

**NOTICE OF MINISTER OF FINANCE APPROVAL
OF AN AMENDMENT TO OSC RULE 61-501 INSIDER BIDS, ISSUER BIDS,
GOING PRIVATE TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

On January 28, 2002, the Minister of Finance approved the rule that amends Rule 61-501 Insider Bids, Issuer Bids, Going Private Transactions and Related Party Transactions (the "Rule Amendment"). **The Rule Amendment will come into force on March 1, 2002.**

The Rule Amendment is published in Chapter 5 of this Bulletin and will be published in the Ontario Gazette on February 23, 2002. Materials related to the Rule Amendment were previously published in the Bulletin on August 24, 2001 and December 7, 2001.

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PART 1 AMENDMENT

1.1 Amendment - Rule 61-501 Insider Bids, Issuer Bids, Going Private Transactions and Related Party Transactions is amended by the addition of the following paragraph 17 to section 5.6:

"17. Canadian Venture Exchange Policy 5.9 - The issuer is listed on the Canadian Venture Exchange ("CDNX"), the transaction qualifies for an Exchange Valuation Exemption as defined in Policy 5.9 of CDNX, *Insider Bids, Issuer Bids, Going Private Transactions and Related Party Transactions*, and the transaction is carried out in compliance with the requirements of CDNX."

PART 2 EFFECTIVE DATE

2.1 Effective Date - This amendment comes into force on March 1, 2002.