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Attention: Robert P. Hutchison

Dear Mr. Hutchison

Re: Recognition of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) by the Alberta Securities Commission

On May 16, 2008 members of the Commission and the Executive Director executed documents for the purpose of recognizing IIROC within the province of Alberta. These documents become effective on June 1, 2008. The following documents are enclosed for your records (each a copy of the original unless otherwise noted):

1. IIROC Recognition Order
2. IIROC Registration Authorization
3. Executive Director's letter to IIROC regarding fees (original)
4. Market Regulation Services Inc. (RS) Recognition Order
5. Investment Dealers Association of Canada (IDA) Recognition Order

For your information, the Commission has also revised the TSX Venture Exchange Inc. Recognition Order. The variation order will be published on our website on May 30, 2008, concurrently with the publication of the IROC recognition documents and other related materials.

We trust that all is in order.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David McKellar".

David McKellar, CA
Director, Market Regulation

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cc: Warren Funt, VP Western Canada
Investment Dealers Association of Canada

ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

**RECOGNITION ORDER
SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION**

INVESTMENT INDUSTRY REGULATORY ORGANIZATION OF CANADA (IIROC)

Background

1. The Investment Dealers Association of Canada (the **IDA**) has been recognized by the Alberta Securities Commission, British Columbia Securities Commission, the Manitoba Securities Commission, Nova Scotia Securities Commission, Ontario Securities Commission, Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission, the Financial Services Regulation Division, Department of Government Services, Consumer & Commercial Affairs Branch (Newfoundland and Labrador) and the Autorité des marchés financiers (Québec), and has applied to the New Brunswick Securities Commission for recognition (together with the Securities Office, Consumer, Corporate and Insurance Services Division, Office of the Attorney General (Prince Edward Island), (the **Recognizing Regulators**) as a self-regulatory organization or self-regulating body pursuant to applicable legislation.
2. Market Regulation Services Inc. (**RS**) has been recognized by the Autorité des marchés financiers (Québec) and the Alberta Securities Commission, British Columbia Securities Commission, Manitoba Securities Commission and Ontario Securities Commission as a self-regulatory organization or self-regulatory body pursuant to applicable securities legislation.
3. The IDA and RS have agreed to combine their operations into IIROC.
4. IIROC will, among other things:
 - (a) regulate investment dealers, including alternative trading systems (**ATSs**) (the **Dealer Members**);
 - (b) if retained by an ATS pursuant to National Instrument 23-101 *Trading Rules*, regulate the ATS as a Marketplace Member (defined below) and the subscribers of the ATS;
 - (c) establish, administer and monitor its rules, policies and other similar instruments (the **Rules**);

- (d) enforce compliance with its Rules by Dealer Members and others subject to its jurisdiction;
 - (e) provide services to exchanges and quotation and trade reporting systems (**QTRSs**) (together with ATSS, the **Marketplace Members**) that choose to retain it as a regulation services provider, as that term is defined under National Instrument 21-101 *Marketplace Operation*;
 - (f) if retained by an exchange or QTRS, administer, monitor and/or enforce rules pursuant to a regulation services agreement between IIROC and that exchange or QTRS (the **RSA**);
 - (g) conduct certain functions delegated to it by the Recognizing Regulators, including registration functions; and
 - (h) perform investigation and enforcement functions on behalf of the IDA and RS for as long as each of the IDA and RS continues to be recognized by the Commission as a self-regulatory organization.
5. On April 30, 2008, the Board of IIROC adopted the rules and policies of RS and the regulatory By-laws, Regulations, Forms and Policies of the IDA that were in force and effect at that time, subject to incidental conforming changes made to ensure consistency, and the Hearing Committees and Hearing Panels Rule as the Rules.
 6. On April 30, 2008, the Board of IIROC adopted the market integrity notices issued by RS and all regulatory notices, bulletins, directives and guidance provided by the IDA that were in effect at that time.
 7. IIROC's exchange and QTRS members will be subject to regulation by the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**), or in some cases, by other Recognizing Regulators.
 8. IIROC has applied to the Commission and the other Recognizing Regulators for recognition as a self-regulatory organization pursuant to section 64 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) (the **Act**).


Decision

9. Based on the application filed on behalf of IIROC with the Recognizing Regulators, with such changes as have been agreed to by the Recognizing Regulators, which includes the Rules, and subject to the representations and undertakings made by IIROC, the Commission is satisfied that recognizing IIROC will not be prejudicial to the public interest.

10. The Commission recognizes IIROC as a self-regulatory organization pursuant to section 64 of the Act on the terms and conditions set out in the appendix to this recognition order and the applicable provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Recognizing Regulators, as amended from time to time (the **MOU**).
11. Pursuant to section 213 of the Act, the Commission orders that IIROC is exempt from the requirement in section 64(4) of the Act to regulate members that are exchanges or QTRSs.
12. This order becomes effective on June 1, 2008.



