

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Background

Central Fund's Communications Policy is based on meeting the requirements of The Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSE"), of the American Stock Exchange ("AMEX"), of the Canadian securities regulators of the Canadian provinces or territories in which Central Fund is a reporting issuer and of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Central Fund and its directors and officers as well as Central Fund's Administrator and its respective directors, officers and employees will at all times comply with applicable stock exchange policies and securities laws concerning the disclosure of material information, and with this Policy.

Objective and Scope of Policy

The objective of this Communications Policy is to ensure that communications to shareholders, regulators and the investing public in relation to Central Fund:

- are factual, accurate and timely,
- broadly disseminated in accordance with applicable policy and law,
- treat all shareholders fairly with respect to disclosure, and
- are not harmful to Central Fund.

This Policy covers statements and information made in Central Fund's Annual and Quarterly Reports, news releases, letters to shareholders, any meetings and calls with analysts and investors, interviews with the media and information contained on Central Fund's website and in other electronic communications.

Disclosure of Material Information

The TSE's definition of material information to be disclosed is:

"any information relating to the business and affairs of a company that results in or would reasonably be expected to result in a significant change in the market price or value of any of the company's listed securities.

Material information consists of both material facts and material changes relating to the business and affairs of a listed company."

The AMEX standard for disclosure is as follows:

"Immediate disclosure should be made of information about a company's affairs or about events or conditions in the market for its securities when either of the following standards are met:

- (i) where the information is likely to have a significant effect on the price of any of the company's securities; or
- (ii) where such information (including, in certain cases, any necessary interpretation by securities analysts or other experts) is likely to be considered important by a reasonable investor in determining a choice of action."

The Stock Exchange definitions are slightly broader than, but attention must also be paid to, National Instrument 51-102 of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities which states that a material change means:

- (i) "a change in the business, operations or capital of the reporting issuer that would reasonably be expected to have a significant effect on the market price or value of any of the securities of the reporting issuer or
- (ii) a decision to implement such a change made by the board of directors.... of the issuer or by senior management of the issuer who believe that confirmation of the decision by the board of directors.... is probable."

No director or officer should publicly or privately disclose any confidential information about Central Fund (other than in the necessary course of its affairs) without first following the procedures set out in this Policy. If it is determined that such confidential information is material information, then disclosure must be made in accordance with this Policy.

Where there is doubt as to whether any information is material, the Chairman or President and/or outside legal counsel should be consulted.

In complying with the requirement to disclose forthwith material information under applicable laws and stock exchange rules, the Corporation will adhere to the following basic disclosure principles:

1. Material information will be publicly disclosed immediately via news release.
2. In limited circumstances, the spokespersons (referred to below) may determine that such disclosure would be unduly detrimental to the Corporation (for example if release of the information would prejudice negotiations in a commercial transaction), in which case the information will be kept confidential until such persons determine it is appropriate to

publicly disclose. If such withheld information would constitute a material change, such persons will cause a confidential material change report to be filed with the applicable securities regulators, and will periodically (at least every 10 days) review their decision to keep the information confidential and advise the applicable securities regulators of the decision (also see "Inadvertent Disclosure and Rumours").

3. Disclosure must include any information the omission of which would make the rest of the disclosure misleading (as half truths are misleading).
4. Unfavourable material information must be disclosed as promptly and completely as favourable information.
5. Previously undisclosed material information must not be disclosed to selected individuals (for example, in an interview with an analyst or in a telephone conversation with an investor). If previously undisclosed material information has been inadvertently disclosed to an analyst or any other person, unless such disclosure is in the necessary course of its affairs, such information must be broadly disclosed immediately via news release and such party should be advised that the information is material and not generally disclosed.
6. Disclosure on the Corporation's website alone does not constitute adequate disclosure of material information.
7. Disclosure must be corrected immediately if the Corporation subsequently learns that earlier disclosure by the Corporation contained a material error at the time it was given.

