

## **GENERAL ORDER 13-931**

## Exemptions from certain filing requirements in connection with the deferred 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" or "Authority") 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 deferred 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:

"consequentially amended instruments" means the instruments that are listed in Appendix A to this Order;

"**cutover blanket order**" means Saskatchewan's General Order 13-930 *Exemptions from certain filing requirements in connection with the launch of the System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval* + dated May 5, 2023;

"existing MI 13-102" means Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees that is in force in Saskatchewan as of June 8, 2023;

"**new MI 13-102**" means proposed Multilateral Instrument 13-102 *System Fees* as published for implementation on March 23, 2023;



"NI 13-101" means National Instrument 13-101 *System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR)* as in effect on June 8, 2023.

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

- (a) The National Systems Renewal Program is an initiative of the 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+, NI 13-101 will be repealed and National Instrument 13-103 System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval + (SEDAR+) (NI 13-103) and the amendments to the consequentially amended instruments that were described in Annex E of CSA Notice of National Instrument 13-103 System for Electronic Data Analysis and Retrieval + (SEDAR+) published on March 23, 2023 will be adopted. 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) In order to accommodate the transfer of required system data, the Authority issued the cutover blanket order.
- (d) On June 1, 2023, the CSA announced that the launch of SEDAR+ will be deferred. A person or company will not be able to comply with the requirement in NI 13-103 to transmit a document through SEDAR+ and certain requirements in the consequentially amended instruments.
- (e) Appendix A to this Order only includes the consequentially amended instruments for Saskatchewan. Appendix B to this Order includes filing information for each jurisdiction. Persons or companies relying on the exemptions in this Order should refer to the version of Appendix A to this Order in each jurisdiction, as necessary.
- (f) 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 transmit a document through SEDAR+

- 1. A person or company is exempt from the requirement in section 2 of NI 13-103 to transmit through SEDAR+ a document required or permitted to be filed with or delivered to the securities regulatory authority, provided that the person or company
  - (a) complies with NI 13-101, if the document is set out in Appendix A to NI 13-101 and Saskatchewan is an applicable jurisdiction (as defined in Appendix A to NI 13-101) for that document, unless the person or company is a foreign issuer (SEDAR) (as defined in NI 13-101) that has not filed a notice of election to become an electronic filer (as defined in NI 13-101) in accordance with section 2.1 of NI 13-101, or
  - (b) transmits the document in the manner set out in Appendix B to this Order, if paragraph (a) does not apply.

### **Exemption regarding decisions**

2. A person or company is exempt from the requirement in subsection 7(1) of NI 13-103 to transmit a document through SEDAR+, provided that the person or company transmits the document through SEDAR.

#### Exemption for the consequentially amended instruments

3. A person or company is exempt from a requirement in a consequentially amended instrument, provided the person or company complies with the consequentially amended instrument as in effect on June 8, 2023.

#### Payment of system fees

- 4. If new MI 13-102 is filed in Saskatchewan with the Registrar of Regulations after June 9, 2023, a person or company filing a document with, or delivering a document to, the securities regulatory authority in accordance with existing MI 13-102 is exempt from the requirement to pay system fees under existing MI 13-102, provided the person or company pays the system fees prescribed in new MI 13-102 through SEDAR.
- 5. From the date new MI 13-102 is filed in Saskatchewan with the Registrar of Regulations and replaces existing MI 13-102 in Saskatchewan, a person or company filing a document with, or delivering a document to, the securities regulatory authority is exempt from the requirement in section 5 of new MI 13-102 to pay system fees through SEDAR+, provided the person or company pays the system fees under new MI 13-102 through SEDAR.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** pursuant to subsection 158(4) of the Act, the cutover blanket order is revoked.



## **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** pursuant to subsection 158(1) that:

- 6. Paragraph 4 of this Order comes into effect on June 9, 2023.
- Subject to paragraph 6 of this Order, this Order comes into effect on June 9, 2023. However, if NI 13-103 and new MI 13-102 are filed in Saskatchewan with the Registrar of Regulations after June 9, 2023, this Order comes into force on the day on which NI 13-103 and new MI 13-102 are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

Dated June 3, 2023.

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



# **APPENDIX A**

## In Saskatchewan:

- Multilateral Instrument 11-102 Passport System
- National Instrument 41-101 General Prospectus Requirements
- National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects
- National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions
- National Instrument 44-102 *Shelf Distributions*
- National Instrument 45-102 Resale of Securities
- National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions
- Multilateral Instrument 45-108 Crowdfunding
- National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities
- National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations
- Multilateral Instrument 51-105 Issuers Quoted in the U.S. Over-the-Counter Markets
- National Instrument 52-112 Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure
- National Instrument 54-101 Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer
- National Instrument 55-102 System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders (SEDI)
- National Instrument 55-104 Insider Reporting Requirements and Exemptions
- National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices
- National Instrument 62-104 Take-Over Bids and Issuer Bids
- National Instrument 81-101 Mutual Fund Prospectus Disclosure
- National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure



# **APPENDIX B**

Jurisdictions	General filing methods	Exceptions to general filing methods
British Columbia	<u>cutover@bcsc.bc.ca</u>	<ul> <li>The following are to be filed through eServices:</li> <li>An application that is not a full or partial revocation application, an MCTO application, a prospectus prefiling or a waiver application</li> <li>A report of exempt distribution<sup>1</sup> and related filings<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
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	OSC electronic filing portal: https://www.osc.gov.on.ca/filings	N/A
Québec	For investment funds: <u>Fonds_dinvestissement@lautorite.qc.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 address 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	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.ca	An application that is not a full or partial revocation application is to be filed at <u>NSSCEXEMPTIONS@novascotia.c</u> <u>a</u>
Prince Edward Island	ccis@gov.pe.ca	N/A

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including exempt distribution reports required under National Instrument 45-106, National Instrument 45-110, National Instrument 45-501 (BC rule), etc.
 <sup>2</sup> e.g. a required technical report, offering memorandum and 45-106 notifications



Newfoundland and Labrador	SecuritiesExemptions@gov.nl.ca	N/A
Yukon	securities@yukon.ca	N/A
Northwest	Securitiesregistry@gov.nt.ca	N/A
Territories		
Nunavut	securities@gov.nu.ca	N/A

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