", "approximate", "forecast" and the like, as well as future or conditional verbs such as "may", "will", "should", "would" and "could", or negative versions thereof. Because forward-looking statements involve future risks and uncertainties, actual results may be different from those expressed or implied in these statements and these differences may be material. Examples of risks and uncertainties the Company faces include geopolitical unrest, terrorist attacks and the threat of terrorist attacks, war, epidemics or pandemics, government interventions and related travel advisories and restrictions, climate change and environmental factors (including weather systems and other natural phenomena and factors arising from manmade sources), cyber security attacks, labour negotiations, arbitrations, workforce recruitment, training and retention, general aviation industry conditions, air traffic levels, the use of telecommunications and ground transportation as alternatives to air travel, capital market and economic conditions, the ability to collect customer service charges and reduce operating costs, changes in interest rates, changes in laws, tax changes, adverse regulatory developments or proceedings and lawsuits. Some of these risks and uncertainties are explained under "Risk Factors" in our fiscal 2022 AIF.

The forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A represent our expectations as of January 11, 2023 and are subject to change after this date. Readers of this MD&A are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement included in this document whether as a result of new information, future events or for any other reason, except as required by applicable securities legislation.

### **Our Business**

NAV CANADA is the private sector, non-share capital company that operates Canada's civil air navigation system (ANS) throughout Canada. The ANS was acquired from the Government of Canada in 1996 for a purchase price of \$1.5 billion. Our services are provided to aircraft owners and operators within Canadian-controlled airspace and include air traffic control, flight information, weather briefings, airport advisories, aeronautical information and navigation aids.

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Our core business is to manage and operate the ANS and related services in a safe, efficient and costeffective manner. Our mandate covers both Canadian airspace and airspace delegated to Canada under international agreements.

We have captured our mandate in a Shared Purpose statement: Keeping Canada's skies safe: *Shaping the future of air navigation services*. Our Shared Purpose is supported by the following four pillars:

- Safety is at the core It is integral to everything we do and continues to mature as the industry evolves.
- Innovation is key We are passionate about modernizing Canada's air navigation system to deliver value to our customers.
- Expertise is the cornerstone The skill, agility, leadership and collaboration of our people make the difference.
- Partnerships are essential Our partnerships help the aviation industry improve efficiency and support an environmentally sustainable future.

### **Financial Strategy and Rate Regulation**

Our financial strategy is to fulfil our essential services mandate based on a sound financial foundation, reflected in part through high credit ratings in the financial markets. Maintaining this strong foundation requires a prudent approach that balances the interests of our key stakeholders while complying with our statutory and contractual obligations.

In establishing new customer service charges or revising existing charges, we must follow the charging principles set out in our governing legislation, the *Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act* (ANS Act), which prevents us from setting customer service charges higher than what is needed to meet our financial requirements for the provision of air navigation services. Pursuant to these principles, the Board approves the amount and timing of changes to customer service charges. The Board also approves the Company's annual budget where amounts to be recovered through customer service charges for the ensuing year are determined.

When establishing customer service charges, the Company monitors quarterly and considers, among other things:

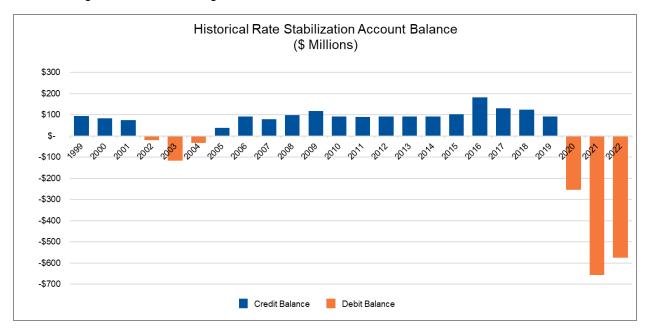
- (a) the statutory requirement to provide air navigation services:
- (b) air traffic results and forecasts;
- (c) financial and operating requirements, including our current and anticipated balance in the rate stabilization account and the extent to which our operating costs are variable and can be contained;
- (d) the recovery of pension contributions on a cash basis; and
- (e) updates to our financial forecasts, debt servicing and financial requirements, and resulting financial coverage ratios.

