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Madame Anne-Marie Beaudoin Corporate Secretary Autorité des marchés financiers 800, square Victoria, 22e étage C.P. 246, tour de la Bourse Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1G3

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Re: Multilateral Instrument 32-102

Registration Exemptions for Non-Resident Investment Fund Managers

Nexus Investment Management Inc. ("Nexus") appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments on the proposed Multilateral Instrument 32-102.

By way of background, Nexus is a Toronto-based investment manager that provides discretionary portfolio management and financial counselling services to private clients, trusts and charitable foundations. We manage investments on both a segregated account basis and through a family of pooled funds. The firm was established in 1988 and is owned by its principals. Nexus is registered in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Québec and New Brunswick as a portfolio manager ("PM") and in Ontario as an investment fund manager ("IFM").

As a general comment, we find the proposed approach to non-resident IFM registration to be both inconsistent with that of proposed Multilateral Policy 31-102 and operating utterly at cross-purposes to the considerable efforts all the Canadian Securities Administrators in recent years to achieve better harmonization of registration requirements generally. In short, it represents a step backward in registrant regulation.

Presumably the two jurisdictional groups did not decide upon their differing approaches to non-resident IFM registration either in isolation or lightly. Nevertheless, there cannot possibly be two such fundamentally different principles of regulation that some compromise could not have been arrived at. The financial markets and its various players deserve a better result than has been achieved here. Surely a single, uniform *national* solution can be found.

As you will note from the enclosed copy of our comment letter on proposed Multilateral Policy 31-202, we whole-heartedly endorse the approach proposed therein. But if there must be a search for middle ground between the two proposals, would it not be enough to require a non-resident IFM to register as such only if it is not already registered in the jurisdiction as a PM? This would thereby ensure non-domestic firms that operate only as IFMs are registered domestically, while requiring domestic firms to be registered in only one capacity (PM or IFM, but not both) in those domestic jurisdictions where they conduct business.

We trust you will find these comments useful and persuasive, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you or respond to any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

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c.c. Lindy Bremner, British Columbia Securities Commission



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Dear Sirs and Madams:

**Proposed Multilateral Policy 31-202** Re: Registration Requirement for Investment Fund Managers

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We endorse whole-heartedly your proposed approach to non-resident IFM registration and the interpretation of the registration requirement. In addition, as you will note from the enclosed copy of our comment letter on Multilateral Instrument 32-102, we find the approach proposed therein to be both inconsistent with yours and operating utterly at cross-purposes to the considerable efforts all the Canadian Securities Administrators in recent years to achieve better harmonization of registration requirements generally.

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