

National Instrument 62-104
Take-Over Bids and Issuer Bids
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PART 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Definitions

1.1 For the purposes of this Instrument

“associate”, when used to indicate a relationship with a person, means

- (a) an issuer of which the person beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, voting securities entitling the person to more than 10% of the voting rights attached to outstanding securities of the issuer,
- (b) any partner of the person,
- (c) any trust or estate in which the person has a substantial beneficial interest or in respect of which a person serves as trustee or in a similar capacity,
- (d) a relative of that person, including
 - (i) the spouse or, in Alberta, adult interdependent partner of that person, or
 - (ii) a relative of the person’s spouse or, in Alberta, adult interdependent partner

if the relative has the same home as that person;

“bid” means a take-over bid or an issuer bid;

“business day” means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday in the local jurisdiction;

“class of securities” includes a series of a class of securities;

“equity security” means a security of an issuer that carries a residual right to participate in the earnings of the issuer and, on liquidation or winding up of the issuer, in its assets;

“issuer bid” means an offer to acquire or redeem securities of an issuer made by the issuer to one or more persons, any of whom are in the local jurisdiction and also includes an acquisition or redemption of securities of the issuer by the issuer from those persons, but does not include an offer to acquire, acquisition or redemption

- (a) of debt securities that are not convertible into securities other than debt securities,

- (b) in which no valuable consideration is offered or paid by the issuer, or
- (c) that is a step in an amalgamation, merger, reorganization or arrangement that requires the approval in a vote of the security holders;

“marketplace” has the same meaning as in National Instrument 21-101 *Marketplace Operation*;

“offer to acquire” means

- (a) an offer to purchase, or a solicitation of an offer to sell, securities,
- (b) an acceptance of an offer to sell securities, whether or not the offer has been solicited, or
- (c) any combination of the above;

“offeree issuer” means the issuer whose securities are the subject of a take-over bid or an issuer bid;

“offeror” means a person that makes a take-over bid, an issuer bid or other offer to acquire;

“offeror’s securities” means securities of an offeree issuer beneficially owned, or over which control or direction is exercised, on the date of an offer to acquire, by an offeror or any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror;

“person” includes

- (a) an individual,
- (b) a corporation,
- (c) a partnership, trust, fund and an association, syndicate, organization or other organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not, and
- (d) an individual or other person in that person’s capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator or personal or other legal representative;

“published market” means, with respect to any class of securities, a marketplace on which the securities are traded, if the prices at which they have been traded on that marketplace are regularly

- (a) disseminated electronically, or

- (b) published in a newspaper or business or financial publication of general and regular paid circulation;

“recognized exchange” means either the Toronto Stock Exchange or the TSX Venture Exchange;

“subsidiary” means an issuer that is controlled directly or indirectly by another issuer and includes a subsidiary of that subsidiary;

“take-over bid” means an offer to acquire outstanding voting securities or equity securities of a class made to one or more persons, any of whom are in the local jurisdiction, where the securities subject to the offer to acquire, together with the offeror’s securities, constitute in the aggregate 20 per cent or more of the outstanding securities of that class of securities at the date of the offer to acquire.

Definitions for purposes of the Act

1.2 (1) For the purposes of the Act,

- (a) **“offer to acquire”** has the same meaning as in this Instrument, and
- (b) **“offeror”** has the same meaning as in this Instrument.

(2) For the purposes of the definition of **“issuer bid”** in the Act, the prescribed class of bids is that set out in the definition of **“issuer bid”** in this Instrument.

(3) For the purposes of the definition of **“take-over bid”** in the Act, the prescribed class of bids is that set out in the definition of **“take-over bid”** in this Instrument.

Controlled Entities

1.3 An issuer is controlled by a person if

- (a) voting securities of the issuer are held, other than by way of security only, by or for the benefit of that person, and
- (b) the voting rights attached to those voting securities are entitled, if exercised, to elect a majority of the directors of the issuer.

Computation of time and expiry of bid

1.4 In this Instrument,

- (a) a period of days is to be computed as
 - (i) beginning on the day following the event that began the period, and
 - (ii) ending at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the period if that day is a business day or ending at 5:00 p.m. on the next business day if the last day of the period does not fall on a business day; and

- (b) a bid expires at the later of
 - (i) the end of the period, including any extension, during which securities may be deposited pursuant to the bid, and
 - (ii) the time at which the offeror becomes obligated by the terms of the bid to take up or reject securities deposited under the bid.

Convertible securities

1.5 In this Instrument,

- (a) a security is deemed to be convertible into a security of another class if, whether or not on conditions, it is or may be convertible into or exchangeable for, or if it carries the right or obligation to acquire, a security of the other class, whether of the same or another issuer, and
- (b) a security that is convertible into a security of another class is deemed to be convertible into a security or securities of each class into which the second mentioned security may be converted, either directly or through securities of one or more other classes of securities that are themselves convertible.

Deemed beneficial ownership

1.6 (1) In determining the beneficial ownership of securities of an offeror or of any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, at any given date, any security or right or obligation permitting or requiring the offeror or the person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, whether or not on conditions, to acquire a security, including an unissued security, of a particular class within 60 days by a single transaction or a series of linked transactions is deemed to be a security of a particular class.

(2) A security or right or obligation described in subsection (1) is deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of calculating the number of outstanding securities of that class in respect of the offeror's offer to acquire or acquisition.

(3) If two or more offerors acting jointly or in concert make one or more offers to acquire securities of a class, the securities subject to any such offer or offers to acquire are deemed to be securities subject to the offer to acquire of each such offeror for the purpose of determining whether any such offeror is making a take-over bid.

Acting jointly or in concert

1.7 (1) For the purposes of this Instrument, it is a question of fact as to whether a person is acting jointly or in concert with an offeror.

(2) The following are deemed to be acting jointly or in concert with an offeror:

- (a) every person that, as a result of any agreement, commitment or understanding with the offeror or with any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, acquires or offers to acquire securities of the same class as those subject to the offer to acquire;

- (b) every person that, as a result of any agreement, commitment or understanding with the offeror or with any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, intends to exercise jointly or in concert with the offeror or with any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror any voting rights attaching to any securities of the offeree issuer; and
- (c) every affiliate of the offeror.

(3) Every associate of the offeror is presumed to be acting jointly and in concert with the offeror.

(4) Despite subsection (2) or (3), a registered dealer acting solely in an agency capacity for the offeror in connection with a bid and not executing principal transactions in the class of securities subject to the offer to acquire or performing services beyond customary dealer's functions is not to be deemed or presumed, as the case may be, solely by reason of the agency relationship to be acting jointly or in concert with the offeror in connection with the bid.

