### ESSA PHARMA INC.

### DISCLOSURE AND INSIDER TRADING POLICY

Throughout this document, "ESSA" and the "Corporation" refer to ESSA Pharma Inc. and all of its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates, including ESSA Pharmaceuticals Corp.

#### A. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

- 1. The objective of this disclosure policy (this "**Policy**") is to ensure that communications of Material Information (as defined below) to the investing public about ESSA are:
  - a) timely, factual and accurate; and
  - b) broadly disseminated in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
- 2. This Policy confirms in writing our existing disclosure policies and practices. Its goal is to raise awareness of ESSA's approach to disclosure among the board of directors of the Corporation (the "**Board**"), senior management and employees.
- 3. This Policy extends to all directors, officers and employees of ESSA and its subsidiaries, (collectively "ESSA Personnel") and to those authorized to speak on their behalf. Section E of this Policy applies to Restricted Persons (as defined below). ESSA may also determine that other persons should be subject to this Policy, such as contractors or consultants who have access to material undisclosed information. This Policy covers disclosures in documents filed with the securities regulators and written statements made in ESSA's annual and quarterly reports, news releases, letters to shareholders, presentations by those authorized to speak on behalf of the Corporation, and information contained on the Corporation's website and other electronic communications. It extends to oral statements made in meetings and telephone conversations with analysts and investors, interviews with the media, press conferences, conference calls and scientific presentations.
- 4. ESSA Personnel, those authorized to speak on their behalf, and insiders are individually responsible for complying with this Policy, and may be liable to investors, subject to certain defences, for misrepresentations in public documents or public oral statements concerning ESSA or for failing to make timely disclosure of material changes. It is, therefore, imperative that all ESSA Personnel, and those authorized to speak on their behalf, comply with this Policy.

### **B. OUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS POLICY**

1. If there is any question or concern with respect to the application of this Policy to ESSA Personnel or to any particular circumstance, a member of the Disclosure Committee (defined below) should be contacted for guidance.

### C. DISCLOSURE COMMITTEE

- 1. The Board has established a disclosure committee (the "**Disclosure Committee**") responsible for overseeing the Corporation's disclosure practices. The Disclosure Committee consists of the Chairman of the Board ("**CBD**"), Chief Executive Officer (the "**CEO**") and Chief Financial Officer (the "**CFO**") of the Corporation. In the event that these titles are held by the same person, a third member of the Disclosure Committee will be appointed by the Board. The Chair of the Disclosure Committee will be appointed by the CBD. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CFO is directly responsible for the preparation of all financial disclosure of the Corporation.
- 2. The Disclosure Committee will be responsible for (1) overall administration of this Policy, (2) educating employees regarding ESSA's disclosure obligations and trading and tipping restrictions, (3) ensuring that appropriate processes are in place for verifying the accuracy of information disclosed in documents filed with the securities regulatory authorities or otherwise publicly disseminated or contained in public oral statements and ensuring the timely disclosure of material changes in ESSA's affairs, (4) reviewing and authorizing disclosure (both written, including ESSA's core documents and non-core documents, and oral) before public release, (5) monitoring ESSA's website, (6) maintaining a disclosure record and documentation of Disclosure Committee decisions, which may include emails and other forms of electronic communication, (7) ensuring that when public disclosure requires a correction, such corrections are made promptly and under the direct supervision of the Disclosure Committee, and (8) monitoring the effectiveness of and compliance with this Policy and reporting thereon to the Board annually or more frequently if required.
- 3. The Disclosure Committee will set benchmarks for a preliminary assessment of materiality and will determine when developments justify public disclosure. If it is deemed that the information should remain confidential, the Disclosure Committee will determine how that inside information will be controlled. The Disclosure Committee will meet as conditions dictate, and documentation of the Disclosure Committee's decisions will be maintained by an appointee of the Disclosure Committee.
- 4. It is essential that the Disclosure Committee be fully apprised by ESSA Personnel of all material ESSA developments in order to evaluate and discuss those events to determine the appropriateness and timing for public release of Material Information (as defined below) or whether the information should remain confidential (in keeping with securities regulations and stock exchange rules), and if so, how that undisclosed Material Information (as defined below) will be controlled and for what time period.
- 5. The Disclosure Committee will review and update, if necessary, this Policy on an annual basis or as needed to ensure compliance with changing regulatory requirements, provided that any material changes to this Policy will be subject to the approval of the Board. The Disclosure Committee will report to the Board on an annual basis.

