13.1.2 Notice and Request for Comment – Material Amendments to CDS Procedures Relating to Exchange Trades

CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. (CDS®)

MATERIAL AMENDMENTS TO CDS PROCEDURES

EXCHANGE TRADES PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to the Exchange Trades Procedures will:

- a) clarify and expand the definition of exchange trades to include trades that are executed in marketplaces as well as exchanges;
- b) clarify the process by which such trades are reported to CDS for settlement between CDS participants; and
- c) codify existing related practices and additional details such as specific timeframes and obligations of sources of exchange trades.

B. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to the Exchange Trades Procedures are intended to clarify the definition of exchange trades and the process by which such trades are reported to CDS for settlement between CDS participants. The proposed amendments have arisen out of the need for CDS to document existing practices while at the same time respond to and accommodate changes that have recently occurred in the marketplace, such as the increasingly prominent role of alternative trading systems ("ATS").

The proposed amendments are CDS's latest procedure change initiative on exchange trades; an effort to further refine criteria initially set out in February of 2007. In its Notice and Request for Comments of February 1, 2007, CDS set out the criteria which CDS uses to determine whether a trade originating from one of several sources (exchanges, quotation and trade reporting systems ("QTRS"), or ATS), can properly be described as an exchange or non-exchange trade for the purposes of settlement in CDSX®. As stated in the referenced Notice, for the purposes of CDS's operations, eligible sources of exchange trades may originate only from those entities so recognized by securities regulators by virtue of National Instrument 21-101 – Marketplace Operation. The proposed amendments of February 2007 also incorporated the process through which a potential source of exchange trades, must apply to CDS in order to be considered a source of exchange trades. In addition, those proposed amendments outlined CDS's requirements in respect of the documentation required in order for an entity to be permitted to submit exchange trades to CDSX. The current proposed amendments are to further define, clarify and to codify what was introduced in February of 2007 and what has been the practice followed since then.

C. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments to the CDS Exchange Trades Procedures will not have a substantive impact on current or prospective CDS participants, beyond the clarification of definitions and processes described above.

C.1 Competition

The proposed amendments to the CDS Exchange Trades Procedures will have no impact on the ability of qualified and eligible market participants to access CDS's clearing, settlement, and depository services.

C.2 Risks and Compliance Costs

There are no changes in risks or compliance costs for marketplaces or for CDS.

C.3 Comparison to International Standards – (a) Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems of the Bank for International Settlements, (b) Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, and (c) the Group of Thirty

No such comparison is available in respect of the proposed amendments.

D. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE DRAFTING PROCESS

D.1 Development Context

CDS staff identified a lack of clarity in existing procedures in respect of Exchange Trades and the process by which such trades are reported to CDS for settlement between CDS participants. It was deemed prudent to document existing related practices, as well as better define and clarify certain aspects thereof. The proposed amendments were developed by CDS staff in that context and for that purpose.

D.2 Procedure Drafting Process

CDS Procedure Amendments are reviewed and approved by CDS's Strategic Development Review Committee ("SDRC"). The SDRC determines or reviews, prioritizes and oversees CDS-related systems development and other changes proposed by participants and CDS. The SRDC's membership includes representatives from the CDS Participant community and it meets on a monthly basis.

D.3 Issues Considered

The proposed amendments will clarify and expand the definition of exchange trades, clarify the process by which such trades are reported to CDS for settlement between CDS participants, and codify existing related practices and additional details such as specific timeframes and obligations of sources of exchange trades.

D.4 Consultation

The SDRC reviewed and approved the proposed amendments on June 26, 2008 and on July 31, 2008, prior to their submission for public comment.

D.5 Alternatives Considered

The *status quo* was considered, but CDS staff determined that the current procedures in respect of Exchange Trades were not sufficiently responsive to the demands of CDS's market and its Participants.

D.6 Implementation Plan

CDS is recognized as a clearing agency by the Ontario Securities Commission pursuant to section 21.2 of the Ontario Securities Act. The Autorité des marchés financiers has authorized CDS to carry on clearing activities in Québec pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Québec Securities Act. In addition CDS is deemed to be the clearing house for CDSX®, a clearing and settlement system designated by the Bank of Canada pursuant to section 4 of the Payment Clearing and Settlement Act. The Ontario Securities Commission, the Autorité des marchés financiers and the Bank of Canada will hereafter be collectively referred to as the "Recognizing Regulators".

