

Ontario Securities Commission Commission des valeurs mobilières de l'Ontario

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5 AS AMENDED

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IN THE MATTER OF GITC INVESTMENTS AND TRADING CANADA LTD. carrying on business as GITC INVESTMENTS AND TRADING CANADA INC. and GITC, GITC INC., and AMAL TAWFIQ ASFOUR

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN STAFF OF THE ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION AND GITC INVESTMENTS AND TRADING CANADA LTD. carrying on business as GITC INVESTMENTS AND TRADING CANADA INC. and GITC, GITC INC., and AMAL TAWFIQ ASFOUR

## **ORDER**

(Subsections 127(1) and 127.1)

## **WHEREAS**

1. on March 12, 2015, the Ontario Securities Commission (the "Commission") issued a Notice of Hearing pursuant to subsections 127(1) and 127.1 of the Securities Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.5, as amended (the "Act") to consider whether it is in the public interest to make orders, as specified therein, against and in respect of GITC Investments & Trading Canada Ltd. carrying on business as GITC Investments and Trading Canada Inc. and GITC ("GITC Investments & Trading Canada"), GITC Inc., and Amal Tawfiq Asfour ("Asfour") (collectively, the "Respondents"). The Notice of Hearing was issued in connection with the

- allegations as set out in the Statement of Allegations of Staff of the Commission ("Staff") dated March 12, 2015;
- 2. the Respondents entered into a Settlement Agreement with Staff dated October 15, 2015 (the "Settlement Agreement") in which the Respondents agreed to a proposed settlement of the proceeding commenced by the Notice of Hearing dated March 12, 2015, subject to the approval of the Commission;
- 3. on October 16, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing pursuant to section 127 of the Act to announce that it proposed to hold a hearing to consider whether it is in the public interest to approve a settlement agreement entered into between Staff and the Respondents;
- 4. the Respondents acknowledge that failure to pay in full any monetary sanctions and/or costs ordered will result in the Respondents' names being added to the list of "Respondents Delinquent in Payment of Commission Orders" published on the OSC website;
- 5. the Respondents acknowledge that this Order may form the basis for parallel orders in other jurisdictions in Canada. The securities laws of some other Canadian jurisdictions may allow orders made in this matter to take effect in those other jurisdictions automatically, without further notice to the Respondents. The Respondents should contact the securities regulator of any other jurisdiction in which he/she may intend to engage in any securities related activities, prior to undertaking such activities;
- 6. the Commission has reviewed the Settlement Agreement, the Notices of Hearing, and the Statement of Allegations of Staff, and heard submissions from counsel for the Respondents and from Staff;
- 7. the Commission is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to make this Order:

## **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- 1. the Settlement Agreement is approved;
- 2. trading in any securities or derivatives by the Respondents cease permanently, pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 3. acquisition of any securities by the Respondents is prohibited permanently, pursuant to paragraph 2.1 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 4. any exemptions contained in Ontario securities law do not apply to the Respondents permanently, pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 5. the Respondents be reprimanded, pursuant to paragraph 6 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 6. Asfour resign all positions that she holds as a director or officer of an issuer, pursuant to paragraph 7 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 7. Asfour resign all positions that she holds as a director or officer of a registrant, pursuant to paragraph 8.1 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 8. Asfour resign all positions that she holds as a director or officer of an investment fund manager, pursuant to paragraph 8.3 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 9. Asfour is prohibited from becoming or acting as a director or officer of any issuer permanently, pursuant to paragraph 8 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;
- 10. Asfour is prohibited from becoming or acting as a director or officer of any registrant permanently, pursuant to paragraph 8.2 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;

11. Asfour is prohibited from becoming or acting as a director or officer of any investment fund manager permanently, pursuant to paragraph 8.4 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;

12. the Respondents are prohibited from becoming or acting as a registrant, as an investment fund manager or as a promoter permanently, pursuant to paragraph 8.5 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;

13. the Respondents pay an administrative penalty on a joint and several basis in the amount of \$200,000, which shall be designated for allocation or for use by the Commission in accordance with subsections 3.4(2)(b)(i) or (ii) of the Act, pursuant to paragraph 9 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;

14. the Respondents disgorge to the Commission the amount of \$6,680,000 on a joint and several basis, which shall be designated for allocation or for use by the Commission in accordance with subsections 3.4(2)(b)(i) or (ii), pursuant to paragraph 10 of subsection 127(1) of the Act;

15. the Respondents shall pay costs on a joint and several basis in the amount of \$25,000, pursuant to section 127.1 of the Act; and

16. Asfour's right to (i) call at any residence for the purpose of trading in securities, or (ii) telephone from within Ontario to any residence within or outside Ontario for the purpose of trading in securities, is cancelled, pursuant to subsection 37(1) of the Act.

**DATED** at Toronto, this 23rd day of October, 2015.