Application to direct or indirect offers

1.8 In this Instrument, a reference to an offer to acquire or to the acquisition or ownership of securities or to control or direction over securities shall be construed to include a direct or indirect offer to acquire or the direct or indirect acquisition or ownership of securities, or the direct or indirect control or direction over securities, as the case may be.

PART 2 BIDS

Division 1: Restrictions on Acquisitions or Sales

Definition of offeror

2.1 In this Division, "*offeror*" means

- (a) an offeror making a bid that is not exempt under Part 5,
- (b) a person acting jointly or in concert with an offeror referred to in paragraph (a),
- (c) a control person, or an affiliate of a control person, of an offeror referred to in paragraph (a), or
- (d) a person that has a relationship described in paragraphs 1.7(2)(a) or (b) with a control person of an offeror referred to in paragraph (a).

Restrictions on acquisitions during take-over bid

2.2 (1) An offeror must not offer to acquire, or make or enter into an agreement, commitment or understanding to acquire beneficial ownership of any securities of the class that are subject to a take-over bid otherwise than under the bid on and from the day of the announcement of the offeror's intention to make the bid until the bid's expiry.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an agreement between a security holder and the offeror to the effect that the security holder will, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a take-over bid that is not exempt under Part 5, deposit the security holder's securities under the bid.

(3) Despite subsection (1), an offeror may purchase securities of the class that are subject to the take-over bid and securities convertible into securities of that class beginning on the third business day following the date of the bid until the expiry of the bid if

- (a) the intention to make those purchases is stated in the take-over bid circular,
- (b) the aggregate number of securities beneficially acquired under this subsection does not constitute in excess of 5% of the outstanding securities of that class as at the date of the bid,
- (c) the purchases are made in the normal course through the facilities of a recognized exchange,
- (d) the offeror issues and files a news release immediately after the close of business of the recognized exchange on each day on which securities have been purchased under this subsection disclosing the following information:
 - (i) the name of the purchaser,
 - (ii) if the purchaser is a person referred to in paragraph 2.1(b), (c) or (d), the relationship of the purchaser and the offeror,
 - (iii) the number of securities purchased on the day for which the news release is required,
 - (iv) the highest price paid for the securities on the day for which the news release is required,
 - (v) the aggregate number of securities purchased through the facilities of the recognized exchange,
 - (vi) the average price paid for the securities that were purchased through the facilities of the exchange, and
 - (vii) the total number of securities owned by the purchaser after giving effect to the purchases that are the subject of the news release,
- (e) any broker acting for the offeror does not, in regard to the purchases, perform services beyond the customary broker's functions and does not receive more than the usual fees or commissions charged for comparable services performed by the broker in the normal course,
- (f) the offeror or any person acting for the offeror does not solicit or arrange for the solicitation of offers to sell securities of the class subject to the bid, except for the

solicitation by the offeror or members of the soliciting dealer group under the take-over bid, and

- (g) the seller or any person acting for the seller does not, to the knowledge of the offeror, solicit or arrange for the solicitation of offers to buy securities of the class subject to the bid.

Restrictions on acquisitions during issuer bid

2.3 (1) An offeror making an issuer bid must not offer to acquire, or make or enter into an agreement, commitment or understanding to acquire, beneficial ownership of any securities of the class that are subject to an issuer bid, or securities that are convertible into securities of that class, otherwise than under the bid on and from the day of the announcement of the offeror's intention to make the bid until the bid's expiry.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the offeror from purchasing, redeeming or otherwise acquiring any securities of the class subject to the bid during this period in reliance on an exemption under paragraph 5.7(a), (b) or (c).

Restrictions on pre-bid and post-bid acquisitions during take-over bid

2.4 (1) If within the period of 90 days immediately preceding a take-over bid, an offeror acquired beneficial ownership of securities of the class subject to the bid in a transaction not generally available on identical terms to holders of that class of securities,

- (a) the offeror must offer
 - (i) consideration for securities deposited under the bid at least equal to and in the same form as the highest consideration that was paid on a per security basis under the transaction, or
 - (ii) at least the cash equivalent of that consideration, and
- (b) the offeror must offer to acquire under the bid that percentage of the securities of the class subject to the bid that is at least equal to the highest percentage that the number of securities acquired from a seller in that prior transaction was of the total number of securities of that class beneficially owned by that seller at the time of that prior transaction.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the transaction that occurred within 90 days immediately preceding the bid was

- (a) a trade in a security of the issuer that had not been previously issued, or
- (b) a trade by or on behalf of the issuer in a previously issued security of that issuer that had been redeemed or purchased by, or donated to, that issuer.

(3) During the period beginning with the expiry of a take-over bid and ending at the end of the 20th business day after that, whether or not any securities are taken up under the bid, an offeror must not acquire beneficial ownership of securities of the class that were subject to the bid

except by way of a transaction that is generally available to holders of that class of securities on terms identical to those under the bid.

(4) Despite subsections (1) and (3), an offeror may make purchases in the normal course through the facilities of a recognized exchange if

- (a) any broker acting for the offeror does not, in regard to the purchases, perform services beyond the customary broker's functions and does not receive more than the usual fees or commissions charged for comparable services performed by the broker in the normal course,
- (b) the offeror or any person acting for the offeror does not solicit or arrange for the solicitation of offers to sell securities of the class subject to the bid, except for the solicitation by the offeror or members of the soliciting dealer group under the take-over bid, and
- (c) the seller or any person acting for the seller does not, to the knowledge of the offeror, solicit or arrange for the solicitation of offers to buy securities of the class subject to the bid.

Sales during bid prohibited

2.5 (1) Except pursuant to the bid, an offeror must not sell, or make or enter into an arrangement, agreement, commitment or understanding to sell, any securities of the class subject to the bid, or securities that are convertible into securities of that class, on and from the day of the announcement of the offeror's intention to make the bid until the bid's expiry.

(2) Despite subsection (1), an offeror may, before the expiry of a bid, make or enter into an arrangement, agreement, commitment or understanding to sell securities that may be taken up by the offeror under the bid, after the expiry of the bid, if the intention to sell is disclosed in the bid circular.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an offeror under an issuer bid in respect of the issue of securities pursuant to a dividend plan, dividend reinvestment plan, employee purchase plan or another similar plan.

