

## TRADING NOTICE

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NOTICE #: 2017-033

## WITHDRAWAL OF AEF

On May 9, 2017, we had provided an update on the status of the implementation of the Auto-Execution Facility (AEF), which had been approved on January 20, 2017 (please see Trading Notice 2017-020).

We indicated that we had decided not to implement the AEF functionality at that time due to feedback from members of the institutional trading community about how the AEF, and similar functionality already available on other Canadian marketplaces, would be detrimental to quality of execution and price discovery in the Canadian market overall.

Upon careful consideration of the comments and concerns and in line with the values that drive us, NEO Exchange has decided to withdraw the AEF functionality. We have received regulatory approval for the removal of the AEF provisions from our Trading Policies, as of today's date.

We thank all commenters – formal and informal – for their feedback, as well as Ontario Securities Commission Staff for their efforts and open-minded approach to this challenging issue throughout the process.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact NEO Exchange Operations via email or via telephone.

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