

#### **CSA Staff Notice 31-328**

# Revocation of Omnibus / Blanket Orders Exempting Registrants from Certain Provisions of National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations

## **September 16, 2011**

On February 26, 2010 and November 5, 2010, each of the Canadian Securities Administrators (the CSA or we) issued parallel orders (collectively, the orders) that provided relief from certain requirements of National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (NI 31-103).

Certain amendments to NI 31-103 were published by the CSA on April 15, 2011 and became effective on July 11, 2011. As a result, exemptive relief that was previously provided pursuant to the orders has now been addressed in NI 31-103. As indicated in the chart below, NI 31-103 provides equivalent or broader relief to that provided for in the orders, subject to a minor difference in the case of the order referred to in item 6. As a result, we are revoking the orders. In Alberta, the revocation of the orders was effective on July 11, 2011.

Omnibus / Blanket order	Status
Relief from the chief compliance officer (CCO) proficiency requirements for portfolio managers adding a category	This order is revoked.  The relief has been incorporated in sections 3.6(c), 3.10(c) and 3.14(d) of NI 31-103.
2. Relief from proficiency requirements for portfolio managers adding registration in the mutual fund dealer or exempt market dealer category	This order is revoked.  The relief has been incorporated in sections 3.5(d) and 3.9(e) of NI 31-103.
3. Relief from client notification requirements under section 14.5 of NI 31-103 for certain Canadian registrants with head offices outside of the local jurisdiction	This order is revoked.  The relief has been incorporated in section 14.5(2) of NI 31-103.
4. Relief from requirements to establish whether a client is an insider of a reporting issuer or any other issuer whose securities are publicly traded under section 13.2(2)(b) of NI 31-103 for mutual fund dealers	This order was revoked by a subsequent order that provided the same relief to both mutual fund dealers and scholarship plan dealers effective November 5, 2010. Please refer to CSA Staff Notice 31-321 dated November 5, 2010.
5. Relief from the requirement under section 13.2(2)(b) of NI 31-103 to establish whether a client is an insider of a reporting issuer or any other issuer whose securities are publicly traded in respect of a client for which the registrant only trades securities referred to in section 7.1(2)(b) or	This order, which replaced the order mentioned in item 4 of this chart, is revoked.  The relief has been incorporated in section 13.2(7) of NI 31-103.

Omnibus / Blanket order	Status
(c) of NI 31-103	
6. Relief from the requirement under section 13.2(3)(b)(i) of NI 31-103 for a registered mutual fund dealer to establish the identity of any individual who owns or controls more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the voting securities of a corporation that is a client of the mutual fund dealer	This order is revoked.  The relief provided for in the order has been incorporated in section 13.2(3) of NI 31-103, subject to the following changes:  the percentage of the voting rights in clause (b)(i) has been increased from 10% to 25% for all categories of registered firms (and not just mutual fund dealers)  this percentage now applies to voting rights attached to outstanding voting securities of the corporation, whereas the order referred to 25% of outstanding shares  section 13.2(3) of NI 31-103 does not refer to the provisions of the <i>Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act</i> (Canada), including applicable exemptions in that legislation.

We are publishing the revocation orders with this Notice. The revocation orders are also available on websites of CSA members, including:

www.lautorite.qc.ca www.albertasecurities.com www.bcsc.bc.ca www.msc.gov.mb.ca www.gov.ns.ca/nssc www.nbsc-cvmnb.ca www.osc.gov.on.ca www.sfsc.gov.sk.ca

# Questions

Please refer your questions to any of the following CSA staff:

Lindy Bremner Senior Legal Counsel, Capital Markets Regulation British Columbia Securities Commission Tel: 604-899-6678

Fax: 1-800-373-6393 lbremner@bcsc.bc.ca

Navdeep Gill

Legal Counsel, Market Regulation Alberta Securities Commission

Tel: 403-355-9043 navdeep.gill@asc.ca

Dean Murrison

Deputy Director, Legal and Registration Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission

