



March 3, 2010

To: Investors in BNP Paribas (Canada) – Abria Alternative Strategies Notes, Series 2, due March 31, 2012

Dear client,

You acquired the Abria Alternative Strategies Notes, Series 2, on April 28, 2004. The product was designed to deliver a return notionally linked to a basket consisting of shares of Abria Alternative Strategies Fund Ltd. (the "**Fund**") and money market instruments which varied depending on market volatility, as described in an Information Statement dated April 28, 2004. The Fund is an alternative strategy fund managed by a manager utilizing specialized investment strategies. The product was designed to link the return on the Notes at maturity to a formula based on the performance of the basket between the issue date and maturity (the "**Redemption Formula**"). In the event that an Extraordinary Event occurs during the term of the Notes, the product is designed to automatically detach from the basket and link the return on the Notes to a call option price based on factors including prevailing interest rates.

The liquidation of the Fund occurred on February 27, 2009 because of severe market volatility and constituted an Extraordinary Event. Since an Extraordinary Event occurred, the return on the Notes is no longer linked to the basket and is linked from February 27, 2009 to the price of a call option calculated by BNP Paribas SA, the Calculation Agent, on the principal amount of \$10 per Note (the "**Call Option Price**") until maturity. The terms of the Notes provide that you will receive on March 31, 2012, the maturity date of the Notes, the greater of (i) \$10 per Note, and (ii) the Call Option Amount.

According to the Information Statement, the Call Option Price is determined on February 27, 2009, with a strike price based on the Redemption Formula applied as at such date and expiring on the Maturity Date. The Call Option Price may be estimated based on several factors, including the net asset value at which the Calculation Agent would consider that a swap provider hedging exposure to the Notes would unwind its hedging position and prevailing interest rates. The Call Option Amount is equal to the Call Option Price plus the accrued interest from February 27, 2009 to the Maturity Date at the prime lending rate of a Canadian chartered bank as at February 27, 2009.

Since the Calculation Agent has determined that the Call Option Price as of February 27, 2009 was nil, there is no accrued interest on the Call Option Price and the Call Option Amount is nil.

Accordingly, on March 31, 2012, you will receive for each Note you hold, a Maturity Redemption Amount of \$10 per Note.

Should you require further information about the terms of the Notes, please contact your investment advisor. He/she or your own tax advisor will also be able to discuss any tax implications that may arise from this event.

BNP Paribas Group intends to make an offer to repurchase the Notes prior to maturity to you and all other holders of Notes shortly. To that effect, you will receive a letter from an entity of the BNP Paribas Group setting forth the terms and conditions of its offer in the next few weeks. You should be aware that under the terms of the Notes as described in the Information Statement dated April 28, 2004, BNP Paribas (Canada), or any entity of the BNP Paribas Group, is not required to make any offer to repurchase the Notes and intends to do so as a good faith gesture only.

Sincerely,