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## **Enforcement Notice Decision 13-0169**

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## **IN THE MATTER OF Craig Hodge – Discipline decision – Liability and Penalty**

**June 18, 2013 (Toronto, Ontario)** – Following a disciplinary hearing held on May 7, 2013, in Toronto, Ontario, a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) found that Craig Hodge engaged in outside business activities without the knowledge of his firm and that he offered to compensate a client.

The Hearing Panel's decision is available at:

<http://docs.iiroc.ca/DisplayDocument.aspx?DocumentID=7EBC553712D24E8C91BCEDF4FAD0260F&Language=en>.

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Specifically, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Hodge committed the following violations:

- (a) **Count 1:** From January 2003 to November 2009, while a Registered Representative and Branch Manager at Assante Capital Management Ltd., Mr. Hodge engaged in outside business activities without the prior knowledge or consent of his Member firm, thereby engaging in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the public interest, contrary to IIROC Dealer Member Rule 29.1 (IDA By law 29.1 prior to June 1, 2008);
- (b) **Count 2:** From December 2009 to April 2011, while a Registered Representative and Supervisor at IPC Securities Corporation, Mr. Hodge engaged in outside business activities without the prior knowledge or consent of his Member firm, thereby



engaging in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the public interest, contrary to IIROC Dealer Member Rule 29.1; and

- (c) **Count 3:** In 2008 Mr. Hodge offered compensation to his client, thereby engaging in conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the public interest, contrary to IIROC Dealer Member Rule 29.1 (IDA By law 29.1 prior to June 1, 2008).

The Hearing Panel imposed the following penalty on Mr. Hodge:

- (a) A fine of \$45,000 with respect to Count 1;
- (b) A fine of \$30,000 with respect to Count 2;
- (c) A fine of \$10,000 with respect to Count 3;
- (d) A suspension from registration with IIROC in all capacities for one year;
- (e) A 12-month period of strict supervision, upon any return to the industry; and
- (f) To rewrite the Conduct and Practices Handbook examination, upon any return to the industry.

Mr. Hodge is also required to pay costs in the amount of \$5,000.

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Hodge's conduct in February 2012. The violations occurred when he was a Registered Representative and Branch Manager with Assante Capital Management Ltd. and with IPC Securities Corporation, both IIROC-regulated firms. Mr. Hodge is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.

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