

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

- and -

Exemption from the Registration Requirement in NI 31-103 for Trades in Short-term Debt Instruments

BLANKET ORDER 32-506

WHEREAS a person in the Northwest Territories was, prior to March 27, 2010, exempt from the registration requirement for trades in short-term debt under section 3.35 of NI 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* (NI 45-106), which provided that the exemption from the dealer registration requirement for short-term debt was available only where, among other things, the negotiable promissory note or commercial paper "has an approved credit rating from an approved credit rating organization.";

AND WHEREAS on March 26, 2010, the Superintendent issued Blanket Order 32-502 (the 2010 Order) exempting certain Canadian financial institutions from the requirement to register when trading in short-term debt instruments, until September 28, 2011;

AND WHEREAS NI 45-106 also incorporated by reference the definitions for "approved credit rating" and "approved credit rating organization" in National Instrument 81-102 *Mutual Funds* (NI 81-102);

AND WHEREAS the Superintendent has determined that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to extend the relief granted by the 2010 Order;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Unless the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the *Securities Act*, National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, or National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements*, *Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations* (NI 31-103) have the same meaning in this Order.
- 2. "Approved credit rating" has the same meaning ascribed to it in NI 81-102 with the exception of paragraph (b) of the definition.
- 3. The dealer registration requirement does not apply to
 - (a) a bank listed in Schedule I, II or III to the Bank Act (Canada),
 - (b) an association to which the *Cooperative Credit Associations Act* (Canada) applies or a central cooperative credit society for which an order has been made under subsection 473 (1) of that Act.

- (c) a loan corporation, trust company, trust corporation, insurance company, treasury branch, credit union, caisse populaire, financial services cooperative or credit union league or federation that is authorized by a statute of Canada or of a jurisdiction in Canada to carry on business in Canada or in any jurisdiction in Canada, as the case may be, or
- (d) the Business Development Bank of Canada

in respect of a trade in a negotiable promissory note or commercial paper maturing not more than one year from the date of issue, if the note or commercial paper traded

- (e) is not convertible or exchangeable into or accompanied by a right to purchase another security other than a security described in this Order; and
- (f) has an approved credit rating issued by one of the following rating organizations, or any of their successors, at or above one of the following rating categories or a rating that replaces a category listed below:

| Rating Organization | Rating |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| DBRS Limited | R-1 (low) |
| Fitch Ratings Ltd. | F2 |
| Moody's Investors Service, Inc. | P-2 |
| Standard & Poor's Corporation | A-2. |

- 4. Blanket Order 32-502 is revoked.
- 5. This Order comes into effect on September 29, 2011 and expires on March 31, 2014.

DATED at Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories this 3rd day of October, 2011.

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