

# **Compliance in Troubled Times**

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# **The Nortel Story**

- Founded in 1895 as Northern Electric and Manufacturing, Nortel traces its history back to the mechanical department of Bell Telephone of Canada.
- Nortel has a long record of innovation in the telecommunications industry, developing the first digital PBX (private exchange), the first digital key telephone system, and pioneering fibre optics. Nortel's current strategy on "hyperconnectivity" aims at a true broadband experience for users of any application on any device in any location.
- Headquartered in Toronto, Nortel does business in 150 countries.
- Listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE with revenue in 2007 of \$10.95 billion.
- Early adopter of a Corporate Code of Conduct.
- In Q3 2003, Board Audit Committee raises first questions on quarterly filings, suspecting reserves had been used to adjust revenue. The Board commenced an independent investigation which ultimately resulted in four restatements and investigations by the SEC and Ontario Securities Commission.

#### **INVESTIGATION INITIATED BY THE BOARD**



# The Story Continues....

- April 2004, the CEO, CFO, Controller and senior finance executives were terminated. The business unit presidents and the president of global operations were ultimately terminated along with 2 regional controllers and 5 business unit finance leaders. Other employees involved in the accounting irregularities were moved and/or disciplined.
- Finance function restructured and US GAAP skills strengthened in Finance and Internal Audit. Extensive mandatory training program implemented.
- New Office of Compliance created with Chief Compliance Officer reporting directly to the Audit Committee of the Board and to the CEO.
- In 2007, Nortel settles all claims of the shareholders, the OSC and SEC. Moody's recognizes the Compliance structure as "best practice" and notes that the settlements indicate the regulators accept the company has taken "comprehensive and substantive" steps to reduce risk of future violations.
- > January 14, 2009, Nortel files for creditor protection.



### Compliance challenges define the Corporate Compliance structure and its objectives

- Scope of the Program
  - Limited to FCPA or other particular industry risk?
  - Broader Compliance program including fraud, corporate governance, competition, conflicts of interest, etc.?
- Risk Assessment
- Focusing on highest risks
- Where does Compliance add the greatest value?
- Helping to bridge the gaps between other functions
- What requires continuous monitoring?



#### **Build a "Virtual" Compliance Team**

- As cost constraints increase, it is even more important to leverage the "virtual" team
- Many functions have a role to play in Compliance: Legal
  - Finance, Control, Tax, Treasury
  - HR, Employee Relations, Works Councils
  - Procurement
  - Logistics



#### **Co-ordinating a "Virtual" Compliance Team**

- Compliance Committees bring the support functions together with people from the business units and sales & marketing.
- Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!
- Functions like Finance and HR are more likely to have people on the ground than Legal and can be a good early warning system as well as allies in monitoring and enforcement.
- Other functions must "buy in" to objectives and priorities



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Anti-trust and Competition Laws					
Code of Business Conduct					
Competitive Information Gathering/Confidential Information					
Compliance/Regulatory					
Conflicts of Interest					
Corruption					
Discrimination or Harassment					
Fraud					
Gifts & Entertainment					
IPR Infringement					

Clear Allocation of Resources and Responsibility

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### Working with Legal

- Partnership identify areas of overlap and agree clear accountability
- Monitoring and approval of transactions identify areas of significant compliance risk
- Collaboration on investigations Privilege
- Employment Legal partnering on initiatives, navigating among local regulations
- Anticipate that restructuring increases compliance risks!



# **Emphasis on reporting complaints**

- Call volume on the Action Line will probably fall during restructuring
  - Employees may be concerned about retaliation or simply drawing unwanted attention to themselves
  - Employees may be alienated by the process
- So senior management needs to be very visible in supporting compliance



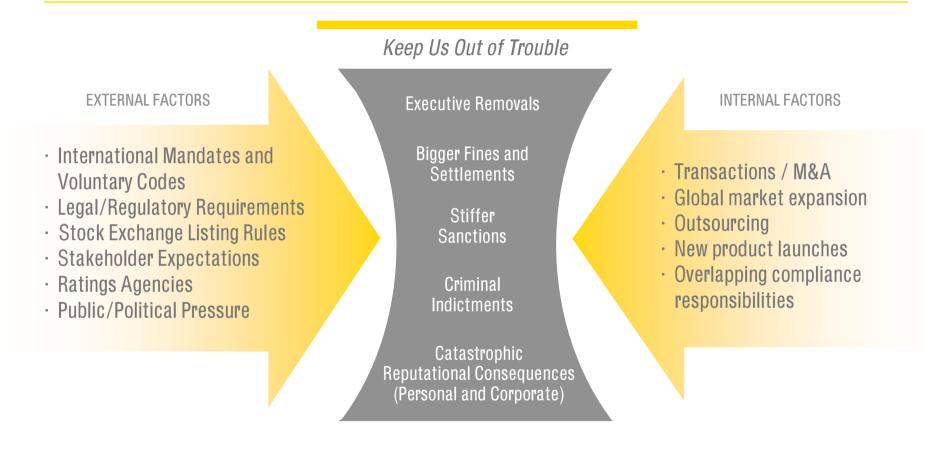
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# What we are hearing about compliance



