Stantec Inc. Differences Between Stantec Practices and NYSE Rules



As a Canadian reporting issuer on the TSX and NYSE, Stantec ensures that its corporate governance practices meet and, in some cases, exceed, legal and regulatory requirements. Although as a non-US company we are not required to comply with many of the NYSE corporate governance listing standards, our governance practices do comply with the NYSE standards in all significant respects other than those noted below.

Section 303A.08 of the NYSE's Listed Company Manual requires shareholder approval of all equity compensation plans and material revisions. The definition of equity compensation plans under the NYSE rules covers plans that provide for the delivery of newly issued securities, as well as plans that rely on securities reacquired on the market by the issuing company for the purpose of redistribution to employees and directors.

The TSX rules require shareholder approval of security-based compensation arrangements only in respect of arrangements that involve the delivery of newly issued securities. The TSX rules require shareholder approval of security-based compensation plans when they are first introduced and thereafter (a) every three years in respect of all unallocated options, rights, or other entitlements under an arrangement with a rolling percentage maximum or (b) at the time and in respect of any amendment to such arrangements (unless the amendment relates to an arrangement previously approved by shareholders and includes specific authority for certain TSX-specified types of amendments).

Stock purchase plans in which securities are purchased in the public market and no financial assistance or discount is provided by the Company for the purchase of securities are not subject to the shareholder approval requirement under the TSX rules; however, shareholder approval is required under the NYSE's rules. We comply with the rules of the TSX.