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Notice of Exemption Granted Pursuant to By-law 17.18

On October 6, 1999, the Board of Directors granted an exemption from the requirements of By-law 5.6 to Robert Chin, a Director, Brian Fullerton, a Vice-President, Robert Bourgeois, a Director, all of Nesbitt Burns Inc., and Caleb Gibbons and Andrew Turczyniak, both Vice-Presidents of RBC Dominion Securities Inc. Under the terms of the Ontario Securities Commission Order recognizing the Investment Dealers Association of Canada as a self-regulatory organization, the Association is required to publish this notice informing Members of this exemption which was granted pursuant to the Board's general exempting power in By-law 17.18.

By-law 5.6 prohibits an industry investor from owning securities issued by a Member or holding company of a Member other than the Member in respect of which the investor is approved, unless those securities are of a class in which there is public ownership pursuant to a distribution in accordance with By-law 5.9 (a), (b) or (d). The intention of the by-law is to limit conflicts of interest which may occur when an individual exercises influence over two competing investment dealers.

This exemption was granted in connection with a private placement of common shares of E-BOND LTD. in which each of the shareholders named acquired less than 5% interest. The Board of Directors concluded that such an interest would not result in them having influence over E-BOND and thus that the exemption granted is not contrary to the interest of the public or the Members.

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