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IIROC Fines Montreal Investment Advisor Fernando Pace

April 8, 2019 (Montréal, Québec) – On March 20, 2019, a Hearing Panel of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) accepted a Settlement Agreement, with sanctions, between IIROC staff and Fernando Pace.

Mr. Pace admitted that he engaged in discretionary trading in two clients' accounts, without the accounts having been preauthorized and approved as "discretionary" accounts – contrary to IIROC Dealer Member Rules 1300.4 and 1300.5.

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

- (a) A fine in the amount of \$25,000;
- (b) Successfully rewrite the Conduct and Practices Handbook examination within six months following acceptance of the Settlement Agreement by the Hearing Panel

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

The Settlement Agreement is available at

http://www.iiroc.ca/documents/2019/c4a4799e-29b1-4e5e-8a49-6ff35df7dab7_en.pdf

The Hearing Panel's decision 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 [here](#) to search and access all IIROC enforcement documents.

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Pace’s conduct in May 2016. The violation occurred when Mr. Pace was a registered representative at a Montréal branch of Desjardins Securities Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Pace is a Registered Representative with the Montréal branch of Mackie Research Capital Corporation, an IIROC-regulated firm.

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