



Amendments to

National Instrument 62-103 *The Early Warning System and Related Take-Over Bid and Insider Reporting Issues*

1. *National Instrument 62-103 The Early Warning System and Related Take-Over Bid and Insider Reporting Issues is amended by this Instrument.*

2. *Section 1.1 is amended by*

(a) *adding the following definitions:*

“acquiror” has the meaning ascribed to that term in Part 5 of NI 62-104;

“acquiror’s securities” has the meaning ascribed to that term in Part 5 of NI 62-104;

“economic exposure” has the meaning ascribed to that term in NI 55-104;

“securities lending arrangement” has the meaning ascribed to that term in Part 5 of NI 62-104; ,

(b) *replacing “offeror” with “acquiror” in the definition of “acquisition announcement provisions”,*

(c) *replacing the definition of “early warning requirements” with the following:*

“early warning requirements” means the requirements set out in section 5.2 of NI 62-104; ,

(d) *replacing the definition of “moratorium provisions” with the following:*

“moratorium provisions” means the provisions set out in subsection 5.3(1) of NI 62-104; , **and**

(e) *deleting the definitions of “offeror” and “offeror’s securities”.*

3. *Section 3.1 is replaced with the following:*

3.1 **Contents of News Releases and Reports**

- (1) A news release and report required under the early warning requirements shall contain the information required by Form 62-103F1 *Required Disclosure under the Early Warning Requirements*.
 - (2) Despite subsection (1), a news release required under the early warning requirements may omit the information otherwise required by Items 2.3, 3.3, 3.5 through 3.8, 4.2, 4.3, 6 and 9, and Item 7 to the extent that the information relates to those sections and items, of Form 62-103F1 *Required Disclosure under the Early Warning Requirements*, if
 - (a) the omitted information is included in the corresponding report required by the early warning requirements, and
 - (b) the news release indicates the name and telephone number of an individual to contact to obtain a copy of the report.
 - (3) The acquiror shall send a copy of the report referred to in paragraph (2)(a) promptly to any entity requesting it..
4. **Section 3.2 is amended by replacing "offeror" with "acquiror" wherever it occurs.**
 5. **Section 4.2 is amended by adding "(1)" before "An", by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (a), by replacing "." with "; or" at the end of paragraph (b) and by adding the following paragraph and subsection:**
 - (c) solicits proxies from securityholders of the reporting issuer in any of the following circumstances:
 - (i) in support of the election of one or more persons as directors of the reporting issuer other than the persons proposed to be nominated by management of the reporting issuer;
 - (ii) in support for a reorganization, amalgamation, merger, arrangement or other similar corporate action involving the securities of the reporting issuer if that action is not supported by management of the reporting issuer;
 - (iii) in opposition to a reorganization, amalgamation, merger, arrangement or other similar corporate action involving the securities of the reporting issuer if that action is proposed by management of the reporting issuer.
 - (2) For the purposes of this section, "solicit" has the meaning ascribed to that term in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*..
 6. **Subsection 4.3(2) is amended by replacing "Appendix F" with "Form 62-103F2 Required Disclosure by an Eligible Institutional Investor under Section 4.3".**
 7. **Subsection 4.7(1) is amended by replacing "Appendix G" with "Form 62-103F3 Required Disclosure by an Eligible Institutional Investor under Part 4".**

8. **Section 5.1 is amended by replacing “offeror” with “acquiror” in paragraph (b).**
9. **Section 8.2 is amended by deleting “(1)”.**
10. **Part 9 and Section 9.1 is amended by deleting “; Early Warning Decrease Reports” in the titles of the Part and of the Section.**
11. **Section 9.1 is amended by deleting “(3),” in subsection (1) and by repealing subsection (3).**
12. **Appendix E is replaced with the following:**

Form 62-103F1

REQUIRED DISCLOSURE UNDER THE EARLY WARNING REQUIREMENTS

State if the report is filed to amend information disclosed in an earlier report. Indicate the date of the report that is being amended.

Item 1 – Security and Reporting Issuer

- 1.1 State the designation of securities to which this report relates and the name and address of the head office of the issuer of the securities.
- 1.2 State the name of the market in which the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report took place.

Item 2 – Identity of the Acquiror

- 2.1 State the name and address of the acquiror.
- 2.2 State the date of the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report and briefly describe the transaction or other occurrence.
- 2.3 State the names of any joint actors.

INSTRUCTION

If the acquiror is a corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group of persons, provide its name, the address of its head office, its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, and its principal business.

Item 3 – Interest in Securities of the Reporting Issuer

- 3.1 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities acquired or disposed of that triggered the requirement to file the report and the change in the acquiror’s securityholding percentage in the class of securities.

