## Appendix B to Notice

## Summary of Comments Received on Proposed Repeals and Consequential Amendments to Various National and Multilateral Instruments and

## **Response of the Canadian Securities Administrators**

## A. Introductions

On December 17, 2004, the CSA concurrently published NI 45-106 and related repeals and consequential amendments to various national and multilateral instruments for comment.

The CSA received 30 submissions on NI 45-106 and related repeals and consequential amendments. We have considered the comments received and thank all of the commenters for providing their comments. The following is a summary of the comments relating to the proposed repeals and consequential amendments to various national and multilateral instruments, together with the CSA's responses.

Instrument and Section	Summary of Issues	CSA Responses
Private	One commenter indicates a	The Ontario-prong of the
Issuer -	preference for the private issuer	definition of <i>private issuer</i> in New
section	definition for Ontario to "return to	NI 45-102 mirrors the definition
2.4(1)	its roots" and refer to registered,	of <i>private issuer</i> as it existed in
	rather than beneficial, holders. The	1998 OSC Rule 45-501 (as that
	same commenter questions why joint	term is defined in the Ontario
	registered holders are deemed to be a	transitional provisions of
	single beneficial owner, as they may	Appendix D to New NI 45-102)
	be jointly held (as in a trust	prior to its repeal in November,
	situation) for a number of beneficial	2001. The Ontario-prong of the
	owners.	definition is a necessary
		transitional provision to facilitate
		the resale of securities acquired
		under the "old" private issuer
		exemption in 1998 OSC Rule 45-
		501.
		Accordingly, the CSA do not
		intend to revise the Ontario-prong
		of the definition of private issuer

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"Ordinary Course" Resale Restrictions - sections 2.5(2) and 2.5(3) of New NI 45- 102 Resale of Securities (NI 45-102)	One commenter thinks it is inappropriate from a policy perspective for public security holders following a merger transaction (such as the amalgamation of two issuers) to be subject to "ordinary course" resale restrictions such as those contained in items 5 and 6 of section 2.5(2) of New NI 45-102.	in the manner suggested by the commenter.  We have added wording to the Ontario-prong of the definition of private issuer to clarify the limited circumstances in which this prong will apply.  The CSA acknowledge the comment but note that the "ordinary course" resale restrictions found in items 5. and 6. of section 2.5(2) and items 3. and 4. of section 2.6(3) are not new to New NI 45-102. These resale restrictions have been part of Multilateral Instrument 45-102 Resale of Securities since its inception in November 2001 and were carried-over from statutory resale provisions in the securities legislation of most jurisdictions.  We also note that securities exchanged in connection with a merger transaction in reliance on the exemption in section 2.11 of NI 45-106 would be subject to the resale restrictions in section 2.6 of New NI 45-102.
Pledgees - section 2.8(2) of New NI 45- 102	One commenter suggests that a clarification be added to item 5. of section 2.8(2) of New NI 45-102 that the reference to selling security holder does not apply to pledgees as the term selling security holder can sometimes be used to describe pledgees.	We do not believe that item 5 of section 2.8(2) is confusing as currently worded or that it requires clarification. Item 5 is intended only to apply to a selling securityholder. If item 5 was intended to apply to lenders, pledgees, mortgagees or other encumbrancers, pledgees would have been specifically included as

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		is the case in item 2 of section 2.8(2).
Underwriters Transitional provisions - Appendices D & F of New NI 45- 102	One commenter questions what will happen to the resale restrictions that apply to underwriters who took options or other securities under the accredited investor exemption in effect today.	Underwriters who acquired options or other securities under the accredited investor exemption in section 5.1 of Multilateral Instrument 45-103 Capital Raising Exemptions (MI 45-103) will look to the transitional provisions listed in Appendix D of New NI 45-102 for applicable resale restrictions. These securities will continue to be subject to a 4 month restricted and seasoning period under section 2.5 of NI 45-102.
Resale by Promoters in Ontario - section 2.15 of New NI 45-102	One commenter questions the need to maintain the status quo for promoters who may have previously acquired securities with the expectation that they would be subject to control block type restrictions (under s. 6.1 of current OSC Rule 45-501) in light of the decision not to impose these additional restrictions on promoters in the future.	We acknowledge the comment. We intend to remove the separate resale treatment for promoters that are contained in section 6.1 of current OSC Rule 45-501. This will mean proposed section 2.15 and Appendix G in the December 2004 publication draft of New NI 45-102 will be eliminated from the final version of New NI 45-102.