

GENERAL ORDER 51-911

Exemption for Venture Issuers with Securities Listed on Bolsa de Santiago, Venture Marketplace

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, 1988

ORDER

WHEREAS the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (the **Authority**) has assigned to the Director of the Securities Division (the **Director**) the power to make exemption orders under provisions of *The Securities Act*, 1988 (the Act) including orders of general application;

AND WHEREAS staff of the Authority have applied to the Director for an Order pursuant to section 160 of the Act exempting certain reporting issuers from certain exclusions from tailored disclosure obligations for venture issuers and IPO venture issuers;

AND WHEREAS terms defined in the Act and National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions* have the same meaning in this Order;

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to the Director that:

- 1. Securities legislation tailors certain disclosure obligations for venture issuers and IPO venture issuers:
- 2. The definition of venture issuer in National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations, National Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings, National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees and National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices (collectively, the Continuous Disclosure Instruments) exclude reporting issuers that have securities listed or quoted on a marketplace (with specified exceptions) outside of Canada and the United States of America (the CD Foreign Listing Exclusion);
- 3. The definition of venture issuer and IPO venture issuer in National Instrument 41-101 *General Prospectus Requirements* (Prospectus Instrument) excludes issuers that have, and in the case of the definition of "IPO venture issuer", that have applied or intend to apply to have, securities listed or quoted on a marketplace (with specified exceptions) outside of Canada and the United States of America (the IPO Foreign Listing Exclusion);

- 4. The TSX Venture Exchange (the TSXV) has represented that it has entered into an arrangement with the Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago, Bolsa de Valores under which, among other things, securities listed on the Bolsa de Santiago, Venture marketplace (the BdSV) must also be listed on the TSXV; and
- 5. The Director is satisfied, based on this representation, that it is appropriate not to deny access to the tailored disclosure obligations only by reason of an issuer having, or (in the case of Prospectus Instrument) intending to have, securities listed on the BdSV.

AND WHEREAS the Director is of the opinion that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to make this Order;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to section 160 of the Act, that

- 1. despite the CD Foreign Listing Exclusion, a reporting issuer is not disqualified as a venture issuer under the Continuous Disclosure Instruments by reason only of having securities listed on the BdSV provided that such securities are also listed on the TSXV; and
- despite the IPO Foreign Listing Exclusion, an issuer is not disqualified as an IPO venture issuer under the Prospectus Instrument by reason only of having securities listed, or having applied to have securities listed, on the BdSV, provided that such securities are also listed on, or are also the subject of an application for listing on, the TSXV.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan on March 31, 2015.

Dean Murrison

Director, Securities Division