Division 2: Making a Bid

Bid made to all security holders

2.6 An offeror must make the bid to all holders of the class of securities subject to the bid who are in the local jurisdiction by sending the bid to

- (a) the holders of that class of securities whose last address as shown on the books of the offeree issuer is in the local jurisdiction, and
- (b) the holders of securities that, before the expiry of the deposit period referred to in section 2.25, are convertible into securities of that class, whose last address as shown on the books of the offeree issuer is in the local jurisdiction.

Commencement of bid

2.7 (1) An offeror must commence a take-over bid by

- (a) publishing an advertisement containing a summary of the take-over bid in at least one major daily newspaper of general and regular paid circulation in the local jurisdiction, and in Québec, a daily French language newspaper, or
- (b) sending the take-over bid to security holders as required by section 2.6.

(2) An issuer bid must be commenced by sending the bid to security holders as required by section 2.6.

Offeror's circular

2.8 (1) An offeror must send, with or as part of a take-over bid or issuer bid, a bid circular in the required form.

(2) If a take-over bid is commenced by way of an advertisement under paragraph 2.7(1)(a), the offeror must

- (a) on or before the date of first publication of the advertisement, deliver the bid to the offeree issuer's principal office and file the bid and the advertisement,
- (b) on or before the date of first publication of the advertisement, request from the offeree issuer a list of security holders referred to in section 2.6, and
- (c) not later than 2 business days after receipt of the list of security holders referred to in paragraph (b), send the bid, including the bid circular, to those security holders.

(3) If a take-over bid is commenced under paragraph 2.7(1)(b), the offeror must file the bid and deliver it to the offeree issuer's principal office on the day the bid is sent, or as soon as practicable after that.

(4) An offeror making an issuer bid must file the issuer bid on the day the bid is sent or as soon as practicable after that.

Change in Information

2.9 (1) If, before the expiry of a take-over bid or issuer bid or after the expiry of the bid but before the expiry of all rights to withdraw the relevant securities, a change has occurred in the information contained in the bid circular or any notice of change or notice of variation that would reasonably be expected to affect the decision of the security holders of the offeree issuer to accept or reject the bid, the offeror must promptly

- (a) issue and file a news release, and
- (b) deliver a notice of the change to every person to whom a bid circular was required to be sent and whose securities were not taken up before the date of the change.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a change that is not within the control of the offeror or of an affiliate of the offeror unless it is a change in a material fact relating to the securities being offered in exchange for securities of the offeree issuer.

(3) For the purposes of this section, a change in information does not include a variation in the terms of the bid.

(4) A notice of change must be in the required form.

Variation of terms

2.10 (1) If there is a variation in the terms of a bid, including any extension of the period during which securities may be deposited under the bid, and whether or not that variation results from the exercise of any right contained in the bid, the offeror must promptly issue and file a news release and deliver a notice of variation to every person to whom the bid circular was required to be sent under section 2.6 and whose securities were not taken up before the date of the variation.

(2) A notice of variation must be in the required form.

(3) If there is a variation in the terms of a bid, the period during which securities may be deposited pursuant to the bid must not expire before 10 days after the sending of the notice of variation.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply to a variation in the terms of a bid consisting solely of the waiver of a condition in the bid and any extension of the bid resulting from the waiver where the consideration offered for the securities consists solely of cash.

(5) A variation in the terms of a bid, other than a variation that is the waiver by the offeror of a condition that is specifically stated in the bid as being waivable at the sole option of the offeror, must not be made after the expiry of the period, including any extension of the period, during which the securities may be deposited under the bid.

(6) If there is a variation in the terms of a bid that is the waiver by the offeror of a condition that is specifically stated in the bid as being waivable at the sole option of the offeror, subsection (1) does not apply in respect of that bid if

- (a) the waiver occurs, and the offeror has promptly issued and filed a news release announcing the waiver, and
- (b) the consideration offered for the securities consists solely of cash.

Notice of change or variation - filing and sending requirements

2.11 A notice of change or variation in respect of a bid must be filed and, in the case of a take-over bid, delivered to the offeree issuer's principal office, on the day the notice of change or variation is sent to security holders of the offeree issuer, or as soon as practicable after that.

Change or variation in advertised take-over bid

2.12 (1) If a change or variation occurs to a take-over bid that has been advertised in accordance with subsection 2.8(2), and the offeror has complied with paragraphs (a) and (b) of that

subsection but has not yet delivered the bid under paragraph (c) of that subsection, the offeror must

- (a) publish an advertisement that contains a brief summary of the change or variation in at least one major daily newspaper of general and regular paid circulation in the local jurisdiction and, in Québec, a daily French language newspaper,
- (b) concurrently with the date of first publication of the advertisement,
 - (i) file the advertisement, and
 - (ii) file and send the notice of change or notice of variation to the offeree issuer's principal office, and
- (c) subsequently send the bid and the notice of change or notice of variation to the security holders of the offeree issuer before the expiration of the period prescribed under paragraph 2.8(2)(c).

(2) If an offeror satisfies the requirements of subsection (1), the notice of change or variation is not required to be filed and sent under section 2.11.

Consent of expert to use of name

2.13 (1) In this section and section 2.19, an expert includes any solicitor, and a notary in Québec, auditor, accountant, engineer, geologist or appraiser or any other person whose profession or business gives authority to a report, appraisal or statement made by that person.

(2) If a report, appraisal or statement of an expert is included in or accompanies a bid circular or any notice of change or variation to the circular, the written consent of the expert to the use of the report, appraisal or statement must be filed concurrently with the circular or notice.

Methods of delivery of bid documents

2.14 (1) A bid, a bid circular and every notice of change or variation in relation to the bid or bid circular must be

- (a) mailed by pre-paid mail to the intended recipient, or
- (b) delivered to the intended recipient by personal delivery, courier or other manner acceptable to the regulator.

(2) Any bid, bid circular or notice sent in accordance with this section is deemed to be dated as of the date it was sent to all or substantially all of the persons entitled to receive it, except for a take-over bid commenced in accordance with paragraph 2.7(1)(a), in which case the bid, bid circular or notice is deemed to have been dated as of the date of first publication of the relevant advertisement.

Division 3: Offeree Issuer's Obligations

Directors' circular

2.15 (1) If a take-over bid has been made, the board of directors of the offeree issuer must send a directors' circular to every person to whom a take-over bid was required to be sent under section 2.6 not later than 15 days after the date of the bid.

(2) The board of directors must include in a directors' circular either

- (a) a recommendation to accept or to reject a take-over bid and the reasons for the recommendation, or
- (b) a statement that they are unable to make, or are not making, a recommendation and the reasons for not making a recommendation.

