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CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FINAL ALCAN Inc. (AL) Spin off

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PREPARED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF <u>BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC.</u> (the Bourse) APPROVED PARTICIPANTS AND CANADIAN DERIVATIVES <u>CLEARING CORPORATION (CDCC) MEMBERS.</u> THIS DOCUMENT IS AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SPIN OFF. BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC. AND CDCC ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE SUMMARY.

Following the Circular no. 166-2004 issued by the Bourse as well as the Notice to Members no. 2004-076 issued by CDCC, Bourse de Montréal Inc. and CDCC hereby inform you that the effective date of the Alcan Inc. (AL) spin off is anticipated to be on January 6, 2005.

Spin Off - details:

> **DISTRIBUTION RATIO:** 1 Novelis Common Share for each five Alcan Special Shares.

EX-DATE: January 7, 2005.

> RECORD DATE: January 11, 2005.

CDCC - adjustment details:

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

> <u>EFFECTIVE DATE:</u> January 7, 2005.

> OPTION SYMBOLS: ALX, WWA, VWA.

NUMBER OF CONTRACTS: No change.

> STRIKE PRICES: No change.

MULTIPLIER: 100.

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NEW DELIVERABLE PER CONTRACT:

1. **100 Alcan** common shares

2. **20 Novelis** common shares.

> <u>CUSIP</u>: Alcan: 013716105.

Bourse de Montréal Inc. - adjustment details:

The existing series of the Alcan options class will be transferred in the new ALX class representing the new deliverable of the AL options.

It is important to note that <u>on the effective date</u>, all open orders on the AL options class not transferred to the ALX class will have to be registered again on the Montreal Automated System (SAM) by the approved participants.

Moreover, be informed that no new series or new expiry months will be listed on the new symbol ALX.

At the opening of business on the effective date, Bourse de Montréal Inc. will list the new options class ALX as indicated below:

Alcan Inc.			
Actual Strike Prices	Actual Class Symbol	New Class Symbol after Spin-Off	
\$ 45.00	AL	ALX	
\$ 47.50	AL	ALX	
\$ 50.00	AL	ALX	
\$ 52.50	AL	ALX	
\$ 55.00	AL	ALX	
\$ 57.50	AL	ALX	
\$ 60.00	AL	ALX	
\$ 62.50	AL	ALX	
\$ 65.00	AL	ALX	
\$ 67.50	AL	ALX	

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Furthermore, the Alcan Long-Term Options (WLA) and (VLA) will be adjusted as follows:

Alcan Inc. Long-Term Options 2006			
Actual Strike Prices	Actual Class Symbol	New Class Symbol after Spin-Off	
\$ 45.00	WLA	WWA	
\$ 47.50	WLA	WWA	
\$ 50.00	WLA	WWA	
\$ 52.50	WLA	WWA	
\$ 55.00	WLA	WWA	
\$ 57.50	WLA	WWA	
\$ 60.00	WLA	WWA	
\$ 62.50	WLA	WWA	
\$ 65.00	WLA	WWA	
\$ 67.50	WLA	WWA	

Alcan Inc. Long-Term Options 2007		
Actual Strike Prices	Actual Class Symbol	New Class Symbol after Spin-Off
\$ 45.00	VLA	VWA
\$ 47.50	VLA	VWA
\$ 50.00	VLA	VWA
\$ 52.50	VLA	VWA
\$ 55.00	VLA	VWA
\$ 57.50	VLA	VWA
\$ 60.00	VLA	VWA
\$ 62.50	VLA	VWA
\$ 65.00	VLA	VWA
\$ 67.50	VLA	VWA

For further information, please contact your local CDCC office.

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