

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Service NL Financial Services Regulation Division

**ORDER NUMBER 95** 

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

#### **AND**

# EXEMPTION FROM THE DEALER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND THE ADVISER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT IN RESPECT OF TRADES AND ADVICE FOR U.S. RESIDENT CLIENTS

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

#### **Definitions**

 Unless otherwise defined in this order or the context otherwise requires, terms used in this order that are defined in NI 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations or National Instrument 14-101 Definitions have the same meaning.

#### Background

- 2. Certain broker-dealers registered under U.S. federal securities law (U.S. broker-dealer firms) may have offices or employees in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 3. Certain advisers registered or exempt from registration under U.S. federal securities law (U.S. adviser firms) may have offices or employees in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 4. Those U.S. broker-dealer firms and U.S. adviser firms trade for and advise U.S. resident clients and may be subsidiaries of, affiliated to, or have arrangements with registered firms in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 5. Employees in Newfoundland and Labrador of
  - i. those U.S. broker-dealer firms who trade for U.S. resident clients must be registered to trade for U.S. resident clients under U.S. federal securities law;
  - ii. those U.S. adviser firms who advise U.S. resident clients must be registered or exempt from registration to advise U.S. resident clients under U.S. federal securities law (registered representatives).

- 6. If those U.S. broker-dealer firms and U.S. adviser firms and their registered representatives trade for and advise U.S. resident clients and are not registered in Newfoundland and Labrador, they are in default of the dealer registration requirement or the adviser registration requirement, because carrying out those activities in Newfoundland and Labrador requires registration.
- 7. Those U.S. broker-dealer firms and U.S. adviser firms and their registered representatives are subject to U.S. federal securities law in respect of trades for and advice to U.S. resident clients.

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- 8. Considering that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to do so and pursuant to section 144.(1) of the Act, the Superintendent orders that:
  - i. a U.S. broker-dealer firm and its representatives are exempt from the dealer registration requirement in respect of trades for U.S. resident clients; and
  - ii a U.S. adviser firm and its representatives are exempt from the adviser registration requirement in respect of advice to U.S. resident clients

if they comply with all of the following conditions:

- (a) The U.S. broker-dealer firm or U.S. adviser firm files with the regulator a current information report in the form prescribed in Appendix A before relying on this order, and files an updated information report within 10 days of a change to a previously filed information report;
- (b) The U.S. broker-dealer firm or U.S. adviser firm does not trade securities for or advise clients resident in Newfoundland and Labrador, and their registered representatives only trade securities for or advise clients resident in Newfoundland and Labrador if they are registered in the appropriate category;
- (c) The U.S. broker-dealer firm or U.S. adviser firm files with the regulator all information and records about its trading and advising activities as the regulator requires from time to time;
- (d) The U.S. broker-dealer firm and its representatives or the U.S. adviser firm and its representatives are not in default of securities law in any jurisdiction or foreign jurisdiction;
- (e) The U.S. broker-dealer firm and its representatives are registered under U.S. federal securities law; and
- (f) The U.S. adviser firm and its representatives are registered or exempt from registration under U.S. federal securities law.
- 9. This order comes into effect on March 26, 2015.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 5th day of January 2016.

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Superintendent of Securities

## **Appendix A to Order Number 95**

### **Information report under Order Number 95**

Exemption from the dealer registration requirement and the adviser registration requirement in respect of trades and advice for U.S. resident clients

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