Glenda A. Campbell, QC



Stephen R. Murison

APPENDIX A
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Recognition Criteria

IIROC must continue to meet the criteria attached at Schedule 1.

2. Notice and/or Approval of Changes

- (a) IIROC must promptly file in writing with Commission staff any material change to the information set out in the application letter dated December 21, 2007.
- (b) Prior Commission approval is required for any changes to the following:
 - (i) the corporate governance structure of IIROC, as reflected in IIROC's By-law No. 1 (**By-law No. 1**);
 - (ii) the letters patent of IIROC, and any supplementary letters patent; and
 - (iii) the assignment, transfer, delegation or sub-contracting of the performance of all or a substantial part of its regulatory functions or responsibilities as a self-regulatory organization.
- (c) Prior Commission approval is required for material changes to the following:
 - (i) the fee model;
 - (ii) the functions IIROC performs;
 - (iii) IIROC's organizational structure;
 - (iv) the activities, responsibilities, and authority of the District Councils; and
 - (v) the Regulation Services Agreement between IIROC and any Marketplace Member.
- (d) IIROC must not, without providing the Commission at least twelve months prior written notice and complying with any terms and conditions the Commission may impose in the public interest, complete any transaction that would result in IIROC:
 - (i) ceasing to perform its services;
 - (ii) discontinuing, suspending or winding-up all or a significant portion of its

operations; or

- (iii) disposing of all or substantially all of its assets.
- (e) IIROC will:
- (i) provide the Commission with three months prior written notice of any intended material change to its agreement with an information technology service provider regarding its critical technology systems; and
 - (ii) not terminate its agreement with an information technology service provider providing critical technology systems without providing the Commission prior written notice and complying with any terms and conditions the Commission may impose in the public interest.
- (f) IIROC will comply with the process for filing and obtaining Commission approval for by-laws, Rules and any amendments to by-laws or Rules as outlined in Appendix A of the MOU, as amended from time to time.
- (g) IIROC must advise the Commission in writing immediately upon being notified by any of the Recognizing Regulators that IIROC is not in compliance with one or more of the terms and conditions of recognition of IIROC in any jurisdiction or with the reporting requirements set out in the MOU.

3. Governance

- (a) IIROC must:
- (i) ensure that at least 50% of its board of directors (the **Board**), other than the President of IIROC, are independent directors as defined in By-law No. 1;
 - (ii) ensure that one of the directors represents an exchange or ATS that is not affiliated with a marketplace
 - (A) that retains IIROC, and
 - (B) has at least a 40% Market Share as defined in By-law No. 1 (the **Market Share**); and
 - (iii) review the corporate governance structure, including the composition of the Board,
 - (A) within two years after the date of recognition and periodically thereafter, or

(B) at the request of the Commission,

to ensure that there is a proper balance between, and effective representation of, the public interest and the interests of marketplaces, dealers and other entities desiring access to the services provided by IIROC.

- (b) IIROC must report to Commission staff in writing the results of the corporate governance review referred to in subparagraph (a)(iii) upon completion.
- (c) The Code of Business Ethics and Conduct and the written policy about managing potential conflicts of interests of members of IIROC's Board must be filed with the Recognizing Regulators within one year after the date of this Recognition Order.

4. Fees

- (a) IIROC must develop an integrated fee model and submit it for approval with the Commission within two years of the date of the recognition order.
- (b) IIROC must report in writing on a quarterly basis for the first two years of operations on the status of the development of the fee model.

5. Due Process

- (a) Subject to applicable law and the Rules and by-laws of IIROC, before rendering a decision that affects the rights of a person or company in relation to membership, registration or enforcement matters, IIROC must provide that person or company an opportunity to be heard.

6. Financial Viability

- (a) IIROC must operate on a not-for-profit basis.
- (b) IIROC will immediately report to Commission staff if it cannot meet its expected expenses for the next quarter. In addition, IIROC must provide Commission staff with an action plan detailing the steps to be taken to remedy its financial condition.

7. Integration of Functions

- (a) IIROC must report in writing within six months of the date of the recognition order its plan and timelines for the integration of functions relating to policy, surveillance, compliance, investigations, enforcement and membership.
- (b) IIROC must report in writing on a quarterly basis for the first two years of

operations on the status of the integration of its functions.

