

## GENERAL RULING/ORDER 52-905 RELIEF FROM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 52-109

# IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, 1988, SS 1988, c. S-42.2

# ORDER

## (Section 160)

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission (the "Commission") has assigned to the Director of the Securities Division the power to make exemption orders and rulings under provisions of *The Securities Act, 1988* (the "Act"), including orders and rulings of general application;

AND WHEREAS an application has been made to the Director for an order pursuant to section 160 of the Act exempting venture issuers from filing annual and interim certificates required by sections 2.1 and 3.1 of Multilateral Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* ("MI 52-109");

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to the Director that:

- (a) sections 2.1 and 3.1 of MI 52-109 require reporting issuers, other than investment funds, to file:
  - (i) full annual certificates in Form 52-109F1 ("Full Annual Certificates") in respect of financial years ending after June 29, 2006; and
  - (ii) full interim certificates in Form 52-109F2 ("Full Interim Certificates") in respect of interim periods ending after issuers' first financial years ending after June 29, 2006;
- (b) the Canadian Securities Administrators have given notice of intention to amend the provisions of MI 52-109 so that the CEO and the CFO of a Venture Issuer certify that they have designed and evaluated the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting;

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in this Order:

- (i) "Basic Annual Certificate" means an annual certificate in the form set out in Appendix A to this Order;
- (ii) "Basic Interim Certificate" means an interim certificate in the form set out in Appendix B to this Order:
- (iii) "Venture Issuer" means an issuer that, as at the end of the period covered by the annual or interim filings, as the case may be, did not have any of its securities listed or quoted on any of the Toronto Stock Exchange, a U.S. Marketplace, or a marketplace outside of Canada and the

United States of America other than the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange or the PLUS markets operated by PLUS Markets Group plc; and

(iv) "U.S. Marketplace" has the same meaning as in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations;* 

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED pursuant to section 160 of the Act that Venture Issuers that file Basic Annual Certificates and Basic Interim Certificates for financial years and interim periods ending on or after December 31, 2007 are exempt from the requirements of MI 52-109 to file Full Annual Certificates and Full Interim Certificates for such years and periods respectively.

Dated November 27, 2007

<u>"Barbara Shourounis"</u> Barbara Shourounis Director

## Appendix A

## **CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL FILINGS**

## VENTURE ISSUER BASIC CERTIFICATE

I, (identify (i) the certifying officer, (ii) his or her position at the issuer, (iii) the name of the issuer and (iv) if the certifying officer's title is not "chief executive officer" or "chief financial officer", indicate in which of these capacities the certifying officer is providing the certificate), certify the following:

- 1. *Review:* I have reviewed the AIF, if any, annual financial statements and annual MD&A, including for greater certainty all documents and information that are incorporated by reference in the AIF (together the annual filings) of (**identify issuer**) (the issuer) for the financial year ended (*state the relevant date*).
- 2. *No misrepresentations:* Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the annual filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, for the period covered by the annual filings.
- 3. *Fair presentation*: Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the annual financial statements together with the other financial information included in the annual filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the annual filings.

Date: *<insert date of filing>* 

[Signature] [Title]

< If the certifying officer's title is not "chief executive officer" or "chief financial officer", indicate in which of these capacities the certifying officer is providing the certificate.>

#### NOTE TO READER

In contrast to the certificate required under Multilateral Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* (MI 52-109), this Venture Issuer Basic Certificate does not include representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as defined in MI 52-109. In particular, the certifying officers filing this certificate are not making any representations relating to the establishment and maintenance of:

- controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
- ii) a process to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.

The issuer's certifying officers are responsible for ensuring that processes are in place to provide them with sufficient knowledge to support the representations they are making in this certificate.

Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in MI 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.

## **Appendix B**

### **CERTIFICATION OF INTERIM FILINGS**

## VENTURE ISSUER BASIC CERTIFICATE

I, (identify (i) the certifying officer, (ii) his or her position at the issuer, (iii) the name of the issuer and (iv) if the certifying officer's title is not "chief executive officer" or "chief financial officer", indicate in which of these capacities the certifying officer is providing the certificate), certify the following:

- 1. *Review:* I have reviewed the interim financial statements and interim MD&A (together the interim filings) of (**identify issuer**) (the issuer) for the interim period ending (*state the relevant date*).
- 2. *No misrepresentations:* Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, for the period covered by the interim filings.
- 3. *Fair presentation:* Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim financial statements together with the other financial information included in the interim filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the interim filings.

Date: (insert date of filing)

[Signature] [Title]

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- controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
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Investors should be aware that inherent limitations on the ability of certifying officers of a venture issuer to design and implement on a cost effective basis DC&P and ICFR as defined in Ml 52-109 may result in additional risks to the quality, reliability, transparency and timeliness of interim and annual filings and other reports provided under securities legislation.