Annual General and Special Meeting to be held on Friday, November 29, 2024

Notice of Annual General and Special Meeting and Information Circular

October 30, 2024

503 - 905 West Pender Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1L6

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an annual general and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of Valleyview Resources Ltd. (the "**Company**") will be held on Friday, November 29, 2024, at Suite 2500-666 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia at 10:00 a.m. (local time in Vancouver, British Columbia). At the Meeting, the shareholders will receive the financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2024, together with the auditor's report thereon, and consider resolutions to:

- 1. fix the number of directors at six;
- 2. elect directors for the ensuing year;
- 3. appoint DMCL, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditor;
- 4. consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution, the text of which is set forth in the accompanying information circular dated October 30, 2024 under the heading "Particulars of Other Matters to be Acted Upon Adoption of New Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan" adopting a new omnibus equity incentive plan; and
- 5. transact such other business as may properly be put before the Meeting.

All shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting in person or by proxy. The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") requests that all shareholders who will not be attending the Meeting in person read, date and sign the accompanying proxy and deliver it to Endeavor Trust Corporation ("**Endeavor**"). If a shareholder does not deliver a proxy to Endeavor, Attention: Proxy Department, Suite 702 - 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4, by 10:00 a.m. (local time in Vancouver, British Columbia) on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 (or before 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays before any adjournment of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used) then the shareholder will not be entitled to vote at the Meeting by proxy. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on October 25, 2024 will be entitled to vote at the Meeting.

An information circular and a form of proxy accompany this notice of Meeting.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, the 30th day of October, 2024.

## **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

"Roger Lemaitre"

Roger Lemaitre, Chief Executive Officer and President

503 - 905 West Pender Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1L6

# **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

(as at October 30, 2024 except as otherwise indicated)

## SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This information circular (the "**Circular**") is provided in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management (the "**Management**") of Valleyview Resources Ltd. (the "**Company**"). The form of proxy which accompanies this Circular (the "**Proxy**") is for use at the annual general and special meeting of the shareholders of the Company to be held on Friday, November 29, 2024 (the "**Meeting**"), at the time and place set out in the accompanying notice of Meeting (the "**Notice of Meeting**"). The Company will bear the cost of this solicitation. The solicitation will be made by mail, but may also be made by telephone.

# APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXY

The persons named in the Proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company. A registered shareholder who wishes to appoint some other person to serve as their representative at the Meeting may do so by striking out the printed names and inserting the desired person's name in the blank space provided. The completed Proxy should be delivered to Endeavor Trust Corporation ("Endeavor") Attention: Proxy Department, Suite 702 - 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4 by 10:00 a.m. (local time in Vancouver, British Columbia) on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, or before 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before any adjournment of the Meeting at which the Proxy is to be used.

The Proxy may be revoked by:

- (a) signing a proxy with a later date and delivering it at the time and place noted above;
- (b) signing and dating a written notice of revocation and delivering it to Endeavor, or by transmitting a revocation by telephonic or electronic means, to Endeavor, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment of it, at which the Proxy is to be used, or delivering a written notice of revocation and delivering it to the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or adjournment of it; or
- (c) attending the Meeting or any adjournment of the Meeting and registering with the scrutineer as a shareholder present in person.

## **Provisions Relating to Voting of Proxies**

The shares represented by Proxy in the form provided to shareholders will be voted or withheld from voting by the designated holder in accordance with the direction of the registered shareholder appointing him. If there is no direction by the registered shareholder, those shares will be voted for all proposals set out in the Proxy and for the election of directors and the appointment of the auditor as set out in this Circular. The Proxy gives the person named in it the discretion to vote as such

person sees fit on any amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting, or any other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the time of printing of this Circular, the Management knows of no other matters which may come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting.

#### Advice to Beneficial Holders of Common Shares

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many shareholders, as a substantial number of shareholders do not hold common shares in their own name. Shareholders who hold their common shares through their brokers, intermediaries, trustees or other persons, or who otherwise do not hold their common shares in their own name (referred to herein as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only proxies deposited by shareholders who appear on the records maintained by the Company's registrar and transfer agent as registered holders of common shares will be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If common shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Beneficial Shareholder by a broker, then those common shares will, in all likelihood, not be registered in the shareholder's name. Such common shares will more likely be registered under the name of the shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). In the United States, the vast majority of such common shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co., the registration name for The Depository Trust Company, which acts as nominee for many United States brokerage firms. Common shares held by brokers (or their agents or nominees) on behalf of a broker's client can only be voted or withheld at the direction of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, brokers and their agents and nominees are prohibited from voting shares for the broker's clients. Therefore, each Beneficial Shareholder should ensure that voting instructions are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.

Existing regulatory policy requires brokers and other intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholder meetings. The various brokers and other intermediaries have their own mailing procedures and provide their own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their common shares are voted at the Meeting. The form of instrument of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker (or the agent of the broker) is substantially similar to the instrument of proxy provided directly to registered shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered shareholder (i.e., the broker or agent of the broker) how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The vast majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc. ("Broadridge") in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a machine-readable voting instruction form ("VIF"), mails those forms to Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the VIFs to Broadridge, or otherwise communicate voting instructions to Broadridge (by way of the internet or telephone, for example). Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder who receives a Broadridge VIF cannot use that form to vote common shares directly at the Meeting. The VIFs must be returned to Broadridge (or instructions respecting the voting of common shares must otherwise be communicated to Broadridge) well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the common shares voted. If you have any questions respecting the voting of common shares held through a broker or other intermediary, please contact that broker or other intermediary for assistance.

The Notice of Meeting, Circular, Proxy and VIF, as applicable, are being provided to both registered shareholders and Beneficial Shareholders. Beneficial Shareholders fall into two categories - those who object to their identity being known to the issuers of securities which they own ("**OBOs**") and those who

do not object to their identity being made known to the issuers of the securities which they own ("**NOBOs**"). Subject to the provisions of National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**NI 54-101**"), issuers may request and obtain a list of their NOBOs from intermediaries directly or via their transfer agent and may obtain and use the NOBO list for the distribution of proxy-related materials directly (not via Broadridge) to such NOBOs. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name, address and information about your holdings of common shares have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding the common shares on your behalf.

The Company has distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, Circular and VIF to intermediaries for distribution to NOBOs. Unless you have waived your right to receive the Notice of Meeting, Circular and VIF, intermediaries are required to deliver them to you as a NOBO of the Company and to seek your instructions on how to vote your common shares.

The Company's OBOs can expect to be contacted by Broadridge or their brokers or their broker's agents as set out above. The Company does not intend to pay for intermediaries to deliver the Notice of Meeting, Circular and VIF to OBOs and accordingly, if the OBO's intermediary does not assume the costs of delivery of those documents in the event that the OBO wishes to receive them, the OBO may not receive the documentation.

Although a Beneficial Shareholder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting common shares registered in the name of his broker, a Beneficial Shareholder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the registered shareholder and vote the common shares in that capacity. NI 54-101 allows a Beneficial Shareholder who is a NOBO to submit to the Company or an applicable intermediary any document in writing that requests that the NOBO or a nominee of the NOBO be appointed as proxyholder. If such a request is received, the Company or an intermediary, as applicable, must arrange, without expenses to the NOBO, to appoint such NOBO or its nominee as a proxyholder and to deposit that proxy within the time specified in this Circular, provided that the Company or the intermediary receives such written instructions from the NOBO at least one business day prior to the time by which proxies are to be submitted at the Meeting, with the result that such a written request must be received by 10:00 a.m. (local time in Vancouver, British Columbia) on the day which is at least three business days prior to the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder who wishes to attend the Meeting and to vote their common shares as proxyholder for the registered shareholder, should enter their own name in the blank space on the VIF or such other document in writing that requests that the NOBO or a nominee of the NOBO be appointed as proxyholder and return the same to their broker (or the broker's agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker.

All references to shareholders in the Notice of Meeting, Circular and the accompanying Proxy are to registered shareholders of the Company as set forth on the list of registered shareholders of the Company as maintained by the registrar and transfer agent of the Company, Endeavor, unless specifically stated otherwise.

## **Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended May 31, 2024, together with the auditor's report on those statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis, will be presented to the shareholders at the Meeting.

## **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES**

As at the date of the accompanying Notice of Meeting, the Company's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares of which 15,750,000 common shares are issued and outstanding. All common shares in the capital of the Company carry the right to one vote.

Shareholders registered as at October 25, 2024, are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting. Shareholders who wish to be represented by proxy at the Meeting must, to entitle the person appointed by the Proxy to attend and vote, deliver their Proxies at the place and within the time set forth in the notes to the Proxy.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as of the date of this Circular, the following persons beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over, 10% or more of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company:

| Shareholder        | Number of Shares | Percentage of<br>Issued Capital |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Johnny Ciampi      | 2,312,500        | 14.68%                          |
| James Decker       | 1,875,000        | 11.09%                          |
| Jelena Jakovljevic | 1,875,000        | 11.09%                          |
| Jeremy Poirier     | 1,745,000        | 11.08%                          |
| Jarl Whist         | 1,745,500        | 11.14%                          |

The directors of the Company are elected annually and hold office until the next annual general meeting of the shareholders or until their successors are elected or appointed. The Management of the Company proposes to nominate the persons listed below for election as directors of the Company to serve until their successors are elected or appointed. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, Proxies given pursuant to the solicitation by the Management will be voted for the nominees listed in this Circular. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director. The number of directors on the board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company is currently fixed at four and shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to pass an ordinary resolution to fix the number of directors for the ensuing year at six.

The following table sets out the names of the nominees for election as directors, the offices they hold within the Company, their occupations, the length of time they have served as directors of the Company, and the number of common shares of the Company which each beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, as of the date of this Circular.

| Name, province or state<br>and country of residence<br>and position, if any, held<br>in the Company | Principal occupation<br>during the past five years   | Served as director<br>of the Company<br>since | Number of<br>common shares of<br>the Company<br>beneficially owned,<br>directly or<br>indirectly, or<br>controlled or<br>directed at<br>present <sup>(1)</sup> |
|---|--|---|--|
| Roger Lemaitre<br>Saskatchewan, Canada<br>Chief Executive Officer,<br>President and Director        | President, CEO and director of Company,<br>September 2024 to present; President,<br>Vice President Uranium, Sulliden Mining<br>Capital, April 2023 to September 2024;<br>Vice-President and Head of Mining,<br>Consolidated Lithium Metals Inc., January<br>2023 to September 2024; President and<br>CEO, UEX Corporation, January 2014 to<br>October 2022.  | September 1, 2024                             | Nil  |
| Eugene McBurney <sup>(2)</sup><br>Nassau, Bahamas<br><i>Director</i>                                | Head of Investment Banking – Latin<br>America & Caribbean, Canaccord<br>Genuity, 2020 to present; Director, GMP<br>Capital Inc., 1995 – 2020.  | October 30, 2024                              | Nil  |
| Ross McElroy <sup>(2)</sup><br>British Columbia, Canada<br><i>Director</i>                          | President, CEO and director, Fission<br>Uranium Corporation, September 2020 to<br>present; President, COO and Chief<br>Geologist, Fission Uranium Corporation,<br>April 2013 to September 2020.  | October 30, 2024                              | Nil  |
| Mark Christensen <sup>(2)</sup><br>Ontario, Canada<br><i>Director</i>                               | Founder and CEO, KES 7 Capital Inc.,<br>December 2013 to present.  | October 30, 2024                              | Nil  |
| Andrew Tunks<br>Melbourne, Australia<br><i>Director</i>   | Executive Chairman, Meteoric Resources<br>Limited, April 2023 to present; CEO A-<br>Cap Energy Limited June 2022 to June<br>2023; Managing Director, Meteoric<br>Resources Limited, January 2018 to June<br>2022; Exploration Director, West Wits<br>Mining Limited, December 2017 to April<br>2020.   | October 30, 2024                              | Nil  |
| Rob Shewchuk<br>Alberta, Canada<br><i>Director Nominee</i>  | Co-Founder, CEO and director,<br>LithiumBank Resources Corp, August<br>2020 to present; Director and Chief<br>Architect, Caerus Capital Partners Inc.,<br>October 2020 to present; Dealing<br>Representative, TriView Capital Ltd.,<br>March 2022 to present; Board of Directors<br>Member, Spectre Capital Corp, June 2018<br>to present; Member Board of Directors,<br>DCARB CleanTech Solutions, January<br>2023 to March 2024; Board of Directors<br>Member, Graphene Manufacturing Group<br>Ltd., July 2019 to November 2023. | Nominee                                       | Nil  |

Notes:

- (1) The information as to common shares beneficially owned or controlled has been provided by the nominees themselves.
- (2) A member of the audit committee.

No proposed director is being elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or company.

#### **Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies**

No director or proposed director of the Company is, or within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular has been, a director or executive officer of any company, including the Company, that while that person was acting in that capacity:

- (a) was the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the company access to any exemption under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (b) was subject to an event that resulted, after the director ceased to be a director or executive officer of the company being the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (c) within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

#### **Individual Bankruptcies**

No director or proposed director of the Company has, within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular, become bankrupt or made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or been subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of that individual.

#### **Penalties or Sanctions**

None of the proposed directors have been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority, has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority or has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would be likely to be considered important to a reasonable security holder making a decision about whether to vote for the proposed director.

