

Avaron Mining Corp.

(formerly Benz Capital Corp.)

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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY MANAGEMENT

This management information circular (the “Information Circular”) is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by or on behalf of the management of Avaron Mining Corp., formerly Benz Capital Corp. (the “Company” or “Avaron”) for use at the annual general and special meeting (the “Meeting”) of the shareholders of the Company (the “Shareholders”) to be held at 2121 Jefferson Avenue, West Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) and at any adjournments thereof for the purposes set out in the accompanying Notice of Meeting. Although it is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, proxies may also be solicited personally, electronically or by telephone by directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company. Arrangements will also be made with clearing agencies, brokerage houses and other financial intermediaries to forward proxy solicitation material to the beneficial owners of common shares of the Company (“Common Shares”) pursuant to the requirements of National Instrument 54-101, *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* (“National Instrument 54-101”).

The Canadian securities regulators have adopted new rules under National Instrument 54-101, which permit the use of notice-and-access for proxy solicitation, instead of the traditional physical delivery of material. This new process provides the option to post meeting related materials, including management information circulars, as well as annual financial statements, and related management’s discussion and analysis, on a website in addition to SEDAR+. Under notice-and-access, such meeting related materials will be available for viewing for up to one (1) year from the date of posting, and a paper copy of the material can be requested at any time during this period. The Company is not relying on the notice-and-access provisions of National Instrument 54-101 to send proxy related materials to registered shareholders or beneficial owners of shares in connection with the Meeting.

The Company may reimburse shareholders’ nominees or intermediaries (including brokers or their agents holding shares on behalf of clients) for the cost incurred in obtaining from their principals’ authorization to execute forms of proxy. The cost of any such solicitation will be borne by the Company. Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this Information Circular is given as at August 4, 2023.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXYHOLDERS AND COMPLETION AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The purpose of a proxy is to designate persons who will vote the proxy on a Shareholder’s behalf in accordance with the instructions given by the Shareholder in the proxy. The persons named in the enclosed proxy (the “Management Designees”) have been selected by the directors of the Company.

A Shareholder has the right to designate a person (who need not be a Shareholder), other than the Management Designees to represent the Shareholder at the Meeting. Such right may be exercised by inserting in the space provided for that purpose on the proxy the name of the person to be designated, and by deleting from the proxy the names of the Management Designees, or by completing another proper

form of proxy and delivering the same to the transfer agent of the Company. Such Shareholder should notify the nominee of the appointment, obtain the nominee's consent to act as proxyholder and attend the Meeting, and provide instructions on how the Shareholder's shares are to be voted. The nominee should bring personal identification with them to the Meeting.

To be valid, the proxy must be dated and executed by the Shareholder or an attorney authorized in writing, with proof of such authorization attached (where an attorney executed the proxy). The proxy must then be delivered to the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or by fax within North America to 1-866-249-7775, and outside North America to (416) 263-9524, at least 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Proxies received after that time may be accepted by the Chairman of the Meeting in the Chairman's discretion, but the Chairman is under no obligation to accept late proxies.

Any registered Shareholder who has returned a proxy may revoke it at any time before it has been exercised. A proxy may be revoked by a registered Shareholder personally attending at the Meeting and voting their shares. A Shareholder may also revoke their proxy in respect of any matter upon which a vote has not already been cast by depositing an instrument in writing, including a proxy bearing a later date executed by the registered Shareholder or by their authorized attorney in writing, or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, either at the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent at the foregoing address or the registered office of the Company, at 3847 Vance Road, Cultus Lake, British Columbia, V2R 5A6, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the date of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof at which the proxy is to be used, or by depositing the instrument in writing with the Chairman of such Meeting, or any adjournment thereof. **Only registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. Non-registered Shareholders who wish to change their vote must, at least seven days before the Meeting, arrange for their respective nominees to revoke the proxy on their behalf.**

VOTING OF PROXIES

Voting at the Meeting will be by a show of hands, each registered Shareholder and each proxyholder (representing a registered or unregistered Shareholder) having one vote, unless a poll is required or requested, whereupon each such Shareholder and proxyholder is entitled to one vote for each Common Share held or represented, respectively. Each Shareholder may instruct their proxyholder how to vote their Common Shares by completing the blanks on the proxy. All Common Shares represented at the Meeting by properly executed proxies will be voted or withheld from voting when a poll is required or requested and, where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the form of proxy, the Common Shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with such specification. **In the absence of any such specification as to voting on the proxy, the Management Designees, if named as proxyholder, will vote in favour of the matters set out therein.**

The enclosed proxy confers discretionary authority upon the Management Designees, or other