Since actual revenue and expenses will differ from forecasts, a method to accumulate the variances is required so that they may be taken into account when setting future customer service charges. There is also a need to absorb the immediate effect of unpredictable factors – mainly fluctuations in air traffic levels resulting from unforeseen events. We meet these objectives through the use of a "rate stabilization" mechanism.

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We reflect the impact of rate regulation in our financial statements. As such, the timing of recognition of certain revenue and expenses differs from what would otherwise be expected for companies that are not subject to regulatory statutes governing the level of charges. For example, we adjust our net income (loss) through transfers to or from the rate stabilization account, based on variations from the amounts that were used when establishing customer service charges. If our actual revenue exceeds actual expenses, the excess is reflected as a credit to the rate stabilization account and is returnable to customers through future customer service charges. Similarly, if actual revenue is less than actual expenses, the revenue shortfall is reflected as a debit to the rate stabilization account and is recoverable from customers through future customer service charges (see "RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – Movements in Rate Stabilization Account").

The following shows annual changes in the rate stabilization account over time:



In addition, for certain transactions where the timing of the cash flows differs significantly from the accounting recognition, the Company recognizes regulatory deferral account debits and credits in order to adjust the accounting recognition to the period in which they will be considered for rate setting. These transactions are generally considered for rate setting when the amounts are expected to be realized in cash (see "RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – Net Movement in Regulatory Deferral Accounts").

Our aim is to achieve breakeven financial results on the consolidated statement of operations on an annual basis, after the application of rate regulated accounting. Due to seasonal and other fluctuations in air traffic, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and given that our costs are predominantly fixed in nature, our quarterly financial results may not achieve a breakeven position after the application of rate regulated accounting. This is illustrated in the table under the heading "QUARTERLY RESULTS – Quarterly Financial Information (unaudited)".

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### Significant Financial Matters<sup>1</sup>

The following items have significant financial importance to the Company:

### 1. Air Traffic and Customer Service Charges

The COVID-19 pandemic began impacting air traffic levels in mid-fiscal 2020 and since then, air traffic levels, as measured in weighted charging units (WCUs) (a measure of the number of billable flights, aircraft size and distance flown in Canadian airspace and the basis for movement-based service charges), have continued to trend below levels seen in the fiscal year ended August 31, 2019 (fiscal 2019). Over the first three months of fiscal 2023, WCUs increased by 30.7% as compared to the first three months of fiscal 2022. In comparison to pre-pandemic levels, WCUs were lower by 8.7% than in the same period in fiscal 2019.

While uncertainty remains with respect to the pace of recovery of global air traffic and the aviation industry, the Company believes that full recovery will be achieved, and the pandemic will not have a material impact on our long-term financial stability.

### 2. Financing Activities

Based on improving market conditions, on November 8, 2022, S&P Global Ratings revised the outlook on NAV CANADA to positive from stable and affirmed its 'AA-' long-term issuer credit and senior secured debt rating, and 'A+' senior subordinated debt rating.

On November 29, 2022, the Company repurchased \$119 of its revenue bonds and certain general obligation notes in advance of the maturity dates. The Company paid a net premium of \$6 related to the partial repurchase. The recent growth in air traffic levels enabled the Company to take advantage of attractive market conditions and reduce its debt.

### 3. Rate Stabilization Account

As at November 30, 2022, the rate stabilization account had a debit balance of \$496. The rate stabilization account debit balance decreased in the quarter by \$78 due to \$46 of net favourable variances from planned results and \$32 initially approved adjustment to the rate stabilization account resulting from the planned excess in fiscal 2023. Rate stabilization adjustments are described under "RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – Movements in Rate Stabilization Account".

