SPROTT FOCUS TRUST INC. Form 40-17G May 24, 2018

Sprott Focus Trust, Inc.

Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower

200 Bay Street, Suite 2700

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J1

May 24, 2018

Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

VIA EDGAR

RE: Rule 17g-1 Fidelity Bond Filing Information with Respect to Period Covering September 30, 2017 through September 30, 2018 for Sprott Focus Trust, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to Rule 17g-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 40 Act ), please find the following information with respect to the Sprott Focus Trust, Inc. (the Trust ). Please note for the Securities and Exchange Commission s records, the following:

- a) A copy of the Trust s executed Fidelity Bond issued by AIG Insurance Company of Canada (Fidelity Bond) is enclosed under Exhibit 1;
- b) A copy of the resolution from the March 28, 2018, meeting of the Trust s Board of Directors, at which a majority of Directors who were not considered interested persons within the meaning of the 40 Act, approved the Fidelity Bond as enclosed under Exhibit 2;
- c) The Fidelity Bond covers the period from September 30, 2017, through September 30, 2018; and
- d) The premiums have been paid or will be paid during the term of the Fidelity Bond for the period from September 30, 2017, through September 30, 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas W. Ulrich Thomas W. Ulrich Secretary Enclosures

#### **EXHIBIT 1**

**AIG Insurance Company OF** 

**CANADA 120 Bremner** 

**Boulevard Suite 2200** 

Toronto, ON M5J 0A8

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#### FINAL BINDER OF INSURANCE CONFIRMATION LETTER

September 19, 2017

Kevin Leahy

HUB INTERNATIONAL HKMB LIMITED

595 BAY ST STE 900

TORONTO, ON M5G 2E3

RE: SPROTT FOCUS TRUST INC.

**Fidelity Bond Form 14** 

Renewal Submission: Expiring Policy #01-123-13-66

Tab#: 1601432, Submission #: 90309659

Policy Period: September 30, 2017 to September 30, 2018

Dear Kevin,

I am pleased to enclose the Final Binder of Insurance drafted in accordance with our agreement for the above captioned account. Please review said binder for accuracy and contact AIG Insurance Company of Canada (the Insurer <u>) prior to the effective date</u> of policy coverage to advise of any inaccuracy(ies). If the Insurer does not hear from you prior to the effective date of policy coverage, it will be understood that the Final Binder of Insurance has been accepted as an accurate description of the agreed upon terms of coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing or the payment of any premium or the issuance of any policy pursuant to this binder, this binder shall be considered to be a FINAL BINDER and, pursuant to the terms set forth in the FINAL BINDER OF INSURANCE, is conditioned upon the receipt, review and written underwriting approval of the additional information specified in the section of that

binder entitled	Requirements Permitting for Voiding of Final Binder and Policy if Non-Compliance.	Upon the receipt,
review and writ	ten underwriting approval of such additional information, and satisfaction of the additio	nal conditions
precedent set fo	rth in the FINAL BINDER OF INSURANCE, a permanent binder will be sent by the Ir	surer.

Regards,

JENNIFER ALLEN

Underwriter

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Dear Kevin,

We are pleased to confirm the Final issuance of coverage in accordance with our agreement as set forth below. Please note that such coverage is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and other provisions contained in this Final Binder of Insurance (Final Binder) and the proposed base policy form:

## POLICY INFORMATION

INSURED: SPROTT FOCUS TRUST INC.

INSURED ADDRESS: 200 BAY ST SUITE 2700

TORONTO, ON, M5J-2J1

JURISDICTION: ONTARIO

TYPE OF POLICY: FIDELITY BOND FORM 14

BASE FORM: TSB5062CAN (05/11)

INSURANCE COMPANY: AIG INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

POLICY NUMBER: 01-932-84-17 EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2017 EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2018

AGGREGATE LIMIT OF

\$5,000,000 US

LIABILITY:

SINGLE LOSS LIMIT OF Insuring Agreement A, B, C and \$2,500,000 US

LIABILITY:

Insuring Agreement D \$2,500,000 US

Insuring Agreement E \$2,500,000 US

Optional Insuring Agreements

and Coverages:

Computer Systems \$2,500,000 US Audit Expense \$250,000 US \$25,000 US

Insuring Agreement A, B, C and DEDUCTIBLE:

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Insuring Agreement D	\$25,000 US
Insuring Agreement E	\$25,000 US
Optional Insuring Agreements	

and Coverages:

Computer Systems \$25,000 US Audit Expense \$0 US

\$0 US REPORTABLE LOSS

THRESHOLD:

**OFFICES NOT** 0

**COVERED:** 

\$2,895 US PREMIUM: COMMISSION: 17.50%

As per August 29, 2017 OTHER TERMS:

> indication See below.

