

Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus

No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offence to claim otherwise.

This short form prospectus has been filed under legislation in all provinces and territories of Canada that permits certain information about these securities to be determined after this prospectus has become final and that permits the omission from this prospectus of that information. The legislation requires the delivery to purchasers of a prospectus supplement containing the omitted information within a specified period of time after agreeing to purchase any of these securities.

Information has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus from documents filed with securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada. Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Genworth MI Canada Inc. at 2060 Winston Park Drive, Suite 300, Oakville, Ontario L6H 5R7 (telephone 905-287-5484) and are also available electronically at www.sedar.com.

SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS

New Issue and/or Secondary Offering

May 31, 2012

GENWORTH MI CANADA INC.

\$1,500,000,000
Debt Securities
Preferred Shares
Common Shares
Subscription Receipts
Warrants
Units

Genworth MI Canada Inc. (“**Genworth Canada**” or the “**Company**”) may from time to time offer and issue the following securities: (i) senior or subordinated unsecured debt securities (collectively, the “**Debt Securities**”); (ii) preferred shares (the “**Preferred Shares**”); (iii) common shares (the “**Common Shares**”), (iv) subscription receipts (the “**Subscription Receipts**”); (v) warrants (the “**Warrants**”); and (vi) units (the “**Units**”) comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this short form base shelf prospectus (the “**Prospectus**”). The Debt Securities, Common Shares, Preferred Shares, Subscription Receipts, Warrants and Units (collectively, the “**Securities**”) offered hereby may be offered separately or together, in separate series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be set forth in an accompanying shelf prospectus supplement (a “**Prospectus Supplement**”). Brookfield Life Assurance Company Limited (“**Brookfield**”), Genworth Mortgage Insurance Corporation (“**GMIC**”), Genworth Mortgage Insurance Corporation of North Carolina (“**GMIC-NC**”) and Genworth Residential Mortgage Assurance Corporation (“**GRMAC**” and together with Brookfield, GMIC and GMIC-NC, the “**Selling Shareholders**”), each an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Genworth Financial, Inc. (“**Genworth Financial**”), may also offer and sell Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus. See “Relationship to Genworth Financial and the Selling Shareholders”.

All shelf information not included in this Prospectus will be contained in one or more Prospectus Supplements that will be delivered to purchasers together with this Prospectus. The aggregate initial offering price of Securities (or the Canadian dollar equivalent thereof at the time of issuance of any Securities that are denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit) that may be sold pursuant to this Prospectus during the 25-month period that this Prospectus, including any amendments hereto, remains valid is limited to \$1,500,000,000.

The specific terms of the Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement and may include, where applicable: (i) in the case of Debt Securities, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, the currency or the currency unit for which the Debt Securities may be purchased, maturity, interest provisions, authorized denominations, offering price, covenants, events of default, any terms for redemption at the option of the Company or the holder, any exchange or conversion terms and any other specific terms; (ii) in the case of Preferred Shares, the designation of the particular series, aggregate principal amount, the number of shares offered, the issue price, the dividend rate, the dividend payment dates, any terms for

redemption at the option of the Company or the holder, any exchange or conversion terms and any other specific terms; (iii) in the case of Common Shares, the person offering the shares (the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders), the number of shares offered and the offering price; (iv) in the case of Subscription Receipts, the number of Subscription Receipts being offered, the offering price, the conditions and procedures for exchange of the Subscription Receipts for other Securities of the Company and any other specific terms; (v) in the case of Warrants, the designation and number of Warrants being offered, the designation, number and terms of the Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants, any procedures that will result in the adjustment of those numbers, the exercise price, dates and periods of exercise, the currency in which the Warrants are issued and any other specific terms; and (vi) in the case of Units, the designation and terms of the Units and of the Securities comprising the Units and any other specific terms. A Prospectus Supplement may include specific variable terms pertaining to the Securities that are not within the alternatives and parameters described in this Prospectus.

This Prospectus does not qualify for issuance debt securities in respect of which the payment of principal and/or interest may be determined, in whole or in part, by reference to one or more underlying interests including, for example, an equity or debt security, a statistical measure of economic or financial performance including, but not limited to, any currency, consumer price or mortgage index, or the price or value of one or more commodities, indices or other items, or any other item or formula, or any combination or basket of the foregoing items. For greater certainty, this Prospectus may qualify for issuance debt securities, including debt securities convertible into other Securities of the Company, in respect of which the payment of principal and/or interest may be determined, in whole or in part, by reference to published rates of a central banking authority or one or more financial institutions, such as a prime rate or bankers' acceptance rate, or to recognized market benchmark interest rates such as LIBOR, EURIBOR or a U.S. Federal funds rate.

