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IIROC Fines BMO Investment Advisor and Branch Manager Steven Henry Brophy

December 3, 2018 (Toronto, Ontario) – On November 21, 2018, a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) accepted a Settlement Agreement, with sanctions, between IIROC staff and Steven Henry Brophy.

Mr. Brophy admitted that between March 2014 and June 2015, he failed to adequately supervise Graeme Robert Kirkland – contrary to Dealer Member Rule 38.4.

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

- (a) A fine of \$75,000;
- (b) To re-write the CSI Branch Managers Course examination; and
- (c) To attend a full day one-on-one training on new issues and conflict of interest supervision to be provided by BMO within 60 days of the acceptance of the settlement; evidence in writing of completion of this training shall be provided to IIROC.

Mr. Brophy also agreed to pay costs in the amount of \$5,000.

The Settlement Agreement is available at
http://www.iiroc.ca/Documents/2018/3beeb528-b4ef-4a55-931a-bfd482cc002f_en.pdf.

The Hearing Panel's decision will be made available at www.iiroc.ca.

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Brophy's conduct in April 2016. The violations occurred while he was an Investment Advisor and Branch Manager with a Toronto branch of BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Brophy is still employed with BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.



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