(3) If a board of directors is considering recommending acceptance or rejection of a take-over bid after the sending of the directors' circular, it

- (a) must, at the time of sending the circular, advise the security holders of this fact, and
- (b) may advise them not to deposit their securities until further communication is received from the directors.

(4) If subsection (3) applies, the board of directors must deliver the recommendation or the decision not to make recommendation at least 7 days before the scheduled expiry of the period during which securities may be deposited under the bid.

(5) A directors' circular must be in the required form.

Notice of change

2.16 (1) If, before the expiry of a take-over bid or after the expiry of the bid but before the expiry of all rights to withdraw the securities that have been deposited under the bid, a change has occurred in the information contained in a directors' circular or in any notice of change to a directors' circular that would reasonably be expected to affect the decision of the security holders to accept or reject the bid, the board of directors of the offeree issuer must promptly issue and file a news release relating to the change and send a notice of the change to every person to whom the circular was required to be sent disclosing the nature and substance of the change.

(2) A notice of change in relation to it must be in the required form.

Filing directors' notice of change

2.17 The board of directors of the offeree issuer must concurrently file the directors' circular or a notice of change in relation to it and deliver it to the principal office of the offeror no later than the date on which it is sent to the security holders of the offeree issuer, or as soon as practicable after that.

Director's or officer's circular

2.18 (1) An individual director or officer may recommend acceptance or rejection of a take-over bid if the director or officer sends with the recommendation a separate director's or officer's circular to every person to whom a take-over bid was required to be sent under section 2.6.

(2) If, before the expiry of a take-over bid or after the expiry of the bid but before the expiry of all rights to withdraw the securities that have been deposited under the bid, a change has occurred in the information contained in an individual director's or officer's circular or any notice of change in relation to it that would reasonably be expected to affect the decision of the security holders to accept or reject the bid, other than a change that is not within the control of the individual director or officer, as the case may be, that individual director or officer must immediately deliver a notice of change to every person to whom a bid circular was required to be sent under section 2.6.

(3) If an individual director or officer submits a circular under subsection (1) or a notice of change under subsection (2) to the board of directors, the board, at the offeree issuer's expense, must send a copy of the circular or notice to every person to whom a take-over bid was required to be sent under section 2.6.

(4) The board of directors of the offeree issuer or the individual director or officer, as the case may be, must concurrently file the director's or officer's circular or a notice of change in relation to it and send it to the principal office of the offeror no later than the date on which it is sent to the security holders of the offeree issuer, or as soon as practicable after that.

(5) A director or officer's circular or a notice of change in relation to it must be in the required form.

Consent of expert to use of name

2.19 If a report, appraisal or statement of an expert is included in or accompanies a directors' circular, an individual director's or officer's circular or any notice of change or variation to the circular, the written consent of the expert to the use of the report, appraisal or statement must be filed concurrently with the circular or notice.

Methods of delivery of offeree issuer's documents

2.20 (1) A directors' circular, an individual director's or officer's circular and every notice of change must be

- (a) mailed by pre-paid mail to the intended recipient, or
- (b) delivered to the intended recipient by personal delivery, courier or other manner acceptable to the regulator.

(2) Any circular or notice sent in accordance with this section is deemed to be dated as of the date it was sent to all or substantially all of the persons entitled to receive it.

Division 4: Offeror's Obligations

Bid consideration

- 2.21 (1) If a take-over bid or issuer bid is made, all security holders of the same class of securities must be offered identical consideration or an identical choice of consideration.
- (2) If a variation in the terms of the bid before the expiry of the bid increases the value of the consideration offered for the securities subject to the bid, the offeror must pay that increased consideration to each person whose securities are taken up pursuant to the bid, whether or not the securities were taken up by the offeror before the variation of the bid.
- (3) After a bid has been commenced, an offeror must not
- (a) lower the consideration offered under the bid,
 - (b) change the form of consideration offered under the bid, other than to add to the consideration already offered under the bid,
 - (c) lower the proportion of outstanding securities for which the bid is made, or
 - (d) add new conditions.

Collateral Agreements

- 2.22 (1) For the purposes of this section, in determining the beneficial ownership of securities of a holder at a given date, any security or right or obligation permitting or requiring the security holder or any person acting jointly or in concert with the security holder, whether or not on conditions, to acquire a security, including an unissued security, of a particular class within 60 days by a single transaction or a series of linked transactions is deemed to be a security of a particular class.
- (2) If an offeror makes or intends to make a bid, neither the offeror nor any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror shall enter into any collateral agreement, commitment or understanding that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of providing a security holder of the offeree issuer with consideration of greater value than that offered to the other security holders of the same class of securities.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the agreement, commitment or understanding relates to:
- (a) a payment or distribution per equity security that is identical in amount and form to the entitlement of the general body of holders in Canada of securities of the same class,
 - (b) an enhancement of employee benefits resulting from participation by the holder of securities of the offeree issuer in a group plan, other than an incentive plan, for employees of a successor to the business of the offeree issuer, if the benefits provided by the group plan are generally provided to employees of the successor to the business of the offeree issuer who hold positions of a similar nature to the position held by the security holder, or

- (c) a benefit, not described in paragraph (b), that is received solely in connection with the security holder's services as an employee, director or consultant of the offeree issuer, of an affiliated entity of the offeree issuer, or of a successor to the business of the offeree issuer, if
- (i) the benefit is not conferred for the purpose, in whole or in part, of increasing the value of the consideration paid to the security holder for securities deposited under the bid or providing an incentive to deposit to the bid,
 - (ii) the conferring of the benefit is not, by its terms, conditional on the security holder supporting the bid in any manner,
 - (iii) full particulars of the benefit are disclosed in the issuer bid circular or, in the case of a take-over bid, in the directors' circular, and
 - (iv) either
 - (A) at the time the bid is publicly announced, the security holder and its associated entities beneficially own or exercise control or direction over less than one per cent of the outstanding securities of each class of equity securities of the offeree issuer, or
 - (B) if the offeree issuer has an independent committee of directors,
 - (I) the security holder discloses to the independent committee of the offeree issuer the amount of consideration that the security holder expects it will be beneficially entitled to receive under the terms of the bid in exchange for the equity securities beneficially owned by the security holder,
 - (II) the independent committee, acting in good faith, determines that the value of the benefit, net of any offsetting costs to the security holder, is less than five per cent of the value referred to in clause (A), and
 - (III) the independent committee's determination is disclosed in the issuer bid circular or, in the case of a take-over bid, in the directors' circular.