8. Performance of Regulatory Functions

- (a) IIROC must set Rules governing its members and others subject to its jurisdiction.
- (b) IIROC must administer and monitor compliance with the Rules and securities laws by members and others subject to its jurisdiction and enforce compliance with the Rules by Dealer Members, including ATs, and others subject to its jurisdiction. In addition, IIROC will provide notice to the Commission of any violations of securities legislation of which it becomes aware.
- (c) If retained by an exchange or QTRS, IIROC must administer, monitor and/or enforce rules pursuant to an RSA.
- (d) IIROC must, subject to applicable legislation, collect, use and disclose personal information only to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out its regulatory activities and mandate.
- (e) IIROC must ensure that it is accessible for contact by the public for purposes relating to the performance of its functions as a self-regulatory organization.
- (f) IIROC must publish concurrently in English and French each document issued to the public at large or generally to any class of members and must provide the document to Commission staff immediately upon publication.
- (g) IIROC must adopt policies and procedures designed to ensure that confidential information about its operations or those of any Dealer Member, Marketplace Member or marketplace participant is maintained in confidence and not shared inappropriately with other persons, and must use all reasonable efforts to comply with these policies and procedures.

9. Use of Fines and Settlements

All fines collected by IIROC and all payments made under settlement agreements entered into with IIROC may be used only as follows:

- (a) as approved by the Corporate Governance Committee,
 - (i) for the development of systems or other non-recurring capital expenditures that are necessary to address emerging regulatory issues resulting from changing market conditions and are directly related to protecting investors and the integrity of the capital markets;
 - (ii) for the education of securities market participants and members of the public about, or research into, investing, financial matters or the operation

or regulation of securities markets;

(iii) to contribute to a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, the purposes of which include protection of investors, or those described in paragraph (a)(ii); or

(b) for reasonable costs associated with the administration of IIROC's hearing panels.

10. Disciplinary Matters

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), IIROC must

(i) promptly notify the Commission, the public and the news media of:

(A) the specifics relating to each disciplinary or settlement hearing once the hearing date is set; and

(B) the terms of each settlement and the disposition of each disciplinary action once the terms or disposition is determined; and

(ii) ensure that disciplinary and settlement hearings are open to the public and news media.

(b) Despite paragraph (a), IIROC may, on its own initiative or on request, order a closed-door hearing or prohibit the publication or release of information or documents if it determines that it is required for the protection of confidential matters. IIROC must establish written criteria for making a determination of confidentiality.

11. Capacity and Integrity of Systems

(a) IIROC must

(i) ensure that each of IIROC's critical systems, including its technology systems, has

(A) appropriate internal controls to ensure integrity and security of information; and

(B) has reasonable and sufficient capacity, and backup to enable IIROC to properly carry on its business; and

(ii) have controls to manage the risks associated with its operations, including an annual review of its contingency and business continuity plans.

(b) IIROC must promptly report to the Commission:

- (i) any material failures in the controls described in paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) above; and
 - (ii) any outage in IIROC's critical technology systems or backup systems,and provide a description of the actions taken or to be taken to rectify the situation.
- (c) IIROC will on a reasonably frequent basis, and in any event, at least annually:
 - (i) make reasonable current and future capacity estimates for its critical systems;
 - (ii) conduct capacity stress tests to determine the ability of its critical systems to perform its regulation functions in an accurate, timely and efficient manner;
 - (iii) review and keep current the development and testing methodology of those systems; and
 - (iv) review the vulnerability of those systems to internal and external threats including physical hazards and natural disasters.
- (d) IIROC must cause to be performed an independent review, in accordance with established audit procedures and standards, of its controls for ensuring that it is in compliance with paragraph (c) above, and conduct a review by its Board of the report containing the recommendations and conclusions of the independent review. This term and condition will not apply if:
 - (i) the information technology provider retained by IIROC is required, either by law or otherwise, to conduct an annual independent review; and
 - (ii) IIROC's Board obtains and reviews annually a copy of the independent review report of its information technology provider to ensure that it has controls in place to address the matters outlined in paragraph (c) above.
- (e) Upon completion of the Board review, IIROC must provide the Commission with a copy of the report prepared under paragraph (d).
- (f) IIROC shall periodically compare the surveillance systems and services provided by its information technology providers to comparable systems and services available from other third party technology providers and provide the Commission with a report summarizing the process undertaken and the conclusions reached.

12. Ongoing Reporting Requirements

- (a) IIROC must provide the Commission with all information required in Schedule 2 of this Recognition Order.
- (b) IIROC must provide Commission staff within 30 days of the commencement of each fiscal year with a copy of its financial budget for that year, together with the underlying assumptions, that has been approved by its Board.
- (c) IIROC must file annual audited financial statements with Commission staff, accompanied by the report of an independent auditor, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year.
- (d) IIROC must file with Commission staff quarterly financial statements for each of the first three financial quarters within 60 days after the end of each financial quarter.
- (e) IIROC must file its annual report with Commission staff upon completion.
- (f) IIROC must annually self-assess IIROC's performance of its regulatory responsibilities and report thereon to the Board and the Commission staff, together with any recommendations for improvements. The annual self-assessment must contain information as specified by Commission staff from time to time and include the following information:
 - (i) an assessment of how IIROC is meeting its regulatory mandate, including an assessment against the recognition criteria and the terms and conditions of the Recognition Order;
 - (ii) an assessment against its strategic plan;
 - (iii) a description of trends seen as a result of compliance reviews conducted and complaints received, and IIROC's plan to deal with any issues;
 - (iv) whether IIROC is meeting its benchmarks and if not, why not; and
 - (v) a description and update on significant projects undertaken by IIROC.

