Instructions to file a notice of non-reliance on a certain registration exemption:

Unregistered capital markets participants who no longer wish to rely on a registration requirement under section 8.18 [International dealer] or 8.26 [International advisor] of National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*, or under section 4 [*Permitted clients*] of Multilateral Instrument 32-102 *Registration Exemptions for Non-Resident Investment Fund Managers*, must complete and file a notification of non-reliance on the exemption through the OSC's online portal and file a notification letter. * Notifications without this letter will not be processed and returned.

There is no specific form or template for the letter. However, please include all the following information:

- a. what were the business activities of the firm in the past in Ontario?
- b. does the firm currently have any activity in Ontario or plan to engage in any activities in Ontario or with Ontario clients?
- c. does the firm have any clients in Ontario?
- d. does the firm manage any funds (investment funds or other) that have unitholders resident in Ontario?
- e. if the firm managed accounts of, or distributed securities to, clients resident in Ontario, what happened to these accounts (e.g. Has direction or control of the client accounts been transferred to a registrant firm or another exempt international adviser/dealer, were accounts redeemed and funds returned to clients, etc.)?
- f. if the firm continues to have clients:
 - describe the services being provided to these clients.
 - describe how the firm communicates with the client, how frequently do these communications take place, what information is communicated to these clients and who communicates with these clients.
- g. does the firm have access, control or custody over assets of clients resident in Ontario?
- h. is the firm currently registered with the regulatory authority in its home jurisdiction (e.g. SEC/FINRA)?
- i. if the firm has been relying on the registration exemption in other jurisdictions, please confirm if the firm is ceasing to rely on the exemption in other jurisdictions as well.
 - If so, the firm should notify each of these jurisdictions separately.
 - If not, which jurisdiction will be acting as the Principal Regulator?

This letter must be filed through our online portal, which can be accessed <u>here</u> (scroll down to the applicable section - see screen shot below)

Please identify the type of document you are filing:

