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IDA Launches New Regulatory Resources Management System

The IDA's new Regulatory Resources Management System is now live on the IDA's website at www.ida.ca. Click on the "Rule Book & Bulletins" tab and it will take you to the Regulatory Resources section of the website. The section includes the IDA Rule Book, Bulletins, Notices, FAQs and other regulatory resources.

The powerful new search function will allow you to search the contents of the Rule Book, Bulletins and Notices simultaneously to create one Summary of all references. Within each document included in the Summary, you will find highlighted (yellow) every reference to your search term. In addition, within each document you will find cross referenced links (blue) to defined terms (like 'securities dealer', 'approved person') and regulations/rules. Previously, a search was restricted to the Rule Book or Bulletins or Member Notices and search results were compiled in a simple listing without internal references to the search term or any cross referencing capacity. The new system will enable you to find more information faster and to manage information better.

Finding information fast is facilitated by enabling users to:

- quickly browse the table of contents;
- find a document instantly by entering its reference number in the "Fetch" box on the left hand side of the screen;
- search the entire contents of the Regulatory Resources site; and
- restrict searches by using the Contents Search Template.

Users of the Regulatory Resources system will be able to manage information better by:

- displaying one complete document at a time;
- scrolling back and forth through documents quickly;
- selecting from a scrolling mini table of contents, users can access a subsection of the Rule Book; and
- storing documents that you want to consult frequently in personalized folders utilizing the "Briefcase" function. To utilize this functionality, you will need to sign in using your e-mail address and a password.

Please note that when searching under the Regulatory Resources heading on the left hand side of the screen, you are only searching the documents contained within the Regulatory Resources system. If you want to search the rest of the IDA website that includes media, speeches, Notices to Public, Settlement Agreements, Disciplinary Bulletins and other information about the IDA and its various departments, you will need to click on the "IDA Site Search" tab at the top of the Regulatory Resources screen. Search results will be displayed separately between those found within the Regulatory Resources system and the rest of the IDA website.

The history of changes to the by-laws, policies and regulations will initially be tracked and displayed only on a go-forward basis from May 1, 2006.

The offline downloadable version of the Rule Book will be available on June 15, 2006. Users will be able to download the whole Rule Book to a storage device for use offline. The offline version will be updated monthly.

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