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**CIRCULAR  
March 18, 2004**

## **CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

### **Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS) Stock Split**

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PREPARED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CANADIAN DERIVATIVES CLEARING CORPORATION (“CDCC”) MEMBERS AND BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC. APPROVED PARTICIPANTS. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STOCK SPLIT. CDCC AND BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC. ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE SUMMARY.**

Bourse de Montréal Inc. and Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (“CDCC”) hereby inform you that Bank of Nova Scotia (“BNS”) announced on March 2, 2004 a two-for-one stock split of the company’s outstanding common shares.

Shareholders will receive one additional common share of BNS for each common share of BNS held. The ex-distribution date is Friday, April 2, 2004. The record date is April 6, 2004 and the payable date is April 28, 2004.

### **CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT DETAILS**

#### **CDCC Adjustment details:**

Pursuant to Terms of Adjustment provided in Section A-902 of the Rules of CDCC, all BNS options will be adjusted as follows:

- **EFFECTIVE DATE:**                      **Friday, April 2, 2004.**
- **OPTION SYMBOL:**                      **BNS**
- **NUMBER OF CONTRACTS:**        **Doubled.**

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- **NEW DELIVERABLE PER CONTRACT:**           **100 BNS common shares.**
- **STRIKE PRICES:**                   **An adjustment will be made for all existing series.**
- **MULTIPLIER:**                       **100**
- **POSITION AND EXERCISE LIMITS:**   **Effective April 2, 2004, Position and Exercise Limits will remain at 75,000.**
- **CUSIP\* :**                               **064149107**

\* CDCC is supplying this as information only, although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, CDCC cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions.

**CDCC will not adjust any outstanding escrow receipts. Members who want to maintain margin relief for their entire position will be required to deposit additional escrow receipts.**

**Bourse de Montréal Inc. adjustment details:**

It is important to note that on the effective date mentioned above, i.e. on Friday, April 2, 2004, all open orders on the BNS options class **will not be automatically modified** to reflect the two-for-one stock split and will therefore have to **be re-entered again** into the Montreal Automated System (SAM) by the approved participants using the same BNS symbol.

At the opening of business on Friday, April 2, 2004, Bourse de Montréal Inc. will adjust the strike prices for BNS series as indicated below:

<b>Bank of Nova Scotia</b>		
<b>Actual Strike Prices</b>	<b>New Strike Prices Effective on Friday April 2, 2004</b>	<b>Strike Price Codes</b>
\$ 57.50	\$ 28.75	W
\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	F
\$ 62.50	\$ 31.25	P
\$ 65.00	\$ 32.50	A
\$ 67.50	\$ 33.75	J
\$ 70.00	\$ 35.00	G
\$ 72.50	\$ 36.25	Y
\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50	C

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLIENTS WHO HAVE EITHER LONG OR SHORT POSITIONS IN THIS OPTION CLASS ARE ADVISED OF THIS NOTICE.**

For further information, please contact your local CDCC office.

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