IIROC must file the self-assessment with the Commission within 90 days of its fiscal year-end.

- (g) IIROC must give Commission staff notice, as soon as practicable, of new directors.
- (h) IIROC must provide to the Commission, in addition to the information specifically required in this Recognition Order and the MOU, any information the Commission may reasonably require from time to time.

SCHEDULE 1
CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION

1. Governance

The governance structure and arrangements must ensure:

- (a) effective oversight of the entity;
- (b) fair, meaningful and diverse representation on the governing body (the **Board**) and any committees of the **Board**, including a reasonable proportion of independent directors;
- (c) a proper balance among the interests of the different persons or companies subject to regulation by IIROC; and
- (d) each director or officer is a fit and proper person.

2. Public Interest

IIROC must regulate to serve the public interest in protecting investors and market integrity. It must articulate and ensure it meets a clear public interest mandate for its regulatory functions.

3. Conflicts of interest

IIROC must effectively identify and manage conflicts of interest.

4. Fees

- (a) All fees imposed by IIROC must be equitably allocated. Fees must not have the effect of creating unreasonable barriers to access.
- (b) The process for setting fees must be fair and transparent.
- (c) IIROC must operate on a cost-recovery basis.

5. Access

IIROC must have reasonable written criteria that permit all persons or companies that satisfy the criteria to access IIROC's regulatory services.

The access criteria and the process for obtaining access should be fair and transparent.

6. Financial Viability

IIROC must have sufficient financial resources for the proper performance of its functions and to meet its responsibilities.

7. Capacity to Perform Regulatory Functions

IIROC must maintain its capacity to effectively and efficiently perform its regulatory functions, which include governing the conduct of persons or companies subject to its regulation and monitoring and enforcing applicable requirements.

- (a) IIROC must maintain in Alberta
 - (i) sufficient financial, technological, human and other resources; and
 - (ii) appropriate organizational structures and adequate technological systems
- (b) to efficiently, effectively and in a timely manner perform its regulatory functions and responsibilities.

8. Capacity and Integrity of Systems

IIROC must maintain controls to ensure capacity, integrity requirements and security of its technology systems.

9. Rules

IIROC must establish and maintain Rules that:

- (a) are necessary or appropriate to govern and regulate all aspects of its functions and responsibilities as a self-regulatory entity;
- (b) are designed to:
 - (i) ensure compliance with securities laws,
 - (ii) prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices,
 - (iii) promote just and equitable principles of trade and the duty to act fairly, honestly and in good faith,
 - (iv) foster cooperation and coordination with entities engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in, securities,
 - (v) foster fair, equitable and ethical business standards and practices,

- (vi) promote the protection of investors, and
- (vii) provide for appropriate discipline of those whose conduct it regulates;
- (c) do not impose any burden or constraint on competition or innovation that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of IIROC's regulatory objectives;
- (d) do not impose costs or restrictions on the activities of market participants that are disproportionate to the goals of the regulatory objectives sought to be realized; and
- (e) are not contrary to the public interest.

10. Disciplinary Matters

The process for discipline must be fair and transparent.

11. Information Sharing and Regulatory Cooperation

To assist other regulatory authorities in regulatory matters, IIROC must share information and cooperate with:

- (a) the Commission and any other securities regulatory authority, whether domestic or foreign;
- (b) exchanges;
- (c) self-regulatory organizations;
- (d) clearing agencies;
- (e) financial intelligence or law enforcement agencies or authorities; and
- (f) investor protection or compensation funds, whether domestic or foreign.

This assistance includes the collection and sharing of information and other forms of assistance for the purpose of market surveillance, investigations, enforcement litigation, investor protection and compensation and for any other regulatory purpose and is subject to applicable laws related to information sharing and protection of personal information.

SCHEDULE 2

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

IIROC will provide the information and reports outlined in this Schedule to the Recognizing Regulators of all jurisdictions in which a Member that is the subject of a report or notification is registered, unless otherwise specified.

1. General

- (a) Prompt notice of any material violations of securities legislation of which IIROC becomes aware in the ordinary course operation of its business.
- (b) Prompt notice of actual or apparent misconduct or non-compliance by Members and their Approved Persons or Participants and others where investors, clients, creditors, Members, the Canadian Investor Protection Fund (CIPF) or IIROC may reasonably be expected to suffer serious damage as a consequence thereof, including but not limited to:
 - (i) where the solvency of a Member is at risk,
 - (ii) where fraud is present, or
 - (iii) where serious deficiencies in supervision or internal controls exist.