The amendments to Participant Procedures may become effective upon approval of the amendments by the Recognizing Regulators following public notice and comment.

E. TECHNOLOGICAL SYSTEMS CHANGES

E.1 CDS

No technological systems changes to CDS's systems are anticipated as a result of the proposed amendments.

E.2 CDS Participants

No technological systems changes to participants' systems are anticipated as a direct result of the proposed amendments.

E.3 Other Market Participants

The proposed amendments are not expected to result in any technological systems changes for other market participants.

F. COMPARISON TO OTHER CLEARING AGENCIES

No comparable or similar procedures were available for other clearing agencies.

G. PUBLIC INTEREST ASSESSMENT

CDS has determined that the proposed amendments are not contrary to the public interest.

H. COMMENTS

Comments on the proposed amendments should be in writing and delivered by September 7, 2008 to:

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Copies should also be provided to the Autorité des marchés financiers and the Ontario Securities Commission by forwarding a copy to each of the following individuals:

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CDS will make available to the public, upon request, all comments received during the comment period.

I. PROPOSED PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS

Appendix "A" contains text of current CDS Participant Procedures marked to reflect proposed amendments as well as text of these procedures reflecting the adoption of the proposed amendments.

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APPENDIX "A" PROPOSED PROCEDURE AMENDMENT

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CHAPTER 3 Exchange trades

Exchange trades are reported as between two CDS participants and are delivered to CDS directly from a source of exchange trades. Eligible sources of exchange trades are certain marketplaces, as defined by the Canadian Securities Administrators'

National Instrument 21 101 Marketplace Operation, and may be either an exchange, quotation and trade reporting system (QTRS) or alternative trading system (ATS).

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3.1 Exchange trades

To be eligible <u>accepted</u> as an exchange trade, the trade must be::

- matched prior to delivery to CDS and cannot be modified by participants prior to settlement; and
- (i) a trade executed on an exchange or QTRS that is regulated by a Canadian securities regulatory authority: or
- (ii) a trade executed on an ATS that is a member of the Investment Dealers Association Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IDAIROC) and identified by the IDA IIROC as an Acceptable Trade Matching Utility for the purposes of Regulation Dealer Member Rule 800.49-.

Exchange trades may also be received on behalf of sources of exchange trades from another external clearing organization, or a CDS participant.

A marketplace must supply CDS Customer Service with documentation that provides assurance that the responsibility for the delivery of trades rests with the marketplace or its agent.

To ensure that exchange trades are confirmed for settlement by CDSX, they must be matched prior to delivery to CDSX and cannot be modified by the participants prior to settlement. These trades will be reported to participants as confirmed by CDSX.

Note: Exchange trades are reported to participants as confirmed trades in CDSX.

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A source of exchange trades must submit all initial trades between participants for which CDS offers settlement services. An initial trade is a trade executed on the marketplace where the only permitted change is a modification that indicates that a CDS participant acts as the clearing broker for either a non-CDS participant, a dormant participant, an inactive participant or a participant that utilises the clearing service of the CDS participant for settlement purposes.

Becoming a source of exchange trades

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- Completed application for use by a Marketplace Requesting Designation as a Source of Exchange Trades in CDSX form (CDSX818) to confirm that the marketplace meets the criteria detailed in Exchange trades on page 20.
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Setting up a source of exchange trades in CDSX

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- Direct participant (DP) and mandatory cash (MC) are the only valid trade types.
- Mandatory cash trades are defaulted to settle by TFT.
- Exchange trades are reported with a confirmed status.
- Exchange trades where the mode of settlement is CNS or CBS are defaulted to settle to the participant's GA 000.
- For exchange trades targeted to settle by CBS, CDSX sets the settlement control indicators of both parties to N (no). For all other exchange trades, the settlement control indicators of both parties are set to Y (yes) and cannot be changed.

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