The outstanding Common Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the stock symbol "MIC".

The Securities may be sold through underwriters or dealers, by the Company or, in the case of Common Shares, by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, directly pursuant to applicable statutory exemptions or through agents designated by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as the case may be, from time to time. See "Plan of Distribution". Each Prospectus Supplement will identify the person offering Securities (the Company and/or, in the case of Common Shares, the Selling Shareholders) and each underwriter, dealer or agent engaged in connection with the offering and sale of those Securities to which the Prospectus Supplement relates, and will also set forth the terms of the offering of such Securities including the net proceeds to the Company or, in the case of Common Shares, to the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as the case may be, and, to the extent applicable, any fees payable to the underwriters, dealers or agents. Unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement, the offerings are subject to approval of certain legal matters by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP on behalf of the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, Securities, other than Common Shares, offered hereby will not be listed on any stock exchange.

In connection with any offering of the Securities (unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement), the underwriters or agents may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the Securities offered at levels other than those which might otherwise prevail on the open market. These transactions may be commenced, interrupted or discontinued at any time. See "Plan of Distribution".

Genworth Canada's principal business office and registered office is located at 2060 Winston Park Drive, Suite 300, Oakville, Ontario L6H 5R7.

Except as otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts in this Prospectus are expressed in Canadian dollars and references to "\$" are to Canadian dollars.

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CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION AND STATEMENTS

Certain statements made in this Prospectus contain forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws (“**forward-looking statements**”). When used in this Prospectus, the words “may”, “would”, “could”, “will”, “intend”, “plan”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “seek”, “propose”, “estimate”, “expect”, and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Specific forward-looking statements in this document include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to the Company’s expectations regarding the Canadian government’s proposed changes to the guarantee regime regarding residential mortgages, and the Company’s beliefs as to housing demand and home price appreciation, unemployment rates, the Company’s future operating and financial results, sales expectations regarding premiums written, capital expenditure plans, dividend policy and the ability to execute on its future operating, investing and financial strategies.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are based on certain factors and assumptions, certain of which appear proximate to the applicable forward-looking statements contained herein. Inherent in the forward-looking statements are known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors beyond the Company’s ability to control or predict, that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company, or developments in the Company’s business or in its industry, to differ materially from the anticipated results, performance, achievements or developments expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Actual results or developments may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements.

The Company’s actual results and performance could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of both known and unknown risks, including: the continued availability of the Canadian government’s guarantee of private mortgage insurance on terms satisfactory to the Company; the Company’s expectations regarding its revenues, expenses and operations; the Company’s plans to implement its strategy and operate its business; the Company’s expectations regarding the compensation of directors and officers; the Company’s anticipated cash needs and its estimates regarding its capital expenditures, capital requirements, reserves and its needs for additional financing; the Company’s plans for and timing of expansion of service and products; the Company’s ability to accurately assess and manage risks associated with the policies that are written; the Company’s ability to accurately manage market, interest and credit risks; the Company’s ability to maintain ratings; interest rate fluctuations; a decrease in the volume of high loan-to-value mortgage orientations; the cyclical

nature of the mortgage insurance industry; changes in government regulations and laws mandating mortgage insurance; the acceptance by the Company's lenders of new technologies and products; the Company's ability to attract lenders and develop and maintain lender relationships; the Company's competitive position and its expectations regarding competition from other providers of mortgage insurance in Canada; anticipated trends and challenges in the Company's business and the markets in which it operates; changes in the global or Canadian economies; loss of members of the Company's senior management team; potential legal, tax and regulatory investigations and actions; the failure of the Company's computer systems; and potential conflicts of interest between the Company and its majority shareholder, Genworth Financial.

This is not an exhaustive list of the factors that may affect any of the Company's forward-looking statements. Some of these and other factors are discussed in more detail in the Company's annual information form dated March 20, 2012 (the "AIF") under the heading "Risk Factors". Investors and others should carefully consider these and other factors and not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements. Further information regarding these and other risk factors is included in the Company's public filings with provincial and territorial securities regulatory authorities and can be found on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") website at www.sedar.com. The forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus represent the Company's views only as of the date hereof. Forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus are based on management's current plans, estimates, projections, beliefs and opinions and the assumptions related to these plans, estimates, projections, beliefs and opinions may change, and are presented for the purpose of assisting the Company's securityholders in understanding management's current views regarding those future outcomes and may not be appropriate for other purposes. While the Company anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause the Company's views to change, the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable securities laws.

