## BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

Paulson Investment Company maintains a business continuity plan to address major interruptions to our normal course of business. These plans are reviewed annually and updated, as necessary. Since the timing and impact of disasters and disruptions is unpredictable, we will have to be flexible in responding to actual events as they occur. Our plans outline the actions Paulson Investment Company will take in the event of a building, citywide, or regional incident.

## Contacting Us:

During a significant business disruption, Paulson Investment Company will re-establish telephone service with our clients as soon as possible. Our clients should check our website at <u>www.paulson investment.com</u> for our latest information. In an emergency, please call Paulson Investment Company at (503) 243-6000 for assistance.

As a client of Paulson Investment Company, we recognize you may need access to your account to sell a position or request a check before we re-establish telephone service. During this time, our clearing firm(s), will assist you with sell/liquidation orders and provide check disbursements if needed. If our firm has declared an emergency and you cannot contact us, if your account is held at Axos Clearing, please call Axos Clearing for assistance at (202) 371-8300, or if your account is held at Vision Clearing, call (877) 836-3949.

**Our Business Continuity Plan:** We plan to quickly recover and resume business operations after a significant business disruption and respond by safeguarding our employees and property, making a financial and operational assessment, protecting the firm's books and records, and allowing our customers to transact business. In short, our business continuity plan is designed to permit our firm to resume operations as quickly as possible, given the scope and severity of the significant business disruption.

Our clearing firm regularly backs up its important information in a geographically separate area. While every emergency poses unique problems based on external factors, such as time of day and the severity of the disruption, Our Clearing firm has a thorough Business Continuation Plan in place. Our Clearing firm has advised us that its objective is to restore its own operations to complete existing transactions and accept new transactions and payments in a timely manner.

Varying Disruptions: Significant business disruptions can vary in their scope, such as only our firm, a single building housing our firm, the business district where our firm is located, the city where we are located, or the whole region. Within each of these areas, the severity of the disruption can also vary from minimal to severe. In a disruption to only our firm or a building housing our firm, we will transfer our operations to a local site when needed and expect to recover and resume business within twelve hours. In a disruption affecting our business district, city, or region, we will transfer our operations to a site outside of the affected area and recover and resume business in a timely manner. In either situation, we plan to continue in business and notify you through our website, <u>www.paulsoninvestment.com</u>, or have emergency information available via our toll-free number, (503) 243-6000, with instructions on how to contact us. If the significant business disruption is so severe that it prevents us from remaining in business, we will assure our customers' prompt access to their funds and securities.

For more information: If you have questions about our business continuity planning, you can contact us at (503) 243-6000 or at <u>www.paulsoninvestment.com</u>.