IIROC will include the party's name, the misconduct or deficiency, and its proposed response to ensure that the situations are resolved.

2. Financial Compliance

- (a) Prompt notification of situations that would reasonably be expected to raise concerns about a Member's continued viability, including but not limited to, capital deficiency and any condition which, in the opinion of IIROC, could give rise to payments being made out of CIPF, including any condition which, alone or together with other conditions, could, if appropriate corrective action is not taken, reasonably be expected to:
 - (i) inhibit the Member from promptly completing securities transactions, promptly segregating clients' securities as required or promptly discharging its responsibilities to clients, other Members or creditors,
 - (ii) result in material financial loss to the Member and its clients, or
 - (iii) result in material misstatement of the Member's financial statements.

IIROC will include the Member's name, the circumstances that gave rise to the situation, and its proposed response to ensure the identified situations are resolved.

- (b) Prompt notice following the taking of any action with respect to a Member in financial difficulty, including a description of the circumstances of the failure or the cause of the financial difficulty, and a summary of the actions taken.
- (c) At the beginning of each calendar year, an examination plan summarizing the scheduled financial compliance examinations for the upcoming year, set out on a quarterly basis and by IIROC office. The examination plan should explain the selection method used in determining the Members that are subject to an examination.
- (d) On a quarterly basis, notification of any material changes to Financial Compliance's processes or scope of its work, including material changes to its risk assessment model. Such notification may be provided verbally at the quarterly conference calls of staff of IIROC and the Recognizing Regulators.

3. Business Conduct Compliance

- (a) At the beginning of each calendar year, an examination plan summarizing the scheduled business conduct compliance examinations for the upcoming year, set out on a quarterly basis. The examination plan should explain the selection method used in determining the Member's office(s) that are subject to an examination and the resources that will be dedicated to reviews of branch offices. The examination plan should also include for head office examinations the name of the Dealer Member and the address, and for branch office examinations that IIROC reasonably expects to complete the name of the Dealer Member and the address.
- (b) On a quarterly basis, a comparison of IIROC's Dealer Member business conduct compliance examination results to the examination plan by IIROC office. This comparison will include an explanation of any variances of actual results compared to the examination plan, and an action plan to ensure that the variances are resolved.
- (c) On a quarterly basis, a progress report on all examinations that were in progress as of or started since the last report by each IIROC office. This report will include:
 - (i) the name of the Dealer Member,
 - (ii) whether the examination involved a head office or branch,
 - (iii) the start and expected completion dates of the field work,

- (iv) the status of the examination,
 - (v) whether a report has been issued and, if so, the issue date,
 - (vi) a summary of the material deficiencies noted during the examination,
 - (vii) identification of any repeated deficiencies, and
 - (viii) the follow up actions planned by IIROC to ensure that the identified problems will be resolved.
- (d) On a quarterly basis, notification of any material changes to Business Conduct Compliance's processes or scope of its work, including material changes to its risk assessment model. Such notification may be provided verbally at the quarterly conference calls of staff of IIROC and the Recognizing Regulators.

4. Trade Desk Review

- (a) At the beginning of each calendar year, a plan summarizing the scheduled trade desk reviews for the upcoming year, set out on a quarterly basis, including the name of the Dealer Member. The plan should explain the selection method used in determining the Members that are subject to a trade desk review.
- (b) On a quarterly basis, a comparison of IIROC's trade desk review results to the plan by IIROC office. This comparison will include an explanation of any variances of actual results compared to the plan, and an action plan to ensure that the variances are resolved.
- (c) On a quarterly basis, a progress report on all trade desk reviews that were in progress as of or started since the last report by each IIROC office. This report will include:
 - (i) the name of the Dealer Member,
 - (ii) the start and expected completion dates of the field work,
 - (iii) the status of the review,
 - (iv) whether a report has been issued and, if so, the issue date,
 - (v) a summary of the material deficiencies noted during the review,
 - (vi) identification of any repeated deficiencies, and
 - (vii) the follow up actions planned by IIROC to ensure that the identified problems will be resolved.

- (d) On a quarterly basis, notification of any material changes to trade desk review processes or scope. Such notification may be provided orally at the quarterly conference calls of staff of IIROC and the Recognizing Regulators.

5. Membership

- (a) Immediate notice of the admission of a new Member. In each case, IIROC will include the Member's name and any terms and conditions that are imposed on the Member.
- (b) Immediate notice of Members whose membership will be suspended or terminated. In each case, IIROC will include:
 - (i) The Member's name, and
 - (ii) The reasons for the proposed suspension or termination.
- (c) Immediate notice of receipt from a Member its intention to resign.
- (d) The notice required by this section may be provided by IIROC issuing a public notice containing the information, provided that such public notice will be issued immediately after the decision is made for admission, suspension and termination of membership and immediately after receipt of a notice of intention to resign, as the case maybe.

