

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Clients of Axiom Law Corporation

FROM: Axiom Law Corporation

DATE: March 20, 2009

RE: Summary of Changes to Executive Compensation Disclosure in Form 51-102F6

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The following is an overview of the significant changes to Form 51-102F6 – *Statement of Executive Compensation* which came into effect December 31, 2008 (in respect of financial years ending *on or after* December 31, 2008) (the “New Form”). The old Form 51-102F6 (in respect of financial years ending before December 31, 2008) (the “Old Form”) will remain in effect for executive compensation disclosure related to financial years ended *before* December 31, 2008 and will be repealed as of March 31, 2010. The Canadian Securities Administrators’ objective for the amendments is to bring compensation disclosure in line with current compensation practices, which have become considerably more complex since 1994 when the disclosure of executive compensation was first required.

The New Form (attached as Schedule “A” hereto), which is applicable to all reporting issuers, should be closely referred to in the preparation of a company’s executive compensation disclosure, as the detailed requirements (as well as the order and wording) of a number of the disclosure items have changed. In addition, a company should begin preparing their executive compensation disclosure as soon as possible. The new disclosure requirements are detailed and will require the collection of a significant amount of additional disclosure information. The new requirement for compensation discussion and analysis, as discussed in greater detail below, may require the involvement of the board of directors, compensation committee, management team and the company’s outside advisors (including accountants and legal counsel).

The most significant changes in the New Form are:

### **Determination of Named Executive Officers**

The New Form maintains the requirement to disclose the compensation of a company’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and the three highest paid executive officers (other than the CEO and CFO) whose compensation is greater than \$150,000 (including the CEO and CFO, each an “NEO”). However, whereas in the Old Form the \$150,000 threshold was calculated on the basis of total salary and bonus, in the New Form the \$150,000 threshold is calculated on the basis of total compensation. Total compensation is a new disclosure item in the revised Summary Compensation Table of the New Form. The determination of whether an executive officer meets the \$150,000 threshold is based on a modified calculation of the total compensation set out in the Summary Compensation Table.

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The new Compensation Discussion and Analysis (“CD&A”) disclosure required by the New Form replaces the Report on Executive Compensation disclosure of the Old Form. The Report on Executive Compensation under the Old Form required disclosure of the policies of the compensation committee or, in the absence of any such committee, the board of directors, for determining compensation of executive officers. In contrast, the CD&A is intended to provide a narrative overview of a company’s executive compensation policies and practices and to provide sufficient detail for each component of compensation

to enable a “reasonable person applying reasonable effort” to understand the details of executive compensation disclosed elsewhere in the New Form.

Some of the details issuers are asked to provide disclosure on include:

- the objectives of any compensation program or strategy and what it is intended to reward;
- each element of compensation (ie salary, bonus, stock options, pensions), why the company chooses to pay each element, how the company determines the amount for each element, and how each element and the company’s decisions about that element fit into the company’s overall compensation objectives and affect decisions about other elements;
- new actions, decisions or policies that were made after the end of the most recently completed financial year that could affect a reasonable person’s understanding of an NEO’s compensation;
- any benchmarks against which performance is measured; and
- performance goals or similar conditions (a company is not required to disclose performance goals or similar conditions in respect of specific quantitative or qualitative performance-related factors if a reasonable person would consider that disclosing them would seriously prejudice the company’s interests, though the company must state what percentage of the NEO’s total compensation related to the undisclosed information).

### **Summary Compensation Table**

The new Summary Compensation Table (“SCT”) separates out each element or component of executive compensation to provide detailed disclosure of all compensation paid to each NEO, including a column for the dollar value of the total compensation.

The “Bonus” column under the Old Form is replaced in the New Form with the column “Non-equity incentive plan compensation”. As with the old “Bonus” column, the new “Non-equity incentive plan compensation” column requires the disclosure of both discretionary and performance goal-based incentive awards. In addition, the new column breaks down the disclosure into annual and long-term plans.

Any equity compensation disclosed in the SCT must be valued at fair value as of the grant date. A company may calculate the grant date fair value either in accordance with a valuation methodology identified in Section 3870 of the Handbook of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants or another methodology if it produces a more meaningful and reasonable estimate of value.

Another new column in the SCT is “Pension value” which sets out the executive’s pension entitlement. All compensation relating to defined benefit or defined contribution plans is required to be disclosed. This disclosure includes service costs and other compensatory items such as plan changes and earnings that are different from the estimated earnings for defined benefit plans and above-market earnings for defined contribution plans.

In addition, a narrative discussion of any significant factors necessary to understand the information disclosed in the SCT is required.

### **Pension Plan Benefits**

The disclosure for pension plan benefits has significantly changed under the New Form. Under the Old Form disclosure was required regarding a company's plan as a whole and benefits were estimated on the basis of employees' tenure. In contrast, under the New Form disclosure is provided for each NEO individually and sets out the plan benefits as of the beginning and end of the year. The plan benefits are calculated on the same basis used for financial statement reporting purposes.

In addition, the New Form requires disclosure with respect to both defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans (the Old Form only required disclosure of defined benefit plans). Compensatory amounts must be disclosed separately from non-compensatory amounts. Under the New Form, a company is also required to provide a narrative discussion of any significant factors necessary to understand the information disclosed in the defined benefit plan and defined contribution plan tables.

A description of the significant terms of any deferred compensation plan relating to each NEO is also required.

### **Other Changes**

#### **Directors' Compensation**

Under the New Form, a company is required to complete a table disclosing directors' compensation, which is almost identical to the SCT, and a narrative description regarding the table.

#### **Change in Control and Termination Benefits**

Under the New Form, a company must provide detailed disclosure of any compensation and benefits that may be granted to an NEO upon a change in control of the company or in the event that the NEO is terminated, resigns or is subject to a change in responsibilities. Disclosure must include the value of the benefits, a description of the triggers and the terms of the benefits. The value of the benefits is calculated on the basis of the triggering event having occurred at the end of the applicable year.

