

**Joint Decision 2016-2
of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan (the “Parties”)
Pursuant to Article 21(3) of the
*New West Partnership Trade Agreement***

Introduction

1. Article 21(3) 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 21(3) concerning the application of the NWPTA to the investment activities of the bodies listed below.

Application of NWPTA to Certain Investments

2. “Government entity” does not include any corporation, partnership, trust or other entity owned or controlled by government entities in the context of those government entities’ investment of pension, endowment or government funds.

3. For greater certainty, “government entity” does not include any corporation, partnership, trust or other entity owned or controlled by either the Alberta Investment Management Corporation or the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation in the context of their respective investment activities.

4. The Parties revoke the Joint Decision of 2010 regarding the same matter as it is hereby made redundant

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 _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade
Government of British Columbia**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade
Government of Alberta**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of the Economy
Government of Saskatchewan**