

## NOTICE/NEWS RELEASE

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Enforcement Notice Hearing 18-0087

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## IIROC to Hold Settlement Hearing for Surrey Investment Advisors Martin Wendall Matthews and Arnold Ward Francis

April 16, 2018 (Vancouver, British Columbia) – 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 Martin Wendall Matthews and Arnold Ward Francis.

The agreement concerns conduct involving the acceptance of remuneration for securities-related activities from someone other than their Dealer Member firm.

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.

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 <a href="here">here</a> to search and access all IIROC enforcement documents.

**Hearing Date:** April 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**Location**: Reportex

1010 – 925 West Georgia Street

Vancouver, BC



IIROC formally initiated the investigation into the conduct of Mr. Matthews and Mr. Francis in November 2014. The conduct occurred while they were Registered Representatives with the Surrey, BC, branch of Raymond James Ltd., an IIROC-regulated firm. They are currently Registered Representatives with Peak Securities Inc.

The Notice of Application announcing the Settlement Hearing is available at: <a href="http://docs.iiroc.ca/DisplayDocument.aspx?DocumentID=ED3116242E7247A4AC7DCB8D9F9E3269&Language=en">http://docs.iiroc.ca/DisplayDocument.aspx?DocumentID=ED3116242E7247A4AC7DCB8D9F9E3269&Language=en</a>

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