

BLANKET ORDER NUMBER 85

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, R.S.N.L. 1990, CHAPTER S-13 AS AMENDED (the "Act")

AND

IN THE MATTER OF EXEMPTIONS FROM MULTILATERAL INSTRUMENT 51-105 Issuers Quoted in the U.S. Over-the-Counter Markets

ORDER (Section 142.1 of the *Act*)

Definitions

- 1. Terms defined in the *Securities Act*, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter S-13, as amended, National Instrument 14-101 Definitions and Multilateral Instrument 51-105 Issuers Quoted in the US. Over-the-Counter Markets (MI 51-105) have the same meaning in this order.
- 2. In this order:
 - (a) 'designated exchange' means any of NASDAQ OMX; Borsa Italiana, MTA Tier; London Stock Exchange, except AIM; Hong Kong Stock Exchange; Deutsche Börse, except the First Quotation Board and the Entry Standard tier; Xetra. Prime Standard and General Standard tiers; SIX Swiss Exchange; Bourse de Luxembourg, except Euro MTF; Tokyo Stock Exchange, 1st Section and 2nd Section; Shanghai Stock Exchange; The Stock Exchange of Thailand, except The Market for Alternative Investment (mai); National Stock Exchange of India; Bombay Stock Exchange; Osaka Stock Exchange; Korea Exchange; and Singapore Exchange; and
 - (b) "primary listing" means an issuer's first listing of a class of its securities on a designated exchange.

Background

3. MI 51-105 comes into force on July 31, 2012.

- 4. Under MI 51-105, an OTC issuer is a reporting issuer if one or more of the designation provisions in Section 3 of MI 51-105 applies.
- 5. The Deputy Superintendent is of the opinion that to do so would not be contrary to the public interest.

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to section 142.1 of the Act that:

- 1. An OTC issuer is exempt from the provisions of MI 5 1-105 provided that it has a primary listing that is in effect each time the issuer
 - (a) carries on any promotional activities in or from Newfoundland and Labrador, or
 - (b) distributes a security to a person resident in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 2. An OTC issuer that distributes a non-convertible debt security to a person resident in Newfoundland and Labrador is exempt from the provisions of MI 51-105 if the issuer does not have any class of securities other than non-convertible debt listed on an exchange or quoted on a quotation and trade reporting system.
- 3. The order is in effect from July 31, 2012.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 9th day of May, 2013.

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