### D. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL INFORMATION

1. "Material Information" means any information relating to the Corporation that results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a significant change in the market price or value of any of the Corporation's securities. Information is also "material" if a reasonable investor would consider the information important to a decision to buy, hold or sell the Corporation's securities. Information may be material even if it relates to future, speculative or contingent events and even if it is significant only when considered in combination with publicly available information.

While it may be difficult under this standard to determine whether particular information is material, there are various categories of information that are particularly sensitive and, as a general rule, should always be handled with due care. Examples of such information may include, but are not limited to:

- Financial results;
- Known but unannounced future earnings or losses;
- Execution or termination of significant contracts with distributors, collaborators and other business partners;
- News of a pending or proposed merger or other acquisition;
- News of the disposition, construction or acquisition of significant assets;
- Patent or other intellectual property milestones;
- Significant developments involving corporate relationships;
- New product announcements of a significant nature;
- Positive or negative regulatory developments or regulator actions;
- New equity or debt offerings; and
- Changes in senior management.

Either positive or negative information may be material. It is important to remember that materiality will be judged with the benefit of hindsight. Therefore, questions concerning the materiality of particular information should be resolved in favor of materiality.

2. Subject to certain limited exceptions, securities laws, securities commission policies and stock exchange policies require the immediate disclosure of all Material Information of the Corporation through news media.

- 3. In certain circumstances, the Disclosure Committee may determine that such disclosure would be unduly detrimental to the Corporation (for example if release of the information would prejudice negotiations in a corporate transaction), in which case the information will be kept confidential until the Disclosure Committee determines it is appropriate to publicly disclose. In such circumstances, the Disclosure Committee will comply, as appropriate, with securities law provisions pertaining to filing of a confidential material change report with the applicable securities regulators, and, if filed, will periodically (at least every nine days) review its decision to keep the information confidential. Until this Material Information is publicly disclosed, all insiders and Restricted Persons (as defined below) will be prohibited from trading in the Corporation's securities, unless such trades are pursuant to a pre-existing Automatic Securities Disposition Plan ("ASDP") or Automatic Securities Purchase Plan ("ASPP").
- 4. It is expected that management of the Corporation will keep the Disclosure Committee fully apprised of all significant developments of the Corporation in order for the Disclosure Committee to determine the materiality and the appropriateness of and timing for public release of Material Information, or whether the information should remain confidential.

### E. TRADING RESTRICTIONS AND BLACKOUT PERIODS

- 1. In general, it is illegal for anyone to purchase or sell securities of any public company with knowledge of Material Information affecting that company that has not been publicly disclosed ("**Inside Information**"). Except in the necessary course of business, it is also illegal for anyone to inform any other person of Inside Information.
- 2. For the purposes of this Policy, a "Restricted Person" means:
  - a) any person who is ESSA Personnel or their spouse, minor children and adult family members sharing the same household;
  - b) any person who is former ESSA Personnel still in possession of Inside Information; and
  - c) partnerships, trusts, corporations, RRSP's and similar entities over which any person who is ESSA Personnel exercises control or discretion.
- 3. Restricted Persons are prohibited from communicating Inside Information about ESSA unless: (a) disclosure is in the necessary course of the Corporation's business, provided that the person receiving such information first enters into a confidentiality agreement in favour of ESSA; (b) disclosure is compelled by judicial process; or (c) disclosure is authorized by the Disclosure Committee. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the "tippee" is related to the Restricted Person or is an entity, such as a trust or a corporation, and regardless of whether any monetary benefit is received from the tippee.
- 4. Restricted Persons with Inside Information about ESSA, or counter-parties in negotiations of material potential transactions, are prohibited from trading securities in ESSA or the counter-parties until either: (i) the information has been fully disclosed and a

reasonable period of time (ESSA and the Disclosure Committee generally consider that a reasonable period of time should be at least two business days) has passed for the information to be widely disseminated; or (ii) such Restricted Person has been informed by the Disclosure Committee that the information has ceased to be Material Information. The foregoing does not apply in the case of trades of ESSA's securities pursuant to a pre-existing ASDP or ASPP in compliance with requirements under applicable securities laws and the requirements of this Disclosure Policy set out below.