IFRSs AND NON-IFRSs MEASURES

The Company's consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this Prospectus have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). To supplement its financial statements, the Company uses select non-IFRSs measures to analyze performance. Non-IFRSs measures used by the Company to analyze performance include net operating income, operating earnings per Common Share (basic), operating earnings per Common Share (diluted), shareholders' equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"), operating return on equity and underwriting ratios such as loss ratio, expense ratio and combined ratio. Other non-IFRSs measures used by the Company to analyze performance include insurance in-force, new insurance written, minimal capital test ratio, delinquency ratio, severity on claims paid, book value per Common Share (basic and diluted, including and excluding AOCI) and dividends paid per Common Share. The Company believes that these non-IFRSs financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding its performance and may be useful to investors because they allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics used by management in its financial and operational decision making. Non-IFRSs measures do not have standardized meanings and are unlikely to be comparable to any similar measures presented by other companies.

A reconciliation of net operating income to net income, operating earnings per Common Share (basic) to earnings per Common Share (basic), operating earnings per Common Share (diluted) to earnings per Common Share (diluted) and shareholders' equity excluding AOCI to shareholders' equity can be found under the heading "Non-IFRSs Measures" in the Company's MD&A (as defined herein). These measures are defined in the Company's "Glossary for Non-IFRSs Financial Measures", which can also be found under the heading "Non-IFRSs Financial Measures" in the Company's MD&A.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed with the securities commissions or similar authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada are specifically incorporated by reference into and form an integral part of this Prospectus:

- (a) the AIF;
- (b) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the report of the auditors thereon;
- (c) management's discussion and analysis of the Company for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011 (the "**2011 MD&A**");
- (d) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2012;
- (e) management's discussion and analysis of the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2012 (together with the 2011 MD&A, the "**MD&A**"); and
- (f) the management information circular dated April 13, 2012 with respect to the annual meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held on June 14, 2012.

All documents of the Company of the type described in Section 11.1 of Form 44-101F1 — *Short Form Prospectus* to National Instrument 44-101 — *Short Form Prospectus Distributions*, if filed by the Company with the provincial and territorial securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada after the date of this Prospectus and during the term of this Prospectus, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.

A Prospectus Supplement containing the specific terms in respect of any Securities will be delivered, together with this Prospectus, to purchasers of such Securities and will be deemed to be incorporated into this Prospectus for the purposes of securities legislation as of the date of the Prospectus Supplement, but only for the purposes of the distribution of the Securities to which such Prospectus Supplement pertains.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded, for purposes of this Prospectus, to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or include any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement shall not be deemed an admission for any purposes that the modified or superseded statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

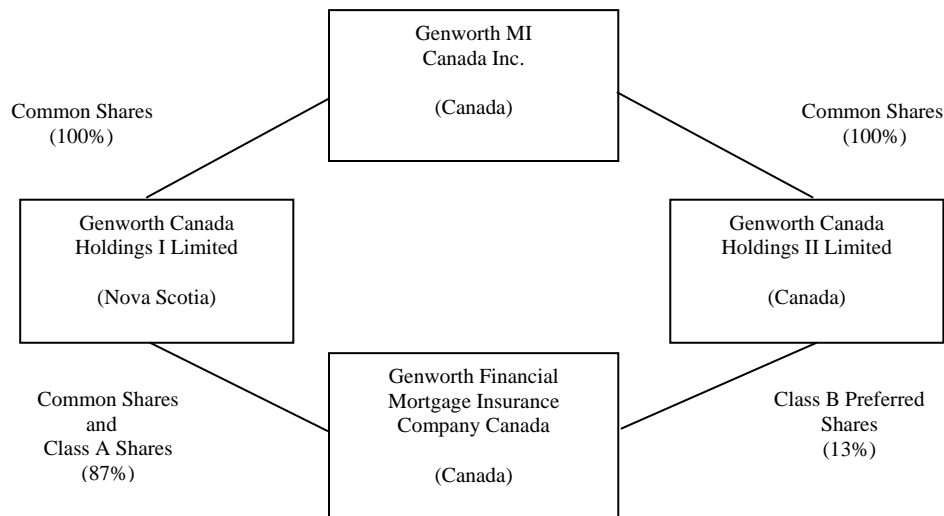
When a new annual information form, annual financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis are filed by the Company, and where required, accepted by the applicable securities regulatory authorities during the term of this Prospectus, the previous annual information form, the previous annual financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis, and all interim financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis, material change reports and information circulars filed by the Company prior to the commencement of the Company's financial year in which the new annual information form is filed shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus for purposes of future offers and sales of Securities hereunder.

GENWORTH MI CANADA INC.

