

Nova Scotia Securities Commission

**Rule 51-101(Amendment)
Amendments to National Instrument 51-101
Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities**

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**Amendments to Companion Policy 51-101CP to
National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure
For Oil and Gas Activities**

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. Amendment Instrument for National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities and Amendments to Companion Policy 51-101CP to National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities, copies of which are attached hereto and are hereinafter called the "Rule" and "Companion Policy" respectively, 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 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 in the *Royal Gazette*, issues the Companion Policy as a policy statement of the Commission; and

(c) declares that the rule approved and made pursuant to clause (a) and the policy statement issued pursuant to clause (b) shall both take effect on **December 30, 2005**, unless the Governor in Council 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 Governor in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Instrument has been signed by the Chair and 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 14th day of October, 2005.

"H. Leslie O'Brien"
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"R. Daren Baxter"
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Attachments

Amendment Instrument
for
National Instrument 51-101
Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities

1. This Instrument amends National Instrument 51-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities*.
2. Section 1.1 is amended by:
 - (a) repealing paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

“(a) “annual information form” has the same meaning as “AIF” in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*,” ; and
 - (b) repealing paragraph (r).
3. This Instrument comes into force on December 30, 2005.

Amendments
to
Companion Policy 51-101CP
to National Instrument 51-101
Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities

Companion Policy 51-101CP to National Instrument 51-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities* is amended as follows:

1. Section 2.4 is amended by:

(a) rescinding paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

“(a) Meaning of “Annual Information Form” - *Annual information form* has the same meaning as “AIF” in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*. Therefore, as set out in that definition, an *annual information form* can be a completed Form 51-102F2 *Annual Information Form* or, in the case of an SEC issuer (as defined in NI 51-102), a completed Form 51-102F2 or an annual report or transition report under the 1934 Act on Form 10-K, Form 10-KSB or Form 20-F.”

(b) in paragraph (b) by striking out the first sentence and substituting the following:

“Form 51-102F2 *Annual Information Form* requires the information required by section 2.1 of NI 51-101 to be included in the *annual information form*. That information may be included either by setting out the text of the information in the *annual information form* or by incorporating it by reference from separately filed documents.”

2. Appendix 1 is amended by:

(a) rescinding the definition of “Annual information form” and substituting the following:

“ Annual information form A completed Form 51-102F2 *Annual Information Form*, or in the case of an SEC issuer (as defined in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*) a completed Form 51-102F2 or an annual report or transition report under the 1934 Act on Form 10-K, Form 10-KSB or Form 20-F. [NI 51-102]”

(b) rescinding the definition of NI 44-101.