Headnote

Mutual Reliance Review System for Exemptive Relief Applications – Relief granted to mutual funds from the requirement to deliver annual financial statements to direct security holders who indicate they do not want to receive copies, subject to certain conditions

Applicable British Columbia Provisions Securities Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 418, s. 91 Securities Rules, B.C. Reg. 194/97, s. 149

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANADIAN SECURITIES LEGISLATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA, ONTARIO, NOVA SCOTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUTUAL RELIANCE REVIEW SYSTEM FOR EXEMPTIVE RELIEF APPLICATIONS

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IN THE MATTER OF CI MUTUAL FUNDS INC.

MRRS DECISION DOCUMENT

WHEREAS the Canadian securities regulatory authority or regulator (the "Decision Maker") in each of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador (the "Jurisdictions") has received an application (the "Application") from CI Mutual Funds Inc. (the "Manager") for a decision (the "Decision") pursuant to the securities legislation of the Jurisdictions (the "Legislation") for relief from the requirement to send comparative annual financial statements to the securityholders of the mutual funds listed in Schedule "A" and the mutual funds hereinafter established and/or managed by the Manager (the "Funds") unless the securityholders have requested to receive them;

AND WHEREAS under the Mutual Reliance Review System for Exemptive Relief Applications (the "System"), the Ontario Securities Commission is the principal regulator for this application;

AND WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined, the terms herein have the meaning set out in National Instrument 14-101 Definitions or in Québec Commission Notice 14-101;

AND WHEREAS it has been represented by the Manager to the Decision Makers that:

- (a) The Manager is a corporation subsisting under the laws of the Province of Ontario and is registered under the Legislation as an adviser in the categories of investment counsel and portfolio manager. The Manager is the manager of the Funds.
- (b) Each Fund is a reporting issuer or the equivalent thereof in each Jurisdiction and is not in default of any requirements of Legislation. Securities of the existing Funds are offered for sale pursuant to a simplified prospectus on a continuous basis in each Jurisdiction.
- (c) Each of the Funds is required to deliver annually, within 140 days of its financial year-end, to each holder of its securities ("Securityholders"), comparative financial statements in the prescribed form pursuant to the Legislation.
- (d) The Manager proposes to send to Securityholders who hold securities of the Funds in client name (the "Direct Securityholders"), together with their year end account statement, a notice advising them that they will not receive the annual financial statements of the Funds for the year then ended unless they request same, and providing them with a request form to send back, by fax or prepaid mail, if they wish to receive the annual financial statements. The notice will advise the Direct Securityholders that the annual financial statements of the Funds may be found on the websites referred to in clause (f) and downloaded. The Manager would send such financial statements to any Direct Securityholder who requests them in response to such notice or who subsequently requests them by request on a toll-free number or email.
- (e) Securityholders who hold their securities in the Funds through a nominee will be dealt with pursuant to National Instrument 54-101.
- (f) Securityholders will be able to access annual financial statements of the Funds either on the SEDAR website or on the Manager's website: www.cifunds.com As disclosed in the simplified prospectuses of the funds, the top ten holdings will also be accessible via a toll-free phone line and the Manager's website, which are updated monthly.

- (g) There would be substantial cost savings if the Funds are not required to print and mail annual financial statements to those Direct Securityholders who do not want them.
- (h) The Canadian Securities Administrators have published for comment proposed National Instrument 81-106 which, among other things, would permit mutual funds not to deliver annual financial statements to those of its securityholders who do not request them, if the Funds provide each securityholder with a request form under which the securityholder may request, at no cost to the securityholder, to receive the mutual fund's annual financial statements for that financial year.
- (i) Proposed National Instrument 81-106 would also require a mutual fund to have a toll-free telephone number for, or accept collect calls from, persons or companies that want to receive a copy of, among other things, the annual financial statements of the mutual fund.

AND WHEREAS under the System, this MRRS Decision Document evidences the Decision of each Decision Maker;

AND WHEREAS each Decision Maker is satisfied that the test contained in the Legislation that provides the Decision Maker with the jurisdiction to make the Decision has been met;

AND WHEREAS the Decision Makers are satisfied that making the Decision will not adversely affect the rule-making process with respect to proposed National Instrument 81-106 and is consistent with National Instrument 54-101:

THE DECISION of the Decision Makers pursuant to the Legislation is that the Funds shall not be required to deliver their comparative annual financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2002 to their Direct Securityholders other than those Direct Securityholders who have requested to receive them provided that:

- (a) the Manager shall file on Sedar, under the annual financial statements category, confirmation of mailing of the request forms that have been sent to the Direct Securityholders as described in clause (d) of the representations within 90 days of mailing the request forms;
- (b) the Manager shall file on Sedar, under the annual financial statements category, information regarding the number and percentage of requests for annual financial statements made by the return of the request forms, on a province-by-province basis within 30 days after the end of each

quarterly period beginning from the time of mailing the request forms and ending 12 months from the time of mailing;

- (c) the Manager shall record the number and a summary of complaints received from Direct Securityholders about not receiving the annual financial statements and shall file on Sedar, under the annual financial statements category, this information within 30 days after the end of each quarterly period beginning from the time of mailing the request forms and ending 12 months from the time of mailing;
- (d) the Manager shall, if possible, measure the number of "hits" on the annual financial statements of the Funds on the www.cifunds.com website and shall file on Sedar, under the annual financial statements category, this information within 30 days after the end of each quarterly period beginning from the time of mailing the request forms and ending 12 months from the time of mailing; and
- (e) the Manager shall file on Sedar, under the annual financial statements category, estimates of the cost savings resulting from the granting of this Decision within 90 days of mailing the request forms.

DATED December 23, 2002.

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Harold P. Hands

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