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Notice of Settlement Hearing

File No. 202323

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE MUTUAL FUND DEALER RULESⁱ
and
Robert Bernard Friesen**

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing will be held electronically by videoconference before a hearing panel of the Nova Scotia District Hearing Committee (the “Hearing Panel”) of the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (“CIRO”) on November 22, 2023 at 11:00 am Atlantic Time or as soon thereafter as the hearing can be held, to consider whether, pursuant to Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 7.4.4, the Hearing Panel should accept the settlement agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) entered into between Staff of CIRO and Robert Bernard Friesen (the “Respondent”).

The subject matter of the proposed Settlement Agreement concerns matters for which the Respondent may be disciplined as an Approved Person of CIRO, pursuant to Rules 7.3 and 7.4.1.1 of the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules.

PARTICULARS

1. The proposed Settlement Agreement concerns the allegation that between January 11, 2017 and February 21, 2021, the Respondent, acting in the capacity as branch manager, reviewed and approved the use of 29 account forms where information had been altered on the account forms without having the client initial the alterations, contrary to Mutual Fund Dealer Rules 2.5.5(f)(i) and 2.1.1 (formerly MFDA Rules 2.5.5(f)(i) and 2.1.1).

2. Settlement hearings of CIRO are typically held in the absence of the public pursuant to Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 7.3.5 and Rule 15.2(2) of the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules of Procedure. If the Hearing Panel accepts the settlement agreement, then the proceeding will become open to the public and a copy of the decision of the Hearing Panel and the settlement agreement will be made available at www.mfda.ca.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2023.



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ⁱ On January 1, 2023, the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (“IIROC”) and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the “MFDA”) were consolidated into a single self-regulatory organization recognized under applicable securities legislation that is called the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (referred to herein as “CIRO”). CIRO adopted interim rules that incorporate the pre-amalgamation regulatory requirements contained in the rules and policies of IIROC and the by-law, rules and policies of the MFDA (the “Interim Rules”). The Interim Rules include (i) the Investment Dealer and Partially Consolidated Rules, (ii) the UMIR and (iii) the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules. These rules are largely based on the rules of IIROC and certain by-laws, rules and policies of the MFDA that were in force immediately prior to amalgamation. Where the rules of IIROC and the by-laws, rules and policies of the MFDA that were in force immediately prior to amalgamation have been incorporated into the Interim Rules, Enforcement Staff have referenced the relevant section of the Interim Rules. Pursuant to Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 1A and s.14.6 of By-Law No. 1 of CIRO, contraventions of former MFDA regulatory requirements may be enforced by CIRO.

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