Tipping

It is an offence under applicable securities legislation for the Corporation or its directors or officers or others in a special relationship with the Corporation, such as the Administrator and its directors, officers and employees, to disclose material facts or material changes to anyone prior to broad public disclosure except in the necessary course of business. "Tipping" of non-public information to others is not only an offence under such legislation but is also an offence under the Criminal Code in Canada where the individual knowingly engages in such activity.

Spokespersons

Central Fund designates a limited number of spokespersons responsible for communication with shareholders and the investment community, the media or securities regulators. The Chairman and the President are the official spokespersons for Central Fund, but may from time to time designate others within Central Fund to speak on behalf of it as backups or to respond to specific enquiries or to deal with the investment community, particular media or securities regulators.

Timely Communication

It is the responsibility of the officer or director of the Corporation associated with any particular material information or material change to ensure that disclosure is made promptly as required by applicable policy and law.

Disclosure is by press release to ensure broad dissemination to the public but may be supplemented by a posting on Central Fund's website or other means. Where there is a material change, a material change report must be filed in accordance with Canadian securities requirements.

If a stock exchange upon which Class A shares of Central Fund are listed is open for trading at the time of a proposed release, a prior notice of the release shall be provided to the Market Surveillance Department of the relevant exchange or exchanges so as to enable a trading halt, if deemed necessary by any such exchange or exchanges. If a release announcing material information is issued outside of trading hours, the Market Surveillance Department of such exchange or exchanges must be notified before the opening of the market.

Annual and interim financial results and earnings guidance will be publicly released immediately following board approval of such financial statements or earnings guidance.

News releases will be disseminated through an approved news wire service that provides simultaneous national and/or international distribution. Arrangements should be made to ensure that news releases will be transmitted to stock exchange members, relevant regulatory bodies, major business wires and, where appropriate, national financial media.

News releases will be posted on the Corporation's website immediately after release over the news wire.

Conference Calls

Where it is determined to hold a conference call following the release of annual or quarterly financial results, notice of the call will be distributed by press release and posted on the Central Fund website at least one week prior to the time of the call. Such calls will ordinarily be open to the public, although Central Fund may limit the right to pose questions to particular analysts, shareholders or other individuals. At the beginning of any call, a Corporation spokesperson will provide appropriate cautionary language with respect to any forward-looking information and direct participants to publicly available documents containing the assumptions, sensitivities and a discussion of the risks and uncertainties.

The Corporation will provide advance notice of any conference call and web cast by issuing a news release announcing the date and time and providing information on how interested parties may access the call and web cast. In addition, the Corporation may send invitations to analysts, institutional investors, the media and others invited to participate. Any non-material supplemental information provided to participants will also be posted to the website for others to view. A tape recording of the conference call and/or an archived audio web cast on the Internet must be made available following the call for a minimum of 7 days, for anyone interested in listening to a replay.

Inadvertent Disclosure and Rumours

If material information is disclosed, inadvertently or otherwise, in a manner that is not in compliance with applicable policy and law, Central Fund will as soon as possible, issue a press release to ensure broad public disclosure of the material information.

Central Fund does not comment, affirmatively or negatively, on rumours. An authorized spokesperson will respond to any rumours on this basis. Should a stock exchange or securities regulatory authority request that Central Fund make a definitive statement in response to a market rumour that is causing significant volatility in shares of Central Fund, the Chairman or President and/or outside legal counsel will be immediately consulted and shall approve the content of any such statement.

Analyst Meetings and Reports

No director or officer of Central Fund or director, officer or employee of the Administrator shall meet with or hold substantive conversations with an analyst or major shareholder during a Quiet Period, except in conditions that facilitate broad public dissemination of the substance of the conversation or where communications are limited to responding to inquiries concerning publicly available or non-material information.

Draft analyst reports and comments may be reviewed but only with the purpose of pointing out publicly disclosed factual information or non-material information or to identify factual statements that are inaccurate or misleading by reference to publicly available information. No material information should be disclosed in this process unless it is simultaneously done in a manner that ensures wide distribution. Central Fund may, in order to avoid appearing to endorse an analyst's report, require that a disclaimer be included to the effect that the report or model was reviewed only for factual accuracy.