Proportionate take-up and payment

2.23 (1) If a bid is made for less than all of the class of securities subject to the bid and a greater number of securities is deposited under the bid than the offeror is bound or willing to acquire

under the bid, the offeror must take-up and pay for the securities pro rata, disregarding fractions, according to the number of securities deposited by each security holder.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if an issuer, under the terms of an issuer bid, acquires securities that, if not acquired, would constitute an odd lot for the security holder.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply if an issuer, under the terms of an issuer bid, acquires securities, if security holders who deposit securities under the bid are entitled to elect a minimum price per security, within a range of prices, at which they are willing to sell their securities under the bid and a security holder elects a minimum price which is higher than the price that the offeror pays for securities under the bid.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1), any securities acquired in a pre-bid transaction to which subsection 2.4(1) applies are deemed to have been deposited under the bid by the person who was the seller in the pre-bid transaction.

Financing arrangements

2.24 (1) If a bid provides that the consideration for the securities deposited under the bid is to be paid in cash or partly in cash, the offeror must make adequate arrangements before the bid to ensure that the required funds are available to make full payment for the securities that the offeror has offered to acquire.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the financing arrangements required to be made by the offeror before the bid may be subject to conditions if, at the time the bid is commenced, the offeror reasonably believes the possibility to be remote that, if the conditions of the bid are satisfied or waived, the offeror will be unable to pay for the securities deposited under the bid due to a financing condition not being satisfied.

Division 5: Bid Mechanics

Minimum deposit period

2.25 An offeror must allow securities to be deposited pursuant to the bid for at least 35 days from the date of the bid.

Prohibition on take-up

2.26 An offeror must not take-up securities deposited under the bid until the expiration of 35 days from the date of the bid.

Withdrawal

2.27 (1) A security holder may withdraw securities deposited under the bid

- (a) at any time before the securities have been taken up by the offeror,
- (b) at any time before the expiration of 10 days from the date of a notice of change under section 2.9 or a notice of variation under section 2.10, or
- (c) if the securities have not been paid for by the offeror within 3 business days after the securities have been taken up.

(2) The right of withdrawal under paragraph (1)(b) does not apply

- (a) if the securities have been taken up by the offeror before the date of the change or variation,
- (b) if a variation in the terms of a bid consists only of an increase in consideration offered for the securities and an extension of the time for deposit to no later than 10 days after the notice of variation has been sent, or
- (c) if a variation is limited to the waiver of one of the terms of a bid where the consideration consists solely of cash.

(3) The withdrawal of any securities under subsection (1) is made by sending a written notice to the designated depository and becomes effective on its receipt by the depository.

(4) If notice is given in accordance with subsection (3), the offeror must promptly return the securities to the security holder.

Effect of market purchases

2.28 If an offeror purchases securities as permitted by section 2.2(3), those purchased securities must be counted in determining whether a condition as to the minimum number of securities to be deposited under the bid has been fulfilled, but must not reduce the number of securities the offeror is bound to take up under the bid.

Take-up and payment for deposited securities

2.29 (1) The offeror must take up and pay for securities deposited under the bid, if all the terms and conditions of the bid have been complied with or waived, not later than 10 days after the expiry of the bid or the earlier time as may be required by subsection (2) or (3).

(2) An offeror must pay for any securities taken up under the bid as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 3 business days after the taking up of the securities deposited under the bid.

(3) Securities deposited under the bid subsequent to the date on which the offeror first takes up securities deposited under the bid must be taken up and paid for by the offeror not later than 10 days after the deposit of the securities.

(4) An offeror may not extend its bid if all the terms and conditions of the bid have been complied with or waived, unless the offeror first takes up all securities deposited under the bid and not withdrawn.

(5) Despite subsections (3) and (4), if a bid is made for less than all of the class of securities subject to the bid, an offeror is only required to take up, by the times specified in those subsections, the maximum number of securities that the offeror can take up without contravening section 2.21 or 2.23.

(6) Despite subsection (4), if the offeror waives any terms or conditions of a bid and extends the bid in circumstances where the rights of withdrawal conferred by paragraph 2.27(1)(b) are

applicable, the bid must be extended without the offeror first taking up the securities which are subject to the right of withdrawal.

Return of deposited securities

2.30 If an offeror knows that it will not take-up securities deposited under the bid, the offeror must promptly issue and file a news release to that effect and return the securities to the security holders.

News release required on expiry of bid

2.31 If all terms and conditions of the bid have been complied with or waived, the offeror must issue and file a news release to that effect promptly after the expiry of the bid, which news release must disclose

- (a) the approximate number of securities deposited, and
- (b) the approximate number that will be taken up.

PART 3 GENERAL

Language of bid documents

3.1 (1) A person must file a document required under this Instrument in the French language or in the English language.

(2) In Québec, the take-over bid circular, issuer bid circular, directors' circular, director's or officer's circular, notice of change or notice of variation required under this Instrument must be in the French language or in both French and English languages.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an exempt take-over bid made under section 5.5, or an exempt issuer bid made under section 5.12.

(4) Despite subsection (1), if a person files a document only in the French language or in the English language but delivers to an investor or prospective investor a version of the document in the other language, the person must file that other version not later than when it is first delivered to the investor or prospective investor.

Filing Agreements

3.2 (1) An offeror making a take-over bid under Part 2 must file copies of the following documents and any amendments to those documents, unless previously filed:

- (a) any agreement between an offeror and a security holder relating to the take-over bid, including an agreement to the effect that the security holder will deposit its securities to the take-over bid made by the offeror,
- (b) any agreement between an offeror and directors or officers of an offeree issuer relating to the take-over bid,

- (c) any agreement between an offeror and an offeree issuer relating to the take-over bid, or
- (d) any other agreement of which the offeror is aware that could affect control of the offeree issuer, including an agreement with change of control provisions or a security holder or voting trust agreement, that the offeror has access to and can reasonably be regarded as material to a depositing security holder under the bid.

(2) The documents required to be filed under subsection (1) must be filed on the day the take-over bid circular is filed under section 2.8 or as soon as practicable after that.

Certification

3.3 (1) Every person required to file and send a take-over bid circular, issuer bid circular or a notice of change or notice of variation in respect of a bid circular under this Instrument must ensure that the circular or notice contains a certificate in the required form and signed by each of the following:

- (a) the chief executive officer or, in the case of a person that does not have a chief executive officer, the individual who performs similar functions to a chief executive officer,
- (b) the chief financial officer or, in the case of a person that does not have a chief financial officer, the individual who performs similar functions to a chief financial officer, and
- (c) two directors, other than the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer, who are duly authorized by the directors of that person to sign on their behalf.