Genworth Canada was incorporated as a corporation under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* pursuant to a Certificate of Incorporation dated May 25, 2009. From 1995 to 2004, the Company's business was wholly owned by the General Electric Company ("GE"). In 2004, Genworth Financial, a newly-formed, indirect subsidiary of GE, acquired the Company's businesses in connection with Genworth Financial's initial public offering. Pursuant to a reorganization on July 6, 2009 (the "**Reorganization**"), the Company acquired Genworth Canada Holdings I Limited and Genworth Canada Holdings II Limited, which control Genworth Financial Mortgage Insurance Company Canada. The principal business office and registered office of the Company is located at 2060 Winston Park Drive, Suite 300, Oakville, Ontario L6H 5R7.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Prospectus to "**Genworth Canada**" and the "**Company**" refer to Genworth MI Canada Inc. and its subsidiaries and, to the extent references in this Prospectus are made to matters undertaken by a predecessor in interest to Genworth Canada or its subsidiaries, include such predecessor in interest. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Prospectus to subsidiaries of Genworth Canada include Genworth Financial Mortgage Insurance Company Canada.

The following chart illustrates the Company's corporate structure, together with the jurisdiction of incorporation of each of the Company's subsidiaries, each of which is wholly-owned.



SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

Genworth Canada is the largest private residential mortgage insurer in Canada and has been providing private mortgage insurance in Canada since 1995. The Company has built a broad underwriting and distribution platform across the country that provides customer-focused products and support services to the vast majority of Canada's residential mortgage lenders and originators. Today, Genworth Canada underwrites mortgage insurance for residential properties in all provinces and territories of Canada and has the leading market share among private mortgage insurers.

Additional information with respect to the Company's business is included in the AIF and MD&A, both of which are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

The Company's authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares, an unlimited number of Preferred Shares issuable in series, and one special share (the "**Special Share**"). As of the date of this Prospectus, 98,678,920 Common Shares, no Preferred Shares and one Special Share have been issued and are outstanding.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities. The particular terms and provisions of Debt Securities offered pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply to such Debt Securities, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. Since the terms of a series of Debt Securities may differ from the general information provided in this Prospectus, in all cases an investor should rely on the information in the applicable Prospectus Supplement where it differs from information in this Prospectus. The following description and any description of Debt Securities in the applicable Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable indenture and, if applicable, collateral arrangements relating to such Debt Securities.

The Debt Securities will be direct unsecured obligations of the Company. The Debt Securities will be senior or subordinated indebtedness of the Company as described in the relevant Prospectus Supplement. The senior Debt Securities will rank equal in right of payment to all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. The subordinated Debt Securities will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the senior Debt Securities and all other senior indebtedness of the Company.

The Debt Securities will be issued under one or more indentures between the Company and a financial institution to which the *Trust and Loan Companies Act* (Canada) applies or a financial institution organized under the laws of any province of Canada and authorized to carry on business as a trustee (each, a “**Trustee**”), as supplemented and amended from time to time (each a “**Trust Indenture**” and, collectively, the “**Trust Indentures**”). The statements made hereunder relating to any Trust Indenture and the Debt Securities to be issued thereunder are summaries of certain anticipated provisions thereof and do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all provisions of the applicable Trust Indenture.

Any Prospectus Supplement for Debt Securities will set forth the terms and other information with respect to the Debt Securities being offered thereby, including: (i) the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of such Debt Securities; (ii) the currency or currency units for which the Debt Securities may be purchased and the currency or currency unit in which the principal and any interest is payable (in either case, if other than Canadian dollars); (iii) the percentage of the principal amount at which such Debt Securities will be issued; (iv) the date or dates on which such Debt Securities will mature; (v) the rate or rates per annum at which such Debt Securities will bear interest (if any), or the method of determination of such rates (if any); (vi) the dates on which such interest will be payable and the record dates for such payments; (vii) the Trustee under the Trust Indenture pursuant to which the Debt Securities are to be issued; (viii) any redemption term or terms under which such Debt Securities may be defeased; (ix) whether such Debt Securities are to be issued in registered form, “book-entry only” form, bearer form or in the form of temporary or permanent global securities and the basis of exchange, transfer and ownership thereof; (x) any exchange or conversion terms; and (xi) any other specific terms.

Debt Securities may, at the option of the Company, be issued in fully registered form, in bearer form or in “book-entry only” form. See “Book-Entry Only Securities”.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SHARES

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Preferred Shares. The particular terms and provisions of a series of Preferred Shares offered pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply thereto, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. The following description and any description of Preferred Shares in the applicable Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the articles of the Company.

