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**IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT
R.S.N.S. 1989, CHAPTER 418, AS AMENDED**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF
CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED**

Receipt for a Preliminary MJDS Short Form Prospectus dated **December 8, 2003** relating to the securities of the above Issuer is hereby issued pursuant to section 60 of the Act.

DATED at Halifax, this 8th day of **December, 2003**.

"Donna M. Gouthro"

J. William Slattery, C.A.
Deputy Director, Corporate Finance
per Donna M. Gouthro, Corporate
Finance Officer (Analyst)

NOTE: The issuance of this receipt is not construed as meaning that the adequacy of the Preliminary MJDS Short Form Prospectus and supporting material has been established. These are being reviewed by the Commission staff and initial comments will be furnished to you by letter as soon as practicable.

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