(2) Every person required to file and send a directors' circular or a notice of change in respect of a directors' circular under this Instrument must ensure that the circular or notice contains a certificate in the required form and signed by two directors who are duly authorized by the directors of that person to sign on their behalf.

(3) Every person that files and sends an individual director's or officer's circular or a notice of change in respect of an individual director's or officer's circular under this Instrument must ensure that the circular or notice contains a certificate in the required form and signed by or on behalf of the director or officer sending the circular or notice.

(4) If the regulator is satisfied on evidence or submissions made to the regulator that a chief executive officer or chief financial officer is, for adequate cause, not available to sign a certificate required under this Instrument, the regulator may permit the certificate to be signed by another responsible officer or director.

Obligation to furnish security holder list

3.4 (1) If a person makes or proposes to make a take-over bid under Part 2 for a class of securities of an issuer that is not otherwise required by law to furnish a list of its security holders to the person, the issuer must furnish a list of holders of that class of securities, and any known holder of an option or right to acquire securities of that class, to enable the person to carry out the bid in compliance with this Instrument.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the provisions of section 21 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* apply with appropriate modifications, except that the affidavit that accompanies the request for the list of security holders must state that the list will not be used except in connection with a bid made under Part 2 for securities of the issuer.

PART 4 REQUIRED FORMS**Take-over bid circular**

4.1 The required form of take-over bid circular under section 2.8 is Form 62-104F1.

Issuer bid circular

4.2 The required form of issuer bid circular under section 2.8 is Form 62-104F2.

Directors' circular

4.3 The required form of directors' circular under section 2.15 is Form 62-104F3.

Director's or officer's circular

4.4 The required form of director's or officer's circular under section 2.18 is Form 62-104F4.

Notice of change or notice of variation

4.5 The required form of notice of change under section 2.9 and 2.16 and subsection 2.18(5) or notice of variation under section 2.10 is Form 62-104F5.

PART 5 EXEMPTIONS**Division 1: Interpretation****Market price**

5.1 (1) The market price of a class of securities for which there is a published market, at any date, is an amount equal to the simple average of the closing price of securities of that class for each of the business days on which there was a closing price in the 20 business days preceding that date.

(2) If a published market does not provide a closing price, but provides only the highest and lowest prices of securities traded on a particular day, the market price of the securities, at any date, is an amount equal to the average of the simple averages of the highest and lowest prices

for each of the business days on which there were highest and lowest prices in the 20 business days preceding that date.

(3) If there has been trading of securities in a published market for fewer than 10 of the 20 business days preceding the date as of which the market price of the securities is being determined, the market price is the average of the following prices established for each day of the 20 business days preceding that date:

- (a) the average of the closing bid and ask prices for each day on which there was no trading,
- (b) either
 - (i) the closing price of securities of the class for each day that there has been trading, if the published market provides a closing price, or
 - (ii) the average of the highest and lowest prices of securities of that class for each day that there has been trading, if the published market provides only the highest and lowest prices of securities traded on a particular day.

(4) If there is more than one published market for a security, the market price for the purposes of subsections (1), (2) and (3) must be determined as follows:

- (a) if only one of the published markets is in Canada, the market price must be determined solely by reference to that market,
- (b) if there is more than one published market in Canada, the market price must be determined solely by reference to the published market in Canada on which the greatest dollar volume of trading in the particular class of securities occurred during the 20 business days preceding the date as of which the market price is being determined, or
- (c) if there is no published market in Canada, the market price must be determined solely by reference to the published market on which the greatest volume of trading in the particular class of securities occurred during the 20 business days preceding the date as of which the market price is being determined.

(5) Despite subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4), for the purpose of section 5.2, if an offeror acquires securities on a published market, the market price for those securities is the price of the last board lot of securities of that class purchased, before the acquisition by the offeror, by a person that was not acting jointly or in concert with the offeror.

(6) In the case of a class of equity securities that is not traded on a published market and is convertible into a class of equity securities traded on a published market, the market price of the convertible security must be based on the market price of that class of equity securities determined in accordance with this section.

Division 2: Exempt take-over bids

Normal course purchase exemption

5.2 A take-over bid is exempt from Part 2 if:

- (a) the bid is for not more than 5% of the outstanding securities of a class of securities of the offeree issuer,
- (b) the aggregate number of securities acquired in reliance on this exemption by the offeror and any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror within any period of 12 months, when aggregated with acquisitions otherwise made by the offeror and any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror within the same 12 month period other than under a bid that is subject to the requirements in Part 2, does not constitute a total number of securities in excess of 5% of the outstanding securities of that class at the beginning of the period,
- (c) there is a published market for the class of securities that are the subject of the bid, and
- (d) the value of the consideration paid for any of the securities acquired is not in excess of the market price at the date of acquisition as determined in accordance with section 5.1, plus reasonable brokerage fees or commissions actually paid.

Private agreement exemption

5.3 (1) A take-over bid is exempt from Part 2 if:

- (a) purchases are made from not more than 5 persons in the aggregate, including persons located outside the local jurisdiction,
- (b) all of the purchases referred to in paragraph (a) are negotiated at approximately the same time and are completed within 6 months of the first purchase under this exemption,
- (c) the bid is not made generally to security holders of the class of securities that is the subject of the bid, provided there are more than 5 security holders of the class,
- (d) there is a published market for the securities acquired, the value of the consideration paid for any of the securities, including brokerage fees or commissions, is not greater than 115% of the market price of securities of that class at the date of the acceptance of the bid, determined in accordance with section 5.1, and
- (e) there is no published market for the securities acquired, there is a reasonable basis for determining that the value of the consideration paid for any of the securities is not greater than 115% of the value of the securities.

(2) An offeror, and a person acting jointly or in concert with an offeror, that relies on the exemption referred to in subsection (1) is not entitled to subsequently rely on this exemption to

purchase additional securities of the same issuer or a successor to that issuer, but this restriction does not apply to trades between affiliates or between a person and its associate.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), if an offeror makes an offer to acquire securities from a person and the offeror knows or ought to know after reasonable inquiry

- (a) that the person from whom the acquisition is being made is acting as a nominee, agent, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative for one or more other persons having a direct beneficial interest in those securities, then each of those other persons must be included in the determination of the number of persons to which an offer to acquire has been made, or
- (b) that the person acquired the securities in order that the offeror might make use of the exemption under subsection (1), then each person from whom those securities were acquired must be included in the determination of the number of persons to whom an offer to acquire has been made.

