

February 28, 2001

DIRECT NUMBER: (306) 787-5879

Paul J. Hill
The Hill Companies
2000-1874 Scarth Street
REGINA SK
S4P 4B3

Dear Mr. Hill:

Re: Application for Recognition as Exempt Purchaser
Paul J. Hill
Our file: 16417

This will confirm that Paul J. Hill is hereby recognised as an exempt purchaser for the purpose of clauses 39(1)(d) and 81(1)(c) of *The Securities Act, 1988* (the "Act"). This recognition is effective February 28, 2001 for a period of one year.

This will also advise that this recognition must be renewed annually by filing an updated Form 12 and the annual application filing fee of \$350.00.

Enclosed is receipt number 60685 in the amount of \$350.00 for the application filing fee.

"Marcel de la Gorgendière, Q.C."
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Chairperson