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### General

For the purposes of this disclosure:

"CEO" of the Company means each individual who served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company or acted in a similar capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year.

"CFO" of the Company means each individual who served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company or

acted in similar capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year.

"NEO" or "named executive officer" means each of the following individuals:

- (a) a CEO;
- (b) a CFO;
- (c) the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in (a) and (b) above, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V *Statement of Executive Compensation Venture Issuers* of National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of the most recently completed financial year.

During the financial year ended May 31, 2024, the Company had two (2) NEOs, being Joel Leonard, the former CEO and the current CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company and John Shapter, the former CFO and the former Corporate Secretary of the Company. On September 1, 2024 Mr. Leonard resigned as CEO and Mr. Shapter resigned as CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company. Concurrently therewith, Mr. Leonard was appointed CFO and Corporate Secretary and Roger Lemaitre was appointed CEO and President.

#### **Director and NEO Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities**

Set out below is a summary of all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, excluding compensation securities, during the Company's two most recently completed financial years to the Company's NEOs and directors, in any capacity, for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof.

| Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities       |              |  |               |   |                                 |  |                                    |
|---|--------------|--|---------------|---|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Name and position   | Year         | Salary,<br>consulting<br>fee, retainer<br>or<br>commission<br>(\$) | Bonus<br>(\$) | Committee<br>or meeting<br>fees<br>(\$) | Value of<br>perquisites<br>(\$) | Value of all<br>other<br>compen-<br>sation<br>(\$) | Total<br>compen-<br>sation<br>(\$) |
| Joel Leonard <sup>(1)</sup><br>CEO and Director               | 2024<br>2023 | 24,000 <sup>(2)</sup><br>Nil                                       | Nil<br>Nil    | Nil<br>Nil                              | Nil<br>Nil                      | Nil<br>Nil   | 24,000 <sup>(2)</sup><br>Nil       |
| John Shapter <sup>(3)</sup><br>CFO and Corporate<br>Secretary | 2024<br>2023 | 12,000<br>Nil  | Nil<br>Nil    | Nil<br>Nil                              | Nil<br>Nil                      | Nil<br>Nil   | 12,000<br>Nil                      |
| Michael Blady <sup>(4)</sup><br>Director                      | 2024<br>2023 | Nil<br>Nil   | Nil<br>Nil    | Nil<br>Nil                              | Nil<br>Nil                      | Nil<br>Nil   | Nil<br>Nil                         |

| Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities |              |  |               |   |                                 |  |                                    |
|---|--------------|--|---------------|---|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Name and position                                       | Year         | Salary,<br>consulting<br>fee, retainer<br>or<br>commission<br>(\$) | Bonus<br>(\$) | Committee<br>or meeting<br>fees<br>(\$) | Value of<br>perquisites<br>(\$) | Value of all<br>other<br>compen-<br>sation<br>(\$) | Total<br>compen-<br>sation<br>(\$) |
| Drew St. Laurent <sup>(4)</sup>                         | 2024         | Nil  | Nil           | Nil                                     | Nil                             | Nil  | Nil                                |
| Director  | 2023         | Nil  | Nil           | Nil                                     | Nil                             | Nil  | Nil                                |
| Clay Olson <sup>(4)</sup>                               | 2024         | Nil  | Nil           | Nil                                     | Nil                             | Nil  | Nil                                |
| Director  | 2023         | Nil  | Nil           | Nil                                     | Nil                             | Nil  | Nil                                |
| Jeremy Poirier <sup>(5)</sup><br>Director               | 2024<br>2023 | N/A<br>Nil   | N/A<br>Nil    | N/A<br>Nil                              | N/A<br>Nil                      | N/A<br>Nil   | N/A<br>Nil                         |

Notes:

(1) Mr. Leonard resigned as CEO and a Director of the Company on September 1, 2024 and was appointed CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on September 1, 2024.

(2) Paid to Leonard & Co., a company controlled by Mr. Leonard, for Mr. Leonard's role as CEO of the Company.

(3) Mr. Shapter resigned as CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on September 1, 2024.

(4) Appointed as Directors of the Company on February 28, 2023 and resigned as Directors on October 30, 2024.

(5) Mr. Poirier resigned as a Director of the Company on March 3, 2023.

#### **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

No compensation securities were granted or issued to a Director or NEO by the Company, or any subsidiary thereof, preceding or during the year ended May 31, 2024.

#### **Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs**

No compensation securities were exercised by a Director or NEO of the Company, or any subsidiary thereof, preceding or during the year ended May 31, 2024.

#### **Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans**

On January 9, 2024, the Board adopted a fixed 10% incentive stock option plan (the "Current Plan"), within the meaning of Policy 4.4 – *Security Based Compensation* of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange"), administered by the Board (or a committee thereof) (the "Committee"), pursuant to which the number of shares reserved for issuance was 1,250,000. The purpose of the Current Plan is to advance the interests of the Company through the motivation, attraction and retention of key employees, consultants and directors of the Company and designated affiliates of the Company and to secure for the Company and the shareholders of the Company and the designated affiliates of the Company through the granting of non-transferable stock options ("Options") to eligible participants under the Current Plan. There are currently 1,250,000 Options outstanding under the Current Plan.

At the Meeting, shareholders of the Company will be asked to approve a new omnibus equity incentive plan, as more fully described in the section of this Circular under the heading "Particulars of Other Matters to be Acted Upon – Adoption of New Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan".

The following information is intended as a brief description of the Current Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Current Plan, which may be obtained by any securityholder of the Company free of charge by contacting the Company by email at accounting@leonardco.ca.

- (a) the maximum aggregate number of shares that can be issued pursuant to the exercise of Options granted under the Current Plan or otherwise is 1,250,000;
- (b) the exercise price of the Options shall be that price per share, as determined by the Board or the Committee, in its sole discretion, as of the date of grant, and shall be set at a minimum of the closing price of the Company's shares traded through the facilities of the Exchange on the day preceding the date of grant and the date of grant of the Options, or such other price as may be required by the Exchange;
- (c) Options granted under the Current Plan will have an expiry date not to exceed ten years from the date of grant;
- (d) any Options granted that expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised will again be available under the Current Plan;
- (e) Options granted to an optionee who has ceased to be a director or officer of the Company other than for cause or due to death, will expire 90 days after the optionee ceases to be a director or officer, or such other date as may be reasonably determined by the Board or the Committee. In addition, Options granted to an optionee who has ceased to be a consultant, employee or management company employee of the Company other than for cause or due to death, will expire 30 days after the optionee ceases to be a consultant, employee or management company employee of the Company or such other date as may be reasonably determined by the Board or the Committee;
- (f) Options will vest as required by the Exchange and as may be determined by the administrator of the Current Plan, or in the absence of such body, the Board or the Committee;
- (g) the Company cannot grant Options to any one consultant in any 12-month period which could, when exercised, result in the issuance of shares exceeding 2% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company calculated as at the date of any such grant or issuance;
- (h) the Company cannot grant Options in any 12 month period to persons employed or engaged by the Company to perform investor relations activities which could, when exercised, result in the issuance of shares exceeding, in aggregate, 2% of the issued and outstanding shares, and Options issued to consultants performing investor relations activities must vest in stages over 12 months with no more than 1/4 of the Options vested in any three month period, beginning after the first three months. No acceleration of the vesting provisions of Options granted to Investor Relations Service Providers (as defined in the Policy) is allowed without the prior acceptance of the Exchange;
- (i) in connection with the exercise of an Option, as a condition to such exercise the Company may require the optionee to pay to the Company an amount as necessary so as to ensure that the Company is in compliance with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial or local laws relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions relating to the exercise of such Option;

- (j) if a change of control, as described in the Current Plan, occurs, all unvested Options shall immediately become vested and may thereon be exercised in whole or in part by the optionee, subject to any required approval by the Exchange;
- (k) any adjustment, other than in connection with a security consolidation or security split, to Options granted or issued under the Current Plan must be subject to the prior acceptance of the Exchange, including adjustments related to an amalgamation, merger, arrangement, reorganization, spin-off, dividend or recapitalization; and
- (1) pursuant to the policies of the Exchange the Company will be required to obtain disinterested shareholder approval:
  - before the number of shares under option to insiders within any 12-month period may exceed 10% of the outstanding share capital of the Company, and before the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options granted to insiders exceed, at any one time, 10% of the outstanding share capital of the Company,
  - (ii) for the reduction in the exercise price per share of Options or extension of Options previously granted to insiders, and
  - (iii) before the number of shares under option at any specific time to any one optionee may exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding share capital of the Company (determined at the date the Option was granted) in any 12 month period.

## **External Management Companies**

Except as set out below under the heading "Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements", no persons have been retained or employed by an external management company which has entered into an understanding, arrangement or agreement with the Company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

## **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

## The Leonard Consulting Agreement

On June 1, 2023, Mr. Leonard and the Company entered into a consulting agreement (the "Leonard CEO Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Leonard was engaged to act as CEO in exchange for a fee of \$2,000 per month plus GST. The Leonard CEO Agreement also contained a confidentiality covenant on the part of Mr. Leonard that he would not disclose any Confidential Information (as defined in the Leonard CEO Agreement). The Leonard CEO Agreement was terminated in connection with Mr. Leonard's resignation as CEO. Effective October 1, 2024, Leonard & Co., Chartered Professional Accountants, a company controlled by Mr. Leonard, and the Company entered into a new consulting agreement (the "Leonard CFO Agreement") pursuant to which Mr. Leonard is engaged to act as CFO in exchange for a fee of \$8,500 per month plus GST. Mr. Leonard is also entitled to participate in the Company's equity compensation plan. The Leonard CFO Agreement can be terminated by either party on 60 days' written notice and does not contain provisions with respect to payments at, following or in connection with any change of control, severance, termination or constructive dismissal.

#### The Shapter Consulting Agreement

On June 1, 2023 Mr. Shapter and the Company entered into a consulting agreement (the "Shapter Consulting Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Shapter was engaged to act as CFO and Corporate Secretary in exchange for a fee of \$1,000 per month plus GST. The Shapter Consulting Agreement also contained a confidentiality covenant on the part of Mr. Shapter that he will not disclose any Confidential Information (as defined in the Shapter Consulting Agreement). Upon Mr. Shapter resigning as CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on September 1, 2024, the Shapter Consulting Agreement was terminated and no severance was paid.

#### The Lemaitre Employment Agreement

On August 29, 2024, Mr. Lemaitre and the Company entered into an employment agreement (the "Lemaitre Employment Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Lemaitre was engaged to act as CEO and President at a base salary of \$275,000 per year and will be entitled to participate in the Company's equity compensation plan. In the event the Company terminates the Lemaitre Employment Agreement without cause, Mr. Lemaitre is entitled to one year of base salary and continuation of his employment benefits. In the event the Company terminates the agreement within 12 months' following a Change of Control (as defined in the Lemaitre Employment Agreement) or there is a material change in Mr. Lemaitre's duties or any actions or events that would constitute constructive dismissal of Mr. Lemaitre, Mr. Lemaitre will be entitled to two years of base salary.

Other than the Lemaitre Employment Agreement, the Leonard CEO Agreement, the Leonard CFO Agreement and the Shapter Consulting Agreement, no persons have been retained or employed by an external management company which has entered into an understanding, arrangement or agreement with the Company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

## **Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation**

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Company has appropriate procedures for setting director and executive compensation paid to each of the executive officers and directors and ensuring that the compensation is fair, reasonable and is consistent with the Company's compensation philosophy.

The Board is also responsible for granting Options to the directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company pursuant to the Company's Current Plan. Executive officers are compensated solely through the payment of consulting fees and the issuance of Options.

Due to the stage of development of the Company, the Company does not have a formal compensation program and has not established any quantitative or identifiable measures to assess performance and the performance goals are largely subjective, based on qualitative measures such as consistent and focused leadership, ability to manage risks, enhancing the Company's profile and growth profile. The Company does not use a peer group to determine compensation. During the year ended May 31, 2024, there were no significant events that affected compensation.

## **Pension Disclosure**

The Company does not have a pension plan that provides for payments or benefits to the NEOs or directors at, following, or in connection with retirement.

No other elements of compensation were awarded to, earned by, paid or payable to the NEOs or directors in the financial year ended May 31, 2024.

# EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table sets out those securities of the Company which have been authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, as at the end of the most recently completed financial year:

| Plan Category   | Number of securities to be<br>issued upon exercise of<br>outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights<br>(a) | Weighted-average<br>exercise price of<br>outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights<br>(b) | Number of securities<br>remaining available for future<br>issuance under equity<br>compensation plans (excluding<br>securities reflected in column<br>(a))<br>(c) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Equity compensation plans<br>approved by the<br>securityholders     | Nil   | N/A   | Nil   |
| Equity compensation plans not<br>approved by the<br>securityholders | Nil   | Nil   | Nil   |
| Total   | Nil   |   | Nil   |

## INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

None of the current or former directors, executive officers, employees of the Company or its subsidiaries, or their respective associates, are as of the date of this Circular, or have been since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or another entity if the indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries).

# INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or executive officer of the Company or any proposed nominee of Management of the Company for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors, the appointment of auditors and the approval of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

# INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this Circular, none of the persons who were directors or executive officers of the Company or a subsidiary at any time during the Company's last completed financial year, the proposed nominees for election to the Board, any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or who exercises control or direction over (or a combination of both) more than 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company, nor the associates or affiliates of those persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's last completed financial year, or in any proposed transaction, which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Management intends to nominate DMCL, Chartered Professional Accountants, for re-appointment as auditor of the Company. Forms of proxies given pursuant to this solicitation will, on any poll, be voted as directed and, if there is no direction, for the re-appointment of DMCL, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the auditor of the Company to hold office for the ensuing year with remuneration to be fixed by the directors. DMCL, Chartered Professional Accountants was first appointed as the auditor for the Company effective July 27, 2023.

## MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this Circular, no Management functions of the Company are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or NEOs of the Company.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company is required to have an audit committee (the "Audit Committee") comprised of not less than three directors, a majority of whom are not officers, control persons or employees of the Company or an affiliate of the Company.

#### Audit Committee Charter

The text of the Audit Committee's charter is attached as Schedule "A" to this Circular.

#### **Composition of Audit Committee and Independence**

The Company's current Audit Committee consists of Eugene McBurney (Chair), Ross McElroy and Mark Christensen.

National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees ("NI 52-110") provides that a member of an audit committee is "independent" if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Company's Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of the member's independent judgment. All of the members of the Audit Committee members are "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110.

NI 52-110 provides that an individual is "financially literate" if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements. All of the members of the Audit Committee are "financially literate" as that term is defined. The following sets out the Audit Committee members' education and experience that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

*Eugene McBurney* brings over 25 years of experience in international investment banking and has established himself as a trusted advisor for companies active in the global mining sector. Mr. McBurney has a wealth of experience leading landmark transactions in the natural resources sector, specifically in the Caribbean and Latin America, with a focus on Colombia. Previously, Mr. McBurney was Head of Investment Banking – Latin America & Caribbean at Canaccord Genuity, Capital Markets and was the founder of GMP Capital, one of Canada's most entrepreneurial independent investment dealers.

*Ross McElroy* is a professional geologist bringing over 35 years of experience in the mining industry with comprehensive experience working and managing many mineral projects spanning from grass roots exploration to feasibility to production. Mr. McElroy has held technical and executive positions within junior and major mining companies, including BHP Billiton, Cogema Canada, and Cameco, where he was a member of the early-stage discovery team of Cameco's McArthur River deposit. Mr. McElroy is currently the CEO of Fission Uranium. He previously served as President, COO, and Chief Geologist before assuming his current role of CEO. Mr. McElroy holds a Bachelors Degree in Science, with a specialization in Geology from the University of Alberta and is a registered professional geologist in Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Nunavut, and the Northwest Territories.

*Mark Christensen* brings over 30 years' experience as a specialist advisor and banker in both public and private capital markets that include mergers, acquisitions, and debt and equity financings. Mr. Christensen is the founder and CEO of KES 7 Capital Inc, a Toronto-based merchant bank and single-family office. Previously, Mr. Christensen was Vice Chairman and Head of Global Sales and Trading at GMP Securities, and held equity research roles at Midland Walwyn Capital, and corporate finance at Goepel McDermid. Mr. Christensen has a background in geology and geophysics. He holds a Master of Science from the University of Windsor and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Hull.

## Audit Committee Oversight

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Audit Committee of the Company has not made any recommendations to nominate or compensate an external auditor which were not adopted by the Board.

#### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on:

- (a) the exemption in section 2.4 (De Minimis Non-audit Services) of NI 52-110;
- (b) the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(4) (Circumstances Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer) of NI 52-110;
- (c) the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(5) (Events Outside Control of Member) of NI 52-110;
- (d) the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(6) (Death, Incapacity or Resignation) of NI 52-110; or
- (e) an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (Exemptions).

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee is authorized by the Board to review the performance of the Company's external auditors and approve in advance provision of services other than auditing and to consider the independence of the external auditors, including a review of the range of services provided in the context of all consulting services bought by the Company. The Audit Committee has not adopted any specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

## **Audit Fees**

The following table sets forth the fees billed by DMCL, Chartered Professional Accountants, to the Company and its subsidiaries for services rendered in the last two fiscal years:

|                                   | <u>2024</u>   | <u>2023</u>   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                   | (\$)          | (\$)          |
| Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup>         | 24,292        | 12,000        |
| Audit related fees <sup>(2)</sup> | Nil           | Nil           |
| Tax fees <sup>(3)</sup>           | Nil           | Nil           |
| All other fees <sup>(4)</sup>     | Nil           | Nil           |
| Total                             | <u>24,292</u> | <u>12,000</u> |

Notes:

- (1) "Audit fees" include aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditor in each of the last two fiscal years for audit fees.
- (2) "Audited related fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the Company's external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported under "Audit fees" above. The services provided include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the Company's external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. The services provided include tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All other fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the Company's external auditor, other than "Audit fees", "Audit related fees" and "Tax fees" above.

## **Exemption in Section 6.1**

The Company is a "venture issuer" as defined in NI 52-110 and is relying on the exemption in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 relating to Parts 3 (*Composition of Audit Committee*) and 5 (*Reporting Obligations*).

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, requires all reporting issuers to provide certain annual disclosure of their corporate governance practices with respect to the corporate governance guidelines (the "**Guidelines**") adopted in National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines*. These Guidelines are not prescriptive, but have been used by the Company in adopting its corporate governance practices. The Board and Management consider good corporate governance to be an integral part of the effective and efficient operation of Canadian corporations. The Company's approach to corporate governance is set out below.

#### **Board of Directors**

Management is nominating six individuals to the Board, five of whom are current directors of the Company. Rob Shewchuk is not a current director and has been nominated to stand for election at the Meeting.

The Guidelines suggest that the board of directors of every reporting issuer should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as "independent" directors under NI 52-110, which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the Company. The "material relationship" is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Company's Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgement. All of the current members of the Board are considered "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110, except for Roger Lemaitre, who is the CEO and President of the Company.

The following directors of the Company are also directors of other reporting issuers as stated:

- Mark Christensen is a director of Premium Nickel Ltd.
- Eugene McBurney is a director of IberAmerican Lithium Corp.
- Ross McElroy is a director of Eros Resources Corp.

The Board has responsibility for the stewardship of the Company including responsibility for strategic planning, identification of the principal risks of the Company's business and implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks, succession planning (including appointing, training and monitoring senior management), communications with investors and the financial community and the integrity of the Company's internal control and management information systems.

The Board sets long-term goals and objectives for the Company and formulates the plans and strategies necessary to achieve those objectives and to supervise senior management in their implementation. The Board may delegate the responsibility for managing the day-to-day affairs of the Company to senior management but will retain a supervisory role in respect of, and ultimate responsibility for, all matters relating to the Company and its business. The Board is responsible for protecting shareholders' interests and ensuring that the incentives of the shareholders and of management are aligned.

The Company facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over management through the frequent meetings of the Board.

## **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Company has not yet developed an official orientation or training program for new directors. As required, new directors will have the opportunity to become familiar with the Company by meeting with the other directors, officers and employees and by reviewing the Company's corporate records and corporate governance policies. Meetings of the Board are sometimes held at the Company's offices and, from time to time, are combined with presentations by the Company's management to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business. The Company provides an overview of the Company's business activities, systems and business plans to all new directors and orientation activities will be tailored to the particular needs and experience of each director and the overall needs of the Board. The Board will continue to look at outside sources to strengthen their skills. The Board members are encouraged to communicate with management, auditors and technical consultants, to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation with management's assistance, and to attend related industry seminars.

## **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

## Nomination and Assessment

The Company does not intend to establish a nominating committee. The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of view and experience. The Board as a whole will be responsible for filling vacancies on the Board and recommending potential nominees for directors, and will use an informal consultative process. The Board will analyze the needs of the Board when vacancies arise and identify and propose new nominees who have the necessary competencies and characteristics to meet those needs. In order to foster an objective nomination process, the independent members of the Board will be encouraged to recommend nominees for the Board.

The Board has not yet adopted any formal procedures for regularly assessing the effectiveness of the Board, its committees or individual directors with respect to their effectiveness and contributions. Nevertheless, their effectiveness is subjectively measured on an ongoing basis by each director based on their assessment of the performance of the Board, its committees or the individual directors compared to their expectation of performance. In doing so, the contributions of an individual director are informally monitored by the other Board members, bearing in mind the business strengths of the individual and the purpose of originally nominating the individual to the Board.

## Compensation

The Board reviews and approves compensation paid to the Company's directors and officers, including the CEO. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Company has appropriate procedures for setting director and executive compensation paid to each of the executive officers and directors and ensuring that the compensation is fair, reasonable and is consistent with the Company's compensation philosophy.

The Company's compensation objectives include the following:

- attracting and retaining highly-qualified individuals;
- creating among directors, officers, consultants and employees of the Company, a corporate environment which will align their interests with those of the shareholders; and
- ensuring competitive compensation that is also affordable for the Company.

In general, the Company's directors and officers may receive compensation that comprises two components:

- salary, wages or contractor payments; and
- equity award grants.

#### **Other Board Committees**

At the present time, the only standing committee is the Audit Committee. The written charter of the Audit Committee, as required by NI 52-110, is contained in Schedule "A" to this Circular. As the Company grows, and its operations and management structure became more complex, the Board expects it will constitute formal standing committees, such as a Corporate Governance Committee and a Compensation Committee, and will ensure that such committees are governed by written charters and are composed of at least a majority of independent directors.

The Board believes its corporate governance practices are appropriate and effective for the Company, given its size and operations.

# PARTICULARS OF OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

## Adoption of New Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

At the Meeting, the shareholders will be asked to consider, and if deemed appropriate, to approve, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution authorizing and approving the Company's proposed Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "**New Plan**"), pursuant to which the Board may, from time to time, determine those executive officers, directors, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries (each an "**Eligible Participant**") who will be granted an award (an "**Award**") pursuant to the New Plan (the "**New Plan Resolution**"). To be adopted, the New Plan Resolution is required to be passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting.

The New Plan provides for the following Awards (each as defined and described in more detail below): Options, Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units. A copy of the New Plan has been attached to this Circular as Schedule "B".

The Company has adopted the Current Plan, of which 1,250,000 options have been granted and are outstanding under the Current Plan (the "**Outstanding Options**") as of the date of this Circular. If approved by shareholders, the New Plan will replace the Current Plan and no further Options will be granted under the Current Plan.

The Board approved the New Plan, subject to the approval of the shareholders and acceptance by the Exchange. The New Plan will become effective upon the receipt of the approval of shareholders and the Exchange (the "**Effective Date**"). The New Plan is subject to Exchange acceptance, and if the Exchange finds the disclosure regarding the New Plan to shareholders in this Circular to be inadequate, such shareholder approval may not be accepted by the Exchange.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the New Plan. The following summary does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the New Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B". Capitalized terms used in this summary and not otherwise defined have the meaning ascribed to them in the New Plan.

#### Summary of the New Plan

## Purpose

The purpose of the New Plan is: (a) to increase the interest in the Company's welfare of those Eligible Participants, who share responsibility for the management, growth and protection of the business of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company; (b) to provide an incentive to such Eligible Participants to continue their services for the Company or a subsidiary and to encourage such Eligible Participants whose skills, performance and loyalty to the objectives and interests of the Company or a subsidiary are necessary or essential to its success, image, reputation or activities; (c) to reward Eligible Participants for their performance of services while working for the Company or a subsidiary; and (d) to provide a means through which the Company or a subsidiary may recruit and retain key talent for the Company.

# Types of Awards

The New Plan provides for the grant of the following types of Awards: Options, Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units. All Awards are to be evidenced by an agreement or other instrument or document (a "Grant Agreement").

# **Plan Administration**

The New Plan is administered by the Board, which may delegate its authority to a committee. Subject to the terms of the New Plan, applicable law and the rules of the Exchange or such other stock exchange on which the Company's shares may be listed from time to time, the Board will have the power and authority to: (a) designate the Eligible Participants who will receive Awards (an Eligible Participant who receives an Award, a "**Participant**"); (b) designate the types and amounts of Awards to be granted to each Participant; (c) designate the number of shares to be covered by each Award; (d) determine the terms and conditions of any Award, including any vesting conditions or conditions based on performance of the Company or of an individual ("**Performance Criteria**"); (e) to interpret and administer the New Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to it, or Award made under it; and (f) make such amendments to the New Plan and Awards made under the New Plan as are permitted by such plan and the rules of the applicable stock exchange.

## Shares Available for Awards

Subject to adjustments as provided for under the New Plan, the maximum number of shares available for issuance at any time pursuant to outstanding Awards under or governed by the New Plan shall be equal to 10% of the issued and outstanding shares as at the date of any grant.

The New Plan would be an "evergreen" plan as shares covered by Awards which have been exercised or settled, as applicable, and Awards which expire or are forfeited, surrendered, cancelled or otherwise terminated or lapse for any reason without having been exercised, will be available for subsequent grant under the New Plan and the number of Awards that may be granted under the New Plan increases if the total number of issued and outstanding shares of the Company increases.

## Award Limitations

The New Plan provides the follow limitations on grants:

- (a) The maximum number of shares issuable pursuant to the Awards under the New Plan (which includes Outstanding Options) shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding shares as at the date of any Award grant.
- (b) The maximum number shares issuable to Eligible Participants who are Insiders (as a group), at any time, together with shares reserved under any other Security Based Compensation Arrangement, shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding shares at any point in time.
- (c) The maximum number of shares issuable to Eligible Participants who are Insiders (as a group) within any one year period, together with shares reserved under any other Security Based Compensation Arrangement, shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding shares at any point in time.
- (d) The maximum number of shares issuable to any one Participant under Awards in a 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding shares (unless requisite disinterested shareholder approval has been obtained to exceed); (i) the maximum number of shares issuable to any one Consultant in a 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding common shares; and (ii) Investor Relations Service Providers (within the meaning of the Policies of the Exchange) may only be granted Options under an Award and the maximum number of shares issuable to all Investor Relations Service Providers under any Options awarded shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding common shares in any 12-month period, in each case measured as of the date of grant of an Award.

