

ASC NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT 13-102 SYSTEM FEES FOR SEDAR AND NRD

October 1, 2015

The Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) proposes to adopt Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD (MI 13-102) and is publishing it for a 30 day comment period.

MI 13-102 is currently in force in other Canadian jurisdictions, but is not a rule in Alberta. However, MI 13-102 applies in Alberta by virtue of the fact that it is incorporated by reference into the Schedule – Fees to the *Securities Regulation* (AR 115/95).¹

Formal adoption of MI 13-102 as an ASC rule would, therefore, not change any of the SEDAR or NRD fees that currently apply in Alberta.

Subject to receipt of Ministerial approval, the ASC proposes to adopt MI 13-102 in the form attached. Other than a minor drafting change to correct a title reference to an instrument, no changes are proposed to MI 13-102 from the version already incorporated by reference into Alberta securities law.

We welcome comments on this proposal. Please provide comments by letter or by electronic mail to the following on or before **November 2, 2015**:

Ashlyn D'Aoust Senior Legal Counsel Alberta Securities Commission Suite 600, 250 – 5th Street SW Calgary, AB T2P 0R4 ashlyn.daoust@asc.ca

Please note that comments received will be made publicly available and posted on the ASC website at www.albertasecurities.com. You should not include personal information directly in comments to be published. It is important that you state on whose behalf you are making the submission.

¹ The Commission has authority under section 228 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) to incorporate by reference any instrument by regulation or rule.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT 13-102 SYSTEM FEES FOR SEDAR AND NRD

PART 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Definitions

1. (1) In this Instrument,

"annual information form" means an "AIF" as defined by National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* or an annual information form for the purposes of Part 9 of National Instrument 81-106 *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure*;

"initial filer profile" means a filer profile filed in accordance with subsection 5.1(1) of National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR);

"issuer bid",

- (a) except in Ontario, means an issuer bid to which Part 2 of Multilateral Instrument 62-104 *Take-Over Bids and Issuer Bids* applies, and
- (b) in Ontario, means a "formal issuer bid" as defined by subsection 89(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario);

"shelf prospectus" means a prospectus filed under National Instrument 44-102 *Shelf Distributions*:

"take-over bid",

- (a) except in Ontario, means a take-over bid to which Part 2 of Multilateral Instrument 62-104 *Take-Over Bids and Issuer Bids* applies, and
- (b) in Ontario, means a "formal take-over bid" as defined by subsection 89(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario).

(2) In this Instrument, a term referred to in Column 1 of the following table has the meaning ascribed to it in the Instrument referred to in Column 2 opposite that term.

Column 1	Column 2		
Defined Term	Instrument		
CPC instrument	National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions		
firm filer	National Instrument 31-102 National Registration		
	Database		
individual filer	National Instrument 31-102 National Registration		
	Database		
long form prospectus	National Instrument 41-101 General Prospectus		
	Requirements		
MJDS prospectus	National Instrument 71-101 The Multijurisdictional		
	Disclosure System		
NRD	National Instrument 31-102 National Registration		
	Database		
principal jurisdiction	Multilateral Instrument 11-102 Passport System		
principal regulator	Multilateral Instrument 11-102 Passport System		
rights offering	National Instrument 45-101 Rights Offerings		
SEDAR	National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic		
	Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR)		
short form prospectus	National Instrument 41-101 General Prospectus		
	Requirements		
sponsoring firm	National Instrument 33-109 Registration Information, in		
	Form 33-109F4 Registration of Individuals and Review		
	of Permitted Individuals		

Inconsistency with other instruments

2. If there is any conflict or inconsistency between this Instrument and National Instrument 13-101 *System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR)* or National Instrument 31-102 *National Registration Database*, this Instrument prevails.

PART 2 SEDAR SYSTEM FEES

Local system fees

3. In Québec, a person or company making the type of filing described in Column C of Appendix A with the Autorité des marchés financiers must pay to the Autorité des marchés financiers the system fee specified in Column D of that Appendix.

System fees

4. (1) A person or company making a filing, in the local jurisdiction, of the type described in Column B of Appendix B, and of the category referred to in Column A of that Appendix, must pay to the securities regulatory authority the system fee specified in Column C or D of that Appendix, as the case may be.

- (2) Despite subsection (1), if a person or company pays a fee referred to in item 1 or 2 of Appendix B, the person or company is not required to pay a fee with respect to any other filing referred to in that item made during the calendar year in which the payment was made.
- (3) Despite subsection (1), in the calendar year that a person or company files its initial filer profile, the fee referred to in item 1 or 2 of Appendix B is prorated in accordance with the following formula:

 $A \times B / 12$, where

A = the amount referred to in item 1 or 2 of Appendix B, as applicable, and

B = the number of months remaining in the calendar year following the month in which the initial filer profile was filed.

PART 3 NRD SYSTEM FEES

Enrolment Fee

5. If the local jurisdiction is a firm filer's principal jurisdiction, the firm filer must pay to the securities regulatory authority an enrolment fee of \$500 upon enrolment in NRD.