- 5. From time to time, the Disclosure Committee may advise the directors, officers and certain or all employees of the Corporation not to trade in securities of the Corporation or a counter-party. These advisories are called "trading blackout periods". Trading blackout periods may occur in connection with potential pending events that might constitute Material Information about the business affairs of the Corporation or a counter-party. Unless otherwise determined by the Disclosure Committee, any advisory regarding a trading blackout period in connection with potential pending events, the existence of such trading blackout period and the identity or any other information regarding a potential counter-party must be kept confidential by Restricted Persons. The authority for imposing a trading blackout period rests solely with the Disclosure Committee. Because the announcement of ESSA's quarterly financial results could have a material effect on the market for ESSA's securities, directors, officers and any employees responsible for the financial information of ESSA may not trade in ESSA's securities during the period beginning two weeks before the end of the quarter and ending after the second full business day following the release of ESSA's earnings for that quarter.
- 6. The Chair of the Disclosure Committee will notify the directors, officers and all or some of the employees of the Corporation of the imposition of the trading blackout period and its duration, if known. The Chair of the Disclosure Committee will also notify such persons when the trading blackout period is lifted, if the duration was not stated at the outset. Generally, the appropriate time to lift the trading blackout period will be at the close of business on the second business day after the day on which the news release disclosing the Inside Information has been issued, which is when the information is deemed to be generally known.

Even if a blackout period is not in effect, Restricted Persons are prohibited from trading in ESSA securities if they are in possession of Inside Information pertaining to ESSA. Any failure by the Chair of the Disclosure Committee to notify directors, officers and all or some of the employees of the Corporation, as applicable, of a blackout period will not relieve such persons of the obligation not to trade ESSA securities while in possession of Inside Information.

7. Persons to whom a blackout period applies may apply to the Chair of the Disclosure Committee for approval to trade securities of the Corporation during a trading blackout period. The Chair of the Disclosure Committee may apply to another member of the Disclosure Committee for approval to trade securities of the Corporation during a trading blackout period. It is anticipated that such approval shall only be given in limited and exceptional circumstances and, for example would not ordinarily be given in

- circumstances where ESSA is aware that the Restricted Person has knowledge of undisclosed Material Information.
- 8. To provide assistance in preventing inadvertent violations of this Policy and the Corporation's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and avoiding even the appearance of an improper transaction, the following persons must not at any time, directly or indirectly, trade in the Corporation's securities unless such person obtains the prior approval of the CFO (trades by the CFO shall require the approval of the Chair of the Disclosure Committee):
  - a) Any director or officer of the Corporation;
  - b) Any employee who reports directly to an officer of the Corporation; or
  - c) Any individual who has been notified by the CEO or CFO that they are subject to pre-clearance in accordance with this Policy.
- 9. Unless otherwise specified by the CFO, clearance for a transaction is only valid for 48 hours after such clearance is received. If the trade is not completed within such 48-hour period, clearance for the transaction must be re-requested. If clearance for the trade is denied, the fact of such denial of clearance must be kept confidential by the applicant. The pre-clearance request must specify the amount and nature of the proposed trade(s), and the applicant must attest that he or she is not in possession of any Inside Information concerning the Corporation. If the applicant becomes possessed of Inside Information concerning the Corporation before the proposed trade is completed, the trade must not take place. Likewise, the CFO may in his or her discretion revoke any clearance given.
- 10. Restricted Persons are prohibited at any time from, directly or indirectly, undertaking any of the following activities:
  - a) speculating in ESSA securities, which may include buying with the intention of quickly reselling such securities or making recommendations to others to invest in ESSA securities with such intent (other than in connection with the acquisition and sale of shares issued under ESSA's stock option plan or similar benefit plan or arrangement);
  - b) buying ESSA's securities on margin;
  - c) short selling a security of ESSA or any other arrangement that results in a gain only if the value of ESSA's securities declines in the future;
  - d) selling a "call option" giving the holder an option to purchase ESSA securities; and
  - e) buying a "put option" giving the holder an option to sell ESSA securities;

other than deposits of securities into a margin account that may be created pursuant to an ASDP or ASPP that is established in compliance with requirements under

