

Regulatory Update – January 12, 2022

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Agenda

- NI 52-112 Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure
- NI 52-108 Amendments
- Update on two policy projects discussed October 28 2021 Primary Business, and Promotional Activity
- Filing Deadlines
- NI 51-107 Disclosure of Climate-related Matters

Reporting issuers

- except: Investment funds, SEC foreign issuers, Designated foreign issuers
- applies to documents filed for financial year ending on/after Oct. 15, 2021

Non-reporting issuers

- documents for offerings or certain transactions: NI 41-101, section 2.9 of NI 45-106, or listing application, qualifying transaction, reverse takeover or other similar transactions
- applies on/after Dec. 31, 2021

Documents include: AIF, earnings release, OM, marketing materials, MD&A, news release, prospectus, social media, website

Exceptions include: technical disclosure, "third-party" reports, transcripts of oral statements, pro forma f/s, material contracts or documents, required by law or SRO, registered firm disclosure provided to clients

Non-GAAP Financial Measure e.g. adjusted net income
Non-GAAP Ratio e.g. adjusted NI per share
Supplementary Financial Measure e.g. same-store sales
Total of Segments Measure e.g. total of segments EBITDA
Capital Management Measure e.g. net debt

NI 52-112 Disclosure Snapshot (slide from: CPA Canada Oct. 2021 webinar)

				NON-GAAP MEASURE			OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURE			
		Attributes	Disclosures	Historio	cal	Forward- Looking	Ratio	Total of Segments	Capital Management	Suppl. Financial
1	Labe	lling	Label appropriately	Х		X	Х			х
2	Identification		Identify as such	Х						
			Disclose the non-GAAP financial measure			XA	Хв		ХВ	
3	3 Relationship		Disclose most directly comparable primary FS measure	x				x		
4	Prominence		Present with no more prominence	Х		Х	х	х	x	
5	Cauti	ionary	Explain does not have a standardized meaning and may not be comparable	х			x	_	_	
6	Com	parative	Include comparative period	Xc			xc	Xc	Xc	
7	Com	position	Explain the composition	X D			X D		X D, G, H	X D
8	Usefu	ulness	Explain how the measure is useful and the additional purposes, if any, for which mgmt. includes it	X		_	X D		Х D, H	
9	Reco	nciliation	Provide a reconciliation to the primary FS measure	X D, E		X D, E		X D, E	X D, E, G, H	
10	Chan	iges	Explain reasons for changes	X D			X D			
Notes	A Disclose the equi		valent historical non-GAAP financial measure *			Cannot incorporate by reference in an earnings release				
	B Disclose each non-GAAP financial measure that is used as a component in the GAAP ratio or capital management measure (CMM) *		the non-	F	Disclose description of significant differences					
	c Comparative information required in MD&A or in earnings release, subject to exceptions			certain	G	 Composition is only required if the CMM <u>IS a ratio</u> Reconciliation is only required if the CMM <u>is NOT a ratio</u> 				
	D	Ability to incorporate by reference to MD&A			Н	Disclosure requirement does not apply if included in the notes to the FS				
* Comply with disclosure requirements for each non-GAAP financial measure disclosed Simplified Illustration Only									ation Only	

Amendments to NI 52-108 Auditor Oversight

- Significant component auditor (SCA)
 - performs audit work involving financial info relating to a component
 - meets significance thresholds audit hours, fees % assets/revenues
- Reporting Issuer (RI) must give written notice it permits SCA to provide access to the SCA's working papers if CPAB requests access
- If a SCA fails to voluntarily provide access to CPAB, CPAB may issue a CPAB access-limitation notice to a RI's auditor (Participating audit firm, or PAF) who must deliver the notice to the RI, its audit committee and the securities regulator

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- A RI who receives a CPAB access-limitation notice, must give written notice to permit the SCA to enter into an **Access Agreement with CPAB**
- If a SCA does not enter into an Access Agreement, and CPAB delivers a No-Access Notice to a PAF, the PAF:
 - must deliver a copy of the notice to the RI, its audit committee and the securities regulator
 - is prohibited from using the SCA
 - may use another SCA that undertakes to provide CPAB access or has entered into an Access Agreement with CPAB

Primary Business

Proposed changes to 41-101 Companion Policy CP

- published Aug. 2021, comment period closed Oct. 2021
- interpretation of primary business in an IPO
- clarifies when acquisition of mining assets is not a business
- financial statement requirements (triggers, periods)
- circumstances when we may require additional information (full, true and plain disclosure)
- comments received and next steps

Promotional Activity Disclosure

Proposed BC Instrument 51-519 *Promotional Activity Disclosure Requirements*

- published in May/21, comment period closed July/21
- Four components of framework for disclosure:
 - News release if VI retains/compensates promoter contact info, platforms for promo, compensation
 - Disclosure by all issuers upon enquiry (info per news release)
 - Person conducting promo activity must disclose engagement, compensation, interest in securities, platforms, facts that interfere with objectivity
 - VI must disclose in MD&A expenditures on promo activity if >10% of total operating expenses
 - comments received and next steps