Preferred Shares are issuable from time to time in one or more series. The Company’s board of directors (the “**Board**”) is authorized to fix before issue the number of, the consideration per share of, the designation of, and the provisions attaching to, the Preferred Shares of each series, which may include voting rights. The Preferred Shares of each series rank on par with the Preferred Shares of every other series and are entitled to preference over the Common Shares with respect to payment of dividends and distribution of any assets in the event of the Company’s liquidation, dissolution or winding-up. If any cumulative dividends (whether or not declared), non-cumulative dividends declared or amounts payable on a return of capital are not paid in full, the Preferred Shares of

all series will participate ratably in accordance with the amounts that would be payable on such shares if all such dividends were declared and paid in full or the sums that would be payable on such shares on the return of capital if all amounts so payable were paid in full, as the case may be.

Any Prospectus Supplement for Preferred Shares will set forth the terms and other information with respect to the Preferred Shares being offered thereby, including: (i) the offering price of the Preferred Shares; (ii) the title and designation of number of shares of the series of Preferred Shares; (iii) the dividend rate or method of calculation, the payment dates for dividends and the place or places where the dividends will be paid, whether dividends will be cumulative or noncumulative, and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends will begin to accumulate; (iv) any conversion or exchange features or rights; (v) whether the Preferred Shares will be subject to redemption and the redemption price and other terms and conditions relative to the redemption rights; (vi) any liquidation rights; (vii) any sinking fund provisions; (viii) any voting rights; (ix) whether the Preferred Shares will be issued in fully registered or "book-entry only" form; (x) any other rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Preferred Shares; and (xi) any other specific terms.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON SHARES

Holder of Common Shares are entitled, except where otherwise provided by law and subject to the rights of the holder of the Special Share to elect a specified number of directors under the Company's articles and in accordance with the Shareholder Agreement dated July 7, 2009 among the Company, each of the Selling Shareholders and Genworth Financial, as amended, to elect the members of the Board and vote at all meetings of shareholders of Genworth Canada, and are entitled to one vote per Common Share. Holders of Common Shares are entitled, subject to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares and any other shares ranking senior to the Common Shares, to receive dividends as and when declared by the Board and, upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Genworth Canada, the holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive the remaining property and assets of Genworth Canada available for distribution, after payment of liabilities.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPTS

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Subscription Receipts. The Company may issue Subscription Receipts that may be exchanged by the holders thereof for other Securities of the Company upon the satisfaction of certain conditions. The particular terms and provisions of the Subscription Receipts offered pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms described below apply to those Subscription Receipts, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. The following description and any description of Subscription Receipts in the applicable Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable subscription receipt agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depository arrangements relating to such Subscription Receipts.

Subscription Receipts may be offered separately or together with other Securities of the Company. The Subscription Receipts will be issued under a subscription receipt agreement. Under the subscription receipt agreement, an original purchaser of Subscription Receipts will have a contractual right of rescission following the issuance of Securities of the Company to such purchaser, entitling the purchaser to receive the amount paid for the Subscription Receipts upon surrender of the Securities if this Prospectus, the relevant Prospectus Supplement, and any amendment thereto, contains a misrepresentation, provided such remedy for rescission is exercised within 180 days of the date the Subscription Receipts are issued.

Any Prospectus Supplement for Subscription Receipts will contain the terms and conditions and other information with respect to the Subscription Receipts being offered thereby, including: (i) the number of Subscription Receipts; (ii) the price at which the Subscription Receipts will be offered and whether the price is payable in instalments; (iii) conditions to the exchange of Subscription Receipts for other Securities of the Company and the consequences of such conditions not being satisfied; (iv) the procedures for the exchange of the Subscription Receipts for other Securities of the Company; (v) the number of Securities of the Company that may be exchanged upon exercise of each Subscription Receipt; (vi) the designation and terms of any other Securities with which the Subscription Receipts will be offered, if any, and the number of Subscription Receipts that will be offered with each Security; (vii) the dates or periods during which the Subscription Receipts may be exchanged for other Securities of the Company; (viii) whether the Subscription Receipts will be listed on any securities exchange; (ix) whether the

Subscription Receipts will be issued in fully registered or “book-entry only” form; (x) any other rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Subscription Receipts; and (xi) any other specific terms.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Warrants. The particular terms and provisions of the Warrants offered pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms described below apply to those Warrants, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. The following description and any description of Warrants in the applicable Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable warrant agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depository arrangements relating to such Warrants.

The Company may issue Warrants for the purchase of Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares. Warrants may be issued independently or together with Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares offered by any Prospectus Supplement and may be attached to, or separate from, any such offered Securities. Warrants will be issued under one or more warrant agreements between the Company and a warrant agent that the Company will name in the Prospectus Supplement.

