

The APCHQ's Garantie des maisons neuves (GMN)

On June 20, 2013, the Régie du bâtiment du Québec ("RBQ"), under the chairmanship of Stéphane Labrie, announced the designation of an independent third party, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (RCGT), as provisional manager of the APCHQ'S Garantie des maisons neuves ("GMN"), a new home warranty program.

Due to some exceptional circumstances, i.e., pyrrhotite problems in Trois-Rivières, the GMN was no longer respecting the solvency criteria set out in the Regulation respecting the guarantee plan for new residential buildings (the Regulation). Accordingly, the RBQ has withdrawn its authorization for the GMN to administer the guarantee plan.

The provisional manager will continue GMN-related activities and will provide service and support to beneficiaries in keeping with their guarantee plan. Claims will be processed in accordance with the coverage in effect and the procedures set out in the Regulation. The provisional manager will ensure close supervision of assets and the reserve account. In addition, current employees have expertise in this area as well as an understanding of the construction sector that will continue to be put to the service of beneficiaries. These employees will be working under the direction of the provisional manager.

"We will be focussing on the measures to take to ensure a transition with no repercussions for GMN beneficiaries," said Mr. Jocelyn Renaud, the partner in the firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton in charge of the provisional management of the GMN.

RCGT's Recovery and Reorganization group is the largest network of financial recovery professionals, with more than 175 specialized employees and 23 partners working in all regions of Québec, including Montréal, Laval, Brossard, Gatineau, Québec, Rimouski, Saguenay and Trois-Rivières. The group has extensive expertise and handles a large number of files annually. It is a recognized leader in matters relating to provisional management as well as large and complex liquidations on behalf of the Office de la protection du consommateur or the Autorité des marchés financiers.

Moreover, over the past five years, the RCGT group has been involved in more than 240 files relating to the construction sector. RCGT will ensure the following for this mandate:

- ✓ Significant management capacity
- ✓ Very prompt reaction time
- ✓ Crisis management expertise
- ✓ Proximity to subcontractors and clients
- ✓ Regional coverage

The provisional manager has created a Website to provide information to beneficiaries and contractors. For any questions, please go to www.raymondchabot.com/en/GMN, call the provisional manager's information centre toll free at 1 877 958-5445, or send an email to GMN@rcgt.com.
