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## NOTICE OF MARGIN RATE MODIFICATION ON FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Paragraphs 5) C) and D) of article 7210 of the Rules of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse") provide for a foreign exchange margin surcharge mechanism which adjusts the margin rate for a currency in Groups 1, 2 or 3 if the volatility of the currency exceeds a predetermined volatility threshold. For any foreign currency in which its exchange rate volatility exceeds defined parameters, there is an automatic margin surcharge required to be effective for a minimum of 30 days from the date of a notice to approved participants.

Based on the volatility of the Canadian dollar exchange rates, the following spot risk margin rates apply until further notice:

• United States – Dollar from 2.30% to 2.90%

You will find attached a **Margin Violation Summary Report** dated January 4, 2005 listing all currencies in Groups 1, 2 and 3. The self-regulatory organizations monitor the volatility of all foreign currencies in these Groups and periodically issue notices concerning any change in the margin rates applicable to the currencies affected by such a change.

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Security Volatility Margin Violation Summary Report								
Securities (FX / Bond / Equity / Index)	Margin Rate 25.00	<b>Start Date</b> 10/04/04	End Date 12/31/04	Trading Days 60	Offside Days 0	% offside 0.00	Violation Threshold	
ARGENTINA – PESO							5.00	No
AUSTRALIA – DOLLAR	3.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
BRITAIN – POUND	3.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	1	1.67	5.00	No
CZECK – KORUNA	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
DENMARK – KRONE	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
EURO	3.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
HONG KONG – DOLLAR	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
HUNGARY – FORINT	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
JAPAN – YEN	3.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
MALAYSIA – RINGGIT	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
MEXICO – NEW PESO	3.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	2	3.33	5.00	No
NEW ZEALAND – DOLLAR	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
NORWAY – KRONE	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
POLAND – ZLOTY	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
SAUDI ARABIA – RIYAL	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
SINGAPORE – DOLLAR	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
SWEDEN – KRONA	10.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
SWITZERLAND – FRANC	3.00	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	0	0.00	5.00	No
U.S. – DOLLAR	2.90	10/04/04	12/31/04	60	2	3.33	5.00	No

Source: Investment Dealers Association of Canada - Financial Compliance Division

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