(4) Despite subsection (3)(a), a trust or estate is to be considered a single security holder in the determination of the number of persons to whom an offer to acquire has been made if

- (a) an inter vivos trust has been established by a single settlor, or
- (b) an estate has not vested in all persons beneficially entitled to it.

Non-reporting issuer exemption

5.4 A take-over bid is exempt from Part 2 if:

- (a) the offeree issuer is not a reporting issuer,
- (b) there is no published market for the securities that are the subject of the bid, and
- (c) the number of security holders of that class at the commencement of the bid is not more than 50, exclusive of holders who
 - (i) are in the employment of the offeree issuer or an affiliate of the offeree issuer, or
 - (ii) were formerly in the employment of the offeree issuer or in the employment of an entity that was an affiliate of the offeree issuer at the time of that employment, and who while in that employment were, and have continued after that employment to be, security holders of the offeree issuer.

Foreign take-over bid exemption

5.5 A take-over bid is exempt from Part 2 if:

- (a) persons whose last address as shown on the books of the offeree issuer is in Canada hold less than 10% of the outstanding securities of the class subject to the bid at the commencement of the bid,
- (b) the offeror reasonably believes that Canadian security holders beneficially own less than 10% of the outstanding securities of the class subject to the bid at the commencement of the bid,
- (c) the published market on which the greatest dollar volume of trading in securities of that class occurred during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the bid was not in Canada,
- (d) security holders in Canada are entitled to participate in the bid on terms at least as favourable as the terms that apply to the general body of security holders,
- (e) all of the material relating to the bid that is sent by or on behalf of the offeror is concurrently sent to security holders whose last address as shown on the books of the offeree issuer is in Canada and filed, and
- (f) if the materials referred to in paragraph (e) are published in its home jurisdiction, the offeror publishes the information in Canada in a manner reasonably calculated to inform Canadian security holders of the bid.

De minimis exemption

5.6 A take-over bid is exempt from Part 2 in a local jurisdiction if:

- (a) the number of beneficial owners of securities of the class of securities subject to the bid in the local jurisdiction is fewer than 50,
- (b) the securities held by the beneficial owners referred to in paragraph (a) constitute, in aggregate, less than 2% of the outstanding securities of that class,
- (c) security holders in the local jurisdiction are entitled to participate in the bid on terms at least as favourable as the terms that apply to the general body of security holders, and
- (d) all the material relating to the bid that is sent by or on behalf of the offeror to holders of securities of the class of securities subject to the bid is concurrently filed and sent to security holders in the local jurisdiction.

Division 3: Exempt issuer bids

Issuer acquisition or redemption exemption

5.7 An issuer bid for a class of securities is exempted from the requirements of Part 2 if:

- (a) the securities are purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired in accordance with the terms and conditions attaching to the class of securities that permit the purchase, redemption or acquisition of the securities by the issuer without the

prior agreement of the owners of the securities, or the securities are acquired to meet sinking fund or purchase fund requirements,

- (b) the purchase, redemption or other acquisition is required by the terms and conditions attaching to the class of securities or by the statute under which the issuer was incorporated, organized or continued, or
- (c) the terms and conditions attaching to the class of securities contain a right of the owner to require the issuer of the securities to redeem, repurchase, or otherwise acquire the securities, and the securities are acquired pursuant to the exercise of the right.

Employee, executive officer, director and consultant exemption

5.8 (1) An issuer bid is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 if the securities are acquired from a current or former employee, executive officer, director or consultant of the issuer or of an affiliate of the issuer and, if there is a published market in respect of the securities,

- (a) the value of the consideration paid for any of the securities acquired is not greater than the market price of the securities at the date of the acquisition, determined in accordance with section 5.1, and
- (b) the aggregate number or, in the case of convertible debt securities, the aggregate principal amount of securities acquired by the issuer within any period of 12 months in reliance on the exemption provided by this paragraph is not greater than 5% of the securities of that class issued and outstanding at the beginning of the 12-month period.

(2) For the purposes of this section, “*consultant*” has the same meaning as it has in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions*.

Normal course issuer bid exemption

5.9 (1) An issuer bid is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 if:

- (a) the issuer purchases securities in the normal course on a published market,
- (b) the bid is for not more than 5% of the outstanding securities of a class of securities of the issuer,
- (c) the aggregate number or, in the case of convertible debt securities, the aggregate principal amount, of securities acquired in reliance on this exemption by the offeror and any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror within any period of 12 months, when aggregated with acquisitions otherwise made by the offeror and any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror within the same 12 month period, other than under a bid that is subject to the requirements in Part 2, does not constitute a total number of securities in excess of 5% of the outstanding securities of that class at the beginning of the 12-month period, and

- (d) the value of the consideration paid for any of the securities acquired is not in excess of the market price at the date of acquisition as determined in accordance with section 5.1, plus reasonable brokerage fees or commissions actually paid.

(2) Every issuer making a bid under this section must issue and file, at least 5 days before the commencement of the bid, a news release that identifies

- (a) the class and number of securities or principal amount of debt securities sought,
- (b) the dates, if known, on which the issuer bid will commence and expire,
- (c) the value, in Canadian dollars, of the consideration offered per security,
- (d) the manner in which the securities will be acquired, and
- (e) the reasons for the issuer bid.

(3) An issuer bid that is made in reliance on this section through the facilities of an exchange must be made in accordance with the bylaws, rules, regulations and policies of that exchange.

Exchange issuer bid exemption

5.10 (1) An issuer bid that is made through the facilities of a recognized exchange is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 if the bid is made in accordance with the bylaws, rules, regulations and policies of that exchange.

(2) Every issuer making a bid under this section must promptly file any news release required to be issued by the exchange referred to in subsection (1).

Non-reporting issuer exemption

5.11 An issuer bid is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 if :

- (a) the issuer is not a reporting issuer,
- (b) there is no published market for the class of securities that are the subject of the bid, and
- (c) the number of security holders of that class at the commencement of the bid is not more than 50, exclusive of holders who
 - (i) are in the employment of the issuer or an affiliate of the issuer, or
 - (ii) were formerly in the employment of the issuer or in the employment of an entity that was an affiliate of the issuer at the time of that employment, and who while in that employment were, and have continued after the employment to be, security holders of the issuer.

