#### **Nova Scotia Securities Commission**

# Coordinated Blanket Order 41-930 Exemptions from Certain Prospectus and Disclosure Requirements

Date: April 16, 2025

## **Definitions**

Terms defined in the Securities Act (Nova Scotia) (the Act), National Instrument 13-103
 System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval + (SEDAR+), National Instrument 14 101 Definitions, National Instrument 41-101 General Prospectus Requirements (NI 41 101), National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations (NI 51-102) and
 National Instrument 62-104 Take-Over Bids and Issuer Bids (NI 62-104) have the same
 meaning if used in this Order.

## 2. In this Order:

"offered securities" means securities proposed to be distributed under a prospectus; and

"specified pricing information" means

- (i) the price, or the price range, of offered securities;
- (ii) the total number, or the range of the total number, of offered securities;
- (iii) the total dollar amount, or the range of the total dollar amount, of offered securities:
- (iv) the total number, or the range of the total number, of securities of the issuer of the class proposed to be distributed under the prospectus that would be outstanding post-offering;
- (v) post-offering ownership, or the range of the post-offering ownership, of the issuer by selling securityholders and principal securityholders; or
- (vi) any other terms of the offered securities or information regarding the issuer that are mathematically derived from any of the information referred to in clauses (i) to (v).

# **Background**

3. The Commission is satisfied that it is appropriate to provide exemptive relief to streamline certain prospectus and financial statement requirements required in some disclosure documents to reduce the time and costs of raising capital under a prospectus and in preparing other required disclosure, without compromising investor protection.

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## Third-Year Historical Financial Statements

- 4. The Commission, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders under section 151A of the Act that an issuer or offeror, as applicable, is exempt from the requirement to include a statement of comprehensive income, a statement of changes in equity and a statement of cash flows for the third most recently completed financial year, as required by any of the following:
  - (a) item 32.2 of Form 41-101F1 Information Required in a Prospectus;
  - (b) item 14.2 of Form 51-102F5 Information Circular;
  - (c) item 5.2 of Form 51-102F3 Material Change Report;
  - (d) item 19 of Form 62-104F1 Take-Over Bid Circular;
  - (e) item 21 of Form 62-104F2 Issuer Bid Circular.

## Standard Term Sheets During the Waiting Period

- 5. The Commission, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders under section 151A of the Act that an investment dealer that provides a standard term sheet to a potential investor during the waiting period is exempt from the requirement under paragraph 13.5(1)(b) of NI 41-101 that all information in the standard term sheet must be disclosed in, or derived from, the preliminary prospectus or any amendment to the preliminary prospectus if
  - (a) the standard term sheet contains specified pricing information,
  - (b) the issuer issues and files a news release containing the specified pricing information before the standard term sheet is provided to the potential investor, and
  - (c) all information in the standard term sheet, other than the specified pricing information, information mathematically derived from the specified pricing information and contact information for the investment dealer or underwriters,

is disclosed in, or derived from, the preliminary prospectus or any amendment to the preliminary prospectus.

# Marketing Materials During the Waiting Period

- 6. The Commission, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders under section 151A of the Act that an investment dealer that provides marketing materials to a potential investor during the waiting period is exempt from the requirement under paragraph 13.7(1)(b) of NI 41-101 that all information in the marketing materials must be disclosed in, or derived from, the preliminary prospectus or any amendment to the preliminary prospectus if
  - (a) the marketing materials contain specified pricing information,
  - (b) the issuer issues and files a news release containing the specified pricing information before the marketing materials 6to the potential investor, and
  - (c) all information in the marketing materials, other than the specified pricing information, information mathematically derived from the specified pricing information, contact information for the investment dealer or underwriters and any comparables, is disclosed in, or derived from, the preliminary prospectus or any amendment to the preliminary prospectus.

# **Promoter Certificate**

- 7. The Commission, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders under section 151A of the Act that an issuer is exempt from the requirement under section 5.11(1) of NI 41-101 to include in a prospectus, or an amendment to the prospectus, a certificate signed by a promoter that is an individual, provided that the prospectus or the amendment includes a certificate signed by that individual in a capacity other than that of a promoter, in the applicable issuer certificate form.
- 8. The Commission, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders under section 151A of the Act that an issuer is exempt from the requirement under section 5.11(1) of NI 41-101 to include in a prospectus, or an amendment to the prospectus, a certificate signed by a promoter provided that
  - (a) the issuer has been a reporting issuer in at least one jurisdiction of Canada for at least 24 months,
  - (b) the prospectus or the amendment does not qualify the distribution of an assetbacked security,
  - (c) the promoter is not a control person of the issuer at the time the prospectus or the amendment is filed, and

(d) the promoter is not a director or officer of the issuer at the time the prospectus or the amendment is filed.

# **Effective Date**

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

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

# **NOVA SCOTIA SECURITIES COMMISSION**

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