



**MANHATTAN MINERALS CORP.
NEWS RELEASE**

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MANHATTAN ANNOUNCES LATE FILING OF AIF

Manhattan Minerals Corp. ("Manhattan") announces that it expects to file its Annual Information Form with the Ontario Securities Commission after the May 19, 2004 deadline imposed by OSC Rule 51-501. Manhattan expects to file the AIF by June 2, 2004. The late filing is a result of changes in personnel.

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Note: The Company relies on litigation protection for forward-looking statements.