#### **Incentive Plan Awards**

The Option/SAR Grants table of the Old Form has been replaced with two new tables under the New Form. In the first table, a company is required to disclose all outstanding option-based and share-based awards at the end of the most recently completed financial year for each NEO. This disclosure includes awards granted before the most recently completed financial year. In the second table, a company is required to disclose the value of option-based awards, share-based awards and non-equity incentive plan compensation that have vested or been earned during the year. A narrative discussion of the significant terms of all plan-based awards during the year or outstanding at year end is also required, including: the number of securities underlying each award or received on vesting or exercise; general descriptions of formulae or criteria that are used to determine amounts payable; exercise prices and expiry dates; dividend rates on share-based awards; whether awards are vested or unvested; performance goals or similar conditions, or other significant conditions; information on estimated future payouts for non-equity incentive plan awards; and, the closing market price on the grant date, if the exercise price or base price is less than the closing market price of the underlying security on the grant date.

## **Venture Issuers**

Under the Old Form, issuers listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (who were not listed on any U.S. marketplace or a marketplace outside of Canada and the United States, other than AIM or the PLUS markets) (“Venture Issuers”), were exempt from certain executive compensation disclosure requirements. Under the New Form, the requirements are substantially the same for Venture Issuers, except that Venture Issuers still do not need to provide a cumulative shareholder return performance graph. Some of the notable changes in the required executive compensation disclosure for Venture Issuers under the New Form are:

- CD&A disclosure is required to be provide under the New Form, whereas the Report on Executive Compensation was not required under the Old Form; and
- disclosure of pension plan benefits is required under the New Form (it was not required for Venture Issuers under the Old Form).

## **Canadian Issuers Reporting in the United States**

Canadian companies that are “SEC issuers” may satisfy the requirements of the New Form by providing the information required by Item 402 “Executive compensation” of Regulation S-K under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## **Requirement to file Executive Compensation Disclosure**

If a reporting issuer does not send an information circular to its securityholders or file an annual information form containing the executive compensation disclosure required by the New Form, the information required by the New Form is required to be filed on SEDAR within 140 days after the end of the reporting issuer’s most recently completed financial year. This requirement may be applicable, for example, to a trust company whose incorporating legislation does not require it to send an information circular in connection with an annual general meeting.

## **SCHEDULE “A”**

### **Form 51-102F6**

#### *Statement of Executive Compensation*

**(in respect of financial years ending on or after December 31, 2008)**

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**ITEM 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1.1 Objective**

All direct and indirect compensation provided to certain executive officers and directors for, or in connection with, services they have provided to the company or a subsidiary of the company must be disclosed in this form.

The objective of this disclosure is to communicate the compensation the board of directors intended the company to pay, make payable, award, grant, give or otherwise provide to each NEO and director for the financial year. This disclosure will provide insight into executive compensation as a key aspect of the overall stewardship and governance of the company and will help investors understand how decisions about executive compensation are made.

A company's executive compensation disclosure under this form must satisfy this objective.

**1.2 Definitions**

If a term is used in this form but is not defined in this section, refer to subsection 1.1(1) of the Instrument or to National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*.

In this form,

**“CEO”** means an individual who acted as chief executive officer of the company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

**“CFO”** means an individual who acted as chief financial officer of the company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

**“closing market price”** means the price at which the company's security was last sold, on the applicable date,

- (a) in the security's principal marketplace in Canada, or
- (b) if the security is not listed or quoted on a marketplace in Canada, in the security's principal marketplace;

**“company”** includes other types of business organizations such as partnerships, trusts and other unincorporated business entities;

**“equity incentive plan”** means an incentive plan, or portion of an incentive plan, under which awards are granted and that falls within the scope of Section 3870 of the Handbook;

**“external management company”** includes a subsidiary, affiliate or associate of the external management company;

**“grant date”** means a date determined for financial statement reporting purposes under Section 3870 of the Handbook;

**“incentive plan”** means any plan providing compensation that depends on achieving certain performance goals or similar conditions within a specified period;

**“incentive plan award”** means compensation awarded, earned, paid, or payable under an incentive plan;

**“NEO”** or **“named executive officer”** means each of the following individuals:

- (a) a CEO;
- (b) a CFO;
- (c) each of the three most highly compensated executive officers, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(6), for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

**“NI 52-107”** means National Instrument 52-107 *Acceptable Accounting Principles, Auditing Standards and Reporting Currency*;

**“non-equity incentive plan”** means an incentive plan or portion of an incentive plan that is not an equity incentive plan;

**“option-based award”** means an award under an equity incentive plan of options, including, for greater certainty, share options, share appreciation rights, and similar instruments that have option-like features;

**“plan”** includes any plan, contract, authorization, or arrangement, whether or not set out in any formal document, where cash, securities, similar instruments or any other property may be received, whether for one or more persons;

**“replacement grant”** means an option that a reasonable person would consider to be granted in relation to a prior or potential cancellation of an option;

**“repricing”** means, in relation to an option, adjusting or amending the exercise or base price of the option, but excludes any adjustment or amendment that equally affects all holders of the class of securities underlying the option and occurs through the operation of a formula or mechanism in, or applicable to, the option;

**“share-based award”** means an award under an equity incentive plan of equity-based instruments that do not have option-like features, including, for greater certainty, common shares, restricted shares, restricted share units, deferred share units, phantom shares, phantom share units, common share equivalent units, and stock.

### **1.3 Preparing the form**

#### **(1) All compensation to be included**

- (a) When completing this form, the company must disclose all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the company, or a subsidiary of the company, to each NEO and director, in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided to the NEO or director for services provided, directly or indirectly, to the company or a subsidiary of the company.
- (b) Despite paragraph (a), in respect of the Canada Pension Plan, similar government plans, and group life, health, hospitalization, medical reimbursement and relocation plans that do not discriminate in scope, terms or operation and are generally available to all salaried employees, the company is not required to disclose as compensation
  - (i) any contributions or premiums paid or payable by the company on behalf of an NEO, or of a director, under these plans, and
  - (ii) any cash, securities, similar instruments or any other property received by an NEO, or by a director, under these plans.
- (c) For greater certainty, the plans described in paragraph (b) include plans that provide for such benefits after retirement.
- (d) If an item of compensation is not specifically mentioned or described in this form, it is to be disclosed in column (h) (“All other compensation”) of the summary compensation table in section 3.1.

