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## INTRODUCING / CARRYING BROKER AGREEMENTS AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 7470 OF THE RULES OF BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC.

The Special Committee – Regulatory Division of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse") has approved amendments to article 7470 of the Rules of the Bourse. These amendments are effective immediately.

Until now, the provisions relating to carrying brokers contained in article 7470 provided that only approved participants were authorized to act as such. As for the introducing brokers, the same article provides that either approved participants, members or participating organizations of a self-regulatory organization can be introducing brokers.

The amendments made are aimed at harmonizing the provisions relating to carrying brokers with the provisions relating to introducing brokers. Thus, members and participating organizations of a self-regulatory organization that is a participant in the Canadian Investor Protection Fund will be allowed to act as carrying broker also.

The purpose of the other amendments is to improve the level of clarity of article 7470 without, however, modifying its essence. Thus, the French version of sections d) iii) and d) v) of the first paragraph has been amended in order to harmonize it with the English version. Furthermore, section d) iv) of this same paragraph has been amended in both languages in order to clarify the obligation for an introducing broker to carry out trade settlements and custody of securities related to its principal trading only through the facilities of its carrying broker.

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