The traditional mindset of 'keep us out of trouble' is changing to include the expectation of 'make our business better'



## What we are hearing about compliance

#### **Global viewpoint**

Among the top seven "megatrends" of 2009:

A move toward greater, more globally consistent regulation

 Increasing environmental, social and ethical obligations

#### Analyst viewpoint

Compliance rated 2<sup>nd</sup> most critical business risk for 2009, based on views of 100+ analysts and 20+ academic disciplines.

Th	e Top 10 Risks For Business
1.	Credit crunch
2.	Regulation and compliance
3.	Deepening recession
4.	Radical greening
5.	Non-traditional entrants
6.	Cost cutting
7.	Managing talent
8.	Executing alliance and transactions
9.	Business model redundancy
10.	Reputation risks

#### Source: Ernst & Young Global Megatrends, 2009

Source: Ernst & Young and Oxford Analytica 2009 – The Top 10 Risks for Business

#### **Government viewpoint**

"When a company cuts compliance, violations will occur. And if violations occur, punitive actions should and will be taken. In the current environment, that is true now more than ever. There will be no favor granted because a company made a cost-cutting decision to minimize their compliance budget."

Source: Address by SEC Chairman to the 2008 CCOutreach National Seminar, November 13, 2008

Internal and external stakeholders continue to demand effective compliance and ethics risk management

