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Jackie Allen Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP Box 50, 1 First Canadian Place Toronto, Ontario M5X 1B8

Dear Ms. Allen:

Re: Government Strip Bond Trust (the "Applicant") — Application for an order not to be a reporting issuer under the securities legislation of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador (the "Jurisdictions") dated February 21, 2013

The Applicant has applied to the local securities regulatory authority or regulator (the "Decision Maker") in each of the Jurisdictions for a decision under the securities legislation (the "Legislation") of the Jurisdictions that the Applicant is not a reporting issuer.

In this decision, "securityholder" means, for a security, the beneficial owner of the security.

The Applicant has represented to the Decision Makers that:

- the outstanding securities of the Applicant, including debt securities, are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by less than 15 securityholders in each of the Jurisdictions of Canada and less than 51 securityholders in total worldwide;
- no securities of the Applicant, including debt securities, are traded in Canada or another country on a marketplace as defined in National Instrument 21-101 *Marketplace Operation* or any other facility for bringing together buyers and sellers of securities where trading data is publicly reported;
- the Applicant is applying for a decision that it is not a reporting issuer in all of the Jurisdictions of Canada in which it is currently a reporting issuer; and
- the Applicant is not in default of any of its obligations under the Legislation as a reporting issuer.

Each of the Decision Makers is satisfied that the test contained in the Legislation that provides the Decision Maker with the jurisdiction to make the decision has been met and orders that the Applicant is not a reporting issuer.

Darren McKall

Manager, Investment Funds Ontario Securities Commission