IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, R.S.N.S. 1989, CHAPTER 418, AS AMENDED

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IN THE MATTER OF VOLUNTARY FILINGS OF EXEMPT MARKET DOCUMENTS ON THE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT ANALYSIS AND RETRIEVAL (SEDAR)

ORDER (SECTION 151A)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Unless otherwise defined in this Blanket Order, terms used in this Blanket Order that are defined in the *Securities Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 418, as amended (the Act) or in National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions* have the same meaning in this Blanket Order.
- 2. Section 2.1(5) of National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) (NI 13-101) prohibits a person or company that is not required to comply with NI 13-101 from filing a document on SEDAR (the SEDAR Prohibition).
- 3. As discussed in Multilateral CSA Notice of Amendments to National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) and Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD dated December 3, 2015, changes to NI 13-101, to take effect on May 24, 2016 (the Implementation Date), will require that certain filings that are currently filed in paper format to instead be filed electronically through SEDAR.
- 4. In view of the pending mandatory change in filing requirements, the SEDAR Prohibition is no longer necessary in the public interest in respect of certain distribution-related material.
- 5. The Nova Scotia Securities Commission (the Commission) is of the opinion that to order relief in these circumstances would not be prejudicial to the public interest.

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to subsection 151A(1) of the Act, that section 2.1(5) of NI 13-101 does not apply with respect to filing (i) reports of exempt distribution required to be filed under Part 6 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* (NI 45-106), (ii) offering documents and Form 5 reports required to be filed under section 5 of Commission Blanket Order No. 45-524, (iii) documents required to be filed under section 15 of Multilateral Instrument 45-108 *Crowdfunding*, and (iv) documents required to be filed under section 2.9 of NI 45-106.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Blanket Order comes into effect on December 7, 2015 and expires on the Implementation Date.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 3rd day of December, 2015.

NOVA SCOTIA SECURITIES COMMISSION

Paul Radford, Q.C., Chair