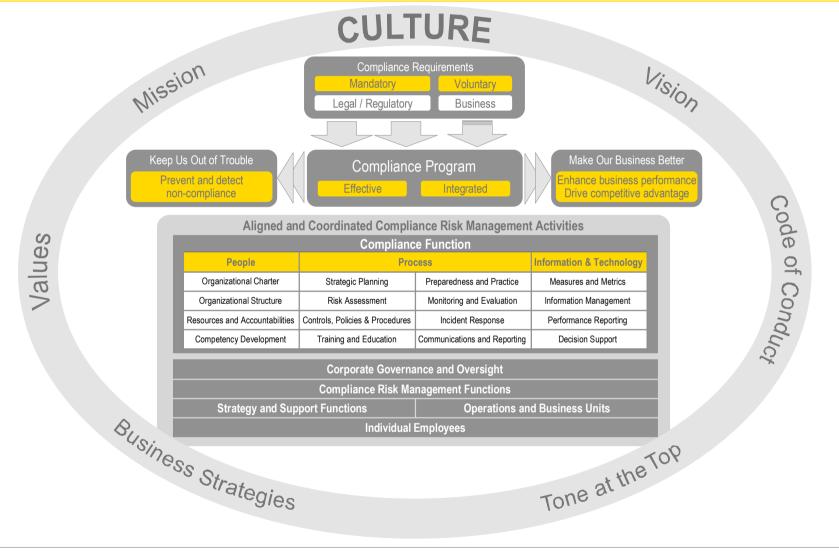


### **Compliance Risk Universe\***

#### LEGAL / REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS **BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS** COMPETITIVE PRACTICES FRAUD and CORRUPTION (DOJ) INDUSTRY SPECIFIC INTERNALLY-FOCUSED Insider Transactions REQUIREMENTS (FTC, DOJ) Anti-Money Laundering ASSET MANAGEMENT Mission Antitrust Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Customer, Competitor, Supplier Values Financial Statement Fraud Relations AUTOMOTIVE Code of Conduct Occupational Fraud (Intellectual Property, Policies and Procedures Trade Secrets) CORPORATE GOVERNANCE Quality Management Certifications (ISO. BANKING AND CAPITAL MARKETS Corruption Six Sigma) (SEC) **Revenue and Expense Recognition** Crisis Preparedness Board Structure and Processes BIOTECHNOLOGY Audit Committee Structure and GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS EXTERNALLY-FOCUSED Processes CONSUMER PRODUCTS (DOD, OMB) Ethics REQUIREMENTS US Government Contracts Corporate Social Responsibility INSURANCE Other Jurisdictions (State and Country) EMPLOYMENT (EEOC, DOL) Sustainability Executive Compensation Public Commitments INFORMATION MANAGEMENT MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT **Contractual Obligations** Compensation Data and Record Classification Benefits Vendor Management Information Access OIL AND GAS Exchange Listings Hirina Information Availability and Recovery Employee Info Privacy Information Management Monitoring Reductions in Force PHARMACEUTICAL VOLUNTARY STANDARDS Information Disposition Whistleblower Protection US Federal Sentencing Guidelines Litigation Discovery Rules Harassment Prevention REAL ESTATE Data Protection and Privacy Industry Codes Accommodation (Discrimination Trade Associations Prevention) **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (DOC)** TECHNOLOGY Workplace Violence EMERGING ISSUES Global Migration (Immigration) Copyright Contingent Workforce Trademark **TELECOMMUNICATIONS** Labor Trade Secret Leave Patent UTILITIES Aside from mandatory requirements, Employment Torts organizations make choices regarding their INTERNATIONAL DEALINGS/TRADE STANDARD SECTORS **ENVIRONMENTAL (EPA)** brand, their values, and the commitments they (FTC, DOC) Management Systems Boycott make to customers, business partners, Reporting Import employees, and other stakeholders. Although Hazardous Material Management Export voluntary, consequences for non-compliance Laboratory Practices Permit Management Many industries are regulated by one or more could be more serious than non-compliance WORKPLACE HEALTH/SAFETY agencies that mandate specific compliance with mandatory requirements (OSHA) FINANCIAL (SEC) requirements. In some industries, these Employees Тах Contractors requirements can be more complex than Treasury general legal and regulatory risks \* Illustrative US example (note: US regulatory agency listing) PRODUCT QUALITY/LIABILITY Quality Management System



#### Ernst & Young Compliance Framework Our point of view on sustainable compliance

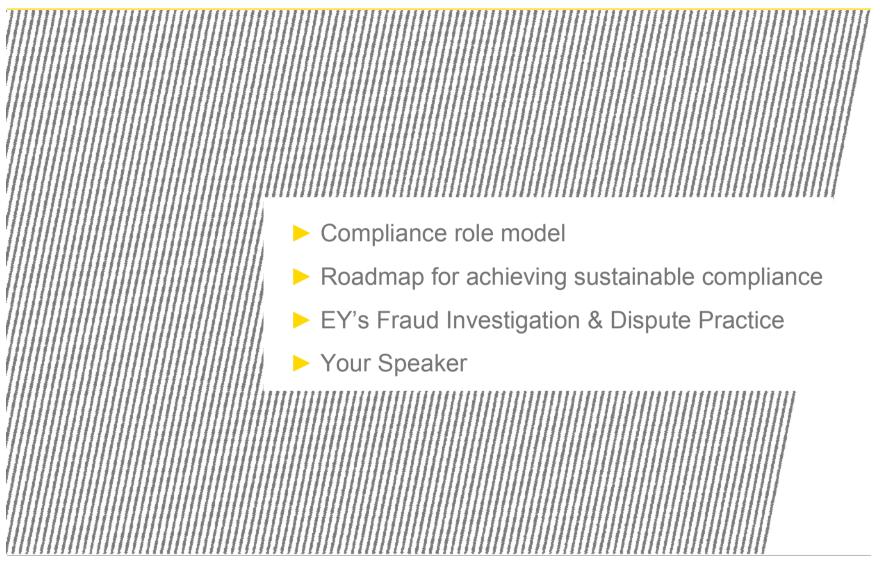


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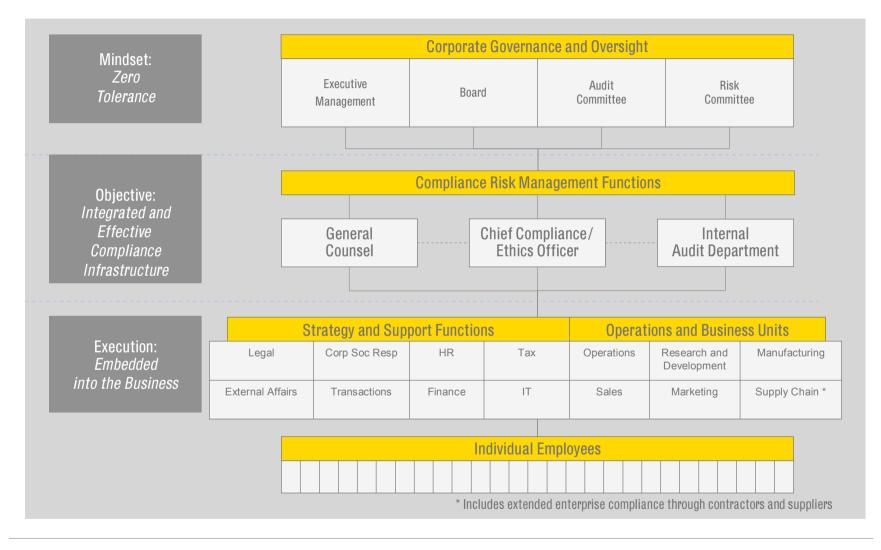
# **Additional materials**



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### **Compliance role model** Who is responsible?



