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BC Instrument 47-501 Exemption for solicitations of expressions of interest

On April 21, 2006, the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) published CSA Staff Notice 47-302 *Pre-marketing of underwriters' options on bought deals*. That staff notice says that the exemption in Part 7 of National Instrument 44-101 *Short Form Prospectus Distributions* does not extend to the pre-marketing of securities underlying post-closing over-allotment options, also known as greenshoe options. Staff indicated they were willing to consider recommending relief to permit pre-marketing of securities underlying a greenshoe option on a case-by-case basis.

The Commission has decided to issue BC Instrument 47-501 *Exemption for solicitations* of expressions of interest granting blanket relief from the prospectus requirement for premarketing of securities underlying a greenshoe option.

The Commission understands that some other securities commissions will also be issuing blanket orders. Others, like the Ontario Securities Commission, will grant relief on a case-by-case basis.

Questions

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Ref: BC Instrument 47-501 Exemption for solicitations of expressions of interest CSA Staff Notice 47-302 Pre-marketing of underwriters' options on bought deals National Instrument 44-101 Short Form Prospectus Distributions

This Notice may refer to other documents. These documents can be found at the B.C. Securities Commission public website at www.bcsc.bc.ca in the section Securities Law & Policy: Policies & Instruments.