- applicable securities laws and the requirements of this Disclosure Policy set out below.
- 11. The conflict-of-interest guidelines contained in the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics encourage ESSA Personnel who are not sure whether they should be trading in securities of the Corporation at any particular time to contact a member of the Disclosure Committee for guidance.
- 12. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Policy, a Restricted Person may purchase or sell securities of the Corporation while in possession of Inside Information about the Corporation, regardless of whether a trading blackout period is then in effect, and without complying with the requirement to obtain the approval of the CFO, if such purchase or sale is made in compliance with requirements under applicable securities laws and is effected pursuant to a pre-existing ASDP or ASPP, as applicable, established in accordance with the following procedures.

Automatic Securities Disposition and Purchase Plans

- 13. The Board may approve the adoption by Restricted Persons of ASDPs and ASPPs. An ASDP may enable a Restricted Person to arrange for the exercise of stock options and the automatic sale or donation of securities of ESSA (including common shares underlying stock options) in accordance with pre-arranged instructions notwithstanding that the Restricted Person is then aware of or in possession of Inside Information or a trading blackout has been imposed. Similarly, an ASPP may enable a Restricted Person to arrange for purchases of ESSA's securities in accordance with pre-arranged instructions notwithstanding that the Restricted Person is then aware of or in possession of material, non-public information or a trading blackout has been imposed. In each case, the Restricted Person must clear in advance with the Board, the adoption of the ASDP or ASPP, and the ASDP or ASPP must comply with applicable Canadian and U.S. securities laws, including the interpretive guidance set out in Ontario Securities Commission Staff Notice 55-701 ("OSC Staff Notice 55-701") and Rule 10b5-1(c) under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 10b5-1(c)").
- 14. Before an ASDP or ASPP that is proposed to be adopted will be cleared under this Policy by the Board, the Restricted Person must provide a draft of the ASDP or ASPP to the Board, together with a schedule of planned exercises of options, sales, donations or purchases, and the Restricted Person must certify that: (i) he or she is not then in possession of Inside Information, and (ii) he or she is entering into the ASDP or ASPP in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions of applicable Canadian and U.S. securities laws.
- 15. In determining whether to clear the adoption of an ASDP or ASPP, the Board shall consider whether the ASDP or ASPP complies with the following guidelines:
  - Timing for Adopting an ASDP or ASPP An ASDP may not be adopted during a trading blackout period. An ASDP or ASPP may only be adopted at a time when the Restricted Person is not in possession of Inside Information.

- Cooling-Off Period A "cooling-off" period of not less than 60 days will generally be required between the adoption of the ASDP or ASPP and the first disposition or acquisition under the ASDP or ASPP.
- Duration An ASDP or ASPP should have a limited duration (e.g., 12-24 months).
- Modification and Termination The ASDP or ASPP must contain "meaningful restrictions" on the ability of the insider to modify or terminate the ASDP (within the meaning of OSC Staff Notice 55-701). Following the adoption of the ASDP, the Restricted Person may not modify or terminate the ASDP or ASPP unless: (i) an explanation of the reasons for such modification or termination is provided to the Board, and pre-clearance of such modification or termination is obtained from the Board; (ii) in connection with such pre-clearance, the Restricted Person certifies that (a) he or she is not then in possession of Inside Information, (b) he or she is modifying or terminating the ASDP or ASPP in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions of applicable Canadian securities laws; and (iii) if the ASDP or ASPP was established by an "insider" that is required to file insider reports in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, such person notifies the public via a SEDI filing (or other filing approved by the Board) of the modification or termination and includes in such filing a representation that such insider is not in possession of any Inside Information. No such modification or termination may occur during a trading blackout period. In addition, the ASDP or ASPP should include a delay period (e.g., 30-45 days) for any instructions to modify or terminate an ASDP or ASPP.
- Simplicity The Restricted Person should avoid complex sales formulae that may be hard to apply, misinterpreted or that may require the broker under the ASDP or ASPP to seek guidance from the Restricted Person.
- *Disclosure* ESSA will generally disclose by press release the adoption of an ASDP or ASPP by a director or officer in accordance with applicable securities laws.
- Manner of Trades The ASDP or ASPP should generally provide for regular sales or purchases of smaller amounts (relative to a Restricted Person's holdings) over a period of time rather than large sales or purchases during a short period of time after adoption of the ASDP or ASPP.
- *Broker* A Restricted Person should use a broker that is familiar with ASDPs and/or ASPPs, as applicable. The broker responsible for the ASDP or ASPP should not have an established relationship with the Restricted Person to prevent allegations of influence.
- 16. The Board may also consider such other "best practices" as they exist at such time with respect to ASDPs and ASPPs, and may impose such additional requirements, or grant such exceptions, as it determines are necessary or appropriate.