## Eligible Participants

Any employee, executive officer, director, or Consultant of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is an "Eligible Participant" and considered eligible to be selected to receive an Award under the New Plan, provided that only directors of the Company are eligible to receive Deferred Share Units. Eligibility for the grant of Awards and actual participation in the New Plan is determined by the Board.

## **Description of Awards**

## **Options**

An option ("**Option**") is an option granted by the Company to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire a designated number of shares from treasury at an exercise price set at the time of grant (the "**Option Price**"). Options are exercisable, subject to vesting criteria established by the Board at the time of grant, over a period as established by the Board from time to time which shall not exceed 10 years from the date of grant. If the expiration date for an Option falls within a black-out period the expiration date will be extended to the date which is ten business days after the end of the black-out period, which may be after the date that is 10 years from the date of grant.

The Option Price shall not be set at less than the volume weighted average trading price of the shares on the applicable stock exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the grant. At the time of grant of an Option, the Board may establish vesting conditions in respect of each Option grant, which may include performance criteria related to corporate or individual performance. The New Plan also permits the Board to grant an optionee, at any time, the right to deal with such Option on a cashless exercise basis at a price equal to the difference between the market price of the shares on the day immediately prior to the date of the exercise of the cashless exercise right, and the Option Price (less applicable withholding taxes), subject to the rules of the applicable stock exchange on which the shares are listed from time to time.

The Board may grant Options to U.S. participants that are qualified incentive stock options ("**ISOs**") for the purposes of Section 422 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986. ISOs may only be granted to employees of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

# Restricted Share Units

A restricted share unit (each, a "**Restricted Share Unit**") is an Award in the nature of a bonus for services rendered that, upon settlement, entitles the recipient to receive shares as determined by the Board. The Board may establish conditions and vesting provisions, including Performance Criteria, which need not be identical for all Restricted Share Units. Restricted Share Units expire no later than December 31 of the calendar year which commences three years after the calendar year in which the performance of services for which the Restricted Share Unit was granted, occurred (the "Restricted Period"). Restricted Share Units that are subject to Performance Criteria may not become fully vested prior to the expiry of the Restricted Period. A Restricted Share Unit may be forfeited if conditions to vesting are not met. The Board, in its discretion, may award dividend equivalents with respect to Awards of Restricted Share Units, subject to such dividend equivalents resulted in the limits set out in the New Plan being exceeded.

Such dividend equivalent entitlements will not be available until the Restricted Share Units are vested and paid out.

# Deferred Share Units

A deferred share unit (each, a "**Deferred Share Unit**") is an Award attributable to a person's duties as a director that, upon settlement, entitles the recipient to receive such number of shares as determined by the Board, and is issuable after the person ceases to be a director of the Company. In addition, the Board may award such additional Deferred Share Units to a director as the Board deems advisable to provide the Participant with appropriate equity-based compensation for the services such Participant renders to the Company. The Board, in its discretion, may award dividend equivalents with respect to Awards of Deferred Share Units, subject to such dividend equivalents being paid out in cash if entitlements to additional Deferred Share Units in respect of such dividend equivalents resulted in the limits set out in the New Plan being exceeded. Deferred Share Units must be settled no later than December 31 of the calendar year following the year in which the recipient of the Deferred Share Unit ceased to be a director of the Company.

## Effect of Termination on Awards

Unless otherwise provided for in a Grant Agreement or determined by the Board on an individual basis, in the event of the Participant's:

- (a) <u>Voluntary Resignation</u>: All of the Participant's unvested Awards are immediately forfeited on the termination date, and any vested Options remain exercisable until the earlier of, unless otherwise determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, 90 days following the termination date and the expiry date of the Option.
- (b) <u>Termination for Cause</u>: All of the Participant's vested and unvested Awards immediately terminate, and are forfeited on the termination date.
- (c) <u>Termination not for Cause, including Permanent Disability or Retirement</u>: All of the Participant's unvested Awards immediately terminate and any vested Options remain exercisable until the earlier of, unless otherwise determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, 90 days following the termination date and the expiry date of the Option.

- (d) <u>Death</u>: The Participant's unvested Awards are immediately terminated upon the death of a Participant, and any vested Options remain exercisable by the Participant's beneficiary until the earlier of 12 months following the termination date and the expiry date of the Option.
- (e) <u>Termination in Connection with a Change of Control</u>: If, after a Change of Control (as described below), and within 12 months following the Change of Control, (i) a Participant who was also an officer or employee of, or a Consultant to, the Company prior to the Change of Control, has their position, employment or consulting agreement terminated, or the Participant is constructively dismissed, or (ii) a director ceases to act in such capacity, then all of the Participant's unvested Restricted Share Units immediately vest and shall be paid out, and all unvested Options shall vest and become exercisable. Any Options that become exercisable in these circumstances shall remain exercisable until the earlier of 90 days following the termination date and the expiry date of the Option.

## **Change of Control**

In the event of a Change of Control (as defined in the New Plan) the Board will have the power, in its sole discretion, to modify the terms of the New Plan and/or the Awards to assist the Participants to tender into a take-over bid or participate in any other transaction leading to a Change of Control.

## Assignment

No Award or other benefit payable under the New Plan shall, except as otherwise provided by law (including the Policies of the Exchange, as applicable) or specifically approved by the Board, be transferred, sold, assigned, pledged, or otherwise disposed in any manner other than by will or the law of descent.

## **Termination and Amendment**

The Board may suspend or terminate the New Plan at any time. In addition, the Board may from time to time, in its absolute discretion and without approval of the shareholders amend any provision of the New Plan or any Award, subject to any regulatory or stock exchange requirement at the time of such amendment, including, without limitation: (a) any amendment to the general vesting provisions, if applicable, of the New Plan or the Awards; (b) any amendment regarding the effect of termination of a Participant's employment or engagement; (c) any amendment which accelerates the date on which any Option may be exercised under the New Plan; (d) any amendment necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the stock exchange or any other regulatory body; (e) any amendment of a "housekeeping" nature, including to clarify the meaning of an existing provision of the New Plan, correct or supplement any provision of the New Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the New Plan, correct any grammatical or typographical errors or amend the definitions in the New Plan; (f) any amendment regarding the administration of the New Plan; (g) any amendment to add provisions permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or clawback, and any amendment to a provision permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or clawback which is adopted; and (h) any other amendment that does not require the approval of the shareholders, as provided below.

Notwithstanding the foregoing: (a) no amendment shall alter or impair the rights of any Participant, without the consent of such Participant except as permitted by the provisions of the New Plan; and (b) the Board shall be required to obtain shareholder approval to make the following amendments: (i) any increase to the maximum number of shares issuable under the New Plan (either as a fixed number or a fixed percentage of the outstanding common shares), except in the event of an adjustment provided for in the New Plan; (ii) any amendment that extends the term of Options beyond the original expiry date that benefits an Insider of

the Company; (iii) any amendment which extends the expiry date of any Award, or the Restricted Period, or the Performance Period of any Restricted Share Unit beyond the original expiry date or Restricted Period or Performance Period that benefits an Insider of the Company; (iv) except in the case of an adjustment provided for in the New Plan, any amendment which reduces the exercise price of an Option or any cancellation of an Option and replacement of such Option with an Option with a lower exercise price; (v) any amendment which increases the maximum number of shares that may be (A) issuable to Insiders at any time; or (B) issued to Insiders under the New Plan and any other proposed or established Security Based Compensation Arrangement in a one-year period, except in case of an adjustment provided for in the New Plan; (vi) any amendment to the definition of an Eligible Participant under the New Plan; and (vii) any amendment to the amendment provisions of the New Plan.

## Clawback

Any Award or the proceeds from the exercise of an Award will be subject to deductions and clawback if the Participant to whom the Award was granted violates (a) a non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality, or other restrictive covenant by which such Participant is bound, or (b) any policy adopted by the Company applicable to the Participant that provides for forfeiture or disgorgement with respect to incentive compensation that includes Awards under the New Plan.

The Board may determine not to implement the New Plan Resolution at any time after the Meeting and after receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, but prior to the issuance of a certificate of amendment, without further action on the part of the shareholders.

Unless the shareholder has specified in the accompanying form of proxy that their shares are to be voted against the approval of the New Plan Resolution, the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will vote the shares represented by such proxy FOR the approval of the New Plan Resolution. To be effective, the New Plan Resolution must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by the holders of Shares present in person, or represented by proxy, at the Meeting.

The following is the text of the New Plan Resolution which will be put forward for approval by the holders of Shares at the Meeting.

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution that:

- (a) the omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**New Plan**") of the Company, in the form attached to the information circular of the Company dated October 30, 2024, be approved;
- (b) the board of directors (the "**Board**") be authorized on behalf of the Company to make any amendments to the New Plan as may be required by regulatory authorities, without further approval of the shareholders, in order to ensure adoption of the New Plan;
- (c) notwithstanding that this resolution has been duly passed by the shareholders, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered, if it decides not to proceed with this resolution, to revoke this resolution in whole or in part at any time prior to it being given effect without further notice to, or approval of, the holders of shares; and
- (d) any one director or officer of the Company, for and on behalf of the Company, is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps and proceedings, and to execute, deliver and file any and all applications, declarations, documents and other instruments, and do all such other acts and things (whether under corporate seal of the Company or otherwise) that may be necessary or desirable to give effect to these resolutions."

#### **General Matters**

It is not known whether any other matters will come before the Meeting other than those set forth above and in the Notice of Meeting, but if any other matters do arise, the person named in the Proxy intends to vote on any poll, in accordance with his or her best judgement, exercising discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations of matters set forth in the Notice of Meeting and other matters which may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment of the Meeting.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company may be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Financial information about the Company is provided in the Company's comparative annual financial statements to May 31, 2024, a copy of which, together with Management's Discussion and Analysis thereon, can be found on the Company's SEDAR+ profile at www.sedarplus.ca. Additional financial information concerning the Company may be obtained by any securityholder of the Company free of charge by contacting Joel Leonard, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Company by email at accounting@leonardco.ca.

#### **BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents of this Circular have been approved and its mailing authorized by the directors of the Company.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, the 30th day of October, 2024.

# ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"Roger Lemaitre"

Roger Lemaitre, Chief Executive Officer and President

Schedule "A" Audit Committee Charter

# (SEE ATTACHED)

## AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- (a) The audit committee (the "**Committee**") is appointed by the board of directors (the "**Board**") of Valleyview Resources Ltd. (the "**Company**") to be responsible for the oversight of the accounting and financial reporting process and financial statement audits of the Company.
- (b) This charter is prepared to assist the Committee, the Board and management in clarifying responsibilities and ensuring effective communication between the Committee, the Board and management.

# 2. COMPOSITION

- (a) The Committee will be composed of three or more directors as determined by the Board from time to time.
- (b) A majority of the members of the Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or any affiliate of the Company.
- (c) The Board will appoint a Chair of the Committee who shall:
  - (i) convene and preside over Committee meetings and ensure they are conducted in an efficient, effective and focused manner;
  - (ii) assist with the preparation of an agenda and ensure that meeting materials are prepared and disseminated in a timely manner;
  - (iii) ensure that the Committee has sufficient time and information to make informed decisions; and
  - (iv) provide leadership to the Committee and management with respect to matters covered by this Charter.

## **3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee has the responsibility to:

- (v) review and report to the board of directors of the Company on the following before they are publicly disclosed:
  - (A) the financial statements and MD&A (management discussion and analysis) (as defined in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*) of the Company;
  - (B) the auditor's report, if any, prepared in relation to those financial statements; and
  - (C) the Company's annual and interim earnings press releases;

- (vi) satisfy itself that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures;
- (vii) recommend to the board of directors:
  - (A) the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; and
  - (B) the compensation of the external auditor,
- (viii) oversee the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting;
- (ix) monitor, evaluate and report to the board of directors on the integrity of the financial reporting process and the system of internal controls that management and the board of directors have established;
- (x) monitor the management of the principal risks that could impact the financial reporting of the Company;
- (xi) establish procedures for:
  - (A) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and
  - (B) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the issuer of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- (xii) pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiary entities by the Company's external auditor;
- (xiii) review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Company;
- (xiv) with respect to ensuring the integrity of disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting, understand the process utilized by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer to comply with National Instrument 52-109 - Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings; and
- (xv) review and report to the Board on its concurrence with the disclosure required by Form 52-110F1 in any annual information form or management information circular.

The Committee will meet as often as it deems necessary to fulfil the foregoing duties, but not less frequently than quarterly.

#### 4. AUTHORITY

The Committee has the authority to:

- (a) engage independent counsel and other advisors as it deems necessary to carry out its duties and the Committee will set the compensation for such advisors.
- (b) The Committee has the authority to communicate directly with and to meet with the external auditor, without management involvement. This extends to requiring the external auditor to report directly to the Committee.

