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MFDA Hearing Panel approves Settlement Agreement with De Thomas Financial Corp.

September 3, 2009 (Toronto, Ontario) – A Settlement Hearing in the matter of De Thomas Financial Corp. (the “Respondent”) was held today before a Hearing Panel of the Central Regional Council of the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the “MFDA”).

The Hearing Panel approved the Settlement Agreement between the Respondent and MFDA Staff, as a consequence of which the Respondent:

- Has paid a fine in the amount of \$10,000;
- Has paid the costs of the proceeding in the amount of \$2,500;
- Shall retain an independent monitor at its expense and in accordance with the terms set out in Schedule “B” to the Settlement Agreement to resolve all existing deficiencies and any deficiencies that the independent monitor identifies during its review; and
- Shall in the future comply with all MFDA By-laws, Rules and Policies, and all applicable securities legislation and regulations made thereunder, including MFDA Rules 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 2.5 and MFDA Policy No. 2.

The Hearing Panel will issue written reasons for its decision in due course. Copies of the [Settlement Agreement](#) and the Hearing Panel’s [Order](#) are available on the MFDA website at www.mfda.ca.

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