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### Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance A practical approach

Ernst & Young recommends performing a compliance risk assessment and reviewing current compliance risk management performance levels to determine areas where incremental improvements in compliance risk management would provide greater benefit to the business





### Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance Compliance Risk Assessments

# Assess

#### Compliance Risk Assessment

Assess and prioritize key risks to achieve business objectives

Compliance Risk Assessment *Objectives* 

Identify and prioritize the significant enterprise and functional compliance risks, and emerging compliance issues

Assess the extent to which Compliance Risk Assessment outcomes are integrated into strategic, internal audit, and compliance monitoring and evaluation planning and implementation plans Compliance Risk Assessments:

- Provide insights on significant compliance risks from an industry perspective and link these to objectives, initiatives, and business processes
- Validate and prioritize key risks and define opportunities for improvements to compliance processes and controls and for testing and monitoring controls
- Assess resource allocation to validate that resources and control activities adequately address the more significant compliance risks identified from the risk assessment
- Serve as the foundation for aligning and coordinating compliance risk management processes across the business (e.g., strategic planning, ERM, internal audit plan, compliance training)



### Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance Compliance Performance Assessments



#### Compliance Performance Assessment

Evaluate the organization's compliance infrastructure and processes for managing its compliance risks

Compliance Performance Assessment *Objectives* 

Assess the design and operation performance of the compliance infrastructure - including the compliance function and processes - relative to legal/regulatory requirements and leading practices

Provide insight into overall effectiveness of activities for assessing, monitoring, and improving the way compliance risk is managed across the organization Compliance Performance Assessments:

- Offer a review of responsibilities for key compliance risks across functional activities and business processes
- Help management identify opportunities to embed and sustain risk management activities throughout the organization
- Help management to identify and prioritize opportunities to enhance an organization's compliance infrastructure
- Establish a baseline for assisting management with ongoing compliance monitoring and continuous improvement
- Help management to identify opportunities for greater compliance infrastructure integration, alignment, and coordination across organizational boundaries



### **Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance** Compliance Performance Assessments

The Framework focuses on five areas that affect compliance program effectiveness: Compliance Requirements, Culture, People, Process, and Information and Technology

		Compliance R	equirements				
Legal/Reç		Business					
		Cult	ure				
Vision		Values			Code of Conduct		
Mission		Tone at the Top			Business Strategies		
		Complianc	e Function				
People	People Proc				Information and Technology		
Organizational Charter	Strategic Planning		Preparedness and Practice		Measures and Metrics		
Organizational Structure	Risk Assessment		Monitoring and Evaluation		Information Management		
Resources and Accountabilities	Controls, Policies and Procedures		Incident Response		Performance Reporting		
Competency Development	Training and Education		Communications and Reporting		Decision Support		



#### **Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance** Compliance Performance Assessments

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Elements of Compliance Infrastructure



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### Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance Compliance Improvement and Remediation

Improve

Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Compliance Processes and Controls

Define and prioritize opportunities to improve the effectiveness of compliance processes and controls

Compliance Improvement and Remediation *Objectives* 

Focus on risk mitigation by enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of compliance processes and controls

Assist management to develop and implement a written plan to mitigate specific compliance risks and/or enhance an organization's compliance infrastructure Compliance Improvement and Remediation:

- Assist management to deliver improvements by working with the business as an advisor, facilitator of change, and source of industry knowledge and experience
- Help to align operational performance with compliance risk and control requirements
- Assist management to enhance the design and operating effectiveness of a company's existing compliance infrastructures, processes, and controls
- Assist with the integration of compliance risk and performance assessment outcomes into other corporate risk management activities (e.g., strategic planning, ERM, ongoing monitoring, and periodic evaluation)



### **Roadmap for achieving sustainable compliance** Compliance Evaluation and Monitoring

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Monitor the Ongoing Effectiveness and Efficiency of Compliance Controls

Conduct real-time, ongoing monitoring of compliance processes and controls for ongoing relevance and effectiveness