### 4. Collective Agreements

Approximately 87% of our workforce is unionized under eight collective agreements. As at November 30, 2022, the Company has ratified collective agreements in place with six bargaining agents, comprising 94% of our represented workforce. During the three months ended November 30, 2022, the Company reached a settlement with the Canadian Federal Pilots Association representing 1% of our workforce, renewing the provisions of the most recent collective agreement for the three-year period ended April 30, 2022. The agreement with the Public Service Alliance of Canada expired on December 31, 2020. Negotiations with this union are ongoing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: See "INTRODUCTION – Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Information", page 1

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### **Financial Highlights**

### **Results of Operations**

Three months ended November 30		2022	2021	\$ Change
Revenue	\$	435	\$ 345	\$ 90
Operating expenses		348	337	11
Other (income) and expenses		26	 24	 2
Net income (loss), before net movement in				
regulatory deferral accounts		61	(16)	77
Rate stabilization adjustments:				
Favourable variances from planned results		(46)	(80)	34
Initial approved adjustment (1)		(32)	21	(53)
		(78)	(59)	 (19)
Other regulatory deferral account adjustments:				
Employee benefit pension contributions		12	26	(14)
Other employee benefits		(1)	-	(1)
Investment in preferred interests, before tax		(5)	(7)	2
Other		1	 (1)	 2
	<u></u>	7	 18	 (11)
Net movement in regulatory deferral accounts (2) Net loss, after net movement in		(71)	 (41)	 (30)
regulatory deferral accounts	<u>\$</u>	(10)	\$ (57)	\$ 47

<sup>(1)</sup> In order to achieve breakeven results of operations after the application of rate regulated accounting, the Board approved the fiscal 2023 budget with a decrease to the debit position of the rate stabilization account as a result of a planned excess of \$129 (fiscal 2022 - planned shortfall of \$85), which is being reflected in the rate stabilization account evenly throughout the fiscal year.

<sup>(2)</sup> See "RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – Net Movement in Regulatory Deferral Accounts".

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#### Cash flows

As shown below, cash and cash equivalents increased by \$3 during the three months ended November 30, 2022 (three months ended November 30, 2021 - \$16) and the Company experienced positive free cash flow of \$127 (three months ended November 30, 2021 - \$18), which is a non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principle) financial measure. Non-GAAP financial measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. The Company defines free cash flow as cash generated from operations, less capital expenditures (net of government grants received), investments in regulatory assets, investments in Aireon LLC (Aireon) and equity related investments and principal payments of lease liabilities. Management places importance on this indicator as it assists in measuring the impact of its investment program on the Company's financial resources and provides users with a more stable indication of the Company's ability to meet its debt obligations and continue to invest in the ANS.

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ C	hange (1)
Cash flows from (used in)				
Operating	\$ 152	\$ 43	\$	109
Investing	(24)	(26)		2
Financing	(126)	(1)		(125)
Cash flows from operating, investing				
and financing activities	2	16		(14)
Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	1	-		1
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	 3	16		(13)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	392	319		73
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 395	\$ 335	\$	60
Free cash flow (non-GAAP financial measure)				
Cash flows from (used in) (2)				
Operations	\$ 152	\$ 43	\$	109
Capital expenditures	(24)	(23)		(1)
Investment in regulatory assets	(2)	(1)		(1)
Government grants received	2	-		2
Payment of lease liabilities	(1)	(1)		-
Free cash flow	\$ 127	\$ 18	\$	109

<sup>(1)</sup> See "FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT – Cash Flows" for discussion of the changes in cash flows from the prior fiscal year.

<sup>(2)</sup> See the statement of cash flows in our Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements.

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#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### Revenue

The following table provides a summary of revenue by category. Our fiscal 2022 AIF and the notes to our fiscal 2022 financial statements provide more information about the different categories of our customer service charges.

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ Change
Enroute	\$ 212	\$ 167	\$ 45
Terminal	164	122	42
Daily / annual / quarterly	17	12	5
North Atlantic and international communication	 29	 20	 9
Total customer service charges	422	321	101
Other (1)	 13	 24	 (11)
	\$ 435	\$ 345	\$ 90

Other revenue consists of service and development contracts, the sale of civil aeronautical publications and other miscellaneous revenue.

