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**Enforcement Notice
Hearing
19-0039**

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IN THE MATTER OF Fernando Pace – Settlement Hearing

March 6, 2019 (Montréal, Québec) — 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 Fernando Pace.

The Agreement concerns an allegation that Mr. Pace engaged in discretionary trading in two clients' accounts, without the accounts having been preauthorized and approved as "discretionary" accounts – contrary to Dealer Member Rules 1300.4 and 1300.5.

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: March 20, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

Location: IIROC – Carmen Crépin Room
525 Viger Avenue West, Suite 601
Montréal, Québec



IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Pace's conduct in May 2016. The conduct occurred while he was a Registered Representative with a Montréal branch of Desjardins Securities Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Currently, Mr. Pace is a Registered Representative with the Montréal branch of Mackie Research Capital Corporation, an IIROC-regulated firm.

The Notice of Application announcing the settlement hearing is available at:
http://www.iiroc.ca/Documents/2019/ad2802c9-454a-4e9a-8096-7a0e9af35e2a_en.pdf.

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