**IMPORTANT** 

**CONDITIONS OF** 

BINDER:

**ENDORSEMENTS:** 

The following riders will be added to the basic policy:

#	Form#	Ed Dt	Title
1	119002	03/15	IMPERSONATION FRAUD (FRAUDULENTLY-INDUCED PAYMENT
			COVERAGE)
2	101798	06/09	INSURING AGREEMENT (F) COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY AMENDED RIDER
3	101820	06/09	STOP PAYMENT LIABILITY RIDER
4	111581 CAN	03/17	COMPUTER CRIME COVERAGE RIDER
5	99758 CAN	08/08	NOTICE OF CLAIM (REPORTING BY E-MAIL)
6	123772 CAN	03/17	REDEMPTION OF CANADA SAVINGS BONDS RIDER
7	101918	06/09	CENTRAL HANDLING OF SECURITIES RIDER
8	123775 CAN	03/17	MAIL COVERAGE RIDER
9	123940 CAN	04/17	NOTICE OF CANCELLATION TO SELF REGULATORY ORGANIZATION RIDER
			- FINRA
10	101779 CAN	04/17	AUDIT EXPENSE COVERAGE RIDER
11	109414 CAN	03/17	TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION SECTION AMENDED RIDER
12	113011	10/12	PROTECTED INFORMATION EXCLUSION
13	101801	06/09	INSURING AGREEMENT (A) FIDELITY AMENDED RIDER
14	115642	07/12	STATUTORY CONDITIONS AMENDATORY FOR NON-PROPERTY
15	101797	06/09	CLAIMS EXPENSE RIDER
16	78859	10/01	FORMS INDEX ENDORSEMENT

**Modification to Quote Letter or Other Instructions:** 

N/A

### Requirements Permitting for Voiding of Final Binder and Policy for Non-Compliance:

When signed by the Insurer, as denoted below, the coverage described above takes effect from 12:01 a.m. on the Effective Date listed above (hereinafter Effective Date ) to 12:01 a.m. on the Expiration Date listed above pursuant to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy form, any policy endorsements enumerated in this Final Binder, and any modifications of such terms as described in the Final Binder s section entitled Modification to Quote Letter or Other Instructions.

## **Subjectivities And Other Conditions Precedent To Coverage:**

The follo	owing require	ements are co	onditions p	precedent to t	he coverage	afforded by	this Fina	l Binder	and any	policy
issued pu	ursuant to thi	s Final Bind	er:							

- (a) That the following be provided to the Insurer ( Subject-To Information ): None
- (b) no material change in the risk occurs between the date of this Final Binder and the Effective Date; and
- (c) the Insured does not submit notice of a Claim as that term is defined in the policy form, or facts or circumstances that could give rise to a Claim, between the date of this Final Binder and the Effective Date.

  In the event:
- 1. the Subject-To Information has not been received, reviewed and approved, in writing, by the Insurer within 30 days from the date of this Final Binder;
- 2. a material change in the risk occurs between the date of this Final Binder and the Effective Date; or
- 3. the Insured submits notice of a Claim as that term is defined in the policy form, or facts or circumstances that could give rise to a Claim between the date of this Final Binder and the Effective Date; then this Final Binder and any policy issued pursuant to this Final Binder will be automatically null and void *ab initio* (from the beginning) and will have no effect regardless of the gravity of the failing, or degree of non-compliance, and, with respect to the required approval of the Subject-To Information, whether or not such non-compliance arises before or after the Effective Date, unless the Insurer communicates, expressly and in writing, that it has waived the above conditions precedent, or, with respect to the Subject-To Information, unless the Insurer communicates, expressly and in writing, that it has extended the time within which the Subject-To Information must be received, reviewed and approved. It shall be within the Insurer s sole and absolute discretion to waive any one or all of these conditions precedent or grant such an extension at any time, and the Insurer s silence shall not, under any circumstances, be deemed to effect such a waiver or extension, except that with respect to the Subject-To Information, such waiver may also be communicated through issuance of a final binder letter that does not request the Subject-To Information. In the event an extension or extensions for approval of the Subject-To Information is granted, then all other terms and conditions of this Final Binder shall automatically apply to such extension(s), including without limitation that this

Final Binder and the policy shall become automatically null and void if the Subject-To Information is not approved by the extended date.

Please note this Final Binder of Insurance contains only a general description of coverages provided. For a detailed description of the terms of a policy you must refer to the policy itself and the endorsements bound herein.

## **Cancellation of Final Binder By Insured**

Unless otherwise indicated, this Final Binder may be cancelled by the Insured, or by the Broker on the behalf of the Insured, by written notice to the Insurer or by the surrender of this Final Binder stating when thereafter such cancellation shall be effective. If cancellation of this Final Binder by or on the behalf of the Insured is effective after the Effective Date, then the Insurer shall be entitled to the earned premium, on a pro-rata basis, for the covered period. Should the Insured cancel this Final Binder pursuant to the terms of this paragraph, such cancellation shall have no effect on the enforceability of the above provisions regarding voiding of this Final Binder and any policy issued pursuant to this Final Binder.

