

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Service NL
Financial Services Regulations Division

BLANKET ORDER NUMBER 88

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

AND

EXEMPTION FROM THE PROSPECTUS REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN TRADES TO EXISTING SECURITY HOLDERS

ORDER (Sections 144.(1) of the Act)

Definitions

- 1. Terms defined in the *Securities Act*, National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions* or National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* (NI 45-106) have the same meaning in this Blanket Order.
- 2. In this Blanket Order:
 - "announcement date" is the day that an issuer issues the offering news release;
 - "deputy superintendent" means the Deputy Superintendent of Securities;
 - "investment dealer" has the same meaning as in section 1.1 of National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations;
 - "listed security" means a security of a class listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, the Toronto Stock Exchange, or the Canadian Securities Exchange;
 - "offering news release" means the news release of an issuer announcing commencement of an offering under this Blanket Order;
 - "record date" is at least one day prior to the announcement date; and
 - "warrant" means a warrant of an issuer that entitles the holder to acquire a listed security or a portion of a listed security of the same issuer.

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3. The deputy superintendent, considering that to do so would not be contrary to the public interest, orders pursuant to subsection 144.(1) of the Act that the prospectus requirement does not apply to a distribution by an issuer of a security of its own issue to a security holder provided that:

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- a) the issuer is a reporting issuer in at least one jurisdiction of Canada;
- b) the issuer's equity securities are listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange, the Toronto Stock Exchange, or the Canadian Securities Exchange;
- c) the issuer has filed in each jurisdiction of Canada in which it is a reporting issuer all periodic and timely disclosure documents that it is required to have filed in that jurisdiction
 - i) under applicable securities legislation,
 - ii) pursuant to an order issued by the regulator or securities regulatory authority, or
 - iii) pursuant to an undertaking to the regulator or securities regulatory authority;
- d) the issuer has issued and filed the offering news release;
- e) the distribution is of a listed security or a unit consisting of a listed security and a warrant:
- f) the issuer makes the offer available to all persons who, as of the record date, held a listed security of the issuer of the same class and series as the listed security to be distributed under this exemption;
- g) the purchaser purchases the security as principal;
- h) the purchaser represents in writing to the issuer that, on or before the record date, the purchaser acquired and continues to hold, a listed security of the issuer of the same class and series as the listed security to be distributed under this exemption;
- i) one of the following applies:
 - the purchaser is a person that has obtained advice regarding the suitability of the investment and, if the person is resident in a jurisdiction of Canada, that advice has been obtained from a person that is registered as an investment dealer in the jurisdiction; or
 - ii) the aggregate acquisition cost to the purchaser for the securities purchased under this Blanket Order, when combined with the acquisition cost to the purchaser for the purchase of any other security from the issuer under this Blanket Order in the last 12 months, does not exceed \$15,000;

- 5. The offering news release must include reasonable detail of the proposed distribution and proposed use of gross proceeds including:
 - a) the minimum and maximum number of securities proposed to be distributed and the minimum and maximum aggregate gross proceeds of the distribution;
 - b) a description of the principal purposes, with approximate amounts, for which the issuer will use the gross proceeds, assuming both the minimum and maximum offering; and
 - a description of how the issuer intends to allocate securities if aggregate subscriptions for securities under the proposed distribution exceed the maximum number of securities proposed to be distributed.
- 6. The subscription agreement between the issuer and purchaser must contain a contractual right of action against the issuer for rescission or damages that
 - a) is available to the purchaser if a document or core document, each as defined in section 138.1 of the Act, contains a misrepresentation which was not corrected before the purchaser acquires a security under this exemption, without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the misrepresentation;
 - b) is enforceable by the purchaser delivering a notice to the issuer
 - i) in the case of an action for rescission, within 180 days after the purchaser signs the agreement to purchase the security, or
 - ii) in the case of an action for damages, before the earlier of
 - A. 180 days after the purchaser first has knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action, or
 - B. 3 years after the date the purchaser signs the agreement to purchase the security;
 - c) is subject to the defence that the purchaser had knowledge of the misrepresentation;
 - d) in the case of an action for damages, provides that the amount recoverable
 - i) must not exceed the price at which the security was offered, and
 - does not include all or any part of the damages that the issuer proves does not represent the depreciation in value of the security resulting from the misrepresentation; and
 - e) is in addition to, and does not detract from, any other right of the purchaser.
- 7. The subscription agreement must contain a certificate that states that
 - a) the issuer's "documents" and "core documents", each as defined in section 138.1 of the Act, do not contain a misrepresentation; and
 - b) there is no material fact or material change related to the issuer which has not been generally disclosed."

- 8. Other than the subscription agreement, any offering material provided to a purchaser in connection with a distribution under this Blanket Order must be filed no later than the day that the material was first provided to a purchaser.
- 9. The first trade of a security acquired under this Blanket Order is subject to section 2.5 of National Instrument 45-102 *Resale of Securities*.
- 10. An issuer that distributes a security under this Blanket Order must file a report of the distribution that complies with Form 45-106 F1 *Report of Exempt Distribution* no later than the 10th day after the distribution.
- 11. This Blanket Order is effective March 13, 2014.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 25th day of March, 2014.

Don Boyles, CMA

Deputy Superintendent of Securities