Any Prospectus Supplement for Warrants will contain the terms and other information with respect to the Warrants being offered thereby, including: (i) the designation of the Warrants; (ii) the aggregate number of Warrants offered and the offering price; (iii) the designation, number and terms of the Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares or other securities purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants, and procedures that will result in the adjustment of those numbers; (iv) the exercise price of the Warrants; (v) the dates or periods during which the Warrants are exercisable; (vi) the designation and terms of any Securities with which the Warrants are issued; (vii) if the Warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date on and after which the Warrants and the other security will be separately transferable; (viii) the currency or currency unit in which the exercise price is denominated; (ix) any minimum or maximum amount of Warrants that may be exercised at any one time; (x) whether such Warrants will be listed on any securities exchange; (xi) any terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability or exercise of the Warrants; (xii) whether the Warrants will be issued in fully registered or “book-entry only” form; (xiii) any other rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Warrants; and (xiv) any other specific terms.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Units. The particular terms and provisions of the Units offered pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms described below apply to those Units, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. The following description and any description of Units in the applicable Prospectus Supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to any agreement, collateral arrangements and depository arrangements relating to such Units.

The Company may issue Units comprised of one or more of the other Securities described in this Prospectus in any combination. Each Unit will be issued so that the holder of the Unit is also the holder of each Security included in the Unit. Thus, the holder of a Unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included Security. The unit agreement under which a Unit is issued may provide that the Securities included in the Unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

Any Prospectus Supplement for Units will contain the terms and other information with respect to the Units being offered thereby, including: (i) the designation and terms of the Units and of the Securities comprising the Units, including whether and under what circumstances those Securities may be held or transferred separately; (ii) any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the Units or of any Securities comprising the Units; (iii) whether the Units will be issued in fully registered or “book-entry only” form; and (iv) any other specific terms.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SECURITIES

Securities issued in “book-entry only” form must be purchased, transferred or redeemed through participants (“**CDS Participants**”) in the depository service of CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. or a successor (collectively, “**CDS**”). Each of the underwriters, dealers or agents, as the case may be, named in a Prospectus Supplement will be a CDS Participant or will have arrangements with a CDS Participant. On the closing of a book-entry only offering, the Company may cause a global certificate or certificates representing the aggregate number of Securities subscribed for under such offering to be delivered to, and registered in the name of, CDS or its nominee. Except as described below, no purchaser of Securities will be entitled to a certificate or other instrument from the Company or CDS evidencing that purchaser’s ownership thereof, and no purchaser will be shown on the records maintained by CDS except through a book-entry account of a CDS Participant acting on behalf of such purchaser. Each purchaser of Securities will receive a customer confirmation of purchase from the registered dealer from which the Securities are purchased in accordance with the practices and procedures of that registered dealer. The practices of registered dealers may vary, but generally customer confirmations are issued promptly after execution of a customer order. CDS will be responsible for establishing and maintaining book-entry accounts for its CDS Participants having interests in the Securities. Reference in this Prospectus to a holder of Securities means, unless the context otherwise requires, the owner of the beneficial interest in the Securities.

If the Company determines, or CDS notifies the Company in writing, that CDS is no longer willing or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as depository with respect to the Securities and the Company is unable to locate a qualified successor, or if the Company at its option elects, or is required by law, to terminate the book-entry system, then the Securities will be issued in fully registered form to holders or their nominees.

Transfer, Conversion or Redemption of Securities

Transfer of ownership, conversion or redemption of Securities will be effected through records maintained by CDS or its nominee for such Securities with respect to interests of CDS Participants, and on the records of CDS Participants with respect to interests of persons other than CDS Participants. Holders who desire to purchase, sell or otherwise transfer ownership of or other interests in the Securities may do so only through CDS Participants.

The ability of a holder to pledge a Security or otherwise take action with respect to such holder’s interest in a Security (other than through a CDS Participant) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate.

Payments and Notices

Payments of principal, redemption price, if any, dividends and interest, as applicable, on each Security will be made by the Company to CDS or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of the Security and the Company understands that such payments will be credited by CDS or its nominee in the appropriate amounts to the relevant CDS Participants. Payments to holders of Securities of amounts so credited will be the responsibility of the CDS Participants.

As long as CDS or its nominee is the registered holder of the Securities, CDS or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner of the Securities for the purposes of receiving notices or payments on the Securities. In such circumstances, the responsibility and liability of the Company in respect of notices or payments on the Securities is limited to giving or making payment of any principal, redemption price, if any, dividends and interest due on the Securities to CDS or its nominee.