- 3.2 State whether the acquiror acquired or disposed ownership of, or acquired or ceased to have control over, the securities that triggered the requirement to file the report.
- 3.3 If the transaction involved a securities lending arrangement, state that fact.
- 3.4 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities and the acquiror's securityholding percentage in the class of securities, immediately before and after the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report.
- 3.5 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities and the acquiror's securityholding percentage in the class of securities referred to in Item 3.4 over which
- (a) the acquiror, either alone or together with any joint actors, has ownership and control,
 - (b) the acquiror, either alone or together with any joint actors, has ownership but control is held by persons or companies other than the acquiror or any joint actor, and
 - (c) the acquiror, either alone or together with any joint actors, has exclusive or shared control but does not have ownership.
- 3.6 If the acquiror or any of its joint actors has an interest in, or right or obligation associated with, a related financial instrument involving a security of the class of securities in respect of which disclosure is required under this item, describe the material terms of the related financial instrument and its impact on the acquiror's security holdings.
- 3.7 If the acquiror or any of its joint actors is a party to a securities lending arrangement involving a security of the class of securities in respect of which disclosure is required under this item, describe the material terms of the arrangement including the duration of the arrangement, the number or principal amount of securities involved and any right to recall the securities or identical securities that have been transferred or lent under the arrangement.
- State if the securities lending arrangement is subject to the exception provided in section 5.7 of NI 62-104.
- 3.8 If the acquiror or any of its joint actors is a party to an agreement, arrangement or understanding that has the effect of altering, directly or indirectly, the acquiror's economic exposure to the security of the class of securities to which this report relates, describe the material terms of the agreement, arrangement or understanding.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) *“Related financial instrument” has the meaning ascribed to that term in NI 55-104. Item 3.6 encompasses disclosure of agreements, arrangements or understandings where the economic interest related to a security beneficially owned or controlled has been altered.*
- (ii) *For the purposes of Items 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8, a material term of an agreement, arrangement or understanding does not include the identity of the counterparty or proprietary or commercially sensitive information.*
- (iii) *For the purposes of Item 3.8, any agreements, arrangements or understandings that have been disclosed under other items in this Form do not have to be disclosed under this item.*

Item 4 – Consideration Paid

- 4.1 State the value, in Canadian dollars, of any consideration paid or received per security and in total.
- 4.2 In the case of a transaction or other occurrence that did not take place on a stock exchange or other market that represents a published market for the securities, including an issuance from treasury, disclose the nature and value, in Canadian dollars, of the consideration paid or received by the acquiror.
- 4.3 If the securities were acquired or disposed of other than by purchase or sale, describe the method of acquisition or disposition.

Item 5 – Purpose of the Transaction

State the purpose or purposes of the acquiror and any joint actors for the acquisition or disposition of securities of the reporting issuer. Describe any plans or future intentions which the acquiror and any joint actors may have which relate to or would result in any of the following:

- (a) the acquisition of additional securities of the reporting issuer, or the disposition of securities of the reporting issuer;
- (b) a corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the reporting issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the reporting issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (d) a change in the board of directors or management of the reporting issuer, including any plans or intentions to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancy on the board;
- (e) a material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the reporting issuer;

- (f) a material change in the reporting issuer's business or corporate structure;
- (g) a change in the reporting issuer's charter, bylaws or similar instruments or another action which might impede the acquisition of control of the reporting issuer by any person or company;
- (h) a class of securities of the reporting issuer being delisted from, or ceasing to be authorized to be quoted on, a marketplace;
- (i) the issuer ceasing to be a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction of Canada;
- (j) a solicitation of proxies from securityholders;
- (k) an action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Item 6 – Agreements, Arrangements, Commitments or Understandings With Respect to Securities of the Reporting Issuer

Describe the material terms of any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings between the acquiror and a joint actor and among those persons and any person with respect to securities of the class of securities to which this report relates, including but not limited to the transfer or the voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies. Include such information for any of the securities that are pledged or otherwise subject to a contingency, the occurrence of which would give another person voting power or investment power over such securities, except that disclosure of standard default and similar provisions contained in loan agreements need not be included.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) *Agreements, arrangements or understandings that are described under Item 3 do not have to be disclosed under this item.*
- (ii) *For the purposes of Item 6, the description of any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings does not include naming the persons with whom those agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings have been entered into, or proprietary or commercially sensitive information.*

Item 7 – Change in material fact

If applicable, describe any change in a material fact set out in a previous report filed by the acquiror under the early warning requirements or Part 4 in respect of the reporting issuer's securities.

