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Discipline decision in the matter of Brian Michael Sutton

Former First Leaside CFO to Face IIROC Penalties

July 21, 2017 (Toronto, Ontario)— Following a Disciplinary Hearing held on January 16-24 and on March 7, 2017, a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) found that former Chief Financial Officer of First Leaside Securities Inc. Brian Michael Sutton failed to ensure that proprietary fund products offered by First Leaside Securities Inc. were properly priced on client account statements.

The Hearing Panel's decision dated July 5, 2017, is available at:

<http://docs.iiroc.ca/DisplayDocument.aspx?DocumentID=5ABA9CF15FA949BE9AF0FCD71CE515D9&Language=en>

Specifically, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Sutton committed the following violation:

- (a) Between September 2009 and October 2011, Mr. Sutton, as Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of First Leaside Securities Inc. ("FLSI"), failed to ensure that proprietary fund products recommended and sold by FLSI were properly priced, contrary to IIROC Dealer Member Rule 38.6(c).

A separate hearing will be held to determine the penalty to be imposed on Mr. Sutton, the date of which will be made available at www.iiroc.ca.

Documents related to ongoing IIROC enforcement proceedings – including Reasons and Decisions of Hearing Panels – are posted on the IIROC website as they become available. Click [here](#) to search and access all IIROC enforcement documents.



IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Sutton's conduct in May 2013. The violation occurred while he was the CFO with FLSI, formerly an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Sutton is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.

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