

# Financial and Consumer Services Commission of New Brunswick

## Coordinated Blanket Order 45-930

### Citation: Prospectus Exemption for New Reporting Issuers

*(Order under subsection 80(1) and section 208 of the Securities Act)*

**Date: April 17, 2025**

#### Definitions

1. Terms defined in the *Securities Act* (New Brunswick) (**Act**), National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, National Instrument 41-101 *General Prospectus Requirements* (**NI 41-101**), National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*, and National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* (**NI 51-102**) have the same meaning if used in this Order.
2. In this Order:
  - “aggregate market value of an issuer’s listed equity securities” means the total number of listed equity securities outstanding multiplied by the market price.
  - “ineligible OTC issuer” means an issuer that has securities listed, quoted, or the equivalent, trading on the OTCQX Best Market, the OTCQB Venture Market or any other over-the-counter market that requires an issuer to complete an application process to be listed, quoted or the equivalent.
  - “listed equity securities” means securities of a class of equity securities of an issuer listed for trading on TSX Inc., TSX Venture Exchange Inc., CNSX Markets Inc., or Cboe Canada Inc.
  - “prior 45-930 offering” means a prior offering in reliance on the exemption in this Order or a substantially similar order of another regulator or securities regulatory authority.

#### Background

3. The purpose of this Order is to introduce a new prospectus exemption to facilitate capital raising for new reporting issuers.
4. The Financial and Consumer Services Commission of New Brunswick (the **Commission**) has delegated to the Executive Director of Securities the Commission’s power under subsection 80(1) of the *Act* to order that any person or class of persons is exempt from prospectus requirements under section 71 of the *Act*.
5. The Commission has delegated to the Executive Director of Securities the Commission’s power under section 208 of the *Act* to exempt, in whole or in part, a person or class of persons from any requirement of any National Instrument, Multilateral Instrument, or Local Instrument, subject to such terms and conditions considered appropriate.

## Order

6. The Executive Director of Securities, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders under subsection 80(1) and section 208 of the *Act* that the prospectus requirement does not apply to a distribution by an issuer of a security of the issuer's own issue to a purchaser if all of the following apply:
- (a) a receipt for a final long form prospectus or for any amendment to the final prospectus was issued in a jurisdiction of Canada by a regulator or securities regulatory authority in connection with the issuer's initial public offering within the 12 months immediately preceding the date that the issuer files the news release referred to in paragraph (j).
  - (b) the prospectus referred to in paragraph (a) included a signed certificate of an underwriter under section 5.9 of NI 41-101.
  - (c) the issuer is a reporting issuer in at least one jurisdiction of Canada immediately before the date that the issuer files the news release referred to in paragraph (j).
  - (d) the issuer has filed all periodic and timely disclosure documents that it is required to have filed under each of the following:
    - (i) applicable securities legislation.
    - (ii) an order issued by the regulator or securities regulatory authority.
    - (iii) an undertaking to the regulator or securities regulatory authority.
  - (e) the issuer has listed equity securities.
  - (f) the issuer is not an ineligible OTC issuer.
  - (g) the issuer is not an investment fund.
  - (h) the security being distributed is of the same class that was qualified for distribution pursuant to the prospectus referred to in paragraph (a).
  - (i) the offering price per security distributed in reliance on the exemption in this Order is not less than the closing price per security distributed under the prospectus referred to in paragraph (a).
  - (j) before soliciting an offer to purchase, the issuer issues and files a news release that
    - (i) announces the offering.
    - (ii) includes the following statement: "There is an offering document related to this offering that can be accessed under the issuer's profile at [www.sedarplus.com](http://www.sedarplus.com) and at [include website address and provide link, if the issuer has a website]. Prospective investors should read this offering document before making an investment decision."

- (k) before soliciting an offer to purchase, the issuer files an offering document which includes all of the following:
- (i) details of the offering, including all of the following:
    - (A) the type and number of securities the issuer is offering, and a description of all significant attributes of the securities.
    - (B) the offering price.
    - (C) the minimum and maximum amount of securities that the issuer may offer.
    - (D) whether the offering may close in one or more closings and the date by which the offering is expected to close (if known).
    - (E) the exchange and quotation system, if any, on which the securities are listed, traded or quoted.
    - (F) the closing price of the issuer's securities on the most recent trading day before the date of the offering document.
  - (ii) disclosure of any material fact relating to the securities being distributed that has not already been disclosed in a document filed by the issuer.
  - (iii) a detailed description of the issuer's business objectives, recent developments and use of proceeds.
  - (iv) use of funds from previous financings since the date of the receipt for the prospectus referred to in paragraph (a).
  - (v) the amount and source of any material funds to be used in conjunction with the proceeds of the distribution.
  - (vi) if proceeds of the offering are to be allocated to an acquisition, the disclosure that would be required under item 10 of Form 44-101F1 if the offering document was a short form prospectus, where the reference to the date of the short form prospectus is read as the date of the offering document.
  - (vii) disclosure of any involvement of underwriters, dealers, finders or other intermediaries in connection with the offering including any compensation, fees, commissions and any disclosure required under National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts*.
  - (viii) a statement on the cover page disclosing the following statement in bold:

**[Name of issuer] is conducting an offering under Coordinated Blanket Order 45-930 *Prospectus Exemption for New Reporting Issuers* (the Order). In connection with this offering, the issuer represents it is qualified to distribute securities in reliance on the exemption included in the Order.**

**No securities regulatory authority or regulator has assessed the merits of these securities or reviewed this document. Any representation to the contrary is an offence. This offering may not be suitable for you and you should only invest in it if you are willing to risk the loss of your entire investment. In making this investment decision, you should seek the advice of a registered dealer.**

(ix) a certificate in bold that states:

**This offering document, together with all documents filed under Canadian securities legislation, contains disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities being distributed and does not contain a misrepresentation.**

(x) the signature, date of the signature, name and position of the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the issuer.

(l) the issuer does not allocate the proceeds as disclosed in the offering document referred to in paragraph (k) to any of the following:

(i) a restructuring transaction.

(ii) any other transaction for which the issuer seeks approval of any securityholder.

(m) if the issuer is a venture issuer, it does not allocate the proceeds as disclosed in the offering document referred to in paragraph (k) to an acquisition that is a significant acquisition under part 8 of NI 51-102.

(n) if the securities legislation where the purchaser is resident does not provide a comparable right, the offering document referred to in paragraph (k) must provide the purchaser with a contractual right to cancel the agreement to purchase the security by delivering a notice to the issuer not later than midnight on the 2nd business day after the purchaser agrees to purchase the security.

(o) the offering document referred to in paragraph (k) and any subscription agreement must provide a purchaser of securities offered by the offering document with a contractual right of action against the issuer for rescission or damages that

(i) is available to the purchaser if the offering document, a document or a core document each as defined in section 161.1 of the *Act* contains a

misrepresentation without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the misrepresentation.

- (ii) is enforceable by the purchaser delivering a notice to the issuer:
  - (A) in the case of an action for rescission, within 180 days after the purchaser agrees to purchase the security.
  - (B) or in the case of an action for damages, before the earlier of:
    - (1) 180 days after the purchaser first has knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action, or
    - (2) 3 years after the date the purchaser agrees to purchase the security.
  - (C) is subject to the defence that the purchaser had knowledge of the misrepresentation.
  - (D) in the case of an action for damages, provides that the amount recoverable:
    - (1) must not exceed the price at which the security was offered.
    - (2) does not include all or any part of the damages that the issuer proves does not represent the depreciation in value of the security resulting from the misrepresentation.
  - (E) is in addition to, and does not detract from, any other right of the purchaser.
- (p) if the issuer has a website, posts the offering document referred to in paragraph (k) on its website.
- (q) in Québec, the offering document referred to in paragraph (k) is prepared in French or French and English.
- (r) at the time of the distribution of securities in reliance on the exemption in this Order, the issuer reasonably expects that it will have available funds to meet its business objectives and liquidity requirements for a period of 12 months after the distribution.
- (s) on the date of the issuance of the news release referred to in paragraph (j), the total dollar amount of the distribution, combined with the dollar amount of all other prior 45-930 offerings during the 12 months immediately preceding the date that the issuer files the news release, will not exceed \$100,000,000.
- (t) if the issuer has not closed a prior 45-930 offering within the 12-month period immediately preceding the date that the issuer files the news release referred to in paragraph (j), the aggregate market value of securities in the distribution will not exceed

20% of the aggregate market value of the issuer's listed equity securities outstanding on the date of the news release.

- (u) if the issuer has closed a prior 45-930 offering within the 12-month period immediately preceding the date that the issuer files the news release referred to in paragraph (j), the aggregate market value of securities in the distribution, combined with all other prior 45-930 offerings during the 12-month period, will not exceed 20% of the aggregate market value of the issuer's listed equity securities outstanding as of the date of the news release announcing the first prior 45-930 offering.
  - (v) the distribution does not result in a new control person.
  - (w) the distribution does not result in a person or company acquiring beneficial ownership of, or exercising control or direction over, such number of the issuer's securities that would result in such person or company being entitled to elect a majority of the directors of the issuer.
  - (x) the distribution does not include a distribution of a security to a person who is an employee, insider or consultant of the issuer.
  - (y) the issuer closes the distribution no later than the 45<sup>th</sup> day after the date the issuer issues and files the news release referred to in paragraph (j).
7. If a material change occurs in respect of the issuer after the filing of the news release referred to in paragraph 6(j) and before the completion of the distribution, the issuer must cease the distribution until the issuer
- (a) complies with the requirements in securities legislation, including NI 51-102 in connection with the material change.
  - (b) files an amendment to the offering document filed under paragraph 6(k) in the form of an amended and restated offering document.
  - (c) issues and files a news release that states that an amendment to the offering document referred to in paragraph 6(k) addressing the material change has been filed.
8. An issuer distributing securities in reliance on the exemption in this Order must file a completed Form 45-106F1 *Report of Exempt Distribution* on or before the 10th day after the closing of the distribution.

**Effective Date**

9. This Order comes into effect on April 17, 2025.

**For the Commission:**

***“original signed by”***

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To-Linh Huynh  
Executive Director of Securities