6. Registration

- (a) A quarterly report summarizing any terms and conditions imposed on Approved Persons, containing:
 - (i) the name of the Dealer Member and Approved Person on whom the terms and conditions were imposed,
 - (ii) the date terms and conditions were imposed,
 - (iii) the terms and conditions, and
 - (iv) a description of the reasons for the decision to impose terms and conditions.
- (b) A quarterly report summarizing all exemptions granted to individuals for proficiency requirements and full-time employment requirements under IIROC Rules and applicable securities legislation, and the reasons for granting the exemptions. This report should not include non-discretionary exemptions set out in IIROC Rules that were previously approved by the Recognizing Regulators.

7. Marketplace Regulation Exemptions

A quarterly report summarizing all exemptions granted during the period to marketplace participants pursuant to IIROC's Marketplace Regulation Rules, containing the information set out below:

- (a) the name of the marketplace participant,
- (b) type of exemption,
- (c) date of the exemption, and
- (d) a description of IIROC staff's reason for the decision to approve the exemption.

8. Investigations and Enforcement

(a) Ad Hoc Reporting

- (i) Information concerning all investigations which led to disciplinary or settlement proceedings, to be sent promptly after the disposition of the disciplinary or settlement proceedings and containing the following information:

- (A) any discipline imposed,
- (B) the terms of any settlement proposal accepted, and
- (C) any written decisions and reasons;

(b) Monthly Reporting

- (i) A summary of all new investigations by IIROC offices, which will:
 - (A) indicate the date an investigation started,
 - (B) indicate whether the investigation concerns primarily Member Regulation matters, Marketplace Regulation matters or has significant elements of both,
 - (C) include name of the complainant for complaints that resulted in investigations,
 - (D) indicate whether the file was referred by another department of IIROC and the name of the department,

- (E) identify:
 - (I) for Member Regulation cases, the Dealer Member and relevant Approved Person(s), or
 - (II) for Marketplace Regulation cases, the marketplace participant,
 - (F) summarize the misconduct alleged, and highlight any securities act violations of which IIROC becomes aware in the course of the investigation, and
 - (G) identify the name(s) of IIROC staff assigned to the investigation.
- (ii) A summary of all closed investigations which did not lead to disciplinary or settlement proceedings by IIROC offices, which will:
- (A) indicate the dates an investigation was started and closed,
 - (B) include detailed information concerning the investigation,
 - (C) identify:
 - (I) for Member Regulation cases, the Dealer Member and relevant Approved Person(s), or
 - (II) for Marketplace Regulation cases, the marketplace participant, and
 - (D) include a copy of the final investigation report and recommendations.
- (c) Quarterly Reporting
- (i) A quarterly report summarizing client complaints based upon ComSet data, including:
 - (A) a graphical report setting out the number of open client complaints and the relative age of the client complaints as of each quarter and on an annual basis, and
 - (B) the relative age of closed client complaints, closed in the quarter and on an annualized basis.
 - (ii) Summary statistics by IIROC offices regarding the current caseload for each of complaints, investigations and prosecutions, separated between

Member and Marketplace Regulation cases and within Marketplace Regulation cases, separately for each exchange, quotation and trade reporting system and alternative trading system, including:

- (A) the number of files outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the period, by operating department,
 - (B) the number of new files opened during the period, by operating department,
 - (C) the number of files transferred between sections during the period, by operating department, and
 - (D) the number of files referred and closed during the period.
- (iii) An ageing report by IIROC offices as at quarter end for files that remain open at the end of the quarter, which identifies the length of time a file has been open in each operating department.
- (d) Annual Reporting
- (i) A summary of all complaints and the disposition thereof, together with an analysis of any emerging problems or trends;
 - (ii) A summary of all investigations and the disposition thereof, together with an analysis of any emerging problems or trends;
 - (iii) A summary of all prosecutions and the disposition thereof, together with an analysis of any emerging problems or trends;
 - (iv) an analysis of market surveillance files that includes a discussion of any emerging problems or trends;
 - (v) enforcement-related policy changes;
 - (vi) enforcement-related functional and administrative changes; and
 - (vii) ongoing initiatives which are enforcement-related, but not case specific.

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REGISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ORDER
AND REVOCATION

Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC)
Investment Dealers Association of Canada (IDA)

Background

1. The Investment Dealers Association of Canada (the **IDA**) has applied to the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**) under section 214 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) (the **Act**) for an order revoking a previous Commission order dated July 27, 1994 and amended on March 11, 1998 (the **Previous Order**) that authorizes the IDA to conduct certain registration tasks with respect to its members.
2. IIROC was created by the merger of the IDA with Market Regulation Services Inc.. As part of the merger, IIROC proposes assuming the registration duties conducted by the IDA.
3. The IDA has also applied to the Executive Director of the Commission under section 66(2) of the Act for a new order authorizing IIROC, as successor to the IDA, to register its member investment dealer firms, Approved Persons (as defined in the IIROC rules) and alternative trading systems (the **Requested Authorization**).
4. The Commission has recognized IIROC as a self-regulatory organization (**SRO**), effective concurrently with this order.

