

ALBERTA SECURITIES ACT

Receipt for the Filing
of a Preliminary Short Form Prospectus
under the Mutual Reliance Review System

This preliminary mutual reliance review system decision document confirms that preliminary receipts of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Québec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland have been issued.

Dated: January 14, 2000

On behalf of: **SYNSORB Biotech Inc.**

This receipt authorizes the distribution of information concerning the Securities described in the subject Preliminary Short Form Prospectus, pursuant to section 99 of the Securities Act.

The issuance of this receipt is not to be construed as meaning that the adequacy of the preliminary prospectus and supporting material has been established. These are being reviewed by Alberta Securities Commission staff and any comments will be furnished to you as soon as possible.

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Alberta Securities Commission

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