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MEPCO Update March 1, 2016 OMERS Announces 2015 Investment Returns

On February 26, 2016, the OMERS Administration Corporation (OAC) announced that the 2015 OMERS investment return rate was 6.7% (net of investment expenses), exceeding the long term funding requirement of 6.5% (net), but falling short of the internal benchmark of 7.8%.

The 2015 return was achieved despite slower global growth and low interest rates, reflecting a lower risk and more diversified investment strategy. The returns contribute to a plan funding ratio improvement to 91.5% in 2015, compared to 90.8% last year. This result means that the plan remains on track to return to full funding by 2025. Meeting funding requirements, together with the operation of the Primary Plan Funding Management Strategy approved by the Sponsors Corporation Board in 2014, are key to a sustainable OMERS Plan through the longer term.

The 2015 investment return and the \$3.8 billion in employer and employee contributions bring net Plan assets to \$77 billion, up from \$72 billion at the end of 2014 and reduce the Plan deficit from \$7.1 billion at the end of 2014 to \$7.0 billion.

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