

SEDAR[®] SUBSCRIBER UPDATE

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CODE UPDATE

Please be advised that a SEDAR Code Update is going to occur on June 21, 1999. The Code Update will contain the latest Anti-Virus signature files, its size will be approximately 1.5MB and should take less than 10 minutes to download using a 14.4 modem.

The SEDAR program will automatically detect and download the code update when you try to access the SEDAR server. Once the code update has been downloaded, close the SEDAR program and follow the instructions below to execute the code update.

Windows 95/NT4.0 Users:

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

Please note that this code update will bring the SEDAR client application up to version 005.005.002.

SPECIAL OFFER - ADOBE ACROBAT (PDF) SOFTWARE

As you may know, the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) have proposed the adoption of Portable Document Format (PDF) as the sole acceptable format for SEDAR filings. Subject to receipt of the required regulatory approvals, it is currently anticipated that this proposal will become effective when Release 6.0 of the SEDAR Filer Software is implemented on August 2, 1999.

As well, Adobe Systems Incorporated has recently released Adobe Acrobat 4.0 as a new edition of the software used to create PDF documents. Subject to completion of testing and publication of additional guidelines concerning the use of this new version of Adobe Acrobat, it is expected that Acrobat 4.0 will be approved for use by SEDAR subscribers commencing August 2, 1999.

In anticipation of the above noted developments, Adobe Systems Incorporated has introduced a special pricing promotion for SEDAR subscribers. Effective June 21, 1999, for a limited time only, subscribers will be able to purchase Adobe Acrobat 4.0 for \$88.00 US, approximately one-third of the regular price. This includes end-user license charges only; any organizations wishing to arrange a maintenance contract should contact Mark James at Adobe directly (416-538-0058). Orders will be limited to 5 copies per SEDAR User Id.

To order Acrobat 4.0, call 1-800-268-7638 and reference the SEDAR promotion. Specify whether you require the French or English version and ensure that you have your Subscriber Number¹ ready. Orders will not be processed without a valid Subscriber Number.

This is a limited time offer. Adobe Systems Incorporated holds the right to change pricing or discontinue the offer at any time with 30 days written notice. This is a non-refundable offer and cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion.

¹ The Subscriber Number can be obtained by viewing the User Information window (in the User Profile and Defaults module) in the SEDAR software.

EMBEDDED OBJECT WARNING

This information is to help subscribers deal with any file annotations encountered in PDF documents (i.e. embedded files). Although the SEDAR Filer manual specifies that file annotations are not allowed when filing documents with SEDAR, the SEDAR software is unable to check if a PDF document contains a file annotation. Furthermore, current virus checkers cannot detect these file annotations because they are inside the PDF document. In the unlikely event that a PDF document in SEDAR does contain a file annotation, it is recommended that the user first detach the file and use a virus protection program to check the file for viruses.

If the user is reading the PDF document with Acrobat, by default, double clicking a file annotation will cause a dialog box with the following text to appear:

"Are you sure you want to launch the attachment?" The available choices are "Yes" and "Cancel".

The user should select "Cancel" since choosing "Yes" will launch the application needed to run the file (if the user has the application on his system), possibly releasing a virus if one was inside the embedded object.

To detach a file annotation, the user must "right click" the file annotation and select "Extract File" from the context sensitive menu.

A normal "file save" dialog will appear and will allow the user to save the file to the local hard drive. Once on the local hard drive, a virus protection program can be used to scan the file for viruses.

**If you have any questions please contact your local Customer Support Representative,
or the SEDAR Help Desk at 1(800) 219-5381.**