Compliance Evaluation and Monitoring *Objectives* 

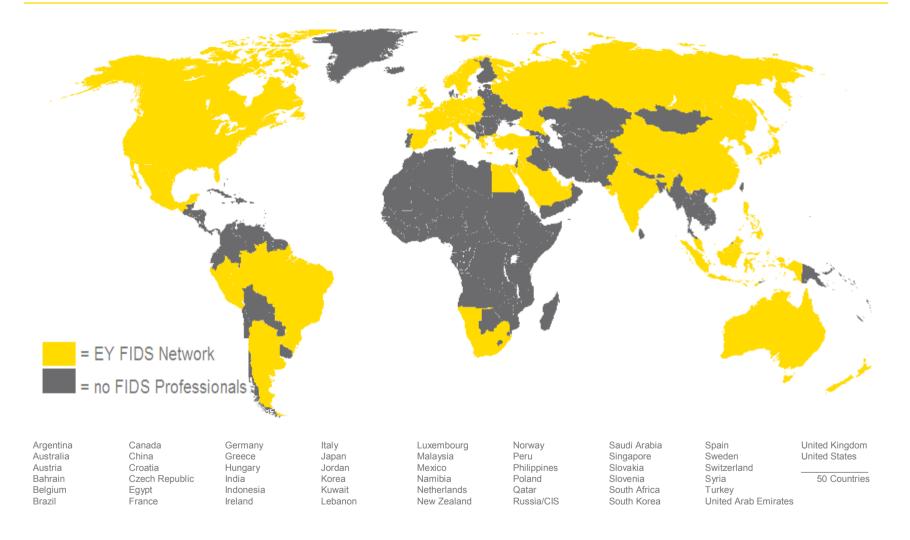
Develop and implement monitoring plans to review the design and operation of compliance processes and controls for ongoing relevance and effectiveness

Develop and implement monitoring plans that consider internal and external changes and influences Compliance Evaluation and Monitoring

- Define the review process used to evaluate compliance with legal, regulatory, and business requirements
- Define ongoing monitoring activities to help validate that the program is operating within defined tolerances
- Facilitate coordination and alignment with other assessments conducted by the organization (e.g., strategic planning, ERM, ongoing monitoring, and periodic evaluation)
- Define thresholds for escalating incidents of noncompliance for investigation, resolution, and remediation

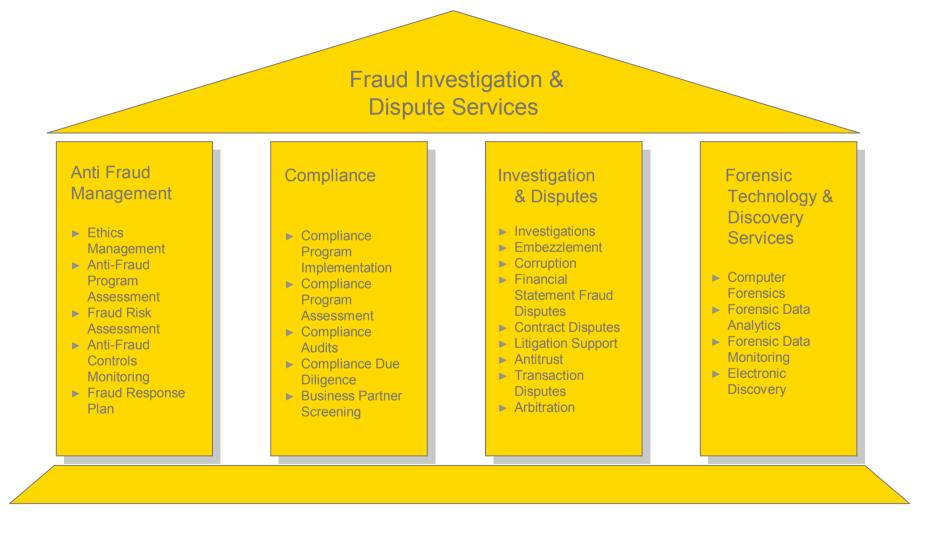


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- ▶ 10 years forensic accounting at Big 4
- ▶ 5 years Partner

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- Fraud Investigation
- ► Fraud Prevention
- Compliance Management
- Dispute Services

#### Industries

- ▶ Manufacturing industry
- ▶ Banking and Insurance
- Public Services
- ▶ Media
- ▶ Real Estate

#### Reference projects

- Engagement Partner of investigations in international corruption cases in the manufacturing industry on behalf of supervisory boards
- (Co-) Engagement Partner of investigations in corruption and money laundering cases in the banking industry on behalf of the German Financial regulator and Law Enforcement agencies
- Co-Engagement Partner of international arbitration and litigation cases, in one case on behalf of the government of a European member state
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