## 5. **REPORTING**

The Committee will report to the Board on the proceedings of each Committee meeting and on the Committee's recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

#### 6. ANNUAL REVIEW

The Committee will annually review this charter and consider whether any amendments or updates are warranted.

## 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Charter was implemented by the Board on September 7, 2023.

Schedule "B" Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

# (SEE ATTACHED)

# VALLEYVIEW RESOURCES LTD. OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

Valleyview Resources Ltd. (the "**Company**") hereby establishes an omnibus equity incentive plan for directors, executive officers, key employees and Consultants (as defined herein) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (as defined herein).

# ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

# Section 1.1 Definitions

Where used herein or in any amendments hereto or in any communication required or permitted to be given hereunder, the following terms shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context otherwise requires:

"**Account**" means an account maintained for each Participant on the books of the Company which will be credited with Awards in accordance with the terms of this Plan;

"Affiliate" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Policy 1.1 of the TSXV;

"**Award**" means any of an Option, DSU, or RSU granted to a Participant pursuant to the terms of the Plan;

"**Black-Out Period**" means a period of time when pursuant to any policies of the Company (including the Company's insider trading policy), securities of the Company may not be traded by certain Persons designated by the Company;

"Board" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.2(1);

"**Business Day**" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday, when banks are generally open for business in Vancouver, British Columbia for the transaction of banking business;

"Cashless Exercise Right" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.5(3);

"Cause" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 6.2(1);

"**Change of Control**" means, unless the Board determines otherwise, the happening, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of any of the following events:

(i) any transaction (other than a transaction described in clause (iii) below) pursuant to which any Person or group of Persons acting jointly or in concert acquires for the first time the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the aggregate voting power of all of the Company's then issued and outstanding securities entitled to vote in the election of directors of the Company, other than any such acquisition that occurs upon the exercise or settlement of options or other securities granted by the Company under any of the Company's equity incentive plans;

- (ii) there is consummated an arrangement, amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction involving (directly or indirectly) the Company and, immediately after the consummation of such arrangement, amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction, the shareholders of the Company immediately prior thereto do not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, either (A) outstanding voting securities representing more than 50% of the combined outstanding voting power of the surviving or resulting entity in such amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction or (B) more than 50% of the combined outstanding entity in such arrangement, amalgamation merger, consolidation or similar transaction or (B) more than 50% of the combined outstanding voting power of the parent of the surviving or resulting entity in such arrangement, amalgamation merger, consolidation or similar transaction, in each case in substantially the same proportions as their beneficial ownership of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction;
- (iii) the sale, lease, exchange, license or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of assets, rights or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries which have an aggregate book value greater than 50% of the book value of the assets, rights and properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other person or entity, other than a disposition to a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company in the course of a reorganization of the assets of the Company and its wholly-owned Subsidiaries;
- (iv) the passing of a resolution by the Board or shareholders of the Company to substantially liquidate the assets of the Company or wind up the Company's business or significantly rearrange its affairs in one or more transactions or series of transactions or the commencement of proceedings for such a liquidation, winding-up or re-arrangement (except where such re-arrangement is part of a bona fide reorganization of the Company in circumstances where the business of the Company is continued and the shareholdings remain substantially the same following the rearrangement);
- (v) individuals who, on the Effective Date, are members of the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board; provided, however, that if the appointment or election (or nomination for election) of any new Board member was approved or recommended by a majority vote of the members of the Incumbent Board then still in office, such new member will, for purposes of this Plan, be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- (vi) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent;

**"Company**" means Valleyview Resources Ltd., a corporation existing under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), as amended from time to time;

"**Consultant**" means, in relation to the Company, an individual (other than a director, officer or employee of the Company or of any of its Subsidiaries) or corporation that: (a) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management

or other services to the Company or to any of its Subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a Distribution (as such term is defined in Policy 1.1 of the TSXV); (b) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and the individual or the corporation, as the case may be; and (c) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or of any of its Subsidiaries;

**"Consulting Agreement**" means, with respect to any Participant, any written consulting agreement between the Company or a Subsidiary and such Participant;

"**Dividend Equivalent**" means a cash credit equivalent in value to a dividend paid on a Share credited to a Participant's Account;

"Director Cause Event" means ceasing to be a director as the result of:

- (a) ceasing to meet the qualifications set forth in subsection 124(2) of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), as amended, or such other qualifications required by the corporate laws in any other jurisdiction under which the Company is continued or amalgamated; or
- (b) a special resolution having been passed by the shareholders of the Company pursuant to subsection 128(3) of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), as amended, or an equivalent enactment pursuant to the corporate laws in any other jurisdiction under which the Company is continued or amalgamated; or
- (c) an order of the British Columbia Securities Commission, the Ontario Securities Commission, the TSXV or any other regulatory body having jurisdiction to so order, or
- (d) his or her resignation, if he or she has been a director for less than six months; "DSU" or "Deferred Share Unit" means a right awarded to a Participant to receive a payment in the form of Shares upon Termination of Service, as provided in Article 5 and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan;

"**DSU Agreement**" means a document evidencing the grant of DSUs and the terms and conditions thereof;

**"DSU Settlement Amount**" means the amount of Shares, calculated in accordance with Section 5.5, to be issued to settle a DSU Award after the Filing Date;

"Effective Date" means the effective date of the Plan as provided in Section 8.11;

"**Eligible Participants**" means any director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries but for the purposes of Article 5, this definition shall be limited to directors of the Company;

**"Employment Agreement**" means, with respect to any Participant, any written employment agreement between the Company or a Subsidiary and such Participant;

"**Exercise Notice**" means a notice in writing signed by a Participant and stating the Participant's intention to exercise a particular Award, if applicable;

"Filing Date" has the meaning set out in Section 5.4(1), as applicable;

"**Grant Agreement**" means an agreement evidencing the grant to a Participant of an Award, including an Option Agreement, a DSU Agreement, an RSU Agreement, an Employment Agreement or a Consulting Agreement;

"**Incentive Stock Option**" or "**ISO**" means an Option that is granted to a U.S. Participant, as described in Section 3.7;

"**Insider**" has the meaning set out in the applicable rules and policies of the Stock Exchange;

"**Market Value**" means at any date when the market value of Shares is to be determined, (i) if the Shares are listed on a Stock Exchange, the volume weighted average trading price of the Shares on such Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the relevant time as it relates to an Award, provided that it is not less than the "Discounted Market Price" (within the meaning of the policies of the TSXV), in which case it shall be the Discounted Market Price; or (ii) if the Shares are not listed on any stock exchange, the fair market value as is determined solely by the Board, acting reasonably and in good faith and such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all Persons;

**"Option**" means an option granted by the Company to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire a designated number of Shares from treasury at the Option Price, but subject to the provisions hereof, and includes an ISO;

**"Option Agreement**" means a document evidencing the grant of Options and the terms and conditions thereof;

"Option Price" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.3;

"Option Term" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.4;

"**Outstanding Issue**" means the number of Shares that are issued and outstanding, on a non-diluted basis;

"Participants" means Eligible Participants that are granted Awards under the Plan;

"**Performance Criteria**" means specified criteria, other than the mere continuation of employment or the mere passage of time, the satisfaction of which is a condition for the grant, exercisability, vesting or full enjoyment of an Award;

"**Performance Period**" means the period determined by the Board at the time any Award is granted or at any time thereafter during which any Performance Criteria and any other vesting conditions specified by the Board with respect to such Award are to be measured;

"**Person**" means an individual, corporation, company, cooperative, partnership, trust, unincorporated association, entity with juridical personality or governmental authority or body, and pronouns which refer to a Person shall have a similarly extended meaning;

"**Plan**" means this Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, including any amendments or supplements hereto made after the Effective Date;

"**Prior Plan**" means the stock option plan of the Company in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date;

"Restricted Period" means the period determined by the Board pursuant to Section 4.3;

**"RSU**" means a right awarded to a Participant to receive a payment in the form of Shares as provided in Article 4 and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan;

"**RSU Agreement**" means a document evidencing the grant of RSUs and the terms and conditions thereof;

"RSU Settlement Date" has the meaning determined in Section 4.5(1);

"RSU Vesting Determination Date" has the meaning described thereto in Section 4.4;

"Shares" means the common shares in the share capital of the Company;

"Share Compensation Arrangement" means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan, long-term incentive plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to one or more full-time employees, directors, officers, Insiders, or Consultants of the Company or a Subsidiary including a share purchase from treasury by a full-time employee, director, officer, Insider, or Consultant which is financially assisted by the Company or a Subsidiary by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise provided, however, that any such arrangements that do not involve the issuance from treasury or potential issuance from treasury of Shares of the Company are not "Share Compensation Arrangements" for the purposes of this Plan;

**"Stock Exchange**" means the TSXV (or any other stock exchange on which the Shares are then listed and trading, if the Shares are not listed and trading on the TSXV as designated by the Board from time to time);

**"Subsidiary**" means a corporation, company or partnership that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company;

**"Tax Act**" means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and its regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time;

"**Termination**" means that a Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Participant, including for greater certainty, the earliest date on which both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Participant has ceased to be employed by, or otherwise have a service relationship with, the Company or any Subsidiary thereof for any reason whatsoever; and (ii) the Participant is neither a member of the Board nor a director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

"**Termination Date**" means (i) in the event of a Participant's resignation, the date on which such Participant ceases to be a director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of the Company or one of its Subsidiaries, and (ii) in the event of the termination of the Participant's employment, or position as an executive or officer of the Company or a Subsidiary, or as a Consultant, the effective date of the termination as specified in the notice of termination
provided to the Participant by the Company or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, and, for greater certainty, without regard to any period of notice, pay in lieu of notice, or severance that may follow the Termination Date pursuant to the terms of the Participant's employment or services agreement (if any), the applicable employment standards legislation or the common law (if applicable), and regardless of whether the Termination was lawful or unlawful, except as may otherwise be required to meet minimum standards prescribed by the applicable standards legislation;

**"Termination of Service**" means that a Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Participant, and for greater certainty, for those Eligible Participants who are not solely directors of the Company, the earliest date on which both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Participant has ceased to be employed by the Company or has ceased providing ongoing services as a Consultant to the Company or any Subsidiary thereof for any reason whatsoever; and (ii) the Participant is neither a member of the Board nor a director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

**"Trading Session**" means a trading session on a day which the applicable Stock Exchange is open for trading;

"**TSXV**" means the TSX Venture Exchange;

**"TSXV Share Limits**" means: (i) the maximum number of Shares issuable to any one Participant under Awards in a 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the Outstanding Issue (unless requisite disinterested shareholder approval has been obtained to exceed); (ii) the maximum number of Shares issuable to any one Consultant in a 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Issue; and (iii) Investor Relations Services Providers (within the meaning of the policies of the TSXV) may only be granted Options under an Award and the maximum number of Shares issuable to all Investor Relations Service Providers under any Options awarded shall not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Issue in any 12-month period, in each case measured as of the date of grant of an Award;

"**United States**" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States and the District of Columbia;

"**U.S. Participant**" means any Participant who, at any time during the period from the date an Award is granted to the date such award is exercised, redeemed, or otherwise paid to the Participant, is subject to income taxation in the United States on the income received for services provided to the Company or a Subsidiary and who is not otherwise exempt from United States income taxation under the relevant provisions of the U.S. Tax Code or the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Convention, as amended;

"U.S. Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

**"U.S. Tax Code**" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

"Vested Awards" has the meaning described thereto in Section 6.2(5).

#### Section 1.2 Interpretation

(1) Whenever the Board is to exercise discretion or authority in the administration of the terms

and conditions of this Plan, the term "discretion" or "authority" means the sole and absolute discretion of the Board.

- (2) The division of this Plan into Articles, Sections and other subdivisions and the insertion of headings are for convenient reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Plan.
- (3) In this Plan, words importing the singular shall include the plural, and *vice versa* and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (4) The words "including", "includes" and "include" and any derivatives of such words mean "including (or includes or include) without limitation". As used herein, the expressions "Article", "Section" and other subdivision followed by a number, mean and refer to the specified Article, Section or other subdivision of this Plan, respectively.
- (5) Unless otherwise specified in the Participant's Grant Agreement, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
- (6) For purposes of this Plan, the legal representatives of a Participant shall only include the administrator, the executor or the liquidator of the Participant's estate or will.
- (7) If any action may be taken within, or any right or obligation is to expire at the end of, a period of days under this Plan, then the first day of the period is not counted, but the day of its expiry is counted.

## ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN; GRANTING OF AWARDS

#### Section 2.1 Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to permit the Company to grant Awards to Eligible Participants, subject to certain conditions as hereinafter set forth, for the following purposes:

- to increase the interest in the Company's welfare of those Eligible Participants, who share responsibility for the management, growth and protection of the business of the Company or a Subsidiary;
- (b) to provide an incentive to such Eligible Participants to continue their services for the Company or a Subsidiary and to encourage such Eligible Participants whose skills, performance and loyalty to the objectives and interests of the Company or a Subsidiary are necessary or essential to its success, image, reputation or activities;
- (c) to reward Participants for their performance of services while working for the Company or a Subsidiary; and
- (d) to provide a means through which the Company or a Subsidiary may attract and retain able Persons to enter its employment or service.

#### Section 2.2 Implementation and Administration of the Plan

(1) The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") or, if the Board by resolution so decides, by a committee appointed by the Board. If such committee is appointed for this purpose, all references to the "Board" herein

will be deemed references to such committee. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional Share Compensation Arrangements or other compensation arrangements, subject to any required approval.