Purpose of Authorization

5. The Commission considers the registration function to be integral to the monitoring and oversight of the Alberta capital markets. Under this order, IIROC will be acting on behalf of the Commission. The Commission expects IIROC to act in the public interest when considering registration applications and to review applications to satisfy itself as to the suitability of each registration candidate and that registration of such candidates would not be objectionable.

Conflicts

6. In the event of a conflict between an exercise of authority by IIROC under this authorization and an exercise of authority by the Executive Director, the Executive Director's authority will prevail.


Remuneration

7. The Commission will compensate IIROC for conducting registration services on the Commission's behalf. The terms of remuneration are set out in a letter dated May 16, 2008 from the Executive Director to IIROC, which may be amended from time to time.

Decision


8. The Commission, considering that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to do so, orders under section 214 of the Act that the Previous Order is revoked.
9. Pursuant to section 66(2) of the Act, the Executive Director authorizes, and the Commission approves, the granting of the Requested Authorization, provided that:
 - (a) IIROC continues to be recognized by the Commission as an SRO; and
 - (b) IIROC complies with the terms and conditions set out in Appendix A.
10. This order takes effect on June 1, 2008.

Authorization

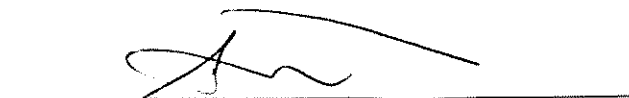


David C. Linder
Executive Director

Commission Approval



Glenda A. Campbell, QC



Stephen R. Murison

APPENDIX A

Terms & Conditions

1. IIROC will maintain sufficient human, financial and technological resources in Alberta to conduct the registration duties authorized by the Commission.
2. IIROC will ensure that registration decisions, with respect to Alberta registrants, are made by qualified IIROC staff located in Alberta.
3. IIROC will, in a timely fashion, provide Commission staff with any information or reporting requested by the Executive Director.

May 16, 2008

Investment Industry Regulatory
Organization of Canada
Suite 1600, 121 King Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3T9

Attention: Susan Wolburgh-Jenah, President & CEO

Dear Ms. Wolburgh-Jenah:

Re: Registration Fee Agreement

Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Authorization Order dated May 16, 2008, which becomes effective on June 1, 2008, the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (**IIROC**) will be authorized to register its members on behalf of the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**).

The Investment Dealers Association of Canada (the **IDA**) will continue to conduct these registration tasks until the recognition of IIROC by the Commission effective June 1, 2008. The IDA currently receives 20% of the registration fees paid to the Commission by IDA members as remuneration for these services.

Upon the recognition of IIROC, the IDA will cease registration activities and IIROC will provide registration services on behalf of the Commission. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Registration Authorization Order, IIROC will receive 20% of the registration fees paid to the Commission by IIROC members.

Alberta Securities Commission



David C. Linder
Executive Director

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ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

RECOGNITION ORDER
SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION

Market Regulation Services Inc.

Background

1. On February 13, 2002 the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**) recognized (the **Recognition**) Market Regulation Services Inc. (**RS**) as a self-regulatory organization pursuant to section 64 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) (the **Act**).
2. RS is a regulation services provider under National Instrument 21-101 *Marketplace Operation Rule* and National Instrument 23-101 *Trading Rules* (together, the **ATS Rules**) and regulates its members and marketplace participants pursuant to the Universal Market Integrity Rules (**UMIR**).
3. RS and the Investment Dealers Association of Canada have combined (the **Combination**) their operations into the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (**IIROC**), effective on June 1, 2008 (the **Effective Date**).
4. Subsequent to the Combination, for investigations and disciplinary actions, RS will continue to regulate and maintain its authority over persons and companies who are subject to its authority prior to the Effective Date (collectively, **Persons**) for conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date, for up to five years following the Effective Date.
5. RS and IIROC have entered into an agreement (the **Agreement**) under which RS has retained IIROC as its agent to perform investigation and enforcement functions on behalf of RS in respect of the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date, and to provide all administrative services in connection with these functions and the continuation of RS.

Representations of RS

6. RS will, among other things:
 - (a) maintain its existence and recognition as necessary to ensure its continuing authority over Persons and their conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date;

- (b) provide confirmation and further assurances to third parties, including tribunals and appeal bodies, of its continuing authority over Persons and their conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date;
- (c) subject to applicable law, provide to IIROC all relevant information in its possession that it receives from third parties in connection with the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date;
- (d) to the extent required for the investigation of the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date, request information from third parties under information-sharing arrangements to which RS is a party; and
- (e) perform all further acts and provide all further assurances necessary to maintain and confirm its continuing authority over Persons and their conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date.

