

## ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION

## BLANKET ORDER 31-527

**Citation: Transitional Relief from the Requirement to Provide Relationship Disclosure Information Prescribed by Section 14.2(1) of NI 31-103 for IIROC Member, Re, 2013 ABASC 441** **Date: 20130930**

**Definitions**

1. Terms defined in the *Securities Act* (Alberta), National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*, or National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations* (**NI 31-103**) have the same meaning in this Blanket Order.

**Background**

2. Under section 14.2(1) [*relationship disclosure information*] of NI 31-103, a registered firm must deliver to a client all information that a reasonable investor would consider important about the client's relationship with the registrant.
3. Under section 16.14 of NI 31-103, section 14.2 of NI 31-103 did not apply until 28 September 2010 to persons or companies that were registered on 28 September 2009.
4. Effective 28 September 2010, the Alberta Securities Commission (the **Commission**) issued Blanket Order 31-514 providing Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (**IIROC**) members with temporary relief from the application of section 14.2(1) of NI 31-103 until 28 September 2011, in anticipation of IIROC finalizing its own relationship-disclosure information proposal (the **IIROC RDI Proposal**).
5. Effective 28 September 2011, the Commission issued Blanket Order 31-522 (the **RDI Order**) extending temporary relief from the application of section 14.2(1) of NI 31-103 to IIROC members until 31 December 2013, in anticipation of finalization of the IIROC RDI Proposal and approval of corresponding IIROC rules before the end of 2011, and implementation in phases over a two-year transition period.
6. On 26 March 2012, in IIROC Notice 12-0107 *Client Relationship Model – Implementation*, IIROC announced new IIROC Dealer Member Rule 3500 – *Relationship disclosure* (the **IIROC RDI Rule**), designed to assist registered firms that are IIROC members in complying with section 14.2(1) of NI 31-103, with phased implementation: (i) for new clients, on and after 26 March 2013; and (ii) for existing clients, on and after 26 March 2014.
7. A further brief deferment of the application of section 14.2(1) of NI 31-103 in respect of existing clients of registered firms that are IIROC members, from 31 December 2013 to 26 March 2014 when the relevant detailed requirements of the IIROC RDI Rule will take effect, would not be prejudicial to the public interest.

**Order**

8. Section 14.2(1) of NI 31-103 does not apply to registered firms that are IIROC members in respect of the delivery of relationship disclosure information to clients that were clients of the firm before 26 March 2013.

This order takes effect on 31 December 2013 and ceases to have effect on 26 March 2014.

**For the Commission:**

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Glenda Campbell, QC  
Vice-Chair

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