Foreign issuer bid exemption

5.12 An issuer bid is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 if:

- (a) persons whose last address as shown on the books of the offeree issuer is in Canada hold less than 10% of the outstanding securities of the class subject to the bid at the commencement of the bid,
- (b) the offeror reasonably believes that Canadian security holders beneficially own less than 10% of the outstanding securities of the class subject to the bid at the commencement of the bid,
- (c) the published market on which the greatest dollar volume of trading in securities of that class occurred during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the bid was not in Canada,
- (d) security holders in Canada are entitled to participate in the bid on terms at least as favourable as the terms that apply to the general body of security holders,
- (e) all of the material relating to the bid that is sent by or on behalf of the offeror is concurrently sent to security holders whose last address as shown on the books of the offeree issuer is in Canada and filed, and
- (f) the materials referred to in paragraph (e) are published in its home jurisdiction, the offeror must publish the information in Canada in a manner reasonably calculated to inform Canadian security holders of the bid.

De minimis exemption

5.13 An issuer bid is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 in the local jurisdiction if:

- (a) the number of beneficial owners of securities of the class of securities subject to the bid in the local jurisdiction is fewer than 50,
- (b) the securities held by the beneficial owners referred to in paragraph (a) constitute, in aggregate, less than 2% of the outstanding securities of that class,
- (c) security holders in the local jurisdiction are entitled to participate in the bid on terms at least as favourable as the terms that apply to the general body of security holders, and
- (d) all the material relating to the bid that is sent by or on behalf of the offeror to security holders of the class of securities subject to the bid is concurrently sent to security holders in the local jurisdiction and is filed.

PART 6 EARLY WARNING

Definition of offeror

6.1 For the purposes of this Part, “*offeror*” means a person who acquires a security, whether or not by way of a take-over bid, issuer bid or other offer to acquire.

Reports of acquisitions

6.2 (1) Every offeror, other than an offeror that has made a bid in compliance with Part 2 of this Instrument, that directly or indirectly acquires control or direction over, or beneficial ownership of

- (a) voting or equity securities of any class of a reporting issuer, or
- (b) securities convertible into voting or equity securities of any class of a reporting issuer,

that, together with the offeror's securities of that class, would constitute 10% or more of the outstanding securities of that class, must

- (c) promptly issue and file a news release containing the information set out in Appendix E of National Instrument 62-103 *The Early Warning System and Related Take-Over Bid and Insider Reporting Issues*, and
- (d) within 2 business days from the day of the acquisition, file a report containing the same information contained in the new release issued under paragraph (c).

(2) If an offeror that is required to file a report under subsection (1) or a further report under this subsection or any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror acquires control or direction over, or beneficial ownership of, an additional 2% or more of the outstanding securities of the class of securities that was the subject of a report required to be filed by the offeror under subsection (1), the offeror must issue a news release and file a report in accordance with the requirements of subsection (1).

(3) Any material change in the information contained in the report referred to in subsection (1) or (2) must be the subject of a news release and a report in accordance with the requirements of subsection (1).

(4) During the period beginning on the occurrence of an event in respect of which a report or further report is required to be filed under this section and ending on the expiry of one business day after the date that the report or further report is filed, the offeror required to file the report or any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror must not acquire or offer to acquire beneficial ownership of any securities of the class in respect of which the report or further report is required to be filed or any securities convertible into securities of that class.

(5) Subsection (4) does not apply to an offeror that has control or direction over, or beneficial ownership of, securities that, together with the offeror's securities of that class, constitute 20% or more of the outstanding securities of that class.

Acquisitions during bid by person other than offeror

6.3 (1) If, after a bid has been made in compliance with Part 2 for voting or equity securities of an offeree issuer that is a reporting issuer and before the expiry of the bid, an offeror, other than the offeror making the bid, that acquires control or direction over, or beneficial ownership of, securities of the class subject to the bid which, when added to the offeror's securities of that class, constitute 5% or more of the outstanding securities of that class, the offeror must, prior to

the opening of trading on the next business day, issue and file a news release containing the information required by subsection (3).

(2) If an offeror that is required to file a news release under subsection (1) or a further news release under this subsection or any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror acquires control or direction over, or beneficial ownership of, securities of the class subject to the bid which, when added to the securities of that class acquired after the filing of the news release by the offeror and any person acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, aggregates an additional 2% or more of the class of outstanding securities, the offeror must, before the opening of trading on the next business day, issue and file a further news release containing the information required by subsection (3).

(3) A news release or further news release required under subsection (1) or (2) must set out

- (a) the name of the offeror acquiring the securities,
- (b) the number of securities of the offeree issuer that were beneficially acquired, or over which the power to exercise control or direction was acquired, in the transaction that gave rise to the requirement under subsection (1) or (2) to issue the news release,
- (c) the beneficial ownership of, and the control and direction over, any of the securities of the offeree issuer, by the offeror and all persons acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, immediately after the acquisition described in paragraph (b),
- (d) the number of securities of the offeree issuer that were beneficially acquired, or over which the power to exercise control or direction was acquired, by the offeror and all persons acting jointly or in concert with the offeror, since the commencement of the bid,
- (e) the name of the marketplace in which the acquisition described in paragraph (b) took place, and
- (f) the purpose of the offeror and all persons acting jointly or in concert with the offeror making the acquisition described in paragraph (b), including any intention of the offeror and all persons acting jointly or in concert with the offeror to increase the beneficial ownership of, or control or direction over, any of the securities of the offeree issuer.

Duplicate reports not required

6.4 If the facts required to be reported or in respect of which a news release is required to be filed under sections 6.2 and 6.3 are identical, a report or news release is required only under the provision requiring the earlier report or news release, as the case may be.

Copies of news release and report

6.5 An offeror that files a news release and report under sections 6.2 and 6.3 must promptly send a copy of the news release or report to the reporting issuer.

PART 7 EXEMPTION

Exemption

7.1 (1) The regulator or the securities regulatory authority may grant an exemption to this Instrument, in whole or in part, subject to those conditions or restrictions as may be imposed in the exemption.

(2) In Ontario, only the regulator may grant an exemption to this Instrument, in whole or in part, subject to those conditions or restrictions as may be imposed in the exemption.

(3) Except in Ontario, an exemption referred to in subsection (1) is granted under the statute referred to in Appendix B of National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, opposite the name of the local jurisdiction.

PART 8 TRANSITION AND COMING INTO FORCE

Transition

8.1 A take-over bid or issuer bid commenced before the coming into force of this Instrument in reliance on the take-over bid and issuer bid provisions in securities legislation at that time may be completed in accordance with those provisions, as applicable.

Coming into force

8.2 This Instrument comes into force on [*].