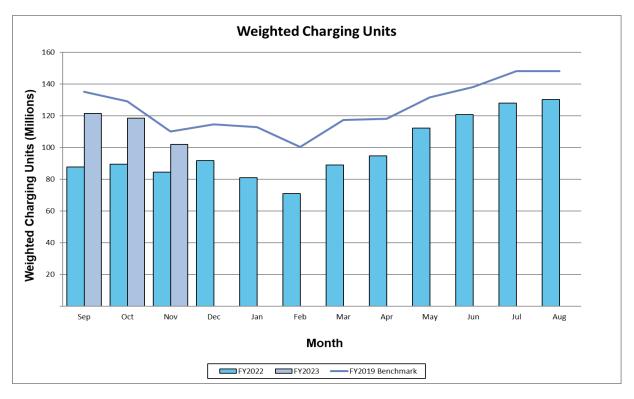
Revenue from customer service charges for the three months ended November 30, 2022 increased by \$101 compared to the same period in fiscal 2022, primarily due to easing of travel restrictions and rising consumer demand. Air traffic levels, as measured in WCUs, increased 30.7% on a year-over-year basis in the three months ended November 30, 2022.

Other revenue for the three months ended November 30, 2022 decreased by \$11 compared to the same period in fiscal 2022, primarily due to lower revenue from service and development contracts.

### Air Traffic

As discussed in "INTRODUCTION – Significant Financial Matters", air traffic levels (as measured in WCUs) are showing positive signs of recovery, however, they remain lower than pre-pandemic levels in fiscal 2019 as illustrated below.

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Future air traffic levels may be influenced by numerous factors, including the speed of recovery of air traffic following the COVID-19 pandemic, new COVID-19 variants, other epidemics or pandemics, rate of economic growth or decline, changing air passenger demand or willingness to fly, aircraft capacity utilization levels, fuel costs, changes in air carrier operations and behaviours, general aviation industry conditions, air carrier competition, airline restructurings and insolvencies, terrorist activities, geopolitical uncertainty and in particular increased volatility relating to the conflict in Ukraine, government interventions, travel restrictions and closings of borders to air travel, climate change and environmental factors (including weather systems and other natural phenomena and factors arising from manmade sources) and demographic patterns.

### **Operating Expenses**

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ C	Change
Salaries and benefits	\$ 239	\$ 228	\$	11
Technical services	39	41		(2)
Facilities and maintenance	15	14		1
Depreciation and amortization	37	37		-
Other	18	17		1
	\$ 348	\$ 337	\$	11

Salaries and benefits expense in the three months ended November 30, 2022 increased by \$11 compared to the same period in fiscal 2022 primarily due to the impact of higher staffing levels and air traffic volume on salaries and overtime costs, partially offset by lower pension current service costs as a result of an increase in the discount rate to 4.8% at August 31, 2022 (August 31, 2021 – 3.1%).

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### Other (Income) and Expenses

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ Change
Finance income			
Interest income	\$ (5) \$	-	\$ 5
Net change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL (1)			
Investment in preferred interests	-	(3)	(3)
Other investments	 (1)		1
	 (1)	(3)	(2)
Total finance income	 (6)	(3)	3
Net interest expense relating to employee benefits	10	9	(1)
Other finance costs			
Interest expense	27	21	(6)
Other			
Foreign exchange gains	(5)	(4)	1
Other	-	1	1
	(5)	(3)	2
	\$ 26 \$	24	\$ (2)

<sup>(1)</sup> The net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) includes interest income related to those financial assets.

Interest income increased by \$5 during the three months ended November 30, 2022 compared to the same period in fiscal 2022 mainly due to higher cash and short-term investment balances and an increase in interest rates.

Interest expense increased by \$6 during the three months ended November 30, 2022 compared to the same period in fiscal 2022 mainly due the net premium of \$6 related to the Company's partial repurchase of its revenue bonds and certain general obligation notes.

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#### **Movements in Rate Stabilization Account**

Our rate stabilization mechanism and accounting are described at the beginning of this MD&A and in notes 1 and 7 of our fiscal 2022 financial statements. The table below shows the net movements in the rate stabilization account.