Item 8 – Exemption

If the acquiror relies on an exemption from requirements in securities legislation applicable to formal bids for the transaction, state the exemption being relied on and describe the facts supporting that reliance.

Item 9 – Certification

The acquiror must certify that the information is true and complete in every respect. In the case of an agent, the certification is based on the agent’s best knowledge, information and belief but the acquiror is still responsible for ensuring that the information filed by the agent is true and complete.

This report must be signed by each person on whose behalf the report is filed or his authorized representative.

It is an offence to submit information that, in a material respect and at the time and in the light of the circumstances in which it is submitted, is misleading or untrue.

Certificate

The certificate must state the following:

I, as the acquiror, certify, or I, as the agent filing the report on behalf of an acquiror, certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that the statements made in this report are true and complete in every respect.

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Date

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Signature

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Name/Title.

13. Appendix F is replaced with the following:

Form 62-103F2

REQUIRED DISCLOSURE BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR UNDER SECTION 4.3

State if the report is filed to amend information disclosed in an earlier report. Indicate the date of the report that is being amended.

Item 1 – Security and Reporting Issuer

1.1 State the designation of securities to which this report relates and the name and address of the head office of the issuer of the securities.

- 1.2 State the name of the market in which the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report took place.

Item 2 – Identity of the Eligible Institutional Investor

- 2.1 State the name and address of the eligible institutional investor.
- 2.2 State the date of the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report and briefly describe the transaction or other occurrence.
- 2.3 State that the eligible institutional investor is ceasing to file reports under Part 4 for the reporting issuer.
- 2.4 Disclose the reasons for doing so.
- 2.5 State the names of any joint actors.

Item 3 – Interest in Securities of the Reporting Issuer

- 3.1 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities and the eligible institutional investor's securityholding percentage in the class of securities immediately before and after the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report.
- 3.2 State whether the acquiror acquired or disposed ownership of, or acquired or ceased to have control over, the securities that triggered the requirement to file the report.
- 3.3 If the transaction involved a securities lending arrangement, state that fact.
- 3.4 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities and the eligible institutional investor's securityholding percentage in the class of securities, immediately before and after the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report and over which
 - (a) the eligible institutional investor, either alone or together with any joint actors, has ownership and control,
 - (b) the eligible institutional investor, either alone or together with any joint actors, has ownership but control is held by persons or companies other than the eligible institutional investor or any joint actor, and
 - (c) the eligible institutional investor, either alone or together with any joint actors, has exclusive or shared control but does not have ownership.
- 3.5 If the eligible institutional investor or any of its joint actors has an interest in, or right or obligation associated with, a related financial instrument involving a security of the class of securities in respect of which disclosure is required under this item,

describe the material terms of the related financial instrument and its impact on the eligible institutional investor's securityholdings.

- 3.6 If the eligible institutional investor or any of its joint actors is a party to a securities lending arrangement involving a security of the class of securities in respect of which disclosure is required under this item, describe the material terms of the arrangement including the duration of the arrangement, the number or principal amount of securities involved and any right to recall the securities or identical securities that have been transferred or lent under the arrangement.

State if the securities lending arrangement is subject to the exception provided in section 5.7 of NI 62-104.

- 3.7 If the eligible institutional investor or any of its joint actors is a party to an agreement, arrangement or understanding that has the effect of altering, directly or indirectly, the eligible institutional investor's economic exposure to the security of the class of securities to which this report relates, describe the material terms of the agreement, arrangement or understanding.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) *"Related financial instrument" has the meaning ascribed to that term in NI 55-104. Item 3.5 encompasses disclosure of agreements, arrangements or understandings where the economic interest related to a security beneficially owned or controlled has been altered.*
- (ii) *For the purposes of Items 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7, a material term of an agreement, arrangement or understanding does not include the identity of the counterparty or proprietary or commercially sensitive information.*
- (iii) *For the purposes of Item 3.7, any agreements, arrangements or understandings that have been disclosed under other items in this Form do not have to be disclosed under this item.*

Item 4 – Consideration Paid

- 4.1 State the value, in Canadian dollars, of any consideration paid or received per security and in total.
- 4.2 In the case of a transaction or other occurrence that did not take place on a stock exchange or other market that represents a published market for the securities, including an issuance from treasury, disclose the nature and value, in Canadian dollars, of the consideration paid or received by the eligible institutional investor.
- 4.3 If the securities were acquired or disposed of other than by purchase or sale, describe the method of acquisition or disposition.

