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Amendment Instrument to Companion Policy 55-101CP *Insider Reporting Exemptions*

- 1. Companion Policy 55-101CP Insider Reporting Exemptions is amended by this Instrument.
- 2. Part 4 is repealed and the following is substituted:

The CSA have articulated in National Policy 51-201 Disclosure Standards detailed best practices for issuers for disclosure and information containment and have provided a thorough interpretation of insider trading laws. The CSA recommend that issuers adopt written disclosure policies to assist directors, officers and employees and other representatives in discharging timely disclosure obligations. Written disclosure policies also should provide auidance on how to maintain the confidentiality of corporate information and to prevent improper trading on inside information. The CSA best practices offer guidance on broad issues including disclosure of material changes, timely disclosure, selective disclosure, materiality, maintenance of confidentiality, rumours and the role of analysts' reports. In addition, guidance is offered on such specifics as responsibility for electronic communications, forward-looking information, news releases, use of the Internet and conference calls. We believe that adopting the CSA best practices as a standard for issuers would assist issuers to ensure that they take all reasonable steps to contain inside information.

Reporting issuers should also consider preparing and periodically updating a list of the persons working for them or their affiliates who have access to material facts or material changes concerning the reporting issuer before those facts or changes are generally disclosed. This type of list may allow reporting issuers to control the flow of undisclosed information and help them to ensure that insiders are not violating insider trading prohibitions. Before •, 2007, it was a condition of the exemptions in Parts 2 and 3 that the reporting issuer maintain lists of insiders relying on exemptions and of those insiders who were not exempt from the insider reporting requirement. Alternatively, the issuer could undertake to provide these lists promptly after receiving a request for them from a securities regulatory authority. This is no

longer a condition for an insider to be able to rely on the exemptions. However, some jurisdictions may request additional information, including asking the reporting issuer to prepare and provide a list of insiders, for example in the context of an insider reporting review.

3. Part 5 is amended in section 5.1 by repealing paragraph (4) and substituting the following:

The ASPP exemption allows insiders who acquire or dispose of securities of the reporting issuer under an ASPP to file insider reports on a deferred basis when the insider is not making a discrete investment decision (as discussed below in subsection 5.2(3)) for the acquisition or disposition under the ASPP. In the past, issuers and insiders have asked whether the ASPP exemption is available for grants of stock options and similar securities. The CSA are of the view than an insider can rely on this exemption for grants of stock options and similar securities provided the plan under which they are granted meets the definition of an ASPP, the conditions of the exemption are otherwise satisfied, and the insider is not making a discrete investment decision in respect of the grant or acquisition.

To fit within the definition of an ASPP, the plan must set out a written formula or criteria for establishing the timing of the acquisitions, the number of securities that the insider can acquire and the price payable. If an insider is able to exercise discretion in relation to these terms either in the capacity of a recipient of the securities or through participating in the decision-making process of the issuer making the grant, the insider may be able to make a discrete investment decision in respect of the grant or acquisition. In these circumstances, the CSA does not believe that information about the grant should be disclosed to the market on a deferred basis.

If an insider is an executive officer or a director of the reporting issuer or a major subsidiary, the insider may be participating in the decision to grant the options or other securities. Even if the insider does not participate in the decision, we believe information about options or similar securities granted to this group of insiders is important to the market. As a result, subsection 5.2(3) of the Instrument provides that a plan participant who is in one of these categories cannot rely on the ASPP exemption for stock option grants or similar acquisitions of securities unless the reporting issuer has disclosed the material terms of the grant in a news release filed on SEDAR before the time the insider would have been required to file an insider report. If the reporting issuer has disclosed this information, the insider still must file the alternative form of report described in (3) above. This helps to ensure that the market has information on a timely basis about the options or other securities granted to insiders who may have participated in the decision to grant the securities, even though the insider may not file an insider report disclosing the grant until a later date.

4. This amendment instrument comes into force •, 2007.