- (2) Subject to Article 7 and any applicable rules of the Stock Exchange, the Board may, from time to time, as it may deem expedient, adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations or vary the terms of this Plan and/or any Award hereunder for carrying out the provisions and purposes of the Plan and/or to address tax or other requirements of any applicable jurisdiction.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Plan, the Board is authorized, in its sole discretion, to make such determinations under, and such interpretations of, and take such steps and actions in connection with, the proper administration and operations of the Plan as it may deem necessary or advisable. The Board may delegate to officers or managers of the Company, or committees thereof, the authority, subject to such terms as the Board shall determine, to perform such functions, in whole or in part. Any such delegation by the Board may be revoked at any time at the Board's sole discretion. The interpretation, administration, construction and application of the Plan and any provisions hereof made by the Board, or by any officer, manager, committee or any other Person to which the Board delegated authority to perform such functions, shall be final and binding on the Company, its Subsidiaries and all Eligible Participants.
- (4) No member of the Board or any Person acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Board hereunder shall be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith in the administration, interpretation, construction or application of the Plan or any Award granted hereunder. Members of the Board and any person acting at the direction or on behalf of the Board, shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company with respect to any such action or determination.
- (5) The Plan shall not in any way fetter, limit, obligate, restrict or constrain the Board with regard to the allotment or issuance of any Shares or any other securities in the capital of the Company. For greater clarity, the Company shall not by virtue of this Plan be in any way restricted from declaring and paying stock dividends, repurchasing Shares or varying or amending its share capital or corporate structure.

## Section 2.3 Participation in this Plan

(1) The Company makes no representation or warranty as to the future market value of the Shares or with respect to any income tax matters affecting any Participant resulting from the grant of an Award, the exercise of an Option or transactions in the Shares or otherwise in respect of participation under the Plan. Neither the Company, nor any of its directors, officers, employees, shareholders or agents shall be liable for anything done or omitted to be done by such Person or any other Person with respect to the price, time, quantity or other conditions and circumstances of the issuance of Shares hereunder, or in any other manner related to the Plan. For greater certainty, no amount will be paid to, or in respect of, a Participant under the Plan or pursuant to any other arrangement, and no additional Awards will be granted to such Participant to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of the Shares, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose. The Company and its Subsidiaries do not assume and shall not have responsibility for the income or other tax consequences resulting to any Participant and each Participant is advised to consult with such Participant's own tax advisors.

- (2) Participants (and their legal representatives) shall have no legal or equitable right, claim, or interest in any specific property or asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. No asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall be held in any way as collateral security for the fulfillment of the obligations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under this Plan. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Plan shall be unfunded. To the extent any Participant or the Participant's estate holds any rights by virtue of a grant of Awards under this Plan, such rights (unless otherwise determined by the Board) shall be no greater than the rights of an unsecured creditor of the Company.
- (3) Unless otherwise determined by the Board and subject to Policy 4.4 of the TSXV, the Company shall not offer financial assistance to any Participant in regard to the exercise of any Award granted under this Plan.
- (4) The Board may also require that any Eligible Participant in the Plan provide certain representations, warranties and certifications to the Company to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, including, without limitation, exemptions from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, and applicable U.S. state securities laws.
- (5) In connection with an Award to be granted to any Eligible Participant, it shall be the responsibility of such person and the Company to confirm that such person is a *bona fide* Eligible Participant for the purposes of participation under the Plan.

## Section 2.4 Shares Subject to the Plan

- (1) Subject to adjustment pursuant to Article 7, the securities that may be acquired by Participants under this Plan shall consist of authorized but unissued Shares from treasury.
- (2) The maximum number of Shares issuable at any time pursuant to outstanding Awards under this Plan and all other Security Based Compensation Arrangements shall be equal to 10% of the Outstanding Issue, as measured as at the date of any grant.
- (3) No Award that can be settled in Shares issued from treasury may be granted if such grant would have the effect of causing the total number of Shares subject to such Award to exceed the above-noted total numbers of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the settlement of Awards.
- (4) The Plan is an "evergreen" incentive plan, as Shares of the Company covered by Awards which have been exercised or settled, as applicable, and Awards which have expired or are forfeited, surrendered, cancelled or otherwise terminated or lapsed for any reason without having been exercised, will be available for subsequent grants under the Plan and the number of Awards that may be granted under the Plan increases if the total number of issued and outstanding Shares of the Company increases.

# Section 2.5 Limits with Respect to other Share Compensation Arrangements, Insiders, Individual Limits, and Annual Grant Limits

- (1) The maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to this Plan and any other Share Compensation Arrangement shall not exceed the limits set out in Section 2.4(2).
- (2) The maximum number of Shares issuable to Eligible Participants who are Insiders (as a

group), at any time, under this Plan and any other Share Compensation Arrangement, shall not exceed 10% of the Outstanding Issue at any point in time.

- (3) The maximum number of Shares issuable to Eligible Participants who are Insiders (as a group), within any one year period, under this Plan and any other Share Compensation Arrangement, shall not exceed 10% of the Outstanding Issue at any point in time.
- (4) Subject to the policies of the Stock Exchange, any Shares issued or Award granted pursuant to the Plan, or securities issued under any other Share Compensation Arrangement prior to a Participant becoming an Insider, shall be included for the purposes of the limits set out in Section 2.5(2) and Section 2.5(3).
- (5) The TSXV Share Limits shall apply to the Shares issued or issuable under any Award granted under the Plan and any other Share Compensation Arrangement, subject to the Shares being listed for trading on the TSXV.

## Section 2.6 Granting of Awards

Any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Company shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares subject to such Award, if applicable, upon any Stock Exchange or under any law or regulation of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of any Stock Exchange or any governmental or regulatory body, is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant of such Awards or exercise of any Option or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, if applicable, such Award may not be accepted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Board. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Company to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval.

## Section 2.7 TSXV Vesting Restrictions

While the Shares are listed for trading on the TSXV:

- (a) no Award (other than Options), may vest before the date that is one year following the date the Award is granted or issued, provided that this requirement may be accelerated for a Participant who dies or who ceases to be an eligible Participant under the provisions hereof in connection with a Change of Control, take-over bid, reverse take-over or other similar transaction; and
- (b) any Options granted to any Investor Relations Service Provider must vest in stages over a period of not less than 12 months, in accordance with the vesting restrictions set out in Section 4.4(c) of Policy 4.4 of the TSXV.

## Section 2.8 Relationship with the Prior Plan

The Plan supersedes and replaces the Prior Plan. All securities granted under the Prior Plan shall continue to exist and shall remain outstanding in accordance with their terms and the Prior Plan, provided that from the Effective Date no new securities shall be granted under the Prior Plan.

#### ARTICLE 3 OPTIONS

#### Section 3.1 Nature of Options

An Option is an option granted by the Company to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire a designated number of Shares from treasury at the Option Price, but subject to the provisions hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, no Dividend Equivalents shall be granted in connection with an Option.

## Section 3.2 Option Awards

Subject to the provisions set forth in this Plan and any shareholder or regulatory approval which may be required, the Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive Options under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of Options, if any, to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such Options shall be granted, (iii) determine the price per Share to be payable upon the exercise of each such Option (the "**Option Price**") and the relevant vesting provisions (including Performance Criteria, if applicable) and the Option Term, the whole subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan or in any Option Agreement, and any applicable rules of the Stock Exchange.

## Section 3.3 Option Price

The Option Price for Shares that are the subject of any Option shall be determined and approved by the Board when such Option is granted, but shall not be less than the Market Value of such Shares at the time of the grant.

#### Section 3.4 Option Term

- (1) The Board shall determine, at the time of granting the particular Option, the period during which the Option is exercisable, which shall not be more than ten years from the date the Option is granted (the "**Option Term**").
- (2) Should the expiration date for an Option fall within a Black-Out Period, such expiration date shall be automatically extended without any further act or formality to that date which is the tenth Business Day after the end of the Black-Out Period, such tenth Business Day to be considered the expiration date for such Option for all purposes under the Plan.
- (3) Exercise of Options

Prior to its expiration or earlier termination in accordance with the Plan, each Option shall be exercisable at such time or times and/or pursuant to the achievement of such Performance Criteria and/or other vesting conditions as the Board at the time of granting the particular Option, may determine in its sole discretion. For greater certainty, any exercise of Options by a Participant shall be made in accordance with any insider trading policies implemented by the Company.

#### Section 3.5 Method of Exercise and Payment of Purchase Price

(1) Subject to the provisions of the Plan, an Option granted under the Plan shall be

exercisable (from time to time as provided in this Section 3.5) by the Participant (or by the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) by delivering a fully completed Exercise Notice to the Company at its registered office to the attention of the Corporate Secretary of the Company (or the individual that the Corporate Secretary of the Company may from time to time designate) or give notice in such other manner as the Company may from time to time designate, which notice shall specify the number of Shares in respect of which the Option is being exercised and shall be accompanied by full payment, by cash, certified cheque, bank draft or any other form of payment deemed acceptable by the Board of the purchase price for the number of Shares specified therein and, if required by Section 8.2, the amount necessary to satisfy any taxes.

- (2) Upon the exercise, the Company shall, as soon as practicable after such exercise but no later than ten Business Days following such exercise, forthwith cause the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares either to:
  - (a) deliver to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall have then paid for and as are specified in such Exercise Notice; or
  - (b) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, cause the issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall have then paid for and as are specified in such Exercise Notice to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Company to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares.
- (3) Subject to the rules and policies of the Stock Exchange, the Board may, in its discretion and at any time, determine to grant a Participant the alternative, when entitled to exercise an Option, to deal with such Option on a "cashless exercise" basis, on such terms as the Board may determine in its discretion (the "Cashless Exercise Right"). Without limitation, the Board may determine in its discretion that such Cashless Exercise Right, if any, grants a Participant the right to terminate such Option in whole or in part by notice in writing to the Company and in lieu of receiving Shares pursuant to the exercise of the Option, receive, without payment of any cash other than pursuant to Section 8.2, that number of Shares, disregarding fractions, which when multiplied by the Market Value on the day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right, have a total value equal to the product of that number of Shares subject to the Option multiplied by the difference between the Market Value on the day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right and the Option Price.
- (4) In the event the Company determines to accept the Participant's request pursuant to a Cashless Exercise Right, the Company shall make an election pursuant to subsection 110(1.1) of the Tax Act.

# Section 3.6 Option Agreements

Options shall be evidenced by an Option Agreement, in such form not inconsistent with the Plan

as the Board may from time to time determine. The Option Agreement may contain any such terms that the Company considers necessary in order that the Option will comply with any provisions respecting options in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

## Section 3.7 Incentive Stock Options

- (1) ISOs are available only for Participants who are employees of the Company, or a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" (as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the U.S. Tax Code), on the date the Option is granted. In addition, a Participant who holds an ISO must continue as an employee, except that upon termination of employment the Option will continue to be treated as an ISO for up to three months, after which the Option will no longer qualify as an ISO, except as provided in this Section 3.7(1). A Participant's employment will be deemed to continue during period of sick leave, military leave or other *bona fide* leave of absence, provided the leave of absence does not exceed three months, or the Participant's return to employment is guaranteed by statute or contract. If a termination of employment is due to permanent disability, an Option may continue its ISO status for up to one year, and if the termination is due to death, the ISO status may continue for the balance of the Option's term. Nothing in this Section 3.7(1) will be deemed to extend the original expiry date of an Option.
- (2) A Participant who owns, or is deemed to own, pursuant to Section 424(e) of the U.S. Tax Code, Shares possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company may not be granted an Option that is an ISO unless the Option Price is at least 110% of the Market Value of the Shares, as of the date of the grant, and the Option is not exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date of grant.
- (3) To the extent the aggregate Market Value (determined as of the date of grant) of Shares with respect to which ISOs are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company and any affiliates) exceeds US\$100,000, the Options or portions thereof that exceed such limit (according to the order in which they were granted) shall be treated as Options other than ISOs, notwithstanding any contrary provision in the applicable Option Agreement.

## ARTICLE 4 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

## Section 4.1 Nature of RSUs

A "Restricted Share Unit" (or "**RSU**") is an Award in the nature of a bonus for services rendered that, upon settlement, entitles the recipient Participant to acquire Shares as determined by the Board, pursuant and subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Board may determine at the time of grant, unless such RSU expires prior to being settled. Vesting conditions may, without limitation, be based on continuing employment (or other service relationship) and/or achievement of Performance Criteria. Unless otherwise determined by the Board in its discretion, the Award of an RSU is considered a bonus for services rendered in the calendar year in which the Award is made or as an incentive for future services rendered to the Company or its Subsidiaries.

## Section 4.2 RSU Awards

- (1) The Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive RSUs under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of RSUs, if any, to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such RSUs shall be granted, (iii) determine the relevant conditions and vesting provisions (including the applicable Performance Period and Performance Criteria, if any) and the Restricted Period of such RSUs, (provided, however, that no such Restricted Period shall exceed the three years referenced in Section 4.3), and (iv) any other terms and conditions applicable to the granted RSUs, which need not be identical and which, without limitation, may include non-competition provisions, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan and in any RSU Agreement.
- (2) Subject to the vesting and other conditions and provisions in this Plan and in the RSU Agreement, each vested RSU awarded to a Participant shall entitle the Participant to receive one Share upon confirmation by the Board that the vesting conditions (including the Performance Criteria, if any) have been met and no later than the last day of the

Restricted Period. For greater certainty, RSUs that are subject to Performance Criteria may not become fully vested by the last day of the Restricted Period.

