

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Notice and Request for Comment – Adoption of proposed amendments to Local Rule 31-501 *Registration Requirements* and a draft Companion Policy 31-501CP.

Introduction

On 24 April 2006 the New Brunswick Securities Commission (the “Commission”) approved publication for comment of proposed amendments to Local Rule 31-501 *Registration Requirements* (“LR 31-501”) and a draft Companion Policy 31-501CP (“31-501CP”).

The text of the proposed amendments to LR 31-501 and the draft 31-501CP is being published concurrently with this Notice.

The text of LR 31-501 Amendment Instrument and the draft 31-501CP can be obtained from the following website:

English: [LR 31-501 Amendment Instrument](#), [draft 31-501CP](#)

French: [RL 31-501 Projet de modifications](#), [version préliminaire 31-501C](#)

Background

LR 31-501 came into force 3 June 2005. Since that date, Quebec has joined the National Registration Database (“NRD”), and as a result the rules that govern NRD are being amended to change them from Multilateral Instruments to National Instruments.

Substance and Purpose

The Canadian Securities Administrators (“CSA”) committee responsible for the amendments to the NRD Rules has also recommended certain other changes to the rules at this same time. These changes necessitate amendments to LR 31-501, in order to remain consistent with the National Instruments.

As well, since LR 31-501 came into force, Commission staff and registrants have identified certain other parts of the rule which require attention. All amendments are specified in the Amendment Instrument to LR 31-501.

The proposed 31-501CP contains guidance on the sale of Guaranteed Investment Certificates as well as other deposit notes such as Principal Protected Notes. 31-501CP also deals with scholarship plan registrants, the issue of referral arrangements, designating a private residence as a work location under the New Brunswick *Securities Act*, and guidance on the responsibilities of a compliance officer who has assigned duties to an unregistered person.

Request for Comment

The Commission seeks comments on the proposed amendments to LR 31-501 and on the draft 31-501CP.

How To Provide Your Comment

Comments are to be provided, in writing, by no later than 4 August 2006 to:

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If you are not sending your comments by e-mail, please send a diskette containing your comments in PDF or Word.

We cannot keep submissions confidential because securities legislation in certain provinces requires that a summary of the written comments received during the comment period be published.

Questions

If you have any questions, please refer them to:

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