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ Change
Debit balance, beginning of period	\$ (574)	\$ (656)	\$ 82
Variances from planned results:			
Revenue higher than planned	39	79	(40)
Operating expenses lower than planned	18	-	18
Other (income) and expenses (higher) lower			
than planned	(3)	5	(8)
Net movement in other regulatory deferral accounts	 (8)	(4)	(4)
Total variances from planned results	46	80	(34)
Initial approved adjustment	 32	(21)	53
Net movement recorded in net income (loss)	78	59	19
Debit balance, end of period	\$ (496)	\$ (597)	\$ 101

The rate stabilization account debit balance decreased by \$78 during the three months ended November 30, 2022 primarily due to:

- revenue that was \$39 higher than planned primarily due to higher than anticipated air traffic levels;
- the planned adjustment of \$32, representing one quarter of the fiscal 2023 anticipated \$129 annual net income at the time the fiscal 2023 budget was approved; and
- operating expenses that were \$18 lower than planned, primarily due to lower than anticipated salary and overtime costs;

### partially offset by:

- other expenses that were \$3 higher than planned, primarily due to:
  - o other finance costs \$6 higher than planned as a result of the net premium related to the Company's partial repurchase of its revenue bonds and certain general obligation notes;
  - \$3 lower than planned fair value of the investment in preferred interests of Aireon; partially offset by
  - foreign exchange gains of \$5 on the Company's investment in preferred interests of Aireon due to the impact of the fluctuation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar;
- net movement in other regulatory deferral accounts that was \$8 lower than planned primarily due to regulatory adjustments of:
  - \$5 related to lower than planned pension current service costs due to an increase in the discount rate; and
  - o \$5 related to foreign exchange gains on our investment in preferred interests of Aireon.

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### **Net Movement in Regulatory Deferral Accounts**

The net movement in regulatory deferral accounts represents regulatory accounting adjustments, including the rate stabilization mechanism, to adjust the accounting recognition of certain transactions to the periods in which they will be considered for rate setting.

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ Change
Rate stabilization account (1)	\$ (78) \$	(59)	\$ (19)
Other regulatory deferral accounts			
Employee benefit pension contributions	12	26	(14)
Other employee benefits	(1)	-	(1)
Investment in preferred interests, before tax	(5)	(7)	2
Other	 1	(1)	2
	\$ (71) \$	(41)	\$ (30)

<sup>(1)</sup> The movements in the rate stabilization account are detailed in the table below under "RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – Movements in Rate Stabilization Account".

The decrease in the employee benefit pension contributions regulatory deferral account, which is used to adjust the total pension benefit expense to reflect the cash contributions to be recovered through rate setting, is largely due to increases in discount rates used for pension accounting and going concern funding purposes.

#### FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Our fiscal 2022 annual MD&A explains how we manage our cash and capital resources. There have been no changes in that approach for the three months ended November 30, 2022. As discussed in "INTRODUCTION – Significant Financial Matters", on November 29, 2022, the Company repurchased \$119 of its revenue bonds and certain general obligation notes in advance of the maturity dates. The recent growth in air traffic levels enabled the Company to take advantage of attractive market conditions and reduce its debt.

As at November 30, 2022, we had \$395 of cash and cash equivalents and undrawn committed credit facilities for general purposes of \$849, all of which provided the Company with available liquidity. In addition, we had letter of credit facilities for pension funding purposes of \$810 of which \$105 was undrawn (see "LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES – Liquidity and Financing Strategy").

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#### **Cash Flows**

Three months ended November 30	2022	2021	\$ Change
Cash flows from (used in)			
Operating	\$ 152	\$ 43	\$ 109
Investing	(24)	(26)	2
Financing	 (126)	 (1)	(125)
Cash flows from operating, investing			
and financing activities	2	16	(14)
Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	 1	 -	 1
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	3	16	(13)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	 392	 319	 73
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 395	\$ 335	\$ 60

Cash inflows from operations for the three months ended November 30, 2022 were \$152 compared to \$43 for the three months ended November 30, 2021. The variance of \$109 was primarily due to higher receipts from customer service charges as a result of air traffic recovery partially offset by higher payments to employees and suppliers largely due to higher salary and overtime costs.

Cash outflows from investing activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022 were \$24 compared to \$26 for the three months ended November 30, 2021. The variance of \$2 was largely due to additional loans made to Searidge Technologies Inc. during the three months ended November 30, 2021.

Cash outflows from financing activities for the three months ended November 30, 2022 were \$126 compared to \$1 for the three months ended November 30, 2021 due to the Company's partial repurchase of its revenue bonds and certain general obligation notes.

