



TRADE CONTROL BULLETIN

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Distribution: Head and Senior Traders

Subject: IPO and CPC Shareholder Distribution Reporting on TradeCDNX

Following the merger of the Alberta and Vancouver Stock Exchanges into the Canadian Venture Exchange (CDNX), there has been much confusion throughout the trading community as to how and if shareholder distributions are reported on the new Exchange.

CDNX Corporate Finance bulletins are not issued on Offering Date for Exchange Offering Prospectuses (EOP), Initial Public Offerings (IPO) or Capital Pool Companies (CPC). The rationale for this is that CDNX is usually not made aware of the Offering Date until after the fact and the shareholder distribution transaction is in reality done OFF-CDNX.

However, it is also the Exchange's opinion that this initial distribution should be reported on TradeCDNX as an official recording of the initial market capitalization. ***Effective immediately, all IPO and CPC initial shareholder distributions must be reported (crossed) on TradeCDNX on Trade Commencement Day.*** The rationale for this decision is that a CDNX Corporate Finance bulletin is issued to announce Trade Commencement Date, so we will use this venue to announce the details of the shareholder distribution and do the cross.

In order for Member firms involved in an initial shareholder distribution to book the transaction OFF-CDNX prior to Trade Commencement Date, it is essential that official security identifiers be published by a recognized industry body before the Offering Date. The Canadian Depository for Securities (CDS) is the official agent in Canada for issuing S & P CUSIP numbers and they publish ***New Issue Bulletins*** to all of its Members in both hard copy and on their web site (www.cds.ca) at no cost. Members should also note that CDS will issue, free of charge, a CUSIP for a non-trading Unit offering provided the Company requests the number at the same time it requests CUSIPs for the tradeable underlying securities.

Traders are asked to pass this information along to the managers of their Operations departments. If you have any questions or concerns in this matter, please contact Dale Boyd, Manager, Trading at (604) 602-6921 or by e-mail at dboyd@cdnx.ca.

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