

IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



*The Depository Trust &
Clearing Corporation*

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DATE: May 23, 2008

TO: **ALL PARTICIPANTS**

ATTENTION: **MANAGING PARTNER/OFFICER, CASHIER, MANAGER P&S
DEPARTMENT, ACATS PARTICIPANTS, CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER**

FROM: General Counsel's Office

SUBJECT: **NSCC CEASES TO ACT – North American Clearing, Inc.
MEMBER #0297**

Effective immediately, May 23, 2008, National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC” or the “Corporation”) has ceased to act for North American Clearing, Inc., Member No. 0297. Details on how pending transactions will be processed by the Corporation will be reflected in a subsequent NSCC Important Notice. A message to this effect will be broadcast through the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) Participant Terminal System.

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