Each holder must rely on the procedures of CDS and, if such holder is not a CDS Participant, on the procedures of the CDS Participant through which such holder owns its interest, to exercise any rights with respect to the Securities. The Company understands that under existing policies of CDS and industry practices, if the Company requests any action of holders or if a holder desires to give any notice or take any action which a registered holder is entitled to give or take with respect to the Securities, CDS would authorize the CDS Participant acting on behalf of the holder to give such notice or to take such action, in accordance with the procedures established by CDS or agreed to from time to time by the Company, any Trustee and CDS. Any holder that is not a CDS Participant must rely on the contractual arrangement it has directly, or indirectly through its financial intermediary, with its CDS Participant to give such notice or take such action.

The Company, the underwriters, dealers or agents and any Trustee identified in a Prospectus Supplement, as applicable, will not have any liability or responsibility for: (i) records maintained by CDS relating to beneficial ownership interest in the Securities held by CDS or the book-entry accounts maintained by CDS; (ii) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to any such beneficial ownership interest; or (iii) any advice or representation made by or with respect to CDS and contained herein or in any Trust Indenture with respect to the rules and regulations of CDS or at the directions of the CDS Participants.

EARNINGS COVERAGE RATIOS

Earnings coverage ratios will be provided as required in the Prospectus Supplement with respect to the issuance of Securities pursuant to such Prospectus Supplement.

RELATIONSHIP TO GENWORTH FINANCIAL AND THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

Genworth Financial is indirectly the principal shareholder of the Company. As at the date hereof, Genworth Financial, via the Selling Shareholders, each a wholly owned subsidiary of Genworth Financial, beneficially owns or exercises control over (i) 56,710,094 Common Shares, representing approximately 57.5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, and (ii) one Special Share. Further details regarding the Special Share can be found under the heading “Description of Share Capital – Special Share” in the AIF.

The Company entered into various agreements with Genworth Financial and Brookfield relating to the operation of the Company’s business following the completion of the Company’s initial public offering and the Reorganization, including a registration rights agreement, dated July 7, 2009, between the Company and Brookfield, as amended (the “**Registration Rights Agreement**”). GMIC, GMIC-NC and GRMAC became parties to the Registration Rights Agreement in 2011 when Brookfield transferred a portion of its Common Shares to these entities. A summary of the Registration Rights Agreement is provided under the heading “Material Contracts – Registration Rights Agreement” in the AIF, which is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement and all amendments thereto have been filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada and are available electronically on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

During the 25 months that this Prospectus remains valid, the Selling Shareholders may offer and sell Common Shares pursuant to this Prospectus in connection with the exercise of their rights under the Registration Rights Agreement or otherwise. The Selling Shareholders may also sell Common Shares other than pursuant to this Prospectus under available exemptions from the prospectus requirements of Canadian securities legislation. The Selling Shareholders may sell none, some or all of the Common Shares qualified for distribution by them pursuant to this Prospectus. The Company cannot predict when or in what amounts the Selling Shareholders may sell any of the Common Shares qualified for distribution by this Prospectus.

Jurisdiction of the Selling Shareholders

The Selling Shareholders are each incorporated under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction and each reside outside of Canada. Although the Selling Shareholders will be appointing the Company as their agent for service of process in Canada, it may not be possible for investors to enforce judgments obtained in Canada against the Selling Shareholders.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Securities offered hereby may be sold (i) through underwriters or dealers, (ii) directly to one or more purchasers pursuant to applicable statutory exemptions, or (iii) through agents. The Securities may be sold at fixed prices or non-fixed prices, such as prices determined by reference to the prevailing price of the Securities in a specified market, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at prices to be negotiated with purchasers, which prices may vary as between purchasers and during the period of distribution of the Securities. The Prospectus Supplement for any of the Securities being offered thereby will identify the person offering Securities (the Company and/or, in the case of Common Shares, the Selling Shareholders) and will set forth the terms of the offering of such Securities, including the type of Security being offered, the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, the purchase price of such Securities, the proceeds to, and the portion of expenses borne by, the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, from such sale, any underwriting discounts and other items

constituting underwriters' compensation, any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers. Only underwriters so named in the Prospectus Supplement are deemed to be underwriters in connection with the Securities offered thereby.

The Prospectus Supplement for any Common Shares offered and sold by the Selling Shareholders will identify the number of Common Shares being sold by the Selling Shareholders, the number of Common Shares to be beneficially owned by Genworth Financial after the distribution and, if the Selling Shareholders acquired any Common Shares in the 12 months preceding the date of the Prospectus Supplement, the cost to the Selling Shareholders of any such Common Shares in the aggregate and on a per security basis.

