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Date: October 9, 2008

Re: SSP203 – The Bank of Nova Scotia – CI Performer™ Deposit Notes (Return of Capital), Series 2 – Protection Event

This notice is to advise holders of The Bank of Nova Scotia – CI Performer™ Deposit Notes (Return of Capital), Series 2 (the “Notes”) that the Variable Return of the Notes is no longer linked to the portfolio of Units notionally held in the Fund Account of the Notes. The NAV of the Notes minus the Floor declined to \$1.14 per Note at the close of business on October 6, 2008. In accordance with the terms of the Notes, this resulted in a Protection Event whereby the remaining notional assets in the Fund Account were liquidated and notionally invested in the 0.50% coupon Bond in the Bond Account, following payment of the Loan, any accrued and unpaid Loan interest and any Program Fees. Investors will not receive any further Monthly Partial Principal Repayments on their Notes and will receive their \$97.56 of Principal Outstanding per Note and a Variable Return \$1.38, for total proceeds of \$98.94 per Note at the Maturity Date, which is October 29, 2015. The Notes have paid Monthly Partial Principal Repayments of \$2.44 which combined with the Principal Outstanding of \$97.56 totals the Investor’s \$100 Original Principal Amount.

<b>Original Principal Amount</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	
Monthly Partial Principal Repayments	\$2.44	Paid to date
Principal Outstanding	\$97.56	Payable at the Maturity Date
<b>Variable Return</b>	<b>\$1.38</b>	Payable at the Maturity Date

Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Amended and Restated Information Statement dated October 12, 2007.

If you have any questions please contact your Investment Advisor or call 416-863-7891 or 1-866-416-7891.

Regards,  
Investor Products Group, Scotia Capital  
on behalf of The Bank of Nova Scotia.