## Section 4.3 Restricted Period

The applicable restricted period in respect of a particular RSU shall be determined by the Board but in all cases shall end no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the third calendar year following the calendar year in which the performance of services for which such RSU is granted, occurred (the "**Restricted Period**"). All unvested RSUs shall be cancelled on the RSU Vesting Determination Date (as such term is defined in Section 4.4) and, in any event: all unvested RSUs shall be cancelled no later than the last day of the Restricted Period.

## Section 4.4 RSU Vesting Determination Date

The vesting determination date means the date on which the Board determines if the Performance Criteria and/or other vesting conditions with respect to an RSU have been met (the "**RSU Vesting Determination Date**"), and as a result, establishes the number of RSUs that become vested, if any. For greater certainty, the RSU Vesting Determination Date must fall after the end of the Performance Period, if any, but no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of December of the calendar year which commences three years after the calendar year in which the performance of services for which such RSU is granted, occurred. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any U.S. Participant, the RSU Vesting Determination Date shall occur no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of March of the calendar year following the end of the Performance Period.

## Section 4.5 Settlement of RSUs

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in the RSU Agreement, all of the vested RSUs covered by a particular grant shall be settled as soon as practicable and in any event within ten Business Days following their RSU Vesting Determination Date and no later than the end of the Restricted Period (the "**RSU Settlement Date**").
- (2) Settlement of RSUs shall take place promptly following the RSU Settlement Date and no later than the end of the Restricted Period. Settlement of RSUs shall be subject to Section 8.2 and shall take place through:

- (a) delivery to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) of a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive (unless the Participant intends to simultaneously dispose of any such Shares); or
- (b) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive, to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Company to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares.
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any U.S. Participant, the RSU Settlement Date and delivery of Shares, shall each occur no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of March of the calendar year following the end of the Performance Period.

# Section 4.6 Determination of Amounts

For the purposes of determining the number of Shares to be issued or delivered to a Participant upon settlement of RSUs pursuant to Section 4.5, such calculation will be made on the RSU Settlement Date based on the whole number of Shares equal to the whole number of vested RSUs then recorded in the Participant's Account to settle in Shares.

## Section 4.7 RSU Agreements

RSUs shall be evidenced by an RSU Agreement in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine. The RSU Agreement may contain any such terms that the Company considers necessary in order that the RSU will comply with any provisions respecting restricted share units in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

## Section 4.8 Award of Dividend Equivalents

Dividend Equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of unvested RSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Shares on the relevant record date. However, to the extent that Dividend Equivalents awarded under this Section 4.8 entitle Participants to receive additional RSUs, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that might possibly be issued to satisfy this obligation must be included in the grant limits in Section 2.4(2), clause (i) and (ii) of the defined term "TSXV Share Limits" and Section 2.5(2) and Section 2.5(3), and if the Company does not have a sufficient number of Shares available under this Plan to satisfy its obligations in respect of such Dividend Equivalents it shall make payments in cash.

In the event that the Participant's applicable RSUs do not vest, all Dividend Equivalents, if any, associated with such RSUs will be forfeited by the Participant and returned to the Company's account.

#### ARTICLE 5 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

#### Section 5.1 Nature of DSUs

A "Deferred Share Unit" (or "**DSU**") is an Award attributable to a Participant's duties as a director of the Company and that, upon settlement, entitles the recipient Participant to receive such number of Shares (which may include Shares purchased in the secondary market by a trustee or administrative agent appointed by the Board) as determined by the Board, and is issuable after Termination of Service of the Participant.

## Section 5.2 DSU Awards

The Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive DSU Awards under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of DSU Awards to be granted to each Eligible Participant, and (iii) fix the date or dates on which such DSU Awards shall be granted, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan and in any DSU Agreement. Each DSU awarded shall entitle the Participant to one Share.

## Section 5.3 Additional Deferred Share Units

The Board may award such number of DSUs to a Participant as the Board deems advisable to provide the Participant with appropriate equity-based compensation for the services they render to the Company or its Subsidiaries. The Board shall determine the date on which such DSUs may be granted and the date as of which such DSUs shall be credited to a Participant's Account. An award of DSUs pursuant to this Section 5.3 shall be subject to a DSU Agreement evidencing the Award and the terms applicable thereto.

#### Section 5.4 Settlement of DSUs

- (1) Subject to Section 5.8, a Participant may receive their Shares to which such Participant is entitled upon Termination of Service, by filing a redemption notice on or before the 15th day of December of the first calendar year commencing after the date of the Participant's Termination of Service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Participant does not file such notice on or before that 15th day of December, the Participant will be deemed to have filed the redemption notice on the 15th day of December (the date of the filing or deemed filing of the redemption notice, the "Filing Date"). In all cases for each U.S. Participant, the U.S. Participant will be deemed to have filed the redemption notice.
- (2) The Company will make payment of the DSU Settlement Amount as soon as reasonably possible following the Filing Date and in any event no later than the end of the first calendar year commencing after the Participant's Termination of Service. In all cases for each U.S. Participant, the Company will make payment of the DSU Settlement Amount as soon as reasonably possible following the Filing Date and in any event no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March of the calendar year following Termination of Service.
- (3) In the event of the death of a Participant, the Company will, subject to Section 8.2, make payment of the DSU Settlement Amount within two months of the Participant's death to or for the benefit of the legal representative of the deceased Participant. For the purposes of the calculation of the Settlement Amount, the Filing Date shall be the date of the

Participant's death.

- (4) Subject to the terms of the DSU Agreement, including the satisfaction or, at the discretion of the Board, waiver of any vesting conditions, settlement of DSUs shall take place promptly following the Filing Date. Settlement of DSUs shall be subject to Section 8.2 and shall take place through:
  - (a) delivery to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) of a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive (unless the Participant intends to simultaneously dispose of any such Shares); or
  - (b) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive, to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Company to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares.

## Section 5.5 Determination of DSU Settlement Amount

For the purposes of determining the number of Shares to be issued or delivered to a Participant upon settlement of DSUs pursuant to Section 5.4, such calculation will be made on the Filing Date based on the whole number of Shares equal to the whole number of vested DSUs then recorded in the Participant's Account to settle in Shares.

## Section 5.6 DSU Agreements

DSUs shall be evidenced by a DSU Agreement in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine. The DSU Agreement may contain any such terms that the Company considers necessary in order that the DSU will comply with any provisions respecting deferred share units in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

## Section 5.7 Award of Dividend Equivalents

Dividend Equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of DSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Shares on the relevant record date. However, to the extent that Dividend Equivalents awarded under this Section 5.7 entitle Participants to receive additional DSUs, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that might possibly be issued to satisfy this obligation must be included in the grant limits in Section 2.4(2), clause (i) and (ii) of the defined term "TSXV Share Limits" and Section 2.5(2) and Section 2.5(3), and if the Company does not have a sufficient number of Shares available under this Plan to satisfy its obligations in respect of such Dividend Equivalents it shall make payments in cash.

## Section 5.8 Director Cause Event

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event the Termination of Service of a Participant is the result of a Director Cause Event, all DSUs shall be forfeited and cancelled on the Termination Date.

#### ARTICLE 6 GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### Section 6.1 General Conditions Applicable to Awards

Each Award, as applicable, shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) <u>Vesting Period</u>. Subject to Section 2.7, each Award granted hereunder shall vest in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement entered into in respect of such Award. The Board has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Award becomes exercisable notwithstanding the vesting schedule set forth for such Award, regardless of any adverse or potentially adverse tax consequence resulting from such acceleration.
- (2) <u>Employment</u>. Notwithstanding any express or implied term of this Plan to the contrary, the granting of an Award pursuant to the Plan shall in no way be construed as a guarantee by the Company or a Subsidiary to the Participant of employment or another service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary. The granting of an Award to a Participant shall not impose upon the Company or a Subsidiary any obligation to retain the Participant in its employ or service in any capacity. Nothing contained in this Plan or in any Award granted under this Plan shall interfere in any way with the rights of the Company or any of its Affiliates in connection with the employment, retention or termination of any such Participant. The loss of existing or potential profit in Shares underlying Awards granted under this Plan shall not constitute an element of damages in the event of termination of a Participant's employment or service in any office or otherwise.
- (3) <u>Grant of Awards</u>. Eligibility to participate in this Plan does not confer upon any Eligible Participant any right to be granted Awards pursuant to this Plan. Granting Awards to any Eligible Participant does not confer upon any Eligible Participant the right to receive nor preclude such Eligible Participant from receiving any additional Awards at any time. The extent to which any Eligible Participant is entitled to be granted Awards pursuant to this Plan will be determined in the sole discretion of the Board. Participation in the Plan shall be entirely voluntary and any decision not to participate shall not affect an Eligible Participant's relationship or employment with the Company or any Subsidiary.
- (4) <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. Neither the Participant nor such Participant's personal representatives or legatees shall have any rights whatsoever as shareholder in respect of any Shares covered by such Participant's Awards by reason of the grant of such Award until such Award has been duly exercised, as applicable, and settled and Shares have been issued in respect thereof. Subject to Section 4.8 and Section 5.7, no adjustment shall be made for dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such Shares have been issued.
- (5) <u>Conformity to Plan</u>. In the event that an Award is granted, or a Grant Agreement is executed which does not conform in all particulars with the provisions of the Plan, or purports to grant Awards on terms different from those set out in the Plan, the Award or

the grant of such Award shall not be in any way void or invalidated, but the Award so granted will be adjusted to become, in all respects, in conformity with the Plan.

- (6) <u>Non-Transferrable Awards</u>. Except as specifically provided in a Grant Agreement approved by the Board, each Award granted under the Plan is personal to the Participant and shall not be assignable or transferable by the Participant, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, except by will or by the laws of succession of the domicile of the deceased Participant. No Award granted hereunder shall be pledged, hypothecated, charged, transferred, assigned or otherwise encumbered or disposed of on pain of nullity.
- (7) <u>Participant's Entitlement</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Plan or unless the Board permits otherwise, upon any Subsidiary of the Company ceasing to be a Subsidiary of the Company, Awards previously granted under this Plan that, at the time of such change, are held by a Person who is a director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of such Subsidiary of the Company and not of the Company itself, whether or not then exercisable, shall automatically terminate on the date of such change.

## Section 6.2 General Conditions Applicable to Options

Each Option shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for Cause, any vested or unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate automatically and become void immediately. For the purposes of the Plan, the determination by the Company that the Participant was discharged for Cause shall be binding on the Participant. "Cause" shall include, among other things, gross misconduct, theft, fraud, breach of confidentiality or breach of the Company's codes of conduct and any other reason determined by the Company to be cause for termination.
- (2) <u>Termination not for Cause</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of such Participant's employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary being terminated without Cause, (i) (ii) any vested Option granted to such Participant may be exercised by such Participant. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, such Option shall only be exercisable within the earlier of 90 days after the Termination Date, or the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.
- (3) <u>Resignation</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of such Participant's resignation from the Company or a Subsidiary, (i) each unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate and become void immediately upon resignation, and (ii) unless otherwise determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, each vested Option granted to such Participant will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the90 days following the Termination Date and the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.
- (4) <u>Permanent Disability/Retirement</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of retirement (in accordance with any retirement policy implemented by the Company from time to time) or permanent disability, (i) any unvested Option shall terminate and become void immediately, and (ii) any vested Option will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the 90 days from the date of retirement or the date on which the Participant ceases such Participant's employment or service relationship with the Company or any Subsidiary by reason of permanent disability, and the expiry date of the

Option set forth in the Grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.

(5) <u>Death</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of death, any vested Option granted to such Participant may be exercised by the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant for that number of Shares only which such Participant was entitled to acquire under the respective Options (the "Vested Awards") on the date of such Participant's death. Such Vested Awards shall only be exercisable within 12 months after the Participant's death or prior to the expiration of the original term of the Options whichever occurs earlier.

## Section 6.3 General Conditions Applicable to RSUs

Each RSU shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) <u>Termination for Cause</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for Cause, the Participant's participation in the Plan shall be terminated immediately, all RSUs credited to such Participant's Account, vested or unvested, shall be forfeited and cancelled, and the Participant's rights to Shares that relate to such Participant's RSUs shall be forfeited and cancelled on the Termination Date. The Participant shall not receive any payment in lieu of cancelled RSUs.
- (2) <u>Death or Termination</u>. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of (i) death, (ii) retirement or resignation, (iii) Termination for reasons other than for Cause, (iv) such Participant's employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary being terminated by reason of injury or disability, or (v) becoming eligible to receive long-term disability benefits, all unvested RSUs in the Participant's Account as of such date relating to a Restricted Period in progress shall be terminated, and the Participant shall not receive any payment in lieu of cancelled RSUs.
- (3) <u>General</u>. For greater certainty, where a Participant's employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated pursuant to Section 6.3(1) or Section 6.3(2) following the satisfaction of all vesting conditions in respect of particular RSUs but before receipt of the corresponding distribution in respect of such RSUs, the Participant shall remain entitled to such distribution.