#### **(2) Departures from format**

Although the required disclosure must be made in accordance with this form, the disclosure may

- (a) omit a table, column of a table, or other prescribed information, if it does not apply, and
- (b) add tables, columns, and other information, if necessary to satisfy the objective in section 1.1.

#### **(3) Information for full financial year**

If an NEO acted in that capacity for the company during part of the financial year for which disclosure is required in the summary compensation table, provide details of all of the compensation that the NEO received from the company for that financial year. This includes compensation the NEO earned in any other position with the company during the financial year.

Do not annualize compensation in a table for any part of a year when an NEO was not in the service of the company. Annualized compensation may be disclosed in a footnote.



**(4) External management companies**

- (a) If one or more individuals acting as an NEO of the company are not employees of the company, disclose the names of those individuals.
- (b) If an external management company employs or retains one or more individuals acting as NEOs or directors of the company and the company has entered into an understanding, arrangement or agreement with the external management company to provide executive management services to the company directly or indirectly, disclose any compensation that:
  - (i) the company paid directly to an individual employed, or retained by the external management company, who is acting as an NEO or director of the company; and
  - (ii) the external management company paid to the individual that is attributable to the services they provided to the company directly or indirectly.
- (c) If an external management company provides the company's executive management services and provides executive management services to another company, disclose:
  - (i) the portion of the compensation paid to the individual acting as an NEO or director that the external management company attributes to services the external management company provided to the company; or
  - (ii) the entire compensation the external management company paid to the individual acting as an NEO or director. If the management company allocates the compensation paid to an NEO or director, disclose the basis or methodology used to allocate this compensation.

***Commentary***

*An NEO may be employed by an external management company and provide services to the company under an understanding, arrangement or agreement. In this case, references in this form to the CEO or CFO are references to the individuals who performed similar functions to that of the CEO or CFO. They are generally the same individuals who signed and filed annual and interim certificates to comply with Multilateral Instrument 52-109 Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings.*

**(5) Director and NEO compensation**

Disclose any compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to each director and NEO, in any capacity with respect to the company. Compensation to directors and NEOs must include all compensation from the company and its subsidiaries.

Disclose any compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to, an NEO, or director, in any capacity with respect to the company, by another person or company.

**(6) Determining if an individual is an NEO**

For the purpose of calculating total compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to an individual under paragraph (c) of the definition of NEO,

- (a) use the total compensation that would be reported under column (i) of the summary compensation table required by section 3.1 for each executive officer, as if that executive officer were an NEO for the company's most recently completed financial year, and
- (b) exclude from the calculation,
  - (i) any compensation that would be reported under column (g) of the summary compensation table required by section 3.1,
  - (ii) any incremental payments, payables, and benefits to an executive officer that are triggered by, or result from, a scenario listed in section 6.1 that occurred during the most recently completed financial year, and
  - (iii) any cash compensation that relates to foreign assignments that is specifically intended to offset the impact of a higher cost of living in the foreign location, and is not otherwise related to the duties the executive officer performs for the company.

***Commentary***

*The \$150,000 threshold in paragraph (c) of the definition of NEO only applies when determining who is an NEO in a company's most recently completed financial year. If an individual is an NEO in the most recently completed financial year, disclosure of compensation in prior years must be provided if otherwise required by this form even if total compensation in a prior year is less than \$150,000 in that year.*

**(7) Compensation to associates**

Disclose any awards, earnings, payments, or payables to an associate of an NEO, or of a director, as a result of compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to the NEO or the director, in any capacity with respect to the company.

**(8) New reporting issuers**

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) and subsection 3.1(1), disclose information in the summary compensation table for the three most recently completed financial years since the company became a reporting issuer.
- (b) Do not provide information for a completed financial year if the company was not a reporting issuer for any part of that financial year, unless the company became a reporting issuer as a result of a restructuring transaction.
- (c) If the company was not a reporting issuer at any time during the most recently completed financial year and the company is completing the form because it is preparing a prospectus, discuss all significant elements of the compensation to be awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to NEOs of the company once it becomes a reporting issuer, to the extent this compensation has been determined.

**Commentary**

1. *Unless otherwise specified, information required to be disclosed under this form may be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles the company uses to prepare its financial statements, as permitted by NI 52-107, or the Handbook.*
2. *The definition of “director” under securities legislation includes an individual who acts in a capacity similar to that of a director.*

**ITEM 2 – COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**2.1 Compensation discussion and analysis**

- (1) Describe and explain all significant elements of compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to NEOs for the most recently completed financial year. Include the following:
  - (a) the objectives of any compensation program or strategy;
  - (b) what the compensation program is designed to reward;
  - (c) each element of compensation;
  - (d) why the company chooses to pay each element;
  - (e) how the company determines the amount (and, where applicable, the formula) for each element; and
  - (f) how each element of compensation and the company’s decisions about that element fit into the company’s overall compensation objectives and affect decisions about other elements.
- (2) If applicable, describe any new actions, decisions or policies that were made after the end of the most recently completed financial year that could affect a reasonable person’s understanding of an NEO’s compensation for the most recently completed financial year.
- (3) If applicable, clearly state the benchmark and explain its components, including the companies included in the benchmark group and the selection criteria.
- (4) If applicable, disclose performance goals or similar conditions that are based on objective, identifiable measures, such as the company’s share price or earnings per share. If performance goals or similar conditions are subjective, the company may describe the performance goal or similar condition without providing specific measures.

The company is not required to disclose performance goals or similar conditions in respect of specific quantitative or qualitative performance-related factors if a reasonable person would consider that disclosing them would seriously prejudice the company’s interests. Companies do not qualify for this exemption if they have publicly disclosed the performance goals or similar conditions.

If the company does not disclose specific performance goals or similar conditions, state what percentage of the NEO’s total compensation relates to this undisclosed information and how

difficult it could be for the NEO, or how likely it will be for the company, to achieve the undisclosed performance goal or similar condition.