17. In pre-clearing the adoption, modification or termination of an ASDP or ASPP, none of the Corporation, the Disclosure Committee or the Board shall be responsible for determining whether such ASDP or ASPP is in compliance with the provisions of applicable securities laws. Compliance with applicable securities laws is the responsibility of the Restricted Person, who should consult with his or her own legal advisors before adopting an ASDP or ASPP.

### F. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 1. ESSA Personnel and any agent of ESSA privy to confidential information, including all Inside Information, are prohibited from communicating such information to anyone else, unless it is necessary to do so in the course of business. Efforts will be made to limit access to such confidential information to only those who need to know the information and such persons will be advised that the information is to be kept confidential.
- 2. Outside parties privy to confidential information will be told that they must not divulge such information to anyone else, other than in the necessary course of business and that they may not trade in the Corporation's securities until the information is publicly disclosed. All employees are required to sign a confidentiality agreement as a condition of their employment. As a result, all employees are legally required to protect ESSA's confidential information. ESSA will seek legal recourse against those in breach of their confidentiality obligations to the Corporation where appropriate.
- 3. In order to prevent the misuse or inadvertent disclosure of confidential information, the procedures set forth below should be observed at all times:
  - (a) documents and files (both physical and electronic) containing confidential information should be kept in a safe place to which access is restricted to individuals who "need to know" that information in the necessary course of business;
  - (b) code names should be used if necessary;
  - (c) all employees must take all necessary precautions to ensure that confidential matters will not be overheard in public places, such as elevators, hallways, restaurants, airplanes or taxis;
  - (d) confidential documents and emails should be exchanged only on ESSA's networks or other secure network connections;
  - (e) confidential documents should be shredded when no longer needed and should not be discarded where others can retrieve them;
  - (f) employees must not remove confidential documents from ESSA's premises unless strictly necessary to their work. Employees must ensure that they maintain the confidentiality of information in their possession outside of the office as carefully as if they were at the office;

- (g) transmission of documents by any means, including by courier, post or by fax, should be made only where it is reasonable to believe that the transmission can be made and received under secure conditions;
- (h) unnecessary copying of confidential documents should be avoided and documents containing confidential information should be promptly removed from conference rooms and work areas after meetings have concluded. Extra copies of confidential documents should be shredded or otherwise destroyed;
- (i) the legal affairs department or another department designated by the Disclosure Committee will review, sign and maintain records of all confidentiality agreements signed with third parties; and
- (j) ESSA employees may disclose confidential information to third parties only as necessary and under the following conditions:
  - A. the third party has signed a confidential disclosure agreement with the Corporation that is acceptable to management of ESSA;
  - B. the third party is given only that information which is strictly necessary;
  - C. the disclosing employee keeps records of what information was disclosed, when and to whom; and
  - D. employees routinely disclosing confidential information should check with the legal affairs department on a regular basis to ensure that the confidentiality agreements are still valid and cover the appropriate subject matter.

### G. SPOKESPERSONS

- 1. The only authorized spokespersons for the Corporation are members of the Disclosure Committee and the Chief Medical Officer of the Corporation. These spokespersons may, from time to time, designate others to speak on behalf of the Corporation or to respond to specific inquiries from the investment community or the media.
- 2. Employees other than the authorized spokespersons must not respond to inquiries from the investment community or the media unless specifically asked to do so by an authorized spokesperson. All such queries should be referred to an authorized spokesperson.
- 3. The Disclosure Committee will be involved in scheduling and developing communications and presentations for all meetings with the investment community and the media.
- 4. If there is any doubt about the appropriateness of supplying information to an outside party, an employee should contact a member of the Disclosure Committee for advice.

