



IN THE MATTER OF THE *SECURITIES ACT*,
S.N.W.T. 2008, c. 10, AS AMENDED

- and -

***Exemption from Prescribed Form of Mutual Fund Audit Reports in
National Instrument 81-102 Investment Funds***

BLANKET ORDER 81-501
(Section 16)

WHEREAS part 12 of National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds* (**NI-81-102**) requires certain mutual funds, each principal distributor of a mutual fund and each participating dealer that distributes securities of a mutual fund (each, a **Regulated Entity**) to file

(a) a report, in a prescribed form (**Compliance Report**), describing the Regulated Entity's compliance with Parts 9, 10 and 11 of NI 81-102, and

(b) a report by an auditor expressing an opinion, in a prescribed form (the **Audit Report**), that the Compliance Report complies, in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of Parts 9, 10 and 11 of NI 81-102;

AND WHEREAS the *CPA Canada Handbook - Assurance* (the **Handbook**) sets out requirements for assurance reports (**Assurance Report**);

AND WHEREAS amendments to Canadian generally accepted auditing standards (the **GAAS**) in the section of the Handbook titled "Other Canadian Standards – General Assurance and Auditing" will be effective for Assurance Reports dated on or after June 30, 2017;

AND WHEREAS an Audit Report dated on or after June 30, 2017 and prepared in the form prescribed by NI 81-102 will not comply with the Handbook's amended requirements for an Assurance Report;

AND WHEREAS the Superintendent has determined that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to make this Order;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Terms defined in the *Securities Act*, National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, or NI 81-102 have the same meaning in this Order, unless otherwise defined.
2. For a Regulated Entity filing a Compliance Report dated on or after June 30, 2017, the requirement in Part 12 of NI 81-102 to file an accompanying Audit Report does not apply, provided the Regulated Entity files an accompanying Assurance Report expressing an unmodified opinion that the Assurance Report

(a) is based on work conducted in accordance with the Handbook, and

(b) provides reasonable assurance, as this term is used in the Handbook, that the Compliance Report complies in all material respects with the applicable requirements of Parts 9, 10 and 11 of NI 81-102.

Dated at Yellowknife, in the Northwest Territories, this 23rd day of June, 2017.

Tom Hall

Thomas W. Hall,
Superintendent of Securities