If the company discloses performance goals or similar conditions that are non-GAAP financial measures, explain how the company calculates these performance goals or similar conditions from its financial statements.

### **Commentary**

1. *The information disclosed under section 2.1 will depend on the facts. Provide enough analysis to allow a reasonable person, applying reasonable effort, to understand the disclosure elsewhere in this form. Describe the significant principles underlying policies and explain the decisions relating to compensation provided to an NEO. Disclosure that merely describes the process for determining compensation or compensation already awarded, earned, paid, or payable is not adequate. The information contained in this section should give readers a sense of how compensation is tied to the NEO's performance. Avoid boilerplate language.*
2. *If the company's process for determining executive compensation is very simple, for example, the company relies solely on board discussion without any formal objectives, criteria and analysis, then make this clear in the discussion.*
3. *The following are examples of items that will usually be significant elements of disclosure concerning compensation:*
  - *contractual or non-contractual arrangements, plans, process changes or any other matters that might cause the amounts disclosed for the most recently completed financial year to be misleading if used as an indicator of expected compensation levels in future periods;*
  - *the process for determining perquisites and personal benefits;*
  - *policies and decisions about the adjustment or recovery of awards, earnings, payments, or payables if the performance goal or similar condition on which they are based are restated or adjusted to reduce the award, earning, payment, or payable;*
  - *the basis for selecting events that trigger payment for any arrangement that provides for payment at, following or in connection with any termination or change of control;*
  - *whether the company used any benchmarking in determining compensation or any element of compensation;*
  - *any waiver or change to any specified performance goal or similar condition to payout for any amount, including whether the waiver or change applied to one or more specified NEOs or to all compensation subject to the performance goal or similar condition;*
  - *the role of executive officers in determining executive compensation; and*

- *performance goals or similar conditions in respect of specific quantitative or qualitative performance-related factors for NEOs.*

## **2.2 Performance graph**

- (a) This section does not apply to
- (i) venture issuers,
  - (ii) companies that have distributed only debt securities or non-convertible, non-participating preferred securities to the public, and
  - (iii) companies that were not reporting issuers in any jurisdiction in Canada for at least 12 calendar months before the end of their most recently completed financial year, other than companies that became new reporting issuers as a result of a restructuring transaction.
- (b) Provide a line graph showing the company's cumulative total shareholder return over the five most recently completed financial years. Assume that \$100 was invested on the first day of the five-year period. If the company has been a reporting issuer for less than five years, use the period that the company has been a reporting issuer.

Compare this to the cumulative total return of at least one broad equity market index that, to a reasonable person, would be an appropriate reference point for the company's return. If the company is included in the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, use that index. In all cases, assume that dividends are reinvested.

Discuss how the trend shown by this graph compares to the trend in the company's compensation to executive officers reported under this form over the same period.

### ***Commentary***

*For section 2.2, companies may also include other relevant performance goals or similar conditions.*

## **2.3 Option-based awards**

Describe the process the company uses to grant option-based awards to executive officers. Include the role of the compensation committee and executive officers in setting or amending any equity incentive plan under which an option-based award is granted. State whether previous grants of option-based awards are taken into account when considering new grants.

## **ITEM 3 – SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

### **3.1 Summary compensation table**

- (1) For each NEO in the most recently completed financial year, complete this table for each of the company's three most recently completed financial years that end on or after December 31, 2008.

Name and principal position  (a)	Year  (b)	Salary (\$)  (c)	Share-based awards (\$)  (d)	Option-based awards (\$)  (e)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)  (f)		Pension value (\$)  (g)	All other compensation (\$)  (h)	Total compensation (\$)  (i)
					Annual incentive plans  (f1)	Long-term incentive plans  (f2)			
CEO	_____ _____								
CFO	_____ _____								
A	_____ _____								
B	_____ _____								
C	_____ _____								

**Commentary**

*Under subsection (1), a company is not required to disclose comparative period disclosure in accordance with the requirements of either Form 51-102F6 Statement of Executive Compensation, which came into force on March 30, 2004, as amended, or this form, in respect of a financial year ending before December 31, 2008.*

- (2) In column (c), include the dollar value of cash and non-cash base salary an NEO earned during a financial year covered in the table (a covered financial year). If the company cannot calculate the amount of salary earned in a financial year, disclose this in a footnote, along with the reason why it cannot be determined. Restate the salary figure the next time the company prepares this form, and explain what portion of the restated figure represents an amount that the company could not previously calculate.
- (3) In column (d), disclose the dollar amount based on the grant date fair value of the award for a covered financial year.
- (4) In column (e), disclose the dollar amount based on the grant date fair value of the award for a covered financial year. Include option-based awards both with or without tandem share appreciation rights.

- (5) For an award disclosed in column (d) or (e), in a footnote to the table or in a narrative after the table,
- (a) if the grant date fair value is different from the fair value determined in accordance with Section 3870 of the Handbook (accounting fair value), state the amount of the difference and explain the difference, and
  - (b) describe the methodology used to calculate the grant date fair value, disclose the key assumptions and estimates used for each calculation, and explain why the company chose that methodology.

**Commentary**

1. *This commentary applies to subsections (3), (4) and (5).*
2. *The value disclosed in columns (d) and (e) of the summary compensation table should reflect what the board of directors intended to award or pay as compensation (grant date fair value) as set out in comment 3, below.*
3. *While compensation practices vary, there are generally two approaches that boards of directors use when setting compensation. A board of directors may decide the value in securities of the company it intends to award or pay as compensation. Alternatively, a board of directors may decide the portion of the potential ownership of the company it intends to transfer as compensation. A fair value ascribed to the award will normally result from these approaches.*

*A company may calculate this value either in accordance with a valuation methodology identified in Section 3870 of the Handbook or in accordance with another methodology set out in comment 5 below.*