# H. TIMING OF AND PROCEDURE FOR DISCLOSURE

- 1. Once a decision is made by the Disclosure Committee that information is material and will not be the subject of a confidential filing, it must be disclosed in a timely manner and broadly disseminated to the public. ESSA will use an industry-accepted news wire service to disseminate news releases. In addition, news releases will be emailed to parties who have expressed a desire to receive such releases directly.
- 2. All ESSA news releases including releases of Material Information will be managed by the CEO or CFO under the direction of the Disclosure Committee, and by no other persons.
- 3. The CEO or CFO will submit all proposed news releases to the Disclosure Committee, with internal and/or external experts included in the review process as deemed appropriate by the Disclosure Committee. The Disclosure Committee will review all news releases in order to ensure that the proposed disclosure is in compliance with applicable securities laws and stock exchange requirements.
- 4. The Audit Committee of the Corporation will review and approve news releases regarding interim financial results and will review, approve and recommend to the Board news releases regarding annual financial results. The Board will review and approve news releases regarding annual financial results.
- 5. Prior to dissemination of a news release, written or electronic confirmation is required from the CEO and one other member of the Disclosure Committee. If the CEO is unavailable and immediate dissemination of a new release is required, the remaining Disclosure Committee member(s) can approve the release.
- 6. The CEO or CFO will provide a copy of the release to the market surveillance groups of the Toronto Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq Capital Market and any other stock exchange on which the Corporation's securities are listed before the planned news release time, pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable laws or stock exchange regulations. Any request for a trading halt by the Corporation requires approval from a member of the Disclosure Committee.
- 7. After public dissemination, the Corporation's disclosures will be monitored to ensure accurate dissemination and take corrective measures, if necessary.
- 8. Upon the advice of the CFO, and as required under applicable laws or stock exchange regulations, ESSA will file a material change report with securities regulators.
- 9. The Disclosure Committee may elect, at any time, to adopt controls and procedures that are different than those which have been established under this Policy, provided that such controls and procedures are in the opinion of the Disclosure Committee, satisfactory to ensure that disclosure documents are accurate and are disclosed in compliance with applicable laws.

### I. CONFERENCE CALLS

- 1. Conference calls may be held for quarterly earnings reports and other major corporate developments, whereby discussion of key aspects will be made available simultaneously to all interested parties by telephone or via a webcast over the internet. The call will be preceded by a news release containing all relevant Material Information. At the beginning of the call, an ESSA spokesperson or the operator will provide appropriate cautionary language with respect to any forward-looking information and direct participants to publicly available documents containing the assumptions, sensitivities and a full discussion of the risks and uncertainties.
- 2. ESSA will provide advance notice of the conference call and/or webcast by issuing a news release announcing the date and time and providing information on how interested parties may access the call and/or webcast. Any non-material supplemental information provided to participants will also be posted to ESSA's Website for others to view. A tape recording of the conference call and/or an archived audio webcast on the internet will be made available following the call for a minimum of 30 days, for anyone interested in listening to a replay.
- 3. If management or a members of the Disclosure Committee uncovers selective disclosure of previously undisclosed Material Information during the course of the conference call, the Corporation will immediately disclose such information broadly via news release.

#### J. SPEECHES AND INVESTOR CONFERENCES

1. Whenever ESSA's spokespersons speak at public events such as conferences, they will guide themselves by this Policy. In the event that Material Information is disclosed selectively, such information will be announced broadly via news release as soon as reasonably possible and in accordance with applicable laws. The Disclosure Committee will determine which presentations are appropriate for posting on the website.

# K. RESPONDING TO MARKET RUMOURS

- 1. It is the Corporation's practice not to comment on market rumours or speculation, particularly where it is clear that the Corporation is not the source of the market rumour. If a stock exchange or a securities regulator requests the Corporation to make a statement in response to a market rumour, the Disclosure Committee will consider the matter and determine the nature and content of any Corporation response.
- 2. The Disclosure Committee will also recommend an appropriate course of action where the Corporation or an employee of the Corporation is the apparent source of the rumour.