NRD submission fee

- **6.** (1) A firm filer must pay an NRD system fee in respect of an individual filer to the securities regulatory authority in the local jurisdiction if
 - (a) the firm filer is the sponsoring firm for the individual filer, and
 - (b) through the filing of a Form 33-109F4 *Registration of Individuals and Review of Permitted Individuals*, the individual filer registers or reactivates their registration in the local jurisdiction.
- (2) The NRD system fee payable to the securities regulatory authority under subsection (1) by a sponsoring firm in respect of an individual filer is,
 - (a) if the securities regulatory authority is the principal regulator of the individual filer, \$75.00, and
 - (b) in any other case, \$20.50.

Annual NRD system fee

- **7.** On December 31 of each year, a firm filer must pay an annual NRD system fee to the securities regulatory authority in the local jurisdiction equal to the total of the following:
 - (a) if the securities regulatory authority in the local jurisdiction is the principal regulator of one or more individuals who are individual filers on that date, and for which the firm

filer is the sponsoring firm in that jurisdiction,

 $$75.00 \times \text{ the number of those individuals, and}$

(b) if there are individual filers on that date for which the securities regulatory authority in the local jurisdiction is not the principal regulator, and for which the firm filer is the sponsoring firm in that jurisdiction,

 $$20.50 \times \text{the number of those individuals.}$

PART 4 PAYMENT OF FEES

Means of payment

8. A fee under section 3, 4, 6 or 7 must be paid through SEDAR or NRD, as the case may be.

PART 5 EXEMPTION

Exemption

- **9. (1)** The regulator or the securities regulatory authority may grant an exemption from this Instrument, in whole or in part, subject to such conditions or restrictions as may be imposed in the exemption.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), in Ontario, only the regulator may grant such an exemption.
- (3) Except in Ontario, an exemption referred to in subsection (1) is granted under the statute referred to in Appendix B of National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, opposite the name of the local jurisdiction.

PART 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective Date

10. This Instrument comes into force on October 12, 2013.

Appendix A – Local SEDAR System Fees

(Section 3)

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
Local	Category of	Type of Filing	System Fee
Jurisdiction	Filing		
Québec	Securities Offerings	Prospectus distribution to person outside Québec, if made from within Québec (section 12 of <i>Securities Act</i> (Québec))	\$130.00

Appendix B – Other SEDAR System Fees

(Section 4)

Item	Column A Category of Filing	Column B Type of Filing	Column C System Fee Payable to Principal Regulator	Column D System Fee Payable to Each Other Securities Regulatory Authority
1	Annual filing fee for continuous disclosure - investment funds Note: Excludes the annual information form and all other filings listed separately in items 3 to 21.	Initial filer profile or annual financial statements (for investment funds)	\$495.00	N/A
2	Annual filing fee for continuous disclosure Note: Excludes the annual information form and all other filings listed separately in items 3 to 21.	Initial filer profile or annual financial statements (for reporting issuers other than investment funds)	\$705.00	\$74.00
3	Investment fund issuers / securities offerings	Simplified prospectus, annual information form and fund facts (National Instrument 81-101 Mutual Fund Prospectus Disclosure)	\$585.00, which applies in total to a combined filing, if one annual information form and one simplified prospectus are used to qualify the investment fund securities of more than one investment fund for distribution	\$162.50, which applies in total to a combined filing, if one annual information form and one simplified prospectus are used to qualify the investment fund securities of more than one investment fund for distribution
4	1	Long form prospectus	\$715.00	\$212.50
5	Investment fund issuers / continuous disclosure	Annual information form (National Instrument 81-106 <i>Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure</i>) for investment fund if not a short form prospectus issuer	\$455.00	N/A
6	Investment fund issuers / continuous disclosure	Annual information form (National Instrument 81-106 <i>Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure</i>) for investment fund if short form prospectus issuer	\$2,655.00	N/A
7	Investment fund issuers / exemptions and other applications	Exemptions and other applications (National Instrument 81-102 <i>Investment Funds</i>)	\$195.00	\$40.00
8		Exemptions and other applications	\$195.00	\$82.50

Item	Column A Category of Filing	Column B Type of Filing	Column C System Fee Payable to Principal Regulator	Column D System Fee Payable to Each Other Securities Regulatory Authority
		in connection with a prospectus filing		
9	Other issuers / securities offerings	Short form prospectus (National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions)	\$390.00	\$115.00
10		Shelf prospectus	\$390.00	\$115.00
11		MJDS Prospectus (National Instrument 71-101 The Multijurisdictional Disclosure System)	\$390.00	\$115.00
12		Long form prospectus	\$715.00	\$212.50
13		Rights offering material	\$325.00	\$115.00
14		Prospectus governed by CPC instrument (TSX Venture Exchange)	\$715.00	\$212.50
15	Other issuers / continuous disclosure	Annual information form, if neither an investment fund nor a short form prospectus issuer	\$455.00	N/A
16		Annual information form, if a short form prospectus issuer (other than an investment fund)	\$2,655.00	N/A
17	Exemptions and other applications (if not an investment fund)	Exemptions and other applications in connection with prospectus filing	\$195.00	\$82.50
18	Other issuers / going	Going private transaction filings	\$325.00	\$115.00
19	private / related party transactions	Related party transaction filings	\$325.00	\$115.00
20	Other issuers/securities acquisitions	Issuer bid filings	\$195.00	\$82.50
21	Third party filers/third party filings	Take-over bid filings	\$195.00	\$82.50