

1 In Schedule “B” at page 79 of 82 it is stated: “The Company annually reviews its personal
2 computing requirements in detail as part of its capital budgeting process.”
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4 **Q. The projects make reference to the “replacement or upgrade” of personal**
5 **computers. Please advise as to the costs pertaining to upgrading personal**
6 **computers and how many units will be upgraded.**
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8 A. The Company matches computers to specific employees in accordance with their
9 technology requirements. This reduces the number of computer upgrades required
10 throughout the year. Requirements for upgrades typically arise due to the assignment of
11 new tasks or the use of new software applications. These upgrades are implemented as
12 specific needs arise.
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14 Upgrades are also required in computing intensive environments such as desktop
15 publishing and engineering design.
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17 The most common upgrades are those related to hard disk and memory additions. Prices
18 for these upgrades vary considerably. Table 1 provides typical cost estimates:
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Table 1		
PC Upgrade Cost Estimates		
Item	Cost per Unit	Estimated Labour
Hard drives	\$250	\$160
Memory	\$250	\$80