

5.1 NOTICES AND PRESS RELEASES

Revocation of the Notice relating to the "fair value option" allowing the designation of a financial instrument as "held for trading" upon initial recognition

Notice is given by the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "AMF" or the "Authority") of the revocation of the *Notice relating to the "fair value option" allowing the designation of a financial instrument as "held for trading" upon initial recognition* (the "Notice relating to the fair value option") as of December 31, 2011.

The Notice relating to the fair value option applied to all Québec chartered financial institutions governed by the following legislation:

- *An Act respecting insurance*, R.S.Q., c. A-32
- *An Act respecting financial services cooperatives*, R.S.Q., c. C-67.3
- *An Act respecting trust companies and savings companies*, R.S.Q., c. S-29.01
- *An Act respecting the Mouvement Desjardins*, S.Q., 2000, c. 77

This revocation is subsequent to the coming into force of the International Financing Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), which became the reference standards for preparing the financial statements of financial institutions for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. As a result, the guidelines in International Accounting Standard 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, and in the guide titled "Supervisory guidance on the use of the fair value option for financial instruments by banks" (2006) are now mandatory for all these financial institutions.

Further information

Further information is available from:

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