#### ARTICLE 7 ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

## Section 7.1 Adjustment to Shares

In the event of (i) any subdivision of the Shares into a greater number of Shares, (ii) any consolidation of Shares into a lesser number of Shares, (iii) any reclassification, reorganization or other change affecting the Shares, (iv) any merger, amalgamation or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation, or (v) any distribution to all holders of Shares or other securities in the capital of the Company, of cash, evidences of indebtedness or other assets of the Company (excluding an ordinary course dividend in cash or Shares, but including for greater certainty shares or equity interests in a Subsidiary or business unit of the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or cash proceeds of the disposition of such a Subsidiary or business unit) or any transaction or change having a similar effect, then the Board shall in its sole discretion, subject to the required approval of any Stock Exchange, determine the appropriate adjustments or substitutions to be made in such circumstances in order to maintain the economic rights of the

Participant in respect of such Award in connection with such occurrence or change, including, without limitation:

- (a) adjustments to the exercise price of such Award without any change in the total price applicable to the unexercised portion of the Award;
- (b) adjustments to the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled upon exercise of such Award; or
- (c) adjustments to the number or kind of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan.

## Section 7.2 Change of Control

- (1) In the event of a potential Change of Control, the Board shall have the power, in its sole discretion, subject to Section 7.3, to modify the terms of this Plan and/or the Awards to assist the Participants to tender into a take-over bid or to participate in any other transaction leading to a Change of Control.
- (2) If the Company completes a transaction constituting a Change of Control and within 12 months following the Change of Control, (i) a Participant who was also an officer or employee of, or Consultant to, the Company prior to the Change of Control has their position, employment or Consulting Agreement terminated, or the Participant is constructively dismissed, or (ii) a director ceases to act in such capacity, then all unvested RSUs shall immediately vest and shall be paid out, and all unvested Options shall vest and become exercisable. Any Options that become exercisable pursuant to this Section 7.2(2) shall remain open for exercise until the earlier of their expiry date as set out in the Grant Agreement and the date that is 90 days after such termination or dismissal.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, this Section 7.2 shall not apply with respect to any DSUs held by a Participant where such DSUs are governed under paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the Tax Act or any successor to such provision.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, for all U.S. Participants, "Change of Control" as defined herein shall be as "Change in Control" is defined in 409A of the U.S. Tax Code.

#### Section 7.3 Amendment or Discontinuance of the Plan

- (1) The Board may suspend or terminate the Plan at any time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any suspension or termination of the Plan shall be such that the Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the Tax Act or any successor to such provision with respect to any DSUs held by a Participant.
- (2) The Board may from time to time, in its absolute discretion and without approval of the shareholders of the Company amend any provision of this Plan or any Award, subject to any regulatory or Stock Exchange requirement at the time of such amendment, including, without limitation:
  - (a) any amendment to the general vesting provisions, if applicable, of the Plan or of the Awards;

- (b) any amendment regarding the effect of termination of a Participant's employment or engagement;
- (c) any amendment which accelerates the date on which any Option may be exercised under the Plan;
- (d) any amendment necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the Stock Exchange or any other regulatory body;
- (e) any amendment of a "housekeeping" nature, including to clarify the meaning of an existing provision of the Plan, correct or supplement any provision of the Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the Plan, correct any grammatical or typographical errors or amend the definitions in the Plan;
- (f) any amendment regarding the administration of the Plan;
- (g) any amendment to add provisions permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with Shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or claw back, and any amendment to a provision permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with Shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or claw back which is adopted; and
- (h) any other amendment that does not require the approval of the shareholders of the Company under Section 7.3(3)(b).
- (3) Notwithstanding Section 7.3(2):
  - (a) no such amendment shall alter or impair the rights of any Participant without the consent of such Participant except as permitted by the provisions of the Plan;
  - (b) the Board shall be required to obtain shareholder approval to make the following amendments:
    - (i) any increase to the maximum number of Shares issuable under the Plan (either as a fixed number or fixed percentage of the Outstanding Issue), except in the event of an adjustment pursuant to Article 7;
    - (ii) any amendment that reduces the Option Price or extends the term of Options beyond the original expiry date that benefits an Insider of the Company;
    - (iii) any amendment which extends the expiry date of any Award, or the Restricted Period, or the Performance Period of any RSU beyond the original expiry date or Restricted Period or Performance Period, that benefits an Insider of the Company;
    - (iv) except in the case of an adjustment pursuant to Article 7, any amendment which reduces the exercise price of an Option or any cancellation of an Option and replacement of such Option with an Option with a lower exercise price;
    - (v) any amendment which increases the maximum number of Shares that may be (A) issuable to Insiders at any time, or (B) issued to Insiders under the

Plan and any other proposed or established Share Compensation Arrangement in a one-year period, except in case of an adjustment pursuant to Article 7;

- (vi) any amendment to the definition of an Eligible Participant under the Plan; and
- (vii) any amendment to the amendment provisions of the Plan.
- (4) Subject to the Shares being listed on the TSXV, any shareholder approval required under Section 7.3(3)(b) shall be disinterested shareholder approval (within the meaning of the policies of the TSXV).
- (5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amendment of the Plan shall be such that the Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the Tax Act or any successor to such provision with respect to any DSUs held by a Participant.

## Section 7.4 TSXV Approval of Adjustments

While the Shares are listed for trading on the TSXV, any adjustment, other than in connection with a subdivision of the Shares into a greater number of Shares pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or a consolidation of Shares into a lesser number of Shares pursuant to Section 7.1(b), to any Award pursuant to the provisions hereof is subject to the prior acceptance of the TSXV, including adjustments related to an amalgamation, merger, arrangement, reorganization, spin-off, dividend or recapitalization.

## ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 8.1 Use of an Administrative Agent and Trustee

The Board may in its sole discretion appoint from time to time one or more entities to act as administrative agent or trustee to administer the Awards granted under the Plan, including for the purposes of making secondary market purchases of Shares for delivery on settlement of an Award, if applicable, and to act as trustee to hold and administer the assets that may be held in respect of Awards granted under the Plan, the whole in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Company and the administrative agent will maintain records showing the number of Awards granted to each Participant under the Plan.

## Section 8.2 Tax Withholding

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, all distributions, delivery of Shares or payments to a Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) under the Plan shall be made net of such withholdings, including in respect of applicable taxes and source deductions, as the Company determines. If the event giving rise to the withholding obligation involves an issuance or delivery of Shares, then, the withholding may be satisfied in such manner as the Company determines, including by (a) having the Participant elect to have the appropriate number of such Shares sold by the Company, the Company's transfer agent and registrar or any trustee appointed by the Company pursuant to Section 8.1, on behalf of and as agent for the Participant as soon as permissible and practicable, with the proceeds of such sale being delivered to the Company, which will in turn remit such amounts to

the appropriate governmental authorities, or (b) any other mechanism as may be required or determined by the Company as appropriate.

## Section 8.3 US Tax Compliance

- (1) DSU Awards granted to U.S. Participants are intended to be comply with, and Option and RSU Awards granted to U.S. Participants are intended to be exempt from, all aspects of Section 409A of the U.S. Tax Code and related regulations ("Section 409A"). Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, all taxes associated with participation in the Plan, including any liability imposed by Section 409A, shall be borne by the U.S. Participant.
- (2) For purposes of interpreting and applying the provisions of any DSU or other Award to subject to Section 409A, the term "termination of employment" or similar phrase will be interpreted to mean a "separation from service," as defined under Section 409A, provided, however, that with respect to an Award subject to the Tax Act, if the Tax Act requires a complete termination of the employment relationship to receive the intended tax treatment, then "termination of employment" will be interpreted to only include a complete termination of the employment relationship.
- (3) If payment under any DSU or other Award subject to Section 409A is in connection with the U.S. Participant's separation from service, and at the time of the separation from service the Participant is subject to the U.S. Tax Code and is considered a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then any payment that would otherwise be payable during the six-month period following the separation from service will be delayed until after the expiration of the six-month period, to the extent necessary to avoid taxes and penalties under Section 409A, provided that any amounts that would have been paid during the six-month period may be paid in a single lump sum on the first day of the seventh month following the separation from service.

## Section 8.4 Claw back

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Plan, any Award which is subject to recovery under any law, government regulation or Stock Exchange listing requirement, will be subject to such deductions and claw back as may be required to be made pursuant to such law, government regulation or Stock Exchange listing requirement (or any policy adopted by the Company pursuant to any such law, government regulation or Stock Exchange listing requirement). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may provide in any case that outstanding Awards (whether or not vested or exercisable) and the proceeds from the exercise or disposition of Awards or Shares acquired under Awards will be subject to forfeiture and disgorgement to the Company, with interest and other related earnings, if the Participant to whom the Award was granted violates (i) a non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality or other restrictive covenant by which such Participant is bound, or (ii) any policy adopted by the Company applicable to the Participant that provides for forfeiture or disgorgement with respect to incentive compensation that includes Awards under the Plan. In addition, the Board may require forfeiture and disgorgement to the Company of outstanding Awards and the proceeds from the exercise or disposition of Awards or Shares acquired under Awards, with interest and other related earnings, to the extent required by law or applicable Stock Exchange listing standards, including and any related policy adopted by the Company. Each Participant, by accepting or being deemed to have accepted an Award under the Plan, agrees to cooperate fully with the Board, and to cause any and all permitted transferees of the Participant to cooperate fully with the Board, to effectuate any forfeiture or disgorgement required hereunder. Neither the Board nor the Company nor any other person, other than the Participant and such Participant's permitted transferees, if any, will be responsible for any adverse tax or other consequences to a Participant or such Participant's permitted transferees, if any, that may arise in connection with this Section 8.4.

## Section 8.5 Securities Law Compliance

- (1) The Plan (including any amendments to it), the terms of the grant of any Award under the Plan, the grant of any Award and exercise of any Option, and the Company's obligation to sell and deliver Shares in respect of any Awards, shall be subject to all applicable federal, provincial, state and foreign laws, rules and regulations, the rules and regulations of applicable Stock Exchanges and to such approvals by any regulatory or governmental agency as may, as determined by the Company, be required. The Company shall not be obliged by any provision of the Plan or the grant of any Award hereunder to issue, sell or deliver Shares in violation of such laws, rules and regulations or any condition of such approvals.
- (2) No Awards shall be granted in the United States and no Shares shall be issued in the United States pursuant to any such Awards unless such Shares are registered under the U.S. Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws or an exemption from such registration is available. Any Awards granted in the United States, and any Shares issued pursuant thereto, will be "restricted securities" (as such term is defined in Rule 144(a)(3) under the U.S. Securities Act). Any certificate or instrument representing Awards granted in the United States or Shares issued in the United States pursuant to such Awards pursuant to an exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws shall bear substantially the following legend restricting transfer under applicable United States federal and state securities laws:

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY [and for Awards, the following will be added: AND THE SECURITIES ISSUABLE PURSUANT HERETO] HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "U.S. SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) TO THE COMPANY, (B) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS, (C) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY (1) RULE 144 THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, OR (2) RULE 144A THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN EACH CASE IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR (D) IN A TRANSACTION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OR ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, AND, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO (C)(1) OR (D) ABOVE, THE SELLER HAS FURNISHED TO THE COMPANY AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OF RECOGNIZED STANDING OR OTHER EVIDENCE, IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY, TO THAT EFFECT. DELIVERY OF THIS CERTIFICATE MAY NOT CONSTITUTE "GOOD DELIVERY" IN SETTLEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS ON STOCK EXCHANGES IN CANADA.

- (3) No Awards shall be granted, and no Shares shall be issued, sold or delivered hereunder, where such grant, issue, sale or delivery would require registration of the Plan or of the Shares under the securities laws of any jurisdiction or the filing of any prospectus for the qualification of same thereunder, and any purported grant of any Award or purported issue or sale of Shares hereunder in violation of this provision shall be void.
- (4) The Company shall have no obligation to issue any Shares pursuant to this Plan unless upon official notice of issuance such Shares shall have been duly listed with a Stock Exchange. Shares issued, sold or delivered to Participants under the Plan may be subject to limitations on sale or resale under applicable securities laws.
- (5) If Shares cannot be issued to a Participant upon the exercise of an Option due to legal or regulatory restrictions, the obligation of the Company to issue such Shares shall terminate and any funds paid to the Company in connection with the exercise of such Option will be returned to the applicable Participant as soon as practicable.

## Section 8.6 Reorganization of the Company

The existence of any Awards shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, reclassification, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Company or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Company or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to affect the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise.

## Section 8.7 Quotation of Shares

So long as the Shares are listed on one or more Stock Exchanges, the Company must apply to such Stock Exchange or Stock Exchanges for the listing or quotation, as applicable, of the Shares underlying the Awards granted under the Plan, however, the Company cannot guarantee that such Shares will be listed or quoted on any Stock Exchange.

## Section 8.8 No Fractional Shares

No fractional Shares shall be issued upon the exercise or vesting of any Award granted under the Plan and, accordingly, if a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share upon the exercise or settlement of such Award, or from an adjustment permitted by the terms of this Plan, such Participant shall only have the right to purchase or receive, as the case may be, the next lowest whole number of Shares, and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional interest so disregarded.

## Section 8.9 Governing Laws

The Plan and all matters to which reference is made herein shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

# Section 8.10 Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Plan shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision and any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be severed from the Plan.

## Section 8.11 Effective Date of the Plan

The Plan was adopted by the Board on October 25, 2024 and approved by the shareholders of the Company on November 29, 2024, being the effective date of the Plan.