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Disciplinary Action

As the result of a discipline hearing, the Saskatchewan District Council of the Association has found Steven Peter Sombach, a registered representative formerly employed by RBC Dominion Securities Inc., a Member of the Association, to have contravened Association Regulations 1300.1(a) and 1300.4 and has imposed on Mr. Sombach the following penalties:

- (i) a fine in the amount of \$11,000.00;
- (ii) a requirement that Mr. Sombach pay \$1,000.00 towards the costs of the proceedings and investigation;
- (iii) prohibition against his approval with any member of the Association for a one month period following February 2, 1998;
- (iv) the imposition of a condition upon his future approval with any member of the Association that he successfully re-write the Conduct and Practices Handbook examination; and
- (v) prohibition against his approval with any member of the Association until payment of the fine and costs has been made.

The Saskatchewan District Council found that between October 13, 1995 and January 11, 1996, inclusive, Mr. Sombach failed to use due diligence to learn the essential facts relative to the accounts of two clients, a married couple, and to the orders accepted for their accounts. The District Council found that this conduct was a violation of Regulation 1300.1 (a)

The District Council also found that between December 26, 1995 and January 11, 1996, inclusive, Mr. Sombach exercised discretionary authority to effect five trades in an account of the customers referred to above without having the prior written authorization of the customers and without such account having been specifically approved and accepted in writing as a discretionary account. The District Council found that this conduct was a violation of Regulation 1300.4.

Mr. Sombach is no longer employed in the investment industry. See Bulletin number 2453 with regard to disciplinary action against George Pruden, branch manager of the Member firm's office in which Mr. Sombach was employed at the relevant time.

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Association Secretary

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