Item 5 – Purpose of the Transaction

State the purpose or purposes of the eligible institutional investor and any joint actors for the acquisition or disposition of securities of the reporting issuer. Describe any plans or future intentions which the eligible institutional investor and any joint actors may have which relate to or would result in any of the following:

- (a) the acquisition of additional securities of the reporting issuer, or the disposition of securities of the reporting issuer;
- (b) a corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the reporting issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the reporting issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (d) a change in the board of directors or management of the reporting issuer, including any plans or intentions to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancy on the board;
- (e) a material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the reporting issuer;
- (f) a material change in the reporting issuer's business or corporate structure;
- (g) a change in the reporting issuer's charter, bylaws or similar instruments or another action which might impede the acquisition of control of the reporting issuer by any person;
- (h) a class of securities of the reporting issuer being delisted from, or ceasing to be authorized to be quoted on, a marketplace;
- (i) the issuer ceasing to be a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction of Canada;
- (j) a solicitation of proxies from securityholders;
- (k) an action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Item 6 – Agreements, Arrangements, Commitments or Understandings With Respect to Securities of the Reporting Issuer

Describe the material terms of any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings between the eligible institutional investor and a joint actor and among those persons and any person with respect to any securities of the reporting issuer, including but not limited to the transfer or the voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies. Include such information for any of the securities that are pledged or otherwise subject to a contingency, the occurrence of which would give another person voting power or investment power over such securities, except that disclosure of standard default and similar provisions contained in loan agreements need not be included.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) *Agreements, arrangements or understandings that are described under Item 3 do not have to be disclosed under this item.*

- (ii) *For the purposes of Item 6, the description of any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings does not include naming the persons with whom those agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings have been entered into, or proprietary or commercially sensitive information.*

Item 7 – Change in material fact

If applicable, describe any change in a material fact set out in a previous report filed by the eligible institutional investor under the early warning requirements or Part 4 in respect of the reporting issuer’s securities.

Item 8 – Exemption

If the eligible institutional investor relies on an exemption from the requirement in securities legislation applicable to formal bids for the transaction, state the exemption being relied on and describe the facts supporting that reliance.

Item 9 – Certification

The eligible institutional investor must certify that the information is true and complete in every respect. In the case of an agent, the certification is based on the agent’s best knowledge, information and belief but the eligible institutional investor is still responsible for ensuring that the information filed by the agent is true and complete.

This report must be signed by each person on whose behalf the report is filed or his authorized representative.

It is an offence to submit information that, in a material respect and at the time and in the light of the circumstances in which it is submitted, is misleading or untrue.

Certificate

The certificate must state the following:

I, as the eligible institutional investor, certify, or I, as the agent filing the report on behalf of the eligible institutional investor, certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that the statements made in this report are true and complete in every respect.

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Date
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Signature

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Name/Title.

14. Appendix G is replaced with the following:

Form 62-103F3

REQUIRED DISCLOSURE BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR UNDER PART 4

State if the report is filed to amend information disclosed in an earlier report. Indicate the date of the report that is being amended.

Item 1 – Security and Reporting Issuer

- 1.1 State the designation of securities to which this report relates and the name and address of the head office of the issuer of the securities.
- 1.2 State the name of the market in which the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report took place.

Item 2 – Identity of the Eligible Institutional Investor

- 2.1 State the name and address of the eligible institutional investor.
- 2.2 State the date of the transaction or other occurrence that triggered the requirement to file this report and briefly describe the transaction or other occurrence.
- 2.3 State the name of any joint actors.
- 2.4 State that the eligible institutional investor is eligible to file reports under Part 4 in respect of the reporting issuer.

Item 3 –Interest in Securities of the Reporting Issuer

- 3.1 State the designation and the net increase or decrease in the number or principal amount of securities, and in the eligible institutional investor’s securityholding percentage in the class of securities, since the last report filed by the eligible institutional investor under Part 4 or the early warning requirements.
- 3.2 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities and the eligible institutional investor’s securityholding percentage in the class of securities at the end of the month for which the report is made.
- 3.3 If the transaction involved a securities lending arrangement, state that fact.

