

SEDAR[®] SUBSCRIBER UPDATE

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SEDAR FILING AND SERVICE CHARGES

Following a long development that began in the early 90's, SEDAR was launched on January 1, 1997 as the electronic filing service for the Canadian securities industry. Subsequent to the launch, development continued and new services were added to SEDAR, the most fundamental being the SEDAR Website (www.sedar.com).

The added functionality along with the Website has had a significant impact on SEDAR's cost of service. The Website has become extremely popular, peaking at 40,000 hits per hour and 1.8 million hits per week. These huge and unexpected volumes have started to slow performance on the Website. Additional investment is required to improve performance which when combined with the efforts to ensure Y2K readiness has led to a full CSA review of SEDAR's financial performance.

The CSA has examined a number of methods of collecting the funds to make the necessary changes to maintain and improve SEDAR and has come to the conclusion that the fairest method is to provide an across the board increase of SEDAR filing and service charges. This increase will go into effect on March 1, 1999. These are the first increases since the filing and service charge schedule was developed in 1993 and published in 1996.

Attached to this Update is the CSA Notice and the new schedule.

AUTO DATES

CDS would like to remind filers to not use "auto dates" in any SEDAR documents. "Auto dates" are date fields which are provided as a part of most word processing software packages (WordPerfect, Word, etc..). When these fields are used they update the date field to the current date whenever the document is opened and viewed thus causing the date you originally entered to be changed.

CODE UPDATE

Please be advised that a SEDAR Code Update is going to occur on Monday, March 1, 1999.

Download Procedures

The entire Code Update is approximately 1.5MB in size and should take less than 15 minutes to download using a 14.4 modem.

The SEDAR program will automatically detect and download the code update when you try to access the SEDAR server.

Once the code update has been downloaded, close the SEDAR program and follow the instructions below to execute the code update.

Windows 3.1 and 3.11 Users: Double click the Code Update icon in the SEDAR program group

Windows 95/NT4.0 Users: 1. Click the Start button located at the bottom left corner of the screen
2. Select programs
3. From the Program menu, select SEDAR and then select Code Update

Please note that this code update will bring the SEDAR client application up to version 5.003.000.

The code update will include the following changes:

The latest signature files for the Anti-Virus software used by SEDAR.

CDS Service Charges

SEDAR will be updated to reflect the changes in service charges as announced in the CSA Notice, issued on February 5th, 1999. The updated fee schedule is enclosed as part of this subscriber update.

Addition of Market Centre manual statuses

The following new market centre statuses will be available to be assigned to filings by market centre recipients:

- Review of Submission Completed
- Approved
- Conditionally Approved
- No Objection

Change in ME Fee Schedule

The entry in the Montreal Exchange French fee description number 8 has an incorrect maximum value. The description should have a maximum of \$14000, not \$15000.

Changes in TSE Fee Schedule

The entry in the Toronto Stock Exchange fee description number 8 will be changed to reflect an increase in 1999 sustaining fee charges. The new description is: 8) Annual Sustaining Fee: \$4,350 plus \$270 for each \$5 million of market value (subject to min. of \$4,620 and max. of \$29,000. Max. of \$21,000 for Non Canadian Co's)

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