

SEDAR® SUBSCRIBER UPDATE

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Code Update

National Instrument 44-101 - Short Form Prospectus Distributions comes into effect December 31, 2000. Two new filing types "Annual Information Form (NI 44-101)" and "Short Form Prospectus (NI 44-101)" have been added to SEDAR which will permit issuers to file annual information forms (initial, renewal and revised) and short form prospectuses (preliminary, final, amended and supplemented PREP) pursuant to the national instrument. Some new documents have also been added to these filing types to permit the filing of documents required by the national instrument. The filing types "Annual Information Form (NPS 47)" and "Short Form Prospectus (NPS 47)" remains in SEDAR but should not be used for new filings made after December 31, 2000 under the national instrument. These filing types will be deleted later in 2001. These filing types will be reflected in SEDAR through a code update scheduled for January 29, 2001. Its' size will be approximately 300 KB and should take approximately 5 minutes to download using a 28.8 modem.

You are encouraged to obtain the code update as soon as possible on or after January 29, 2001 by following these procedures:

1. Starting the SEDAR program
2. Selecting File Menu
3. From the File menu, select Receive items from SEDAR server

Please be patient and **allow the download to complete before proceeding**. Once the code update has been downloaded, close the SEDAR program and follow the instructions below to execute the code update.

1. Click the Start button located at the bottom left corner of the screen
2. Select programs
3. From the Program menu, select SEDAR and then select Code Update

This method will help make sure that the application is updated and ready for your use before you actually have to perform any business functions.

This code update will bring the SEDAR client application up to version 006.002.002.

Short form prospectuses and annual information forms filed only in the Province of Québec can be filed (at the option of the filer) under the new filing type described in the preceding paragraph (NI 44-101) or under the new filing types "Short Form Prospectus" and "Annual Information Form" which are contained in the Québec folder under the "Securities Offerings" category of filing.

National Instrument 44-103 - PREP comes into effect December 31, 2000. Filers will be able to file supplements under the filing subtype "Supplemented Short Form PREP Prospectus (NI 44-103)" in the "Short Form Prospectus (NI 44-101)" filing type or under the filing subtype "Supplemented Long Form PREP Prospectus (NI 44-103)" in the "Long Form Prospectus" filing type. The filing subtype "Supplemented Long Form PREP Prospectus (NPS 44)" remains in SEDAR under the "Long Form Prospectus" filing type but should not be used for new filings made after December 31, 2000 under the national instrument. This filing subtype will be deleted later in 2001.

National Instrument 44-102 - Shelf Distributions comes into effect December 31, 2000. A new filing type "Shelf Prospectus (NI 44-102)" has been added to SEDAR, which will permit issuers to file short form shelf prospectuses (preliminary, final, amended and supplemented) pursuant to the national instrument. Some new documents have also been added to this filing type to permit the filing of documents required by the national instrument. The filing type "Short Form Prospectus - Shelf (NPS 44)" remains in SEDAR but should not be used for new filings made after December 31, 2000 under the national instrument. This filing type will be deleted later in 2001.

Rule 41-501 - General Prospectus Requirements comes into effect December 31, 2000. Several new documents have been added under the filing type "Long Form Prospectus" in SEDAR which will permit filers to file documents required by the rule including, for example, auditors' comfort letter regarding foreign auditors' report, oil and gas reports and mining reports.

Because the new filing types and documents will not be available in SEDAR before January 29, 2001, the filers are required, until that date, to file documents under the old requirements.

Local Greater Toronto Area (GTA) 10-Digit Dialing

We would like to remind everyone that local Greater Toronto Area (GTA) 10-digit dialing became effective for callers within the 416 area code in the GTA on **January 8, 2001** and will become effective for callers within the 905 area code in the GTA on **April 7, 2001**. Callers within the 416 and 905 area codes need to think of their area code as part of their telephone number and "add the code" when making local calls. This will allow two new area codes – 647 for Toronto's 416 area code and 289 for the surrounding 905 communities – to be added in 2001.

Local 10-digit dialing will be mandatory for callers within the 416 area code on March 5, 2001 and within the 905 area code on June 9, 2001.

Local 10-digit dialing will affect dialers, fax machines, telephones, etc.

Please note that SEDAR's numbers will not be affected; however, your local dialers may need to be reprogrammed to 10-digits if you are within the 416 or 905 area codes. Please reprogram your software as soon as possible. Do not wait until local 10-digit dialing becomes mandatory.

2001 Statutory Holidays

Below is the listing of 2001 Statutory Holidays recognized by Province and the availability of the SEDAR Server.

STATUTORY HOLIDAY	DATE OF HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY RECOGNIZED BY PROVINCE				SEDAR SERVER AVAILABILITY
		BC	AL	QU	ON	
New Year's Day	January 1 st	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not available
Family Day	February 19 th	-	✓	-	-	Available
Good Friday	April 13 th	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not available
Victoria Day	May 21 st	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not available
St-Jean Baptiste	June 25 th	-	-	✓	-	Available
Canada Day	July 1 st observed July 2 nd	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not available
Civic Day	August 6 th	✓	✓	-	✓	Available
Labour Day	September 3 rd	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Available
Thanksgiving	October 8 th	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not Available
Remembrance Day	November 12 th	✓	-	-	-	Available
Christmas Day	December 25 th	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not available
Boxing Day	December 26 th	✓	✓	✓	✓	Not available

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