

### **13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company's majority shareholder, Wittington Investments, Limited ("Wittington"), and its affiliates are related parties. The Company, in the normal course of business, has routine transactions with these related parties, including the rental of office space at market prices from Wittington. Rental payments amounted to approximately \$3 million in 2008 (2007 – \$3 million). It is the Company's policy to conduct all transactions and settle balances with related parties on market terms and conditions. For a detailed description of the Company's related party transactions, see note 32 to the consolidated financial statements.

From time to time, the Company and Wittington may make elections that are permitted or required under applicable income tax legislation with respect to affiliated corporations and, as a result, may enter into agreements in that regard. These elections and accompanying agreements do not have any material impact on the Company.