

## **CANADIAN SECURITIES ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE**

### **Canadian Securities Administrators Re-organize**

The Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) is making key changes to its organizational structure. CSA is an informal organization comprised of 13 provincial and territorial securities regulatory authorities responsible for the regulation of Canada's capital markets. In the past year the Canadian securities regulatory system has been under scrutiny by federal and provincial committees as well as the CSA itself. The CSA is taking this opportunity to make its own organization more formal and structured to fulfil its mission in the most efficient manner.

The CSA has a unique vision. Through cooperation and coordination, CSA is developing a national system of harmonized securities regulation, policy and practices. No single jurisdiction can do this on its own. The CSA's key undertaking in the next year is to produce platform uniform securities legislation for adoption by the provinces. This unique vision can only be accomplished effectively if the CSA functions at the highest level of policy development in setting strategic priorities and associated action to achieve results. The CSA will make the following key changes:

#### **1. Creation of a Policy Coordination Committee**

Currently the CSA provides oversight of all the policy work done by CSA project committees. A second-tier committee called the Policy Coordination Committee (PCC) consisting of six members will be appointed by the CSA for two-year terms. The first six members of the PCC will be the chairs of the commissions of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. The Chair of the PCC for the first year will be David Brown, Chair of the Ontario Securities Commission.

The role of the PCC will be to oversee the implementation of the strategic plan for CSA and ongoing policy and rule development. Specifically, the PCC will

- ❑ review proposed projects to ensure they conform to the strategic plan before presenting them to the CSA Chairs for approval
- ❑ review, present and make recommendations to the CSA Chairs on status reports from CSA project committees
- ❑ provide direction to project committees that conforms with ongoing direction given by the CSA Chairs

With the creation of the PCC, the CSA Chairs will be able to dedicate more time to strategic, high-level policy discussions, emerging issues and national and international policy developments. The PCC will become the policy workhorse of the CSA.

#### **2. Establishment of a Permanent Secretariat**

The CSA established a Project Office in July, 2000 to coordinate and monitor all CSA projects, to provide administrative support for CSA meetings and administer cost recovery. A

permanent Secretariat will be located in Montreal and will be staffed by an Executive Director, a Policy Coordinator and administrative support staff.

A permanent Secretariat will be the repository for institutional knowledge and provide organizational stability necessary for the effective functioning of a multi-jurisdictional organization. The Secretariat will provide the necessary administrative support for the PCC and the CSA (and the Chair of the CSA).

### **3. Formalization of the Governance structure**

Position of Chair and Vice-Chair: These positions are now formalized. The Chair and the Vice-Chair are now elected by the members for a two-year period. The current Chair of the CSA is Stephen Sibold, Chair of the Alberta Securities Commission. The Vice-Chair is Donne Smith, the head of the New Brunswick office of the Administrator of Securities.