## **Premium Payment:**

Our accounting procedures require that payment of the premium be remitted within 60 days of the Effective Date of coverage or 30 days from the billing date, whichever is later. We appreciate your compliance with this procedure.

We appreciate your business and we hope that we can be of further service to you in the near future.

Bound by:			
		Date:	September 19, 2017
	JENNIFER ALLEN		AIG Insurance Company of Canada

#### **CUSTOMER ADVISORY**

#### REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF

#### ECONOMIC EMBARGOES AND TRADE SANCTIONS

This Trade Sanction Advisory is part of **AIG Insurance Company of Canada** comprehensive compliance program and is meant to serve as a reminder of the existing applicable legal requirements with respect to Trade Sanctions.

Your rights as a policyholder and payments to you, any insured or claimant, for loss under this policy may be affected by the administration and enforcement of economic embargoes and trade sanctions applicable to you, any insured, claimant and/or to the insurer and their respective controlling entities (hereinafter Trade Sanctions).

#### WHAT IS AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO AND/OR TRADE SANCTION

Trade Sanctions involve the imposition by a country of legal measures to restrict or prohibit trade, services or other economic activity with a target country, entity or individual. For example, the Parliament of Canada has enacted legislation authorizing the imposition of Trade Sanctions through the *United Nations Act*, the *Special Economic Measures Act* and some provisions of the *Export and Import Permits Act*.

Depending upon the identity, domicile, place of incorporation or nationality of the policyholder, insured, claimant, insurer, or the parent company and ultimate controlling entity of the policyholder, insured, claimant or insurer, or the country where the claim arises, Trade Sanctions of foreign countries, including the United States of America, may be applicable. The application of sanctions could necessitate the seizure or freezing of property, including but not limited to the payment of a claim.

Existing Trade Sanctions can be amended, and new Trade Sanctions can be imposed, at any time.

#### OBLIGATIONS PLACED ON US AS A RESULT OF TRADE SANCTIONS

If we determine that you or any insured, additional insured, loss payee, or claimant are on a prohibited list or are connected to a sanctioned country, entity or individual, or a prohibited activity, as designated by the relevant Trade Sanction, we may be required to comply with the requirements of the applicable Trade Sanction, which by way of example, may include blocking or freezing property and payment of any funds and the reporting of such occurrences to the relevant authorities within the prescribed time periods, if any.

### POTENTIAL ACTIONS BY US

Depending upon the requirements of the relevant Trade Sanction:

1. We may be required to immediately cancel your coverage effective on the day that we determine that we have transacted business with an individual or entity associated with your policy on a prohibited list or connected to a sanctioned country as described in the relevant Trade Sanction.

- 2. If we cancel your coverage, you may not receive a return premium unless permitted pursuant to the relevant Trade Sanction. All blocked or frozen funds will be placed in an interest bearing blocked account established on the books of a financial institution.
- 3. We may not pay a claim, accept premium or exchange monies or assets of any kind to or with individuals, entities or companies (including a bank) on a prohibited list or connected to, or carrying on business in, a sanctioned country as designated by the relevant Trade Sanction. Furthermore, we may not defend or provide any other benefits under your policy to individuals, entities or companies on a prohibited list or connected to, or carrying on business in, a sanctioned country as designated by the relevant Trade Sanction.

#### **EXHIBIT 2**

### March 28, 2018 Sprott Focus Trust Board of Trustees Meeting

#### **Authorization to Renew Fidelity Bond Coverage**

WHEREAS, the Directors, and, by a separate vote, the Independent Directors, determine that the Bond, a fidelity bond in the amount required by Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act, is reasonable in form and amount, after having given due consideration to all factors considered by the Board and Independent Directors to be relevant, including, among other things, the value of the aggregate assets of the Fund to which any person covered under the Bond may have access, the type and terms of the arrangements made for the custody and safekeeping of assets of the Fund and the nature of the securities in the Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

**RESOLVED**, that the Bond, as discussed at this Meeting, is sufficient to protect the interests of the Fund, and that the proper officers of the Fund be, and each hereby is, authorized to obtain a Bond from a qualified insurance company; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Directors, and, by a separate vote, the Independent Directors, hereby determine that the Bond, as discussed at this Meeting, is sufficient to protect the interests of the Fund, and that the annual premium to be paid by the Fund is fair and reasonable with respect to the Fund, taking all factors considered by the Board and Independent Directors to be relevant, including those factors specified in paragraph (e) of Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act, and the payment by the Fund of such premium for the Bond be, and hereby is, approved; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the officers of the Fund be, and each hereby is, authorized to file the Bond with the SEC and give the notices required under Paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the officers of the Fund be, and each hereby is, authorized to do any and all acts, in the name of the Fund and on its behalf, as they, or any of them, may determine to be necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the previous resolutions.