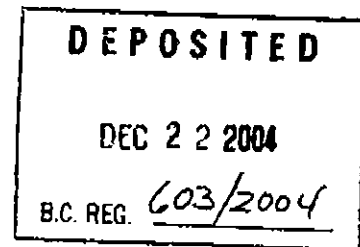


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
RULE OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITIES COMMISSION

The British Columbia Securities Commission orders that, effective January 4, 2005, National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions, B.C. Reg. 424/2000, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.



December 21, 2004
Date

[Signature]
British Columbia Securities Commission

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Securities Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 418, s. 184

Other (specify):-

December 14, 2004

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SCHEDULE

1 Section 1.1 of National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions, B.C. Reg. 424/2000, is amended

(a) by repealing the definitions of “auditor’s report”, “foreign auditor’s report”, “foreign GAAP”, “foreign GAAS” and “U.S. GAAS”;

(b) by repealing the definition of “executive officer” and substituting the following:

“executive officer” with respect to a person or company means an individual who is

- (a) a chair of the person or company,
- (b) a vice-chair of the person or company,
- (c) the president of the person or company,
- (d) a vice-president of the person or company in charge of a principal business unit, division or function including sales, finance or production,
- (e) an officer of the person or company or any of its subsidiaries, who performed a policy-making function in respect of the person or company, or
- (f) any other individual who performed a policy-making function in respect of the person or company;

(c) by adding the following definitions:

“issuer’s GAAP” means the accounting principles used to prepare an issuer’s financial statements, as permitted by NI 52-107;

“NI 52-107” means National Instrument 52-107 Acceptable Accounting Principles, Auditing Standards and Reporting Currency;

“US GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America that the SEC has identified as having substantial authoritative support as supplemented by Regulation S-X and S-B under the 1934 Act.

2 Section 1.2 (9) is repealed and the following substituted:

(9) Application of Significance Tests – Accounting Principles and Currency – For the purposes of the significance tests in subsections (2) and (3), financial statements of the business or related businesses must be reconciled to the accounting principles used to prepare the issuer’s financial statements and translated into the same reporting currency as that used in the issuer’s financial statements.

3 Section 4.12 is amended by striking out “shall be accompanied by an auditor’s report without a reservation of opinion” and substituting “must be audited”.

4 Section 4.13 is repealed and the following substituted:

4.13 Exception to Audit Requirement for Interim Financial Statements of a Business – Despite section 4.12, interim financial statements of a business included in a short form prospectus under this Part do not have to be audited.

5 Section 4.14 is repealed and the following substituted:

4.14 Exception to Audit Requirement for Recent Financial Statements of a Business – Despite section 4.12, an issuer may omit from its short form prospectus an audit report for the annual financial statements referred to in subsection 4.8(3) if the financial statements have not been audited.

6 Section 4.15 is amended

(a) in paragraph (a) by striking out “auditor’s report” and substituting “audit report”, and

(b) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting “the financial statements have not been audited”.

7 Section 5.6 is amended by striking out “shall be accompanied by an auditor’s report without a reservation of opinion” and substituting “must be audited”.

8 Section 5.7 is repealed and the following substituted:

5.7 Exception to Audit Requirement for Recent Financial Statements of a Business – Despite section 5.6, interim financial statements of a business included in a short form prospectus under this Part do not have to be audited.

9 Section 5.8 is repealed and the following substituted:

5.8 Exception to Audit Requirement for Recent Financial Statements of a Business – Despite section 5.6, an issuer may omit from its short form prospectus an audit report for the annual financial statements referred to in subsection 5.3 (2) if the financial statements have not been audited.

10 The title to Part 7 is repealed and the following substituted:

PART 7 – AUDIT REQUIREMENT FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AN ISSUER

11 Section 7.1 is repealed and the following substituted:

7.1 Audit Requirement – The financial statements of an issuer included in a short form prospectus must be audited.

12 Section 7.2 is repealed.

13 Section 7.3 is repealed and the following substituted:

7.3 Exception to Audit Requirement – Despite section 7.1, the following financial statements do not have to be audited:

1. Comparative interim financial statements required to be incorporated by reference under paragraph (1)3 of Item 12.1 or paragraph 2 of 12.2 of Form 44-101F3.

2. The comparative annual financial statements of the issuer for the most recently completed financial year if
 - (a) the financial statements are required to be incorporated by reference in a short form prospectus solely by reason of paragraph (1) 5 of Item 12.1 of Form 44-101F3;
 - (b) the auditor of the issuer has not issued an audit report on the financial statements; and
 - (c) comparative financial statements for the year preceding the most recently completed financial year are audited and are included in the short form prospectus.
3. The comparative interim financial statements of a credit supporter required to be incorporated by reference under Item 13.2 of Form 44-101F3.

14 Sections 7.4 and 7.5 are repealed.

15 Section 10.2 (b) is amended

- (a) in item 6 by striking out “auditor’s report” and substituting “audit report”, and
- (b) by repealing item 7.

16 Form 44-101F3 Short Form Prospectus is amended

- (a) in paragraphs (c) and (d) of section 7.1 (2) by striking out “in the Handbook” and substituting “in accordance with the issuer’s GAAP”;
- (b) in section 7.1 (3) by striking out “under Canadian GAAP”;
- (c) in Instruction (2) (d) of Item 7 by striking out “generally accepted accounting principles” and substituting “the issuer’s GAAP”;
- (d) in section 12.1 (3)
 - (i) by repealing paragraph (b) and substituting the following:
 - (b) is required by subsection 4.1(1) of NI 52-107 to provide a reconciliation to Canadian GAAP; and,
 - (ii) in paragraph (c) by striking out “other than in accordance with Canadian GAAP.” and substituting “in accordance with US GAAP.”, and
 - (iii) by striking out “foreign GAAP” and substituting “US GAAP”; and
- (e) by repealing Item 20 and substituting the following:

Item 20: Reconciliation to Canadian GAAP

- 20.1 Reconciliation to Canadian GAAP** – If the short form prospectus includes financial statements not prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP and the short form prospectus does not include a reconciliation to Canadian GAAP, include any reconciliation to Canadian GAAP required under NI 52-107.

17 This Instrument comes into force on January 4, 2005.