4. *In some cases, the grant date fair value disclosed in columns (d) and (e) may differ from the accounting fair value. For financial statement purposes, the accounting fair value amount is amortized over the service period to obtain an accounting cost (accounting compensation expense), adjusted at year end as required.*
  5. *While the most commonly used methodologies for calculating the value of most types of awards are the Black-Scholes-Merton model and the binomial lattice model, companies may choose to use another valuation methodology if it produces a more meaningful and reasonable estimate of fair value.*
  6. *The summary compensation table requires disclosure of an amount even if the accounting compensation expense is zero. The amount disclosed in the table should reflect the grant date fair value following the principles described under comments 2 and 3, above.*
  7. *Column (d) includes common shares, restricted shares, restricted share units, deferred share units, phantom shares, phantom share units, common share equivalent units, stock, and similar instruments that do not have option-like features.*
- (6) In column (e), include the incremental fair value if, at any time during the covered financial year, the company has adjusted, amended, cancelled, replaced or significantly modified the exercise price of options previously awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to, an NEO. The repricing

or modification date must be determined in accordance with section 3870 of the Handbook. The methodology used to calculate the incremental fair value must be the same methodology used to calculate the initial grant.

This requirement does not apply to any repricing that equally affects all holders of the class of securities underlying the options and that occurs through a pre-existing formula or mechanism in the plan or award that results in the periodic adjustment of the option exercise or base price, an antidilution provision in a plan or award, or a recapitalization or similar transaction.

- (7) Include a footnote to the table quantifying the incremental fair value of any adjusted, amended, cancelled, replaced or significantly modified options that are included in the table.
- (8) In column (f), include the dollar value of all amounts earned for services performed during the covered financial year that are related to awards under non-equity incentive plans and all earnings on any such outstanding awards.
  - (a) If the relevant performance goal or similar condition was satisfied during a covered financial year (including for a single year in a plan with a multi-year performance goal or similar condition), report the amounts earned for that financial year, even if they are payable at a later date. The company is not required to report these amounts again in the summary compensation table when they are actually paid to an NEO.
  - (b) Include a footnote describing and quantifying all amounts earned on non-equity incentive plan compensation, whether they were paid during the financial year, were payable but deferred at the election of an NEO, or are payable by their terms at a later date.
  - (c) Include any discretionary cash awards, earnings, payments, or payables that were not based on pre-determined performance goals or similar conditions that were communicated to an NEO. Report any performance-based plan awards that include pre-determined performance goals or similar conditions in column (f).
  - (d) In column (f1), include annual non-equity incentive plan compensation, such as bonuses and discretionary amounts. For column (f1), annual non-equity incentive plan compensation relates only to a single financial year. In column (f2), include all non-equity incentive plan compensation related to a period longer than one year.
- (9) In column (g), include all compensation relating to defined benefit or defined contribution plans. These include service costs and other compensatory items such as plan changes and earnings that are different from the estimated earnings for defined benefit plans and above-market earnings for defined contribution plans.

This disclosure relates to all plans that provide for the payment of pension plan benefits. Use the same amounts included in column (e) of the defined benefit plan table required by Item 5 for the covered financial year and the amounts included in column (c) of the defined contribution plan table as required by Item 5 for the covered financial year.

- (10) In column (h), include all other compensation not reported in any other column of this table. Column (h) must include, but is not limited to:
  - (a) perquisites, including property or other personal benefits provided to an NEO that are not generally available to all employees, and that in aggregate are worth \$50,000 or more, or



are worth 10% or more of an NEO's total salary for the financial year. Value these items on the basis of the aggregate incremental cost to the company and its subsidiaries. Describe in a footnote the methodology used for computing the aggregate incremental cost to the company.

State the type and amount of each perquisite the value of which exceeds 25% of the total value of perquisites reported for an NEO in a footnote to the table. Provide the footnote information for the most recently completed financial year only;

- (b) other post-retirement benefits such as health insurance or life insurance after retirement;
- (c) all "gross-ups" or other amounts reimbursed during the covered financial year for the payment of taxes;
- (d) the incremental payments, payables, and benefits to an NEO that are triggered by, or result from, a scenario listed in section 6.1 that occurred before the end of the covered financial year;
- (e) the dollar value of any insurance premiums paid or payable by, or on behalf of, the company during the covered financial year for personal insurance for an NEO if the estate of the NEO is the beneficiary;
- (f) the dollar value of any dividends or other earnings paid or payable on share-based or option-based awards that were not factored into the grant date fair value required to be reported in columns (d) and (e);
- (g) any compensation cost for any security that the NEO bought from the company or its subsidiaries at a discount from the market price of the security (through deferral of salary, bonus or otherwise). Calculate this cost at the date of purchase and in accordance with Section 3870 of the Handbook; and
- (h) above-market or preferential earnings on compensation that is deferred on a basis that is not tax exempt other than for defined contribution plans covered in the defined contribution plan table in Item 5. Above-market or preferential applies to non-registered plans and means a rate greater than the rate ordinarily paid by the company or its subsidiary on securities or other obligations having the same or similar features issued to third parties.

### ***Commentary***

1. *Generally, there will be no incremental payments, payables, and benefits that are triggered by, or result from, a scenario described in section 6.1 that occurred before the end of a covered financial year for compensation that has been reported in the summary compensation table for the most recently completed financial year or for a financial year before the most recently completed financial year.*

*If the vesting or payout of the previously reported compensation is accelerated, or a performance goal or similar condition in respect of the previously reported compensation is waived, as a result of a scenario described in section 6.1, the incremental payments, payables, and benefits should include the value of the accelerated benefit or of the waiver of the performance goal or similar condition.*

2. *Generally, an item is not a perquisite if it is integrally and directly related to the performance of an executive officer's duties. If something is necessary for a person to do his or her job, it is integrally and directly related to the job and is not a perquisite, even if it also provides some amount of personal benefit.*

*If the company concludes that an item is not integrally and directly related to performing the job, it may still be a perquisite if the item provides an NEO with any direct or indirect personal benefit. If it does provide a personal benefit, the item is a perquisite, whether or not it is provided for a business reason or for the company's convenience, unless it is generally available on a non-discriminatory basis to all employees.*

*Companies must conduct their own analysis of whether a particular item is a perquisite. The following are examples of things that are often considered perquisites or personal benefits. This list is not exhaustive:*

- *Cars, car lease and car allowance;*
- *Corporate aircraft or personal travel financed by the company;*
- *Jewellery;*
- *Clothing;*
- *Artwork ;*
- *Housekeeping services;*
- *Club membership;*
- *Theatre tickets;*
- *Financial assistance to provide education to children of executive officers;*
- *Parking;*
- *Personal financial or tax advice;*
- *Security at personal residence or during personal travel; and*
- *Reimbursements of taxes owed with respect to perquisites or other personal benefit.*

- (11) In column (i), include the dollar value of total compensation for the covered financial year. For each NEO, this is the sum of the amounts reported in columns (c) through (h).
- (12) Any deferred amounts must be included in the appropriate column for the covered financial year in which they are earned.