### **Liquidity and Financing Strategy**

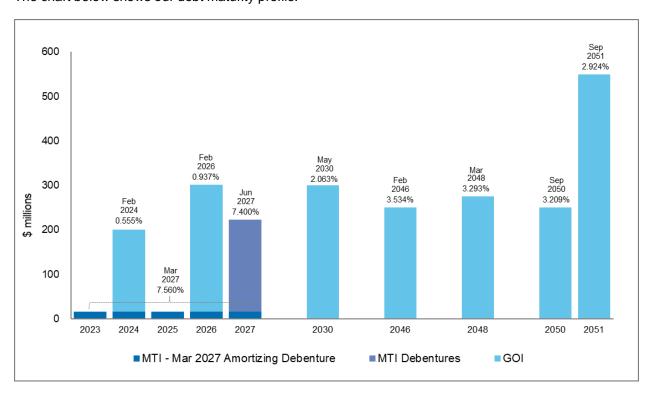
We are exposed to refinancing risk with respect to our bond and note maturities, including the \$16 (August 31, 2022 - \$25) annual amortizing payment due on the Series 97-2 amortizing revenue bonds. We mitigate this risk by maintaining committed credit facilities in an amount sufficient to meet our refinancing needs in the event of temporary capital market disruptions or lack of access to the market for any reason.

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The table below shows our long-term debt, liquidity and investments profile.

	Nov	ember 30 2022	August 31 2022
LONG-TERM DEBT			
Bonds and notes payable			
Under the Master Trust Indenture	\$	286	\$ 375
Under the General Obligation Indenture		2,095	2,125
		2,381	2,500
Adjusted for deferred financing costs		(11)	 (12)
Total bonds and notes payable		2,370	2,488
Less: current portion of long-term debt		(16)	 (25)
Total long-term debt	\$	2,354	\$ 2,463
LIQUIDITY			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	395	\$ 392
Short-term investments		80	80
Debt service reserve fund		74	74
Undrawn committed borrowing capacity		849	 849
Total Liquidity	\$	1,398	\$ 1,395

The chart below shows our debt maturity profile:



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The Company has a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of Canadian financial institutions and separate letter of credit facilities for pension funding purposes. The credit facilities are utilized as follows:

As at November 30	2022
Credit facilities for general purposes:	
Credit facility with a syndicate of Canadian financial institutions (1), (2)	\$ 850
Less: Outstanding letters of credit for other purposes (2)	 (1)
Undrawn committed borrowing capacity	849
Less: Operations and maintenance reserve allocation (3)	 (303)
Available for unrestricted use	\$ 546
Credit facilities for pension funding purposes:	
Letter of credit facilities for pension funding purposes (4)	\$ 810
Less: Outstanding letters of credit for pension funding purposes (4)	 (705)
Undrawn committed letter of credit facility	\$ 105

- (1) The Company's credit facility with a syndicate of Canadian financial institutions is comprised of two equal tranches maturing on March 26, 2025 and March 26, 2027, respectively. The credit facility agreement provides for loans at varying rates of interest based on certain benchmark interest rates, specifically the Canadian prime rate and the Canadian bankers' acceptance rate, and on the Company's credit rating at the time of drawdown. The Company is required to pay commitment fees, which are dependent on the Company's credit rating. The Company is in compliance with the credit facility covenants as at November 30, 2022.
- At November 30, 2022, \$1 was drawn from an uncommitted revolving credit facility. In connection with this facility, an allocation of \$25 with a Canadian financial institution has been made under the \$850 committed credit facility.
- (3) The operations and maintenance reserve may be used to pay operating and maintenance expenses, if required.
- (4) The letter of credit facilities for pension funding purposes are comprised of four facilities with Canadian financial institutions totalling \$810. Credit facilities of \$400 were extended during the three months ended November 30, 2022 and all four facilities will mature on December 31, 2023 unless extended.

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### **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

The following information about our contractual obligations and other commitments summarizes certain of our liquidity and capital resource requirements.

### **Contractual Obligations**

A breakdown of contractual obligations as at November 30, 2022 and for the next five fiscal years and thereafter is presented in the following table. Total contractual obligations exclude commitments for goods and services in the ordinary course of business.

