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William G. Knight (Bill) is the President of Hebb, Knight and Associates, a consulting firm based in Canada. He has expertise in emerging marketplace business issues or policy issues, identifying and analyzing patterns in industry/sector and regulatory developments in Canada and abroad. Prior to joining the firm, he was the Commissioner of the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada from 2001 to 2006 where he was delegated with the authority of a deputy head by the Canadian Federal Government. His Mandate was to oversee 3.24 trillion dollars of financial services related to market conduct. Between 1995 and 2001, Mr. Knight held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Credit Union Central of Canada, where he undertook a number of strategic initiatives in order to distinguish Canadian Credit Unions as the competitive alternative to the banks.

Mr. Knight's responsibilities included direct oversight of a number of satellite companies integral to the group of financial services offered through the retail credit unions. Mr. Knight was Chairman of the Board of Directors for Credential Group of Companies: Credential Securities Inc., Credential Asset Management, and Ethical Funds Inc. He was a member of the Board of Directors for Canadian Co-operative Agricultural Financial Services, Canadian Co-operative Leasing Services, and served as an Alternate Board Director of the Canadian Payments Association. Mr. Knight was the Chairperson for Canadian Central's CEOs Advisory Committee. Mr. Knight also served as a Federal Member of Parliament from 1971 to 1974. As the youngest Member of Parliament, he was elected Chief Whip for the Minority Parliament 1972 to 1974 and served as a member of the House Finance Committee during an important tax reform period. He was also a member of the Regional Development and Public Accounts Committees, and the committee responsible for overseeing the Foreign Investment Review Agency. He received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for excellence in Public Service on behalf of Canada..

Mr. Knight presently serves on the Desjardins Advisory board; the Board of Directors of AIG United Guarantee (Canada); the Board of Directors of Citizens Bank of Canada; as an advisor to the World Bank affiliate- C-Gap, the Canadian credit union system and CCAs International Development branch.

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