- (13) If an NEO elected to exchange any compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to the NEO in a covered financial year under a program that allows the NEO to receive awards, earnings, payments, or payables in another form, the compensation the NEO elected to exchange must be reported as compensation in the column appropriate for the form of compensation exchanged: Do not report it in the form in which it was or will be received by the NEO. State in a footnote the form of awards, earnings, payments, or payables substituted for the compensation the NEO elected to exchange.

### **3.2 Narrative discussion**

Describe and explain any significant factors necessary to understand the information disclosed in the summary compensation table required by section 3.1.

#### *Commentary*

*The significant factors described in section 3.2 will vary depending on the circumstances of each award but may include:*

- *the significant terms of each NEO's employment agreement or arrangement;*
- *any repricing or other significant changes to the terms of any share-based or option-based award program during the most recently completed financial year; and*
- *the significant terms of any award reported in the summary compensation table, including a general description of the formula or criterion to be applied in determining the amounts payable and the vesting schedule. For example, if dividends will be paid on shares, state this, the applicable dividend rate and whether that rate is preferential.*

### **3.3 Currencies**

Report amounts in this form using the same currency that the company uses in its financial statements. If compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to an NEO was in a currency other than the reporting currency, state in a footnote the currency in which compensation was awarded, earned, paid, or payable, disclose the translation rate and describe the methodology used to translate the compensation into the reporting currency.

### **3.4 Officers who also act as directors**

If an NEO is also a director who receives compensation for services as a director, include that compensation in the summary compensation table and include a footnote explaining which amounts relate to the director role. Do not provide disclosure for that NEO under Item 7.

## **ITEM 4 – INCENTIVE PLAN AWARDS**

### **4.1 Outstanding share-based awards and option-based awards**

- (1) Complete this table for each NEO for all awards outstanding at the end of the most recently completed financial year. This includes awards granted before the most recently completed financial year. For all awards in this table, disclose the awards that have been transferred at other than fair market value.

Name	Option-based Awards				Share-based Awards	
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
CEO						
CFO						
A						
B						
C						

- (2) In column (b), for each award, disclose the number of securities underlying unexercised options.
- (3) In column (c), disclose the exercise or base price for each option under each award reported in column (b).
- (4) In column (d), disclose the expiration date for each option under each award reported in column (b).
- (5) In column (e), disclose the aggregate dollar amount of in-the-money unexercised options held at the end of the year. Calculate this amount based on the difference between the market value of the securities underlying the instruments at the end of the year, and the exercise or base price of the option.
- (6) In column (f), disclose the total number of shares or units that have not vested.
- (7) In column (g), disclose the aggregate market value or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested.

If the share-based award provides only for a single payout on vesting, calculate this value based on that payout.

If the share-based award provides for different payouts depending on the achievement of different performance goals or similar conditions, calculate this value based on the minimum payout. However, if the NEO achieved a performance goal or similar condition in a financial year covered by the share-based award that on vesting could provide for a payout greater than the minimum payout, calculate this value based on the payout expected as a result of the NEO achieving this performance goal or similar condition.

#### 4.2 Incentive plan awards – value vested or earned during the year

- (1) Complete this table for each NEO for the most recently completed financial year.

Name       <b>(a)</b>	Option-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$)  <b>(b)</b>	Share-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$)  <b>(c)</b>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$)  <b>(d)</b>
CEO			
CFO			
A			
B			
C			

- (2) In column (b), disclose the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options under the option-based award had been exercised on the vesting date. Compute the dollar value that would have been realized by determining the difference between the market price of the underlying securities at exercise and the exercise or base price of the options under the option-based award on the vesting date. Do not include the value of any related payment or other consideration provided (or to be provided) by the company to or on behalf of an NEO.
- (3) In column (c), disclose the aggregate dollar value realized upon vesting of share-based awards. Compute the dollar value realized by multiplying the number of shares or units by the market value of the underlying shares on the vesting date. For any amount realized upon vesting for which receipt has been deferred, include a footnote that states the amount and the terms of the deferral.

### 4.3 Narrative discussion

Describe and explain the significant terms of all plan-based awards, including non-equity incentive plan awards, issued or vested, or under which options have been exercised, during the year, or outstanding at the year end, to the extent not already discussed under sections 2.1, 2.3 and 3.2. The company may aggregate information for different awards, if separate disclosure of each award is not necessary to communicate their significant terms.

#### *Commentary*

*The items included in the narrative required by section 4.3 will vary depending on the terms of each plan, but may include:*

- *the number of securities underlying each award or received on vesting or exercise;*
- *general descriptions of formulae or criteria that are used to determine amounts payable;*
- *exercise prices and expiry dates;*
- *dividend rates on share-based awards;*
- *whether awards are vested or unvested;*
- *performance goals or similar conditions, or other significant conditions;*

- *information on estimated future payouts for non-equity incentive plan awards (performance goals or similar conditions and maximum amounts); and*
- *the closing market price on the grant date, if the exercise or base price is less than the closing market price of the underlying security on the grant date.*

**ITEM 5 – PENSION PLAN BENEFITS**

**5.1 Defined benefit plans table**

- (1) Complete this table for all pension plans that provide for payments or benefits at, following, or in connection with retirement, excluding defined contribution plans. For all disclosure in this table, use the same assumptions and methods used for financial statement reporting purposes under the accounting principles used to prepare the company’s financial statements, as permitted by NI 52-107.

