



Staff Notice 51-704

Filing Fees for Annual Information Forms from March 30, 2004

Former requirements

Annual Information Forms (“AIFs”) are required to be filed in Saskatchewan by reporting issuers that meet the criteria set out in Saskatchewan Local Instrument 51-501 *Annual Information Form and Management’s Discussion And Analysis* (“LI 51-501”). The fee for filing AIFs under LI 51-501 is \$100.00. Until March 30, 2004 they had been filed under the SEDAR filing type “Annual Information Form (Non-POP Issuers)”.

Reporting issuers also voluntarily submit AIFs under National Instrument 44-101 *Short Form Prospectus Distributions* (“NI 44-101”), as part of the requirements to use the short form prospectus system. The fee for filing these AIFs is \$600.00. Until March 30, 2004 they had been filed under the SEDAR filing type “Annual Information Form (NI 44-101)”.

Reporting issuers filing AIFs under NI 44-101 are not required to make a duplicate filing under LI 51-501. An AIF filed under NI 44-101 and within the filing time frames for LI 51-501 satisfies the requirement under LI 51-501. Reporting issuers are required to file only one filing fee.

Current requirements

Beginning on March 30, 2004, the manner in which these two types of AIFs are filed on SEDAR has changed.

All AIF’s must now be filed under the SEDAR filing type “Annual Information Form (NI 51-102)”. Reporting issuers with fiscal periods that commenced before January 1, 2004 and that are required to file an AIF under LI 51-501 should file them under this filing type. The filing fee for AIFs under Local Instrument 51-501 remains \$100.00. This fee is not required if the reporting issuer is concurrently filing to remain eligible under NI 44-101.

Reporting issuers that wish to file an AIF under NI 44-101 to maintain eligibility to use the short form prospectus system, and filing within the filing timeframes of Local Instrument 51-501, do not have to file the annual information form a second time. Rather, under the filing type “Annual Information Form (NI 44-101)”, they are required to concurrently file a notice under the document type “Notice regarding AIF (NI 51-102F2)”. The filing fee for this notice is \$600.00.

This represents a change in SEDAR administrative practice only. The total fees for filing an AIF remain unchanged.

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