



December 9, 2019

**VIA SEDAR**

Ontario Securities Commission  
P.O. Box 55, 19th Floor  
20 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3S8

Attention: Corporate Finance

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Manulife Financial Corporation  
Withdrawal of Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus dated December 15, 2017  
SEDAR Project Number 02707971**

On behalf of Manulife Financial Corporation (the “Issuer”), we hereby advise that the Issuer is withdrawing its short form base shelf prospectus dated December 15, 2017, effective immediately. The Issuer has filed a new final short form base shelf prospectus dated December 9, 2019 under SEDAR project number 02996935.

Yours truly,

*“Michael C. Ward”*

Michael C. Ward  
Assistant Vice President & Senior Counsel