

Citation: **Registration Exemption for Trades in Connection with Certain Prospectus-Exempt Distributions, 2010 ABASC 52** Date: 20100212

ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

BLANKET ORDER 31-505

February 12, 2010

Definitions

1. Terms defined in the *Securities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. S-4 (the **Act**) or in National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions* have the same meaning in this Blanket Order.

Background

2. National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements and Exemptions* (**NI 31-103**) classifies a registrant who trades in securities distributed under an exemption from the prospectus requirement as an Exempt Market Dealer.
3. NI 31-103 prescribes conditions of registration and other requirements and restrictions applicable to an Exempt Market Dealer.
4. National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* exempts from the prospectus requirement certain distributions made in reliance on section 2.3 (to *accredited investors*), section 2.5 (to *family, friends and business associates*), section 2.9 (under an *offering memorandum*) or section 2.10 (*minimum investment amount*) (each of the foregoing distributions being referred to as a **Prospectus-Exempt Distribution**).
5. The Commission considers that limited blanket relief from the requirement to register as an Exempt Market Dealer for a trade in a security in connection with a Prospectus-Exempt Distribution would not be prejudicial to the public interest.

Order

6. The Commission orders, under section 213 of the Act, that the dealer registration requirement does not apply to a trade in a security by a person or company in connection with a Prospectus-Exempt Distribution, provided that:
 - (a) the person or company is not registered or required to be registered under provincial or territorial securities legislation;
 - (b) the person or company is not registered or required to be registered under the securities legislation of a foreign jurisdiction;

- (c) prior to the trade, the person or company does not advise, recommend or otherwise represent to the purchaser that the security being traded is suitable for the purchaser, with regard to the purchaser's:
 - (i) investment needs and objectives;
 - (ii) financial circumstances; or
 - (iii) risk tolerance;
- (d) at or before the time at which the purchaser enters into an agreement to purchase the security, the person or company obtains from the purchaser a signed Risk Acknowledgement Form in the form prescribed in Appendix A;
- (e) the person or company has not provided financial services to the purchaser other than in connection with a Prospectus-Exempt Distribution;
- (f) the person or company does not hold or have access to the purchaser's assets; and
- (g) the person or company has electronically filed with the Commission a current information report in the form prescribed in Appendix B, or has filed an update of a previously filed information report, on or before the 10th day after the Prospectus-Exempt Distribution.

This order takes effect on March 27, 2010.

"original signed by"

Glenda A. Campbell, QC, Vice-Chair
Alberta Securities Commission

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Stephen R. Murison, Vice-Chair
Alberta Securities Commission

Appendix A

Risk Acknowledgement under BLANKET ORDER 31-505 *Registration Exemption for Trades in Connection with Certain Prospectus-Exempt Distributions*

Name of Issuer: _____

Name of Seller: _____

I acknowledge that

- the person selling me these securities is not registered with a securities regulatory authority and is prohibited from telling me that this investment is suitable for me;
- the person selling me these securities does not act for me;
- this is a risky investment and I could lose all my money; and,
- I am investing entirely at my own risk.

Date

Signature of Purchaser

Print name of Purchaser

Name of salesperson acting on behalf of seller

Sign two copies of this document. Keep one copy for your records.

National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* may require you to sign an additional risk acknowledgement form.

If you want advice about the merits of this investment and whether these securities are a suitable investment for you, contact a registered adviser or dealer.

Appendix B

Information report under BLANKET ORDER 31-505 *Registration Exemption for Trades in Connection with Certain Prospectus-Exempt Distributions*

[Date]

- To: ___ Alberta Securities Commission
 ___ British Columbia Securities Commission
 ___ Government of the North West Territories, Securities Office
 ___ Government of Nunavut, Department of Justice
 ___ Government of the Yukon Territory, Community Services
 ___ Manitoba Securities Commission
 ___ Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission

INSTRUCTION: Choose the jurisdiction(s) in which you are in the business of trading in securities. For a discussion about what constitutes being in the business of trading in securities, see Companion Policy 31-103 *Registration Requirements and Exemptions*.

[Name of firm or, if a sole proprietor, individual owner's name and any related trade names]

INSTRUCTION: State the full name of the firm or individual

[Street address] INSTRUCTION: State the street office for the head office of the firm or proprietorship. Do not include a P.O. box or agent for service.

[Website address for firm] INSTRUCTION: State the website address for the firm. If there is no website address, state "not applicable".

[Telephone number for firm or, if sole proprietor, individual]

[Name of individual responsible for ensuring conditions to use this registration exemption are met] INSTRUCTION: State the name of the individual who maybe contacted with respect to any questions regarding the contents of this report. This individual should be a senior executive for the firm.

[Telephone number for responsible individual named above]

[E-mail address for responsible individual named above]

Does the firm also carry on business at other office locations? __ Yes __ No

[Names of salespersons employed by the firm to sell securities]

[Date]

Collection and use of personal information

The personal information submitted in this report is collected on behalf of and used by the securities regulatory authorities or, where applicable, the regulators under the authority granted in securities legislation for the purposes of its administration and enforcement of the securities legislation.

If anyone referred to in this report has any questions about the collection and use of their personal information, they can contact the regulator in the jurisdiction(s) where the report is filed, at the address(es) listed below.

Alberta

Alberta Securities Commission
4th Floor, 300 - 5th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3C4
Attention: Information Officer
Telephone: (403) 355-4151

British Columbia

British Columbia Securities Commission
P.O. Box 10142, Pacific Centre
701 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V7Y 1L2
Attention: Freedom of Information Officer
Telephone: (604) 899-6500 or (800) 373-6393 (in BC)

Manitoba

The Manitoba Securities Commission
500 - 400 St. Mary Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4K5
Attention: Director of Registrations
Telephone: (204) 945-2548
Fax: (204) 945-0330

Northwest Territories

Government of the Northwest Territories
P.O. Box 1320
Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9
Attention: Deputy Superintendent of Securities
Telephone: (867) 920-8984

Nunavut

Legal Registries Division
Department of Justice
Government of Nunavut
P.O. Box 1000 Station 570
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
Attention: Department Registrar of Securities
Telephone: (867) 975-6190

Yukon

Department of Community Services Yukon
P.O. Box 2703
Whitehorse, YU Y1A 2C6
Attention: Registrar of Securities
Telephone: (867) 667-5225

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission
Suite 601, 1919 Saskatchewan Drive
Regina, SK S4P 4H2
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