

**Joint Decision of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan (“Parties”)  
Pursuant to Article 34(4) of the  
New West Partnership Trade Agreement**

***Introduction***

1. Article 34(4) of the *New West Partnership Trade Agreement* (NWPTA) allows the Parties to issue a joint decision at any time relating to the interpretation of the NWPTA. Any such joint decision is binding on panels and any subsequent decision or award by a panel issued under NWPTA Part IV must be consistent with any such preceding joint decision. The Parties intend the following to be a joint decision under Article 34(4) concerning the application of the NWPTA to the investment activities indicated below of the Alberta Investment Management Corporation and the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.

***Application of NWPTA to the Investments of the Alberta Investment Management Corporation or the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation***

2. The NWPTA does not apply to any corporation, partnership, trust or other entity or organization established, owned or controlled by either the Alberta Investment Management Corporation or the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation in the context of its investment activities.

**APPROVAL OF JOINT DECISION**

**In witness whereof**, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Decision.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**The Honourable Iain Black  
Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development  
Government of British Columbia**

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**The Honourable Iris Evans  
Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations  
Government of Alberta**

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**The Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff  
Minister Responsible for Trade  
Government of Saskatchewan**