IIROC's Responsibilities under the Agreement

7. Under the Agreement, IIROC will:

- (a) carry out on RS's behalf all investigative and enforcement activities relating to the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date;
- (b) maintain sufficient personnel, technological and other resources to perform IIROC's obligations under the Agreement in a timely and diligent manner;
- (c) comply with, or facilitate RS's compliance with, the terms of any information-sharing agreements under which RS receives information relating to the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date; and
- (d) provide all funding required for the performance of activities of RS relating to the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date.

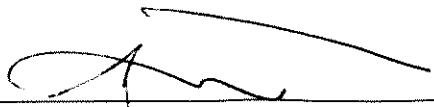
8. All hearing committees and hearing panels for the purposes of any proceedings on or after the Effective Date relating to the conduct of Persons will be constituted in accordance with IIROC Transition Rule No. 1 and Schedule C-1 *Hearing Committees and Hearing Panels Rule*.

Decision

9. Based on the representations of RS above, and considering that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to do so, the Commission orders that the Recognition is varied so that it continues in respect only of the functions specified above and subject to the terms and conditions set out in Schedule A.
10. This order becomes effective on the Effective Date.



Glenda A. Campbell, QC



Stephen R. Murison

SCHEDULE A
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

RS must have the same board of directors as IIROC.

2. CAPACITY TO PERFORM REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

- (a) RS must enter into the Agreement with IIROC under which IIROC must act as RS's agent to perform regulation services, including investigation and enforcement related to the conduct of persons subject to its authority occurring prior to the Effective Date and all administrative services in connection therewith and the continuance of RS.
- (b) Prior Commission approval is required for any changes to the Agreement.

3. INFORMATION SHARING

RS, or its agents, must share information and must otherwise co-operate with the Commission and Commission staff, other Canadian securities regulatory authorities, exchanges, other regulation services providers, other recognized self-regulatory organizations, clearing agencies, and investor protection or compensation funds.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & COMPLIANCE WITH OVERSIGHT

RS, or its agents, must provide the Commission any additional information the Commission may require from time to time.

5. USE OF FINES AND SETTLEMENTS

All fines collected by RS, or by IIROC on behalf of RS, and all payments made under settlement agreements entered into with RS, or with IIROC on behalf of RS, must be used in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the IIROC recognition order with an effective date of June 1, 2008, as amended from time to time.

ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

**RECOGNITION ORDER
SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION**

Investment Dealers Association of Canada

Background

1. On November 23, 1999 the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**) recognized (the **Recognition**) the Investment Dealers Association of Canada (the **IDA**) as a self-regulatory organization pursuant to section 53.1 (now section 64) of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) (the **Act**).
2. The IDA and Market Regulation Services Inc. have combined (the **Combination**) their operations into the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (**IIROC**), effective on June 1, 2008 (the **Effective Date**).
3. Subsequent to the Combination, for investigations and disciplinary actions, the IDA will continue to regulate and maintain its authority over persons and companies who are subject to its authority prior to the Effective Date (collectively, **Persons**) for conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date, for up to five years following the Effective Date.
4. The IDA and IIROC have entered into an agreement (the **Agreement**) under which the IDA has retained IIROC as its agent to perform investigation and enforcement functions on behalf of the IDA in respect of the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date, and to provide all administrative services in connection with these functions and the continuation of the IDA.

Representations of the IDA

5. The IDA will, among other things:
 - (a) maintain its existence and recognition as necessary to ensure its continuing authority over Persons and their conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date;
 - (b) provide confirmation and further assurances to third parties, including tribunals and appeal bodies, of its continuing authority over Persons and their conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date;

- (c) subject to applicable law, provide to IIROC all relevant information in its possession that it receives from third parties in connection with the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date;
- (d) to the extent required for the investigation of the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date, request information from third parties under information-sharing arrangements to which the IDA is a party; and
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IIROC's Responsibilities under the Agreement

6. Under the Agreement, IIROC will:
 - (a) carry out on the IDA's behalf all investigative and enforcement activities relating to the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date;
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 - (c) comply with, or facilitate the IDA's compliance with, the terms of any information-sharing agreements under which the IDA receives information relating to the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date; and
 - (d) provide all funding required for the performance of activities of the IDA relating to the conduct of Persons occurring prior to the Effective Date.
7. All hearing committees and hearing panels for the purposes of any proceedings on or after the Effective Date relating to the conduct of Persons will be constituted in accordance with IIROC Transition Rule No. 1 and Schedule C-1 *Hearing Committees and Hearing Panels Rule*.

Decision

8. Based on the representations of the IDA above, and considering that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to do so, the Commission orders that the Recognition is varied so that it continues in respect only of the functions specified above and subject to the terms and conditions set out in Schedule A.
9. This order becomes effective on the Effective Date.



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