- 3.4 State the designation and number or principal amount of securities and the percentage of outstanding securities of the class of securities to which this report relates and over which
- (a) the eligible institutional investor, either alone or together with any joint actors, has ownership and control,
 - (b) the eligible institutional investor, either alone or together with any joint actors, has ownership but control is held by persons or companies other than the eligible institutional investor or any joint actor, and
 - (c) the eligible institutional investor, either alone or together with any joint actors, has exclusive or shared control but does not have ownership.
- 3.5 If the eligible institutional investor or any of its joint actors has an interest in, or right or obligation associated with, a related financial instrument involving a security of the class of securities in respect of which disclosure is required under this item, describe the material terms of the related financial instrument and its impact on the eligible institutional investor's securityholdings.
- 3.6 If the eligible institutional investor or any of its joint actors is a party to a securities lending arrangement involving a security of the class of securities in respect of which disclosure is required under this item, describe the material terms of the arrangement including the duration of the arrangement, the number or principal amount of securities involved and any right to recall the securities or identical securities that have been transferred or lent under the arrangement.

State if the securities lending arrangement is subject to the exception provided in section 5.7 of NI 62-104.

- 3.7 If the eligible institutional investor or any of its joint actors is a party to an agreement, arrangement or understanding that has the effect of altering, directly or indirectly, the eligible institutional investor's economic exposure to the security of the class of securities to which this report relates, describe the material terms of the agreement, arrangement or understanding.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) *"Related financial instrument" has the meaning ascribed to that term in NI 55-104. Item 3.5 encompasses disclosure of agreements, arrangements or understandings where the economic interest related to a security beneficially owned or controlled has been altered.*
- (ii) *An eligible institutional investor may omit the securityholding percentage from a report if the change in percentage is less than 1% of the class.*
- (iii) *For the purposes of Item 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7, a material term of an agreement, arrangement or understanding does not include the identity of the counterparty or proprietary or commercially sensitive information.*

- (iv) *For the purposes of Item 3.7, any agreements, arrangements or understandings that have been disclosed under other items in this Form do not have to be disclosed under this item.*

Item 4 – Purpose of the Transaction

State the purpose or purposes of the eligible institutional investor and any joint actors for the acquisition or disposition of securities of the reporting issuer. Describe any plans or future intentions which the eligible institutional investor and any joint actors may have which relate to or would result in any of the following:

- (a) the acquisition of additional securities of the reporting issuer, or the disposition of securities of the issuer;
- (b) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the reporting issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (c) a change in the board of directors or management of the reporting issuer, including any plans or intentions to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancy on the board;
- (d) a material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the reporting issuer;
- (e) a material change in the reporting issuer's business or corporate structure;
- (f) a change in the reporting issuer's charter, bylaws or similar instruments or another action which might impede the acquisition of control of the reporting issuer by any person;
- (g) a class of securities of the reporting issuer being delisted from, or ceasing to be authorized to be quoted on, a marketplace;
- (h) the issuer ceasing to be a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction of Canada;
- (i) a solicitation of proxies from securityholders;
- (j) an action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Item 5 – Agreements, Arrangements, Commitments or Understandings With Respect to Securities of the Reporting Issuer

Describe the material terms of any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings between the eligible institutional investor and a joint actor and among those persons and any person with respect to securities of the class of securities to which this report relates, including but not limited to the transfer or the voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies. Include such information for any of the securities that are pledged or otherwise subject

to a contingency, the occurrence of which would give another person voting power or investment power over such securities except that disclosure of standard default and similar provisions contained in loan agreements need not be included.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) *Agreements, arrangements or understandings that are described under Item 3 do not have to be disclosed under this item.*

- (ii) *For the purposes of Item 5, the description of any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings does not include naming the persons with whom those agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings have been entered into, or proprietary or commercially sensitive information.*

Item 6 – Change in Material Fact

If applicable, describe any change in a material fact set out in a previous report filed by the eligible institutional investor under the early warning requirements or Part 4 in respect of the reporting issuer’s securities.

Item 7 – Certification

The eligible institutional investor must certify that the information is true and complete in every respect. In the case of an agent, the certification is based on the agent’s best knowledge, information and belief but the eligible institutional investor is still responsible for ensuring that the information filed by the agent is true and complete.

This report must be signed by each person on whose behalf the report is filed or his authorized representative.

It is an offence to submit information that, in a material respect and at the time and in the light of the circumstances in which it is submitted, is misleading or untrue.

Certificate

The certificate must state the following:

I, as the eligible institutional investor, certify, or I, as the agent filing the report on behalf of the eligible institutional investor, certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that the statements made in this report are true and complete in every respect.

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Date

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Signature

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Name/Title.

15. Except in Ontario, this Instrument comes into force on May 9, 2016. In Ontario, this Instrument comes into force on the later of the following:
 - (a) May 9, 2016;
 - (b) the day on which sections 1, 2 and 3, subsections 4 (2) and (3), and sections 5, 7, 8 and 10 of Schedule 18 of the *Budget Measures Act, 2015* (Ontario) are proclaimed into force.