(a) Name	(b) Number of years credited service (#)	(c) Annual benefits payable (\$)		(d) Accrued obligation at start of year (\$)	(e) Compensatory change (\$)	(f) Non-compensatory change (\$)	(g) Accrued obligation at year end (\$)
		(c1) At year end	(c2) At age 65				
CEO							
CFO							
A							
B							
C							

- (2) In columns (b) and (c), the disclosure must be as of the end of the company’s most recently completed financial year. In columns (d) through (g), the disclosure must be as of the plan measurement date used in the company’s audited financial statements for the most recently completed financial year.
- (3) In column (b), disclose the number of years of service credited to an NEO under the plan. If the number of years of credited service in any plan is different from the NEO’s number of actual years of service with the company, include a footnote that states the amount of the difference and any resulting benefit augmentation, such as the number of additional years the NEO received.
- (4) In column (c), disclose

- (a) the annual lifetime benefit payable at the end of the most recently completed financial year in column (c1) based on years of credited service reported in column (b) and actual pensionable earnings as at the end of the most recently completed financial year, and
  - (b) the annual lifetime benefit payable at age 65 in column (c2) based on years of credited service as of age 65 and actual pensionable earnings through the end of the most recently completed financial year, as per column (c1).
- (5) In column (d), disclose the accrued obligation at the start of the most recently completed financial year.
  - (6) In column (e), disclose the compensatory change in the accrued obligation for the most recently completed financial year. This includes service cost net of employee contributions plus plan changes and differences between actual and estimated earnings, and any additional changes that have retroactive impact, including, for greater certainty, a change in valuation assumptions as a consequence of an amendment to benefit terms.

Disclose the valuation method and all significant assumptions the company applied in quantifying the accrued obligation at the end of the most recently completed financial year. The company may satisfy all or part of this disclosure by referring to the disclosure of assumptions in its financial statements, footnotes to the financial statements or discussion in its management's discussion and analysis.

- (7) In column (f), disclose the non-compensatory changes in the accrued obligation for the company's most recently completed financial year. Include all items that are not compensatory, such as changes in assumptions other than those already included in column (e) because they were made as a consequence of an amendment to benefit terms, employee contributions and interest on the accrued obligation at the start of the year.
- (8) In column (g), disclose the accrued obligation at the end of the most recently completed financial year.

**5.2 Defined contribution plans table**

- (1) Complete this table for all pension plans that provide for payments or benefits at, following or in connection with retirement, excluding defined benefit plans. For all disclosure in this table, use the same assumptions and methods used for financial statement reporting purposes under the accounting principles used to prepare the company's financial statements, as permitted by NI 52-107.

Name	Accumulated value at start of year (\$)	Compensatory (\$)	Non-compensatory (\$)	Accumulated value at year end (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
CEO				
CFO				
A				

B				
C				

- (2) In column (c), disclose the employer contribution and above-market or preferential earnings credited on employer and employee contributions. Above-market or preferential earnings applies to non-registered plans and means a rate greater than the rate ordinarily paid by the company or its subsidiary on securities or other obligations having the same or similar features issued to third parties.
- (3) In column (d), disclose the non-compensatory amount, including employee contributions and regular investment earnings on employer and employee contributions. Regular investment earnings means all investment earnings in registered defined contribution plans and earnings that are not above market or preferential in other defined contribution plans.
- (4) In column (e), disclose the accumulated value at the end of the most recently completed financial year.

**Commentary**

*For pension plans that provide the maximum of: (i) the value of a defined benefit pension; and (ii) the accumulated value of a defined contribution pension, companies should disclose the global value of the pension plan in the defined benefit plans table under section 5.1.*

*For pension plans that provide the sum of a defined benefit component and a defined contribution component, companies should disclose the respective components of the pension plan. The defined benefit component should be disclosed in the defined benefit plans table under section 5.1 and the defined contribution component should be disclosed in the defined contribution plans table under section 5.2.*

**5.3 Narrative discussion**

Describe and explain for each retirement plan in which an NEO participates, any significant factors necessary to understand the information disclosed in the defined benefit plan table in section 5.1 and the defined contribution plan table in section 5.2.

**Commentary**

*Significant factors described in the narrative required by section 5.3 will vary, but may include:*

- *the significant terms and conditions of payments and benefits available under the plan, including the plan's normal and early retirement payment, benefit formula, contribution formula, calculation of interest credited under the defined contribution plan and eligibility standards;*
- *provisions for early retirement, if applicable, including the name of the NEO and the plan, the early retirement payment and benefit formula and eligibility standards. Early retirement means retirement before the normal retirement age as defined in the plan or otherwise available under the plan;*



- *the specific elements of compensation (e.g., salary, bonus) included in applying the payment and benefit formula. If a company provides this information, identify each element separately; and*
- *company policies on topics such as granting extra years of credited service, including an explanation of who these arrangements relate to and why they are considered appropriate.*

#### **5.4 Deferred compensation plans**

Describe the significant terms of any deferred compensation plan relating to each NEO, including:

- (a) the types of compensation that can be deferred and any limitations on the extent to which deferral is permitted (by percentage of compensation or otherwise);
- (b) significant terms of payouts, withdrawals and other distributions; and
- (c) measures for calculating interest or other earnings, how and when these measures may be changed, and whether an NEO or the company chose these measures. Quantify these measures wherever possible.