If underwriters are used in the sale, the Securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at prices related to such prevailing market prices. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase such Securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the Securities offered by the Prospectus Supplement if any of such Securities are purchased. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to underwriters, dealers or agents may be changed from time to time.

The Securities may also be sold (i) directly by the Company and/or, in the case of Common Shares, the Selling Shareholders at such prices and upon such terms as agreed to by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, and the purchaser or (ii) through agents designated by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders from time to time. Any agent involved in the offering and sale of the Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, to such agent will be set forth, in the Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, any agent is acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

The Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, may agree to pay the underwriters a commission for various services relating to the issue and sale of any Securities offered hereby. Any such commission payable by the Company will be paid out of the general corporate funds of the Company. Underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the Securities may be entitled under agreements to be entered into with the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders to indemnification by the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders, as applicable, against certain liabilities, including liabilities under securities legislation, or to contribution with respect to payments which such underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect thereof.

In connection with any offering of the Securities (unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement), the underwriters or agents may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the Securities offered at levels other than those which might otherwise prevail on the open market. These transactions may be commenced, interrupted or discontinued at any time.

Unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement, the Securities will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

RISK FACTORS

Before deciding whether to invest in any Securities, investors should consider carefully the risks set out in the documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, including the disclosure under the heading "Risk Factors" in the AIF and under the headings "Risk Management" and "Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments" in the MD&A, and all subsequently filed documents incorporated by reference herein. Additional risk factors relating to a specific offering of Securities will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The use of proceeds of the sale of each series of Securities will be described in the Prospectus Supplement relating to the specific issuance of Securities. The Company will not receive any proceeds from any sale of Common Shares by the Selling Shareholders.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement, certain legal matters in connection with the Securities offered hereby will be passed upon by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP on behalf of the Company and/or the Selling Shareholders. As of the date hereof, the partners and associates of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, as a group beneficially own, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of the outstanding securities of the Company or any associated party or affiliate of the Company.

AUDITORS, TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The Company's external auditors are KPMG LLP, located at Suite 4600, Bay Adelaide Centre, 333 Bay Street, Toronto Ontario M5H 2S5. KPMG LLP is independent with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

The transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares is Canadian Stock Transfer Company at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario.

PURCHASERS' STATUTORY AND CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces and territories of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase securities. This right may be exercised within two business days after receipt or deemed receipt of a prospectus and any amendment. In several of the provinces and territories, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, revision of the price or damages if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation or is not delivered to the purchaser, provided that the remedies for rescission, revision of the price or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for the particulars of these rights or consult with a legal adviser.

In addition, original purchasers of Subscription Receipts or Warrants (or Units comprised partly thereof) will have a contractual right of rescission against the Company in respect of the conversion, exchange or exercise of a Subscription Receipt or Warrant. The contractual right of rescission will entitle such original purchasers to receive the amount paid upon conversion, exchange or exercise, upon surrender of the underlying securities acquired thereby, in the event that this Prospectus (as supplemented or amended) contains a misrepresentation, provided that: (i) the conversion, exchange or exercise takes place within 180 days of the date of the purchase of the convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security under this Prospectus; and (ii) the right of rescission is exercised within 180 days of the date of the purchase of the convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security under this Prospectus. Original purchasers are further advised that in certain provinces and territories the statutory right of action for damages in connection with a prospectus misrepresentation is limited to the amount paid for the convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security that was purchased under a prospectus, and therefore a further payment at the time of conversion, exchange or exercise may not be recoverable in a statutory action for damages. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for the particulars of these rights, or consult with a legal advisor.

AUDITORS' CONSENT

We have read the short form base shelf prospectus of Genworth MI Canada Inc. (the "**Company**") dated May 31, 2012 which may allow the Company to offer for sale from time to time Debt Securities, Preferred Shares, Common Shares, Subscription Receipts, Warrants and Units up to an aggregate amount of \$1,500,000,000 (the "**Prospectus**"). We have complied with Canadian generally accepted standards for an auditor's involvement with offering documents.

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the above-mentioned Prospectus of our report to the shareholders of the Company dated February 23, 2012 on the consolidated financial statements of the Company, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and January 1, 2010, the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

(Signed) KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
Toronto, Canada
May 31, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF GENWORTH MI CANADA INC.

Dated: May 31, 2012

This short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in this prospectus by reference, will, as of the date of the last supplement to this prospectus relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s) as required by the securities legislation of each of the provinces and territories of Canada.

(Signed) Brian Hurley

Chief Executive Officer

(Signed) Philip Mayers

Chief Financial Officer

On behalf of the Board of Directors

(Signed) Sidney Horn

Director

(Signed) Brian Kelly

Director