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IIROC to Hold Settlement Hearing For Sudbury Investment Advisor Merlyn Black

August 31, 2020 (Sudbury, Ontario) – The Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) has scheduled a hearing to consider whether a Settlement Agreement entered into between IIROC staff and Merlyn Black should be accepted.

The Agreement concerns conduct involving discretionary trading in the accounts of three clients.

The hearing is not open to the public but will become open if and when the Panel accepts the agreement. Members of the public who are interested to attend the hearing may contact IIROC's National Hearing Coordinator at NHC1@iiroc.ca in advance of the hearing to obtain further details. If the agreement is accepted, the Reasons for Decision and the Settlement Agreement will be made available at www.iiroc.ca.

Hearing Date: The hearing will be held by videoconference on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

IIROC formally initiated the investigation into Mr. Black's conduct in December 2018. The conduct occurred while he was a Registered Representative with the Sudbury branch of CIBC World Markets Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm. Mr. Black is currently employed at Wellington-Altus Private Wealth Inc., an IIROC-regulated firm.

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

http://www.iiroc.ca/documents/2020/557f99f5-7a25-4b0c-aa8a-7e3e5d4d0e7b_en.pdf

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