### **ITEM 6 – TERMINATION AND CHANGE OF CONTROL BENEFITS**

#### **6.1 Termination and change of control benefits**

- (1) For each contract, agreement, plan or arrangement that provides for payments to an NEO at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement, a change in control of the company or a change in an NEO's responsibilities, describe, explain, and where appropriate, quantify the following items:
  - (a) the circumstances that trigger payments or the provision of other benefits, including prerequisites and pension plan benefits;
  - (b) the estimated incremental payments, payables, and benefits that are triggered by, or result from, each circumstance, including timing, duration and who provides the payments and benefits;
  - (c) how the payment and benefit levels are determined under the various circumstances that trigger payments or provision of benefits;
  - (d) any significant conditions or obligations that apply to receiving payments or benefits. This includes but is not limited to, non-compete, non-solicitation, non-disparagement or confidentiality agreements. Include the term of these agreements and provisions for waiver or breach; and
  - (e) any other significant factors for each written contract, agreement, plan or arrangement.
- (2) Disclose the estimated incremental payments, payables, and benefits even if it is uncertain what amounts might be paid in given circumstances under the various plans and arrangements, assuming that the triggering event took place on the last business day of the company's most

recently completed financial year. For valuing share-based awards or option-based awards, use the closing market price of the company's securities on that date.

If the company is unsure about the provision or amount of payments or benefits, make a reasonable estimate (or a reasonable estimate of the range of amounts) and disclose the significant assumptions underlying these estimates.

- (3) Despite subsection (1), the company is not required to disclose the following:
- (a) Perquisites and other personal benefits if the aggregate of this compensation is less than \$50,000. State the individual perquisites and personal benefits as required by paragraph 3.1(10)(a).
  - (b) Information about possible termination scenarios for an NEO whose employment terminated in the past year. The company must only disclose the consequences of the actual termination.
  - (c) Information in respect of a scenario described in subsection (1) if there will be no incremental payments, payables, and benefits that are triggered by, or result from, that scenario.

**Commentary**

1. *Subsection (1) does not require the company to disclose notice of termination without cause, or compensation in lieu thereof, which are implied as a term of an employment contract under common law or civil law.*
2. *Item 6 applies to changes of control regardless of whether the change of control results in termination of employment.*
3. *Generally, there will be no incremental payments, payables, and benefits that are triggered by, or result from, a scenario described in subsection (1) for compensation that has been reported in the summary compensation table for the most recently completed financial year or for a financial year before the most recently completed financial year.*

*If the vesting or payout of the previously reported compensation is accelerated, or a performance goal or similar condition in respect of the previously reported compensation is waived, as a result of a scenario described in subsection (1), the incremental payments, payables, and benefits should include the value of the accelerated benefit or of the waiver of the performance goal or similar condition.*

**ITEM 7 – DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

**7.1 Director compensation table**

- (1) Complete this table for all amounts of compensation provided to the directors for the company's most recently completed financial year.

Name	Fees earned (\$)	Share-based awards	Option-based awards	Non-equity incentive plan compensation	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
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		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A							
B							
C							
D							
E							

- (2) All forms of compensation must be included in this table.
- (3) Complete each column in the manner required for the corresponding column in the summary compensation table in section 3.1, in accordance with the requirements of Item 3, as supplemented by the commentary to Item 3, except as follows:
- (a) In column (a), do not include a director who is also an NEO if his or her compensation for service as a director is fully reflected in the summary compensation table and elsewhere in this form. If an NEO is also a director who receives compensation for his or her services as a director, reflect the director compensation in the summary compensation table required by section 3.1 and provide a footnote to this table indicating that the relevant disclosure has been provided under section 3.4.
  - (b) In column (b), include all fees awarded, earned, paid, or payable in cash for services as a director, including annual retainer fees, committee, chair, and meeting fees.
  - (c) In column (g), include all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the company, or a subsidiary of the company, to a director in any capacity, under any other arrangement. This includes, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided to the director for services provided, directly or indirectly, to the company or a subsidiary of the company. In a footnote to the table, disclose these amounts and describe the nature of the services provided by the director that are associated with these amounts.
  - (d) In column (g), include programs where the company agrees to make donations to one or more charitable institutions in a director's name, payable currently or upon a designated event such as the retirement or death of the director. Include a footnote to the table disclosing the total dollar amount payable under the program.

**7.2 Narrative discussion**

Describe and explain any factors necessary to understand the director compensation disclosed in section 7.1.

*Commentary*

*Significant factors described in the narrative required by section 7.2 will vary, but may include:*

- *disclosure for each director who served in that capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year;*
- *standard compensation arrangements, such as fees for retainer, committee service, service as chair of the board or a committee, and meeting attendance;*
- *any compensation arrangements for a director that are different from the standard arrangements, including the name of the director and a description of the terms of the arrangement; and*
- *any matters discussed in the compensation discussion and analysis that do not apply to directors in the same way that they apply to NEOs such as practices for granting option-based awards.*

### **7.3 Share-based awards, option-based awards and non-equity incentive plan compensation**

Provide the same disclosure for directors that is required under Item 4 for NEOs.

## **ITEM 8 – COMPANIES REPORTING IN THE UNITED STATES**

### **8.1 Companies reporting in the United States**

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), SEC issuers may satisfy the requirements of this form by providing the information required by Item 402 “Executive compensation” of Regulation S-K under the 1934 Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a company that, as a foreign private issuer, satisfies Item 402 of Regulation S-K by providing the information required by Items 6.B “Compensation” and 6.E.2 “Share Ownership” of Form 20-F under the 1934 Act.

## **ITEM 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITION**

### **9.1 Effective date**

- (1) This form comes into force on December 31, 2008.
- (2) This form applies to a company in respect of a financial year ending on or after December 31, 2008.

### **9.2 Transition**

- (1) The form entitled Form 51-102F6 *Statement of Executive Compensation*, which came into force on March 30, 2004, as amended,
  - (a) does not apply to a company in respect of a financial year ending on or after December 31, 2008, and
  - (b) for greater certainty, applies to a company that is required to prepare and file executive compensation disclosure because

- (i) the company is sending an information circular to a securityholder under paragraph 9.1(2)(a) of National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, the information circular includes the disclosure required by Item 8 of Form 51-102F5, and the information circular is in respect of a financial year ending before December 31, 2008, or
  - (ii) the company is filing an AIF that includes the disclosure required by Item 8 of Form 51-102F5, in accordance with Item 18 of Form 51-102F2, and the AIF is in respect of a financial year ending before December 31, 2008.
- (2) A company that is required to prepare and file executive compensation disclosure for a reason set out in paragraph (1)(b) may satisfy that requirement by preparing and filing the disclosure required by this form.