### L. COMMUNICATION WITH FINANCIAL ANALYSTS AND INVESTORS

1. ESSA recognizes that meetings with analysts and investors are an important element of its investor relations program. Authorized ESSA spokespersons will meet with analysts and investors on an individual or group basis as needed and will initiate contact or

- respond to analyst and investor calls in a timely, consistent and accurate fashion in accordance with this Policy.
- 2. ESSA will not provide confidential, proprietary or Inside Information in communications with financial analysts or investors. The Corporation will only disclose factual information.
- 3. ESSA will not discriminate among recipients of information. The Corporation will neither confirm nor attempt to influence a financial analyst's opinions or conclusions. ESSA will provide the same information that has been provided to financial analysts to individual investors when requested.
- 4. ESSA will not review financial analysts' reports or models but may confirm or correct publicly released historical information contained in analysts' reports.
- 5. The Disclosure Committee will assist authorized spokespersons to prepare for meetings with financial analysts and investors. If material non-public information is inadvertently disclosed at such a meeting, ESSA will take immediate action to achieve broad public dissemination of the information.

### M. **QUIET PERIODS**

1. In order to avoid the potential for selective disclosure or even the perception or appearance of selective disclosure, ESSA will observe a quarterly quiet period, during which the Corporation will not, without the prior authority of the Disclosure Committee initiate or participate in any meetings or telephone contacts with analysts and investors and no earnings guidance will be provided to anyone, other than responding to unsolicited inquiries concerning factual matters. The quiet period commences five business days prior to the issuance of a news release disclosing quarterly financial results and ends with the issuance of a news release disclosing quarterly results.

## N. FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

- 1. Other than normal required disclosure, ESSA will not provide forecasts of future earnings or other financial or operating results. ESSA may provide sufficient forward-looking information to the investing public to enable reasoned evaluations of the Corporation and its future performance prospects provided that it is not undisclosed Material Information and it has been prepared or reviewed by the Disclosure Committee. Such information will be consistent with and complementary to information that has been otherwise provided via timely disclosure documents such as annual reports, news releases, interim reports, etc.
- 2. A forward-looking statement made in the Corporation's written documents will be identified as such and accompanied with meaningful cautionary language that warns investors that there is a risk that the statement could change materially. In the case of oral forward-looking statements, the statement will be identified as such and, if the cautionary language is not included in a previously released, readily available written document, it will immediately accompany the statement.

### O. ESSA WEBSITE

1. ESSA has an internet website that contains an investor information section. Documents that will be made available on the website include the annual report, quarterly reports, management discussion and analysis, investor fact sheets and news releases. The CFO is responsible for ensuring that the information in the investor section of the website is upto-date. News releases will be posted on the website as soon as possible after they are released to the wire service. Other documents and presentations will be placed on the web site as soon as possible after they are available and have been reviewed by the CFO.

#### P. SOCIAL MEDIA

1. The members of the Disclosure Committee are the only ESSA Personnel who are authorized to post information on any ESSA social media forum, including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, SlideShare and LinkedIn. All information posted on the Corporation's social media forums will comply with the rules of this Policy, including the use of the appropriate forward-looking information and disclosure of Material Information. ESSA Personnel are prohibited from participating in discussions concerning ESSA's Inside Information or confidential or proprietary information in chat rooms, bulletin boards or non-ESSA social media sites.

#### O. MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS

1. The Disclosure Committee will appoint a person or persons (which may include outside counsel) to keep abreast of developments in securities law and stock exchange regulations affecting disclosure practices and to monitor the disclosure practices of ESSA's competitors. Such person(s) will advise the Disclosure Committee periodically and promptly in the event of any major development in the law or such practices.

### R. DISCLOSURE RECORD

1. The Corporation will maintain a historical record, extending back at least six years, of all disclosure documents prepared by the Corporation, including continuous disclosure documents, news releases and transcripts or tape recordings of conference calls.

# S. COMMUNICATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 1. This Policy extends to all ESSA Personnel and authorized spokespersons. New directors, officers and employees will be provided with a copy of this Policy and will be educated about its importance. It will also be brought to the attention of all employees whenever significant changes are made.
- 2. ESSA Personnel who violate this Policy may face disciplinary action up to and including termination of his or her employment with the Corporation without notice. The violation of this Policy may also violate certain securities laws. If it appears that an employee may have violated such securities laws, the Corporation may refer the matter to the appropriate regulatory authorities, which could lead to penalties, fines or imprisonment.

# T. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. All directors, officers and other employees subject to the procedures set forth in this Policy must acknowledge their understanding of, and intent to comply with, this Policy and on the form attached hereto.