	Remaining payments – for years ending August 31													
		Total		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027	Th	ereafter
Long-term debt (including														
current portion) (1), (2)	\$	2,381	\$	16	\$	201	\$	16	\$	301	\$	222	\$	1,625
Interest payments (2)		1,277		50		71		70		67		65		954
Capital commitments		109		60		14		8		5		7		15
Lease liability		59		2		3		3		3		3		45
Related party loan (3)		15		15		-		-						
Total contractual obligations	\$	3,841	\$	143	\$	289	\$	97	\$	376	\$	297	\$	2,639

- (1) Payments represent principal of \$2,381. The Company may choose to repay a portion of these maturities with available cash and/or may increase the size of a re-financing to generate additional liquidity or for other purposes, and/or may choose to redeem in whole or in part an issue in advance of its scheduled maturity.
- Further details on interest rates and maturity dates on long-term debt are provided in note 7 of the Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements.
- (3) The Company has an agreement with Aireon to provide a subordinated loan up to a total of \$15 CDN (\$11 U.S.).

The Company's letters of credit are discussed under the heading "FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT – Liquidity and Financing Strategy".

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### **Capital Management**

The Company views capital as the sum of its issued long-term debt, retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income, regulatory deferral accounts and balances under certain employee benefit plans, as depicted in the following table. This definition of capital is used by management and may not be comparable to measures presented by other companies.

	Nov	vember 30 2022	August 31 2022
Bonds and notes payable	\$	2,370	\$ 2,488
Equity:			
Retained earnings		18	28
Regulatory deferral accounts:			
Debit balances		(1,276)	(1,341)
Credit balances		126	119
Employee benefits:			
Long-term disability liability		6	6
Liability for funded pension benefits		600	588
Liability for accumulating sick leave		15	15
Total capital	\$	1,859	\$ 1,903

### **Financial Risk Management**

The Company is exposed to several risks as a result of holding financial instruments, including interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk, price risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. See note 16 to the fiscal 2022 financial statements for information on our financial instruments, including the exposure to and how we manage each of these risks as well as sensitivity analysis. Further discussion on liquidity risk is included under the heading "FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT – Liquidity and Financing Strategy".

The following risks may also impact the Company's cash and capital resources:

### **Air Traffic Levels**

Our air traffic risk and strategy to mitigate the risk remains unchanged from that disclosed in our fiscal 2022 annual MD&A.

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### Insurance

Our aviation liability insurance program was renewed on November 15, 2022 for a one-year period. This insurance provides broad coverage for our ANS liabilities to third parties. The Company also carries other lines of insurance at levels deemed to be appropriate by management for the nature of our business. The cost of this insurance is not material to the Company.

The Company is contractually obligated to indemnify the Government of Canada for any loss suffered by or claimed against it which is covered by the Company's aviation operations liability insurance.

### **Legal Proceedings**

The Company is party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of its business. Management does not expect the outcome of any of these proceedings to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

### **Credit Ratings**

The Company's debt obligations have been assigned the following credit ratings and outlooks:

Rating Agency	Senior Debt	General Obligation Notes	Outlook
Moody's Investors Service (Moody's)	Aa2	Aa2	Stable
Standard & Poor's (S&P)	AA-	A+	Positive

Based on improving market conditions, on November 8, 2022, S&P Global Ratings revised the outlook on NAV CANADA to positive from stable and affirmed its 'AA-' long-term issuer credit and senior secured debt rating, and 'A+' senior subordinated debt rating.

