

GENERAL RULING/ORDER 51-903
IMPLEMENTATION OF SASKATCHEWAN LOCAL INSTRUMENT 51-501
IN THE MATTER OF
THE SECURITIES ACT, 1988, SS 1988, c. S-42.2

AND

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SASKATCHEWAN LOCAL INSTRUMENT 51-501

(Section 160)

WHEREAS an application has been received by the Saskatchewan Securities Commission (the "Commission") from the staff of the Commission for an order pursuant to section 160 of *The Securities Act, 1988* (the "Act") that the provisions of Saskatchewan Local Instrument 51-501 Annual Information Forms and Management's Discussion and Analysis ("LI 51-501") do not apply to reporting issuers who comply with the provisions of Ontario Securities Commission Rule 51-501 AIF & MD&A ("OSC Rule 51-501");

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to the Commission that:

1. LI 51-501 came into force in Saskatchewan on March 15, 2001;
2. LI 51-501 requires certain reporting issuers to file and deliver to their securities holders an annual information form, and Management's Discussion and Analysis with their annual and interim financial statements;
3. LI 51-501 was based on OSC Rule 51-501, and was intended to have substantially similar provisions;
4. When OSC Rule 51-501 came into force it had provisions which are different from LI 51-501 including:
 - (a) Section 1.3 which sets out a method of calculating "aggregate market value" of an issuers' securities, which is different from the method of calculating "aggregate market value" under subsection 3(1) of LI 51-501; and
 - (b) Section 1.4 which provides an exemption from OSC Rule 51-501 if the issuer has not met the shareholders' equity or aggregate market value test for the last three financial years which exemption is not included in LI 51-501;
5. The Commission intends to amend LI 51-501 to make it substantially similar to OSC Rule 51-501; and
6. Until then it is appropriate to give exemptive relief for reporting issuers who comply with the provisions of OSC Rule 51-501;

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to section 160 of the Act that the provisions of LI 51-501 do not apply

to reporting issuers who are required to comply with it, if those reporting issuers comply with the provisions of OSC Rule 51-501;

DATED April 17, 2001.

“Marcel de la Gorgendière”
Marcel de la Gorgendière, Q.C.
Chairperson