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IN THE MATTER OF Raphaël Vermette – Settlement Accepted

December 20, 2018 (Montréal, Québec) — On October 23, 2018, a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) accepted a Settlement Agreement, with sanctions, between IIROC staff and Raphaël Vermette.

Mr. Vermette admitted that he entered orders that he ought reasonably to have known would create, or could reasonably be expected to create, a false or misleading appearance of trading activity in a security, or an artificial bid price for this security.

Specifically, Mr. Vermette admitted to the following violation:

- (a) On or around November 27, 2014, Mr. Vermette entered orders that he ought reasonably to have known would create, or could reasonably be expected to create, a false or misleading appearance of trading activity in the Goodfellow Inc. (GDL) security, or an artificial bid price for this security, contrary to Rule 2.2 and Policy 2.2 of the Universal Market Integrity Rules (UMIR), for which he is liable under UMIR Rule 10.4.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Vermette agreed to the following penalty:

- (a) a fine of \$5,000;
- (b) costs in the amount of \$1,000.



The Settlement Agreement and the Hearing Panel’s decision dated November 13, 2018 are available at: http://www.iiroc.ca/Documents/2018/7215640F-63C9-4323-BC40-8B011DF5D8E5_en.pdf.

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. Vermette’s conduct in November 2015. The conduct occurred while he was a Registered Representative with the Québec City branch of RBC Dominion Securities Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Vermette is still employed as a Registered Representative with this firm.

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