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### **QUARTERLY RESULTS**

### **Quarterly Financial Information (unaudited)**

	Three months ended				
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	
	November 30 2022	August 31 2022	May 31 2022	February 28 <b>2022</b>	
Revenue	\$ 435	\$ 468	\$ 381	\$ 313	
Operating expenses	348	368	361	350	
Other (income) and expenses	26	102	28	29	
	61	(2)	(8)	(66)	
Income tax recovery		(13)			
Net income (loss) before net movement in					
regulatory deferral accounts	61	11	(8)	(66)	
Net movement in regulatory deferral accounts					
Rate stabilization adjustments	(78)	(8)	(20)	5	
Other regulatory deferral account adjustments	7	90	23	30	
	(71)	82	3	35	
Net income (loss) after net movement in					
regulatory deferral accounts	\$ (10)	\$ 93	\$ (5)	\$ (31)	

	Three months ended				
	Q1 November 30 2021	Q4 August 31 2021	Q3 May 31 2021	Q2 February 28 2021	
Revenue	\$ 345	\$ 293	\$ 196	\$ 179	
Operating expenses	337	348	305	316	
Other (income) and expenses	24	19	86	40	
	(16)	(74)	(195)	(177)	
Income tax expense (recovery)			(9)	2	
Net loss before net movement in					
regulatory deferral accounts	(16)	(74)	(186)	(179)	
Net movement in regulatory deferral accounts					
Rate stabilization adjustments	(59)	159	119	81	
Other regulatory deferral account adjustments	18	34	75	41	
	(41)	193	194	122	
Net income (loss) after net movement in					
regulatory deferral accounts	\$ (57)	<u>\$ 119</u>	\$ 8	\$ (57)	

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **Earnings and Cash Flow Coverage**

Earnings coverage ratio and cash flow coverage are non-GAAP ratios and do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. The earnings coverage ratio and cash flow coverage are provided pursuant to and in compliance with National Instrument 44-102 Shelf Distributions of the Canadian Securities Administrators. The Company calculates the earnings coverage ratio on the basis of earnings before interest expense on financial liabilities at amortized cost (interest expense) divided by interest expense. Cash flow coverage is calculated on the basis of earnings (after rate stabilization) before interest expense, depreciation and amortization divided by interest expense. Under the Income Tax Act (Canada), NAV CANADA, excluding its subsidiaries, is not subject to income taxes and accordingly, no deduction for income taxes has been made. After the application of rate regulated accounting, the provision for income taxes related to our taxable subsidiaries is not significant.

During a fiscal year, quarterly revenue from customer service charges will reflect seasonal or other fluctuations in the airline industry and therefore our net results vary from quarter to quarter. Our mandate to operate on essentially a financial breakeven basis, after the application of rate regulated accounting, results in a planned earnings coverage ratio – calculated on the basis of earnings before interest divided by interest expense – that is close to one-to-one. However, the seasonal nature of our revenue may result in an earnings coverage ratio of less than one-to-one for any interim period.

For the twelve months ended November 30, 2022, the Company had a net loss of \$10 on the statement of operations (twelve months ended November 30, 2021 - net earnings of \$13). Our interest costs were \$90 (twelve months ended November 30, 2021 - \$87). Consolidated earnings (after rate stabilization) before interest costs were \$137 (twelve months ended November 30, 2021 - \$100), which is 1.52 times our interest requirement for this period (twelve months ended November 30, 2021 - 1.15) and meets our one-to-one earnings coverage ratio target. Depreciation and amortization expense for this period was \$144 (twelve months ended November 30, 2021 - \$150). Our cash flow coverage was 3.12 times our interest requirement for this period (twelve months ended November 30, 2021 - 2.87).

### **Related Party Transactions**

The Company's related parties include its key management personnel, subsidiaries, joint ventures, entities in which it has a significant influence and registered pension plans for its employees. The transactions with these related parties are not materially different from what was reported in the fiscal 2022 annual MD&A.

### **Accounting Policies**

Significant accounting policies used in the Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements are disclosed in note 3 of the fiscal 2022 financial statements.

### **Future Accounting Pronouncements**

Future accounting pronouncements issued during Q1 fiscal 2023 are disclosed in note 2 (g) of the Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements.

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### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The preparation of our Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments about the future.

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal actual results.

Critical judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty are disclosed in note 2 (d) of the 2022 annual financial statements.

The Company's critical accounting estimates and judgments applied in the preparation of the Company's Q1 fiscal 2023 financial statements are consistent with those applied and disclosed in our fiscal 2022 financial statements and as described in the fiscal 2022 annual MD&A.

### INTERNAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

There have been no changes to the Company's internal control over financial reporting (ICFR) during the three months ended November 30, 2022 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's ICFR.