

IN THE MATTER OF
THE SECURITIES ACT, R.S.N.S. 1989, C. 418, AS AMENDED ("Act")

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF NATIONAL BANK FINANCIAL LIMITED
AND ERIC CECIL HICKS
("Respondents")

NOTICE OF HEARING
(Sections 135 and 135A of the Act)

TAKE NOTICE that the Nova Scotia Securities Commission ("Commission") will hold a hearing pursuant to sections 135 and 135A of the Act at the offices of the Commission located at Suite 400, 5251 Duke Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, or such other place as the Commission may designate on notice to the parties, on Monday, the 15th day of October, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, or so soon thereafter as the hearing can be held;

AND TAKE NOTICE that the purpose of the hearing will be for the Commission to consider whether, pursuant to sections 135 and 135A of the Act, it is in the public interest for the Commission to:

1. Approve a Settlement Agreement dated the 15th day of June, 2005, entered into by the Respondents and the Director of Enforcement for the Commission ("Settlement Agreement") and make a finding that the Respondents contravened a provision of the Act or the regulations pursuant to section 135 (a)(i) of the Act; and
2. Make an order in accordance with the Settlement Agreement;

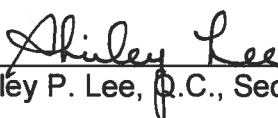
AND TAKE NOTICE that the Respondents have been provided with a copy of the Settlement Agreement;

AND TAKE NOTICE that any party to the proceeding may be represented by legal counsel or an authorized agent;

AND TAKE NOTICE that each Respondent shall provide written notice to the Commission, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing, of its intention to attend the hearing, and if no such notice is provided within this time or upon failure of any party to attend at the hearing, the hearing may proceed in the absence of that party and an order granted and such party is not entitled to any further notice of the proceeding without leave of the Commission.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 27th day of September, 2012.

NOVA SCOTIA SECURITIES COMMISSION



Shirley P. Lee, Q.C., Secretary