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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

NEXEN INC.

Receipt for (Final) Shelf Prospectus dated **May 22nd, 2003** relating to the securities of the above Issuer is hereby issued pursuant to subsection 1 of section 66 of the Act.

DATED at Halifax, this **22nd** day of **May, 2003**.

"Frank A. Mader"

J. William Slattery, C.A.
Deputy Director, Corporate Finance per
Frank A. Mader, C.A., Staff Accountant

Project #**537689**