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IIROC Permanently Bans Former Nanaimo Investment Advisor Kenneth Edward Smith

June 5, 2018 (Vancouver, BC) – Following a penalty hearing held on May 10, 2018, a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) imposed the following penalty on Kenneth Edward Smith:

- (a) a \$125,000 fine; and
- (b) a permanent prohibition from approval

Mr. Smith is also required to pay costs in the amount of \$20,000.

The Hearing Panel's reasons for the penalty decision will be available at www.iiroc.ca.

In an earlier decision on liability dated April 6, 2018, the Hearing Panel found that Mr. Smith:

- (a) engaged in an outside business activity without obtaining the approval of his employer;
- (b) engaged in personal financial dealings with his client;
- (c) placed off-book investments for his client, without the knowledge or consent of employer;
- (d) took \$10,000 from a former client in order to invest the funds on her behalf, without the knowledge or consent of his employer; and
- (e) failed to cooperate with IIROC staff during their investigation.



IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Smith's conduct in January 2017. The violations occurred while he was a Registered Representative with Queensbury Securities Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm, in Nanaimo, BC. Mr. Smith is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.

The decision on Liability can be found at:

http://www.iroc.ca/Documents/2018/ae7968aa-6e15-495a-930a-97772d9d560e_en.pdf.

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