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IIROC to Hold Settlement Hearing for Carlos Manuel Vargas

February 7, 2018 (Toronto, Ontario) – The Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) has scheduled a hearing to consider whether a Hearing Panel should accept the Settlement Agreement entered into between IIROC staff and Carlos Manuel Vargas.

The agreement concerns allegations that Mr. Vargas was involved in improper trading activity. He obtained allocations of new issues to trade for his employer's own pro-trading inventory accounts or his own personal trading accounts in circumstances where he knew, or ought to have known, he had no or limited retail demand for the new issues.

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.

Hearing Date: February 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: IIROC, 121 King Street West, Suite 2000, Toronto, Ontario

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Vargas' conduct in December 2013. The alleged violation occurred while he was a Registered Representative with the Toronto branches of Global Maxfin Capital Inc. and Chippingham Financial Group Inc., both IIROC-regulated firms. Mr. Vargas is no longer a registrant with an IIROC-regulated firm.



The Notice of Motion announcing the settlement hearing is available at:

http://www.iroc.ca/Documents/2019/f54022e8-3b55-4f1c-90b7-0b5c9cd4de27_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.

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