Forward-Looking Information

Should the Corporation elect to disclose forward-looking information in continuous disclosure documents, speeches, conference calls, etc., the following guidelines will be observed:

1. The information, if deemed material, will be broadly disseminated via news release, in accordance with this communications policy.
2. The information will be clearly identified as forward-looking.
3. The Corporation will identify material assumptions used in the preparation of the forward-looking information.
4. The information will be accompanied by a statement that identifies the risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results to differ materially from those projected in the statement, and may include, if appropriate, a sensitivity analysis to indicate the extent to which different business conditions from the underlying assumptions may affect the actual outcome.
5. The information will be accompanied by a statement that disclaims the Corporation's intention or obligation to update or revise the forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Notwithstanding this disclaimer, should subsequent events prove past statements about current trends to be materially off target, the Corporation may choose to issue a news release explaining the reasons for the

difference. In this case, the Corporation will update its guidance on the anticipated impact on revenue and earnings (or other key metrics).

If the Corporation has issued a forecast or projection in connection with an offering document covered by National Instrument 52-101 (or any successor thereof), the Corporation will update that forecast or projection periodically, as required by National Instrument 52-101 (or any successor thereof).

Quiet Periods

In order to avoid the potential for selective disclosure or even the perception or appearance of selective disclosure, the Corporation will observe a quarterly quiet period (a "Quiet Period") during which the Corporation will not initiate or participate in any meetings or telephone contacts with analysts or other market professionals and no earnings guidance will be provided to anyone, other than responding to unsolicited inquiries concerning factual, publicly available or non-material matters. The Quiet Period commences on the fifteenth day of the month following the end of a fiscal quarter and the thirtieth day of the month following a fiscal year end and, in each case, ends with the issuance of a news release disclosing the financial results. During a Quiet Period, no officer of the Corporation or officer or employee of the Administrator should trade in shares or other securities (including derivative-based transactions) of the Corporation. No director of the Corporation or the Administrator should, from the time at which he or she is shown draft financial results for a fiscal quarter or year until the issuance of a news release disclosing the financial results for such period, trade in shares or other securities (including derivative-based transactions) of the Corporation.

Disclosure Record

The Corporation will maintain a five year file containing all public information about the Corporation, including continuous disclosure documents, news releases, analysts' reports, transcripts or tape recordings of analyst and investor conference calls, and newspaper articles.

Responsibility For Electronic Communications

This disclosure policy also applies to electronic communications. Accordingly, officers and personnel responsible for written and oral public disclosures shall also be responsible for electronic communications.

The President is responsible for updating the investor relations sections of the Corporation's website and is responsible, for monitoring all the Corporate information placed on the website to ensure that it is accurate, complete, up-to-date and in compliance with relevant securities laws.

The spokesperson must approve all links from the Corporation's website to a third party website. Any such links will include a notice that advises the reader that he or she is leaving the Corporation's website and that the Corporation is not responsible for the contents of the other site.

Those sections of the Corporation's website which contain investor relations material shall be clearly distinguished from sections containing other information. All data posted to the website,

including text and audiovisual material, shall show the date such material was issued. Any material changes in information must be updated immediately. The President or Chief Financial Officer will maintain a log indicating the date that material information is posted and/or removed from the investor relations section of the Corporation's website. The minimum retention period for material corporate information on the website shall be two years.

Disclosure on the Corporation's website alone does not constitute adequate disclosure of information that is considered material non-public information. Any disclosures of material information on its website will be preceded by the issuance of a news release.

The Chairman, President or Chief Financial Officer shall also be responsible for responses to electronic inquiries. Only public information or information which could otherwise be disclosed in accordance with this communications policy shall be utilized in responding to electronic inquiries.

Communications and Enforcement

This Policy is brought to the attention of directors and officers of Central Fund and directors, officers and employees of its Administrator. Any new director or officer of the Corporation or director, officer or employee of the Administrator will be provided with a copy of this Policy and advised as to its importance.

This Policy will be reviewed periodically by the Corporate Governance Committee so that it can be updated to comply with any changes in applicable policy or law.

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