Tel: 306 787 5879

dean.murrison@gov.sk.ca

Chris Besko

Legal Counsel, Deputy Director The Manitoba Securities Commission

Tel: 204-945-2561

Toll Free (Manitoba only): 1-800-655-5244

chris.besko@gov.mb.ca

Robert F. Kohl

Senior Legal Counsel, Compliance and Registrant Regulation

**Ontario Securities Commission** 

Tel: 416-593-8233 rkohl@osc.gov.on.ca

Sophie Jean

Analyste expert en réglementation – pratiques de distribution

Autorité des marchés financiers Tel: 514-395-0337, ext. 4786 Toll-free: 1-877-525-0337

sophie.jean@lautorite.qc.ca

Jason L. Alcorn

Legal Counsel New Brunswick Securities Commission

Tel: 506-643-7857

jason.alcorn@nbsc-cvmnb.ca

Katharine Tummon

Superintendent of Securities

Prince Edward Island Securities Office

Tel: 902-368-4542 kptummon@gov.pe.ca

Brian W. Murphy Deputy Director, Capital Markets

Nova Scotia Securities Commission

Tel: 902-424-4592 murphybw@gov.ns.ca Craig Whalen
Manager of Licensing, Registration and Compliance
Office of the Superintendent of Securities
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Tel: 709-729-5661
cwhalen@gov.nl.ca

Louis Arki, Director, Legal Registries Department of Justice, Government of Nunavut Tel: 867-975-6587 larki@gov.nu.ca

Donn MacDougall
Deputy Superintendent, Legal & Enforcement
Office of the Superintendent of Securities
Government of the Northwest Territories
Tel: 867-920-8984
donald.macdougall@gov.nt.ca

Frederik J. Pretorius Manager Corporate Affairs (C-6) Dept of Community Services Government of Yukon Tel: 867-667-5225 Fred.Pretorius@gov.yk.ca



- I, Manon Losier, Secretary of the New Brunswick Securities Commission (Commission), hereby certify that:
  - 1. Revocation Order 31-519 was issued by Members of the Commission at a meeting held on 29 August 2011 with an effective date of 16 September 2011.

### IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, S.N.B. c. S-5.5 (Act)

#### **AND**

#### IN THE MATTER OF

# REVOCATION OF CERTAIN REGISTRATION-RELATED BLANKET / OMNIBUS ORDERS

#### **REVOCATION ORDER 31-519**

Section 208(1) of the Act

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- 1. As a result of amendments to National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (NI 31-103), which came into force on 11 July 2011, the subject matter or substantive effect of each of the Commission blanket orders is now subsumed in NI 31-103:
  - (a) Commission Blanket Order 31-505 Exemption from Sections 3.6, 3.10 and 3.14 of NI 31-103 for Chief Compliance Officers of Portfolio Managers Adding a Category;
  - (b) Commission Blanket Order 31-506 Exemption from Sections 3.5 and 3.9 of NI 31-103 for Portfolio Managers Adding a Category;
  - (c) Commission Blanket Order 31-508 Exemption from Section 14.5 of NI 31-103 for Canadian Firms;
  - (d) Commission Blanket Order 31-512 Relief from the Requirement under Paragraph 13.3(2)(b) of NI 31-103 to Establish Whether a client is an Insider and the Revocation of Blanket Order 31-509 In the Matter of the Exemption from Paragraph 13.2(b) of NI 31-103 for Mutual Fund Dealers: and
  - (e) Commission Blanket Order 31-516 Relief from Subparagraph 13.2(3)(b)(i) for Mutual Fund Dealers.



## Order:

2. The Commission, considering that it would not be prejudicial to the public Interest to do so, orders under section 208(1) of the *Act* that the Orders mentioned in section 1 are revoked with effect on 16 September 2011.

Dated at Saint John, New Brunswick, this 16th day of September 2011.

"Original signed by"

Manon Losier General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission