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## **Canadian Securities Regulators Announce Results of Continuous Disclosure Reviews for Fiscal 2013**

The Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) today published Staff Notice 51-339 Continuous Disclosure Review Program Activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, which summarizes the results of the CSA's continuous disclosure (CD) review program.

There are approximately 4,200 active reporting issuers in Canada (excluding investment funds). These issuers are subject to regular full and issue-oriented reviews as part of the CSA's ongoing CD review program.

The Notice includes detailed examples of common deficiencies the CSA identified during its review of financial statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and other regulatory disclosure. It also provides reporting issuers with practical guidance and suggestions for improving their disclosure.

"Maintaining high quality continuous disclosure records is essential to assist investors in making informed and confident investment decisions", said Bill Rice, Chair of the CSA and Chair and CEO of the Alberta Securities Commission.

The CSA members completed 1,336 CD reviews in fiscal 2013 (368 full reviews and 968 issueoriented reviews), a seven per cent increase compared to 1,248 reviews completed during fiscal 2012. The increased number of reviews this year reflects a slightly greater emphasis on issueoriented reviews. The outcomes of this year's reviews are as follows:

- two per cent of the reviews resulted in reporting issuers being alerted to specific areas where disclosure enhancements should be considered as part of the CSA's effort to educate issuers;
- five per cent of issuers were either cease-traded, placed on a default list or referred to enforcement;
- 14 per cent of the reviews resulted in reporting issuers being required to amend or re-file certain CD documents;
- 26 per cent of the reviews resulted in "prospective changes", requiring reporting issuers to make enhancements to their disclosure in future filings; and
- 53 per cent of issuers were not required to make any changes or additional filings.

CSA Staff Notice 51-339 is available on various CSA members' websites.

The CSA, the council of the securities regulators of Canada's provinces and territories, co-ordinates and harmonizes regulation for the Canadian capital markets.

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