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Enforcement Notice Hearing 17-0197

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IN THE MATTER OF Michael Ballanger – Settlement Hearing

October 17 , 2017 (Toronto, Ontario) – A hearing has been scheduled before a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) to consider whether the panel should accept a Settlement Agreement entered into between IIROC staff and Michael Ballanger.

The Settlement Agreement concerns conduct involving a failure to comply with the policies and procedures regarding new product reviews and the receipt and containment of confidential information at the investment firm where Mr. Ballanger worked.

The hearing is not open to the public, but will become open in the event that the panel accepts the agreement. If the agreement is accepted, the Panel's decision and the Settlement Agreement will be made available at www.iiroc.ca.

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Hearing Date: Thursday October 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: IIROC, 121 King Street West, Suite 2000, Toronto, Ontario

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Ballanger's conduct in October 2014. The conduct occurred while he was a Registered Representative in Toronto with Richardson GMP, an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Ballanger is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.



The Notice of Application announcing the settlement hearing is available at:

<http://docs.iiroc.ca/DisplayDocument.aspx?DocumentID=459501D980384F4599434DD91092B6CB&Language=en>

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