

# 18<sup>th</sup> International XBRL Conference

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#### The Canadian marketplace

- 4,500 public companies
  - Many small (70% < \$25M market cap)</li>
  - Regulated by Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA)

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- Close ties to US markets
- File in PDF format
  - annual and quarterly F/S
  - accompanying MD&A
  - Other periodic & timely disclosure materials
  - Downloadable from www.sedar.com





### **CSA XBRL activities**

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- CSA position
  - Support XBRL
  - Encourage its use
- Surveyed the marketplace in 2006
  - Low awareness
  - No one uses XBRL
  - Strong support for a filing program





# CSA XBRL filing program

- Launched in May 2007
- Voluntary participation
- Minimal requirements www.csa-acvm.ca/html\_CSA/xbrl.html
- XBRL data available on www.sedar.com
- 4 filings to date
- Objective
  - Raise awareness
- Gain experience
  Hosted by XDTLUS



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### **Filer Experience**

- TNT Filings approached the CFOs of the Companies
- Worked with them on extending the taxonomy.
- Once the taxonomy was done, they did the tagging in-house
- Then presented the CFO with a presentational view of the tagged reports for approval.

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- Once everything was approved TNT filed with the CSA's VFP.
- The initial taxonomy creation took about 10 to 12 hrs for each company
- Each subsequent tagging took 4 to 5 hours.





# **Challenges for the CSA**

- Little demand for XBRL information
- Large number of small companies
- Canadian GAAP on it's way out
- XBRL complexities perception, and reality
- XBRL software choices limited
- Getting the message out
  - Help from others, filing agents, law firms, accounting firms

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#### **QUESTIONS?**