Filing Deadlines

NP 12-203 Management Cease Trade Orders –eligibility criteria:

- outstanding filings in most cases expect filed within 2 months
- issuer is generating revenue or actively pursuing development of products/property
- issuer has financial and human resources to remedy the default
- issuer's securities are listed on a Canadian exchange, with active liquid market for those securities
- the issuer is not (for another reason) on the defaulting reporting issuer list in any CSA jurisdiction

If you expect a filing delay, review criteria, apply early, pay application fee

Climate-related disclosure – context

- Investors are increasingly focused on climate-related risks
- The CSA has expressed support for the IFRS Foundation's establishment of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
- CSA participants involved in IOSCO's Sustainable Finance Task Force
 - Technical Experts Group working on prototype climate measurement and presentation standards
 - work includes considering connectivity with financial statements and audit and assurance issues
- Proposed creation of a Canadian Sustainability Standards Board
- Proposed NI 51-107:
 - disclosure in AIF or annual MD&A
 - does not contemplate assurance (e.g. audit of GHG emissions)

Types of climate risks impacting issuers: physical risks vs. transition risks



CSA guidance on materiality and climate risk disclosures

- Environmental guidance (2010); CSA disclosure review project (2017-2018)
- CSAN 51-358 Reporting of Climate Change-related Risks (August 2019)
 - → Key message: climate-related risks and their potential financial impacts are mainstream business issues, and issuers should consider these risks as part of their risk management processes and disclose any material climate changerelated risks to their business.

Various concerns about current state of disclosures

- Lack of comparability, consistency, completeness
- Limited quantitative information
- Cherry-picking of standards and frameworks
- Sustainability reporting not integrated into securities filings

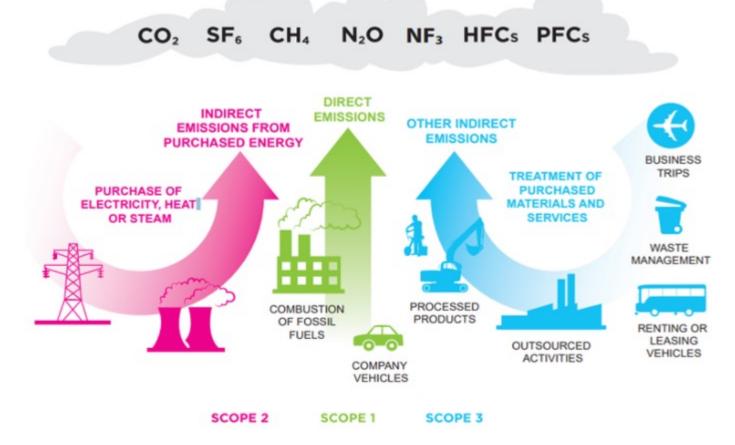
Voluntary reporting standards to fill the regulatory disclosure gap



TCFD: emerging global framework

Governance	Strategy	Risk Management	Metrics and Targets		
Disclose the organization's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities.	Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organization's businesses, strategy, and financial planning.	Disclose how the organization identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks.	Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities.		
Recommended Disclosures	Recommended Disclosures	Recommended Disclosures			
 a) Describe the board's oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities. 	 a) Describe the climate-related risks and opportunities the organization has identified over the short, medium, and long term. 	 a) Describe the organization's processes for identifying and assessing climate-related risks. 			
b) Describe management's role in assessing and managing climate- related risks and opportunities.	b) Describe the impact of climate- related risks and opportunities on the organization's businesses, strategy, and financial planning.	 b) Describe the organization's processes for managing climate- related risks. 	b) Disclose Scope 1, Scope 2, and, if appropriate, Scope 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and the related risks.		
	c) Describe the potential impact of different scenarios, including a 2° c scenario, on the organization's businesses, strategy, and financial planning.	c) Describe how processes for identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks are integrated into the organization's overall risk management.	c) Describe the targets used by the organization to manage climate- related risks and opportunities and performance against targets.		

Side bar and sticking point: Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions



Proposed NI 51-107 Disclosure of Climate-related Matters (October 18, 2021)

- Intended to provide investors with improved transparency about issuers' consideration and quantification of the risks of climate change by making TCFDaligned disclosures mandatory
- Two modifications to TCFD recommendations to address "pain points":
 - o scenario analysis: not required
 - GHG emissions reporting: comply-or-explain or mandatory Scope 1 only
- Would eventually apply uniformly to <u>all</u> reporting issuers as follows:
 - non-venture issuers: one-year transition period
 - venture issuers: three-year transition period
- CSA monitoring international developments, including:
 - SEC anticipated issuance of climate-related disclosure requirements
 - newly announced International Sustainability Standards Board and development of new standard

Important for CSA to have range of feedback - Get your comments in by Feb. 16, 2022!

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