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Mr. John Stevenson, Secretary Ontario Securities Commission 20 Queen Street West Suite 800, Box 55 Toronto, Ontario M5H 3S8

Dear Sir:

<u>Re: Proposed Rule 72-502 Continuous Disclosure and Other Exemptions Relating to</u> <u>Foreign Issuers</u>

We are writing in response to the October 12, 2001 request for comments on the proposed Rule 72-502 Continuous Disclosure and Other Exemptions Relating to Foreign Issuers (the "Proposed Rule").

Upon reviewing the Proposed Rule and its Companion Policy, there is one issue in particular that we believe requires clarification. Part 1.1(4) of the Companion Policy sets out the requirements used to determine whether a company qualifies as a non-SEC issuer. One of the criteria used in this determination is that Canadian residents own, on a fully diluted share basis, not more than ten per cent of the equity securities of the issuer. However, the term "Canadian residents" is not defined in the Proposed Rule, section 1 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), nor in National Instrument 14-101.

Therefore, we submit that the Proposed Rule should include a definition of "Canadian residents" to alleviate any confusion involved in calculating the total number of equity securities owned by Canadian residents in a foreign issuer. Some suggestions we have for a possible definition of "Canadian residents" include:

 a definition based on the registered address subject to information suggesting otherwise; or • using a tax law definition.

Please find enclosed a diskette containing our submission in Microsoft Word format.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.

Yours very truly,

Paul H. Harricks