Nova Scotia Securities Commission

Rule 41-101 (Amendment) General Prospectus Requirements

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Consequential Amendments to Rule 81-106

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Amendments to National Instrument 81-106 *Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure* (the Rule Amendment)

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Changes to Companion Policy 81-106 CP to National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure (the Policy Amendments)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to section 150 of the *Securities Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, chapter 418, as amended (the Act), the Nova Scotia Securities Commission (the Commission) has power to make rules subject to compliance with the requirements of the Act;
- 2. Pursuant to section 19 of the Act, the Commission has power to issue and publish policy statements;
- 3. The Rule Amendment and the Policy Amendments, copies of which are attached hereto, have been made a rule by one or more of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities; and
- 4. The Commission is of the opinion that the attainment of the purpose of the Act is advanced by this Instrument.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission hereby:

(a) pursuant to the authority contained in section 150 of the Act and subject to compliance with the requirements of section 150A of the Act, approves the Rule Amendment and makes the same a rule of the Commission;

- (b) pursuant to the authority contained in section 19 of the Act and subject to publication on the Commission's website, issues the Policy Amendments as a policy statement of the Commission; and
- (c) declares that the rule approved and made pursuant to clause (a) and the issuance of the policy statement pursuant to clause (b) shall both take effect on **March 8, 2017**, unless the Minister disapproves the rule or returns it to the Commission in accordance with subsection 150A(3) of the Act in which event the rule and the policy statement shall not be effective until the rule is approved by the Minister.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Instrument has been signed by the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Commission, being the members of the Commission prescribed by the Chair pursuant to subsection 15(3) of the Act to attend the hearing of this matter and the quorum with respect to this matter, on the 15th day of December, 2016.

Paul E. Radford, Q.C.,

Chair

Shirley P. Lee, Q.

Vice-Chair

Attachments

AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 81-106 INVESTMENT FUND CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE

- 1. National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure is amended by this Instrument.
- 2. Section 11.2 is amended by replacing paragraph (1)(d) with the following:
 - (d) file an amendment to its prospectus, simplified prospectus, fund facts document or ETF facts document that discloses the material change in accordance with the requirements of securities legislation.
- 3. This Instrument comes into force on March 8, 2017.

CHANGES TO COMPANION POLICY 81-106 CP TO NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 81-106 INVESTMENT FUND CONTINUOUS DISCLOSURE

- 1. Companion Policy 81-106CP to National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure is amended by this Instrument.
- 2. Subsection 10.1(1) is amended by replacing it with the following:
 - 10.1 Calculation of Management Expense Ratio
 - (1) Part 15 of the Instrument sets out the method to be used by an investment fund to calculate its management expense ratio (MER). The requirements apply in all circumstances in which an investment fund circulates and discloses an MER. This includes disclosure in a sales communication, a prospectus, a fund facts document, an ETF facts document, an annual information form, financial statements, a management report of fund performance or a report to securityholders..
- 3. These changes become effective on March 8, 2017.