



CIRCULAR 156-21

August 31, 2021

DISCIPLINARY DECISION — OFFER OF SETTLEMENT BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES CORP.

On November 6, 2020, following an investigation conducted by its Regulatory Division, Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the “Bourse”) filed a complaint against BNP Paribas Securities Corp. (“BNP”), a foreign approved participant of the Bourse.

This complaint stated the following:

1. During the period from January 23, 2014 to May 9, 2019, BNP contravened article 6366 A (article 3.4 from January 1, 2019) - “Access to Electronic Trading” and article 7403 (article 3.400 from January 1, 2019) - “Application for Approval as an Approved Person” of the Rules of the Bourse (the “Rules”), by providing access to twenty-four (24) of its employees, for various periods varying between 1 day and 1,066 days, to the electronic trading system of the Bourse without having obtained the prior approval of the Bourse; and
2. During the period from January 23, 2014 to October 31, 2019, BNP contravened article 3011 (article 3.100 from January 1, 2019) - “Surveillance and Compliance” as it did not establish and maintain a system to supervise the activities of each employee that is reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the Rules and Policies of the Bourse, more specifically as it did not establish policies and procedures to ensure that only its designated personnel approved by the Bourse, and who has received the required training, had access to the electronic trading system of the Bourse.

Following a hearing held on June 18, 2021, the Disciplinary Committee of the Bourse approved the offer of settlement negotiated between the staff of the Regulatory Division of the Bourse and BNP, which includes the imposition of a fine totalling \$90,000, as well as the payment of an additional amount of \$6,070 for the related costs.

To access the full text version of the Disciplinary Committee’s decision, please refer to the following link:
https://www.m-x.ca/f_publications_en/disciplinary_decision_08062021_en.pdf

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