

### **GENERAL ORDER 13-930**

## Exemptions from certain filing requirements in connection with the launch of the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval +

In the Matter of *The Securities Act, 1988* 

#### ORDER

WHEREAS staff of the Securities Division ("Staff") of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (the "FCAA") has applied to the FCAA for an order pursuant to section 160 of *The Securities Act*, 1988, SS 1988-89, c.S-42.2 (the "Act") exempting filers from certain filing requirements in connection with the launch of the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval + (SEDAR+) as outlined below;

**AND WHEREAS** the FCAA has assigned to the Executive Director of the Securities Division, FCAA (the "**Executive Director**") the power to make exemption orders under the provisions of the Act including orders of general application;

**AND WHEREAS** terms defined in the Act and National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, have the same meanings in this Order, unless otherwise defined in this Order;

**AND WHEREAS** in this Order:

"Authority" means Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan;

"Cutover Period" means the period beginning on June 9, 2023 and ending on the Cutover End Date;

"Cutover End Date" means the earlier of the date on which SEDAR+ becomes available for filing and June 16, 2023

**"Order"** means this coordinated blanket order entitled General Order 13-930 *Exemptions* from certain filing requirements in connection with the launch of the System for *Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval* +;

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to the Executive Director that:



- (a) The National Systems Renewal Program is an initiative of the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) that will replace existing CSA national systems with a centralized system, the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval + (SEDAR+). The first phase of SEDAR+ will replace the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR), the National Cease Trade Order Database, the Disciplined List, and certain filings in the British Columbia Securities Commission's eServices system and the Ontario Securities Commission's electronic filing portal;
- (b) In connection with the launch of SEDAR+, the Authority is adopting National Instrument 13-103 System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval + (SEDAR+) (NI 13-103). NI 13-103 will require a person or company to transmit through SEDAR+ certain documents required or permitted under securities legislation to be filed with or delivered to a securities regulatory authority or regulator;
- (c) Subject to all necessary approvals, the Authority expects that, on June 9, 2023, NI 13-103 will come into force and National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) will be repealed. Accordingly, as of June 9, 2023, SEDAR will no longer be available for filing;
- (d) In order to accommodate the transfer of required system data, SEDAR+ will not be available during the Cutover Period.
- (e) During the Cutover Period, filers will not be able to comply with the requirement in NI 13-103 to file a document with, or deliver a document to, the securities regulatory authority by transmitting it through SEDAR+.
- (f) This Order does not relieve a filer from any requirement under securities legislation to issue a news release or deliver a document to securityholders.
- (g) Provided all necessary approvals are obtained, securities regulatory authorities or regulators in other jurisdictions in Canada intend to provide equivalent exemptions from the securities law of each respective jurisdiction.

**AND WHEREAS** the Executive Director is of the opinion that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to make this Order.

IT IS ORDERED under section 160 of the Act that:

### Exemption from the requirement to file or deliver a document during the Cutover Period

1. In respect of a document that is required to be transmitted through SEDAR+ under NI 13-103, a person or company is exempt from the requirement to file the document with, or deliver the document to, the securities regulatory authority under securities legislation



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during the Cutover Period, provided that the person or company files or delivers the document through SEDAR+ no later than 2 business days after the Cutover End Date.

# Exemption from the requirement to transmit a document through SEDAR+ during the Cutover Period

- 2. A person or company is exempt from the requirement in section 2 of NI 13-103 to transmit a document through SEDAR+ during the Cutover Period, provided that the person or company transmits the document to the securities regulatory authority:
  - (a) as set out in the Appendix to this Order, and
  - (b) through SEDAR+ no later than 2 business days after the Cutover End Date.

### Deemed issuance of receipt

- 3. A person or company is exempt from the requirement in paragraph 3.3(1)(b) of Multilateral Instrument 11-102 *Passport System* (**MI 11-102**) during the Cutover Period, provided the person or company:
  - (a) files the preliminary prospectus in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of this Order, and advises the securities regulatory authority in a cover letter that the person or company is filing the preliminary prospectus under MI 11-102, and
  - (b) at the time of filing the preliminary prospectus through SEDAR+, indicates that the person or company is filing the preliminary prospectus under MI 11-102.
- 4. A person or company is exempt from the requirement in paragraph 3.3(2)(b) of MI 11-102 during the Cutover Period, provided the person or company:
  - (a) files the prospectus in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of this Order, and advises the securities regulatory authority in a cover letter that the person or company is filing the prospectus under MI 11-102, and
  - (b) at the time of filing the prospectus through SEDAR+, indicates that the person or company is filing the prospectus under MI 11-102.

### Relief from local fee rule

5. In respect of a document that is required to be transmitted through SEDAR+ under NI 13-103, a person or company filing the document with, or delivering a document to, the securities regulatory authority as contemplated in paragraph 2(a) of this Order is exempt from the fee required for the document pursuant to Appendix A Table 1 of *The Securities* 



*Regulations* RRS c S-42.2 Reg 1, provided the person or company pays the fee at the time of filing or delivering the document through SEDAR+.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order comes into effect on May 11, 2023.

Dated May \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Dean Murrison Executive Director, Securities Division Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan



# **APPENDIX TO GENERAL ORDER 13-930**

Jurisdictions	General filing methods	Exceptions to general filing methods
British Columbia	cutover@bcsc.bc.ca	An application that is not a full or partial revocation application, an MCTO application, a prospectus pre-filing or a waiver application, is to be filed through eServices
Alberta	transition@asc.ca	Submit an application to the Commission or the Executive Director to <u>legalapplications@asc.ca</u>
Saskatchewan	<u>corpfin@gov.sk.ca</u>	N/A
Manitoba	securities@gov.mb.ca	N/A
Ontario	For investment funds: <u>IF_SEDARplus_cutover@osc.gov.o</u> <u>n.ca</u> and for all other cases: <u>CF_SEDARplus_cutover@osc.gov.o</u> <u>n.ca</u>	N/A
Québec	For investment funds: <u>Fonds_dinvestissement@lautorite.qc.</u> <u>ca</u> and for all other cases: <u>Dispenses.passeport@lautorite.qc.ca</u>	CPC qualifying transaction filings are to be filed by email at the general email addressed or in paper at 800, rue du Square-Victoria, 22e étage, C.P. 246, Place Victoria, Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1G3
New Brunswick	transition@fcnb.ca	Community Economic Development (CEDC) filings (forms under local NB rule 45-509) are to be filed by email at the general email or in paper at 300-85 Charlotte Street, Saint John, NB E2L 2J2



Nova Scotia	NSSC_Corp_Finance@novascotia.c a	An application that is not a full or partial revocation application is to be filed at <u>NSSCEXEMPTIONS@novascotia.</u> <u>ca</u>
Prince Edward Island	ccis@gov.pe.ca	N/A
Newfoundland and Labrador	SecuritiesExemptions@gov.nl.ca	N/A
Yukon	securities@yukon.ca	N/A
Northwest Territories	Securitiesregistry@gov.nt.ca	N/A
Nunavut	securities@gov.nu.ca	N/A