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Local Notice of Amendments to General Order 11-906 Offering Memorandum Specification Order

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The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (the **FCAA**) is implementing amendments to General Order 11-906 *Offering Memorandum Specification Order* (**GO 11-906**) effective as of November 21, 2022.

On November 21, 2022, the FCAA implemented General Order 45-503 *Prospectus Exemption Available to Reporting Issuers that are Listed on a Canadian Stock Exchange* (**GO 45-503**) to introduce a new prospectus exemption to reporting issuers that are listed on a Canadian stock exchange.

The purpose of the amendment to GO 11-906 is to specify that any offering document used in connection with distributions under GO 45-503 is an offering memorandum for the purposes of *The Securities Act*, 1988 triggering rights of action for misrepresentation and filing and delivery requirements. The consolidated amended GO 11-906 is contained in Annex I of this notice.

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General Order 11-906 Offering Memorandum Specification Order

In the Matter of The Securities Act, 1988

and

In the Matter of The Definition of "Offering Memorandum" In Clause 2(1)(ff) of *The Securities Act, 1988*

Specification Order (Subclause 2(1)(ff)(ii))

WHEREAS clause 2(1)(ff) of *The Securities Act*, 1988 (the Act) defines "offering memorandum" as:

"a document that provides information about the business or affairs of an issuer and that has been prepared primarily for delivery to and review by a prospective purchaser to assist the prospective purchaser in making an investment decision about securities being sold in a distribution for which a prospectus would be required but for the availability of an exemption from that requirement pursuant to Saskatchewan securities laws, but does not include:

- (i) an annual report, interim report, information circular, take-over bid circular, issuer bid circular, or prospectus; or
- (ii) a document or type of document specified by the Director".

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Executive Director to specify those documents that are not offering memoranda pursuant to subclause 2(1)(ff)(ii);

NOW THEREFORE the Executive Director specifies that a document is not an offering memorandum if it is used in connection with a distribution under an exemption from the prospectus requirements of the Act contained in Saskatchewan securities laws, unless it is a document used in connection with a distribution under:

- 1. An exemption in one of the following sections of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*:
 - (i) section 2.3 Accredited investor,
 - (ii) section 2.5 Family, friends and business associates,
 - (iii) section 2.9 Offering memorandum,
 - (iv) section 2.10 Minimum amount investment,
 - (v) section 2.12 Asset acquisition,
 - (vi) section 2.13 Petroleum, natural gas and mining properties,
 - (vii) section 2.19 Additional investment in investment funds,
 - (viii) section 2.30 Isolated distribution by issuer,
 - (ix) section 5.2 TSX Venture Exchange offering;
- 2. General Ruling/Order 45-902 Labour-Sponsored Venture Capital Corporations;
- 3. General Order 45-538 Self-Certified Investor Prospectus Exemption;
- 4. General Order 45-539 Small Business Financing;
- 5. General Order 45-503 Prospectus Exemption Available to Reporting Issuers that are Listed on a Canadian Stock Exchange; or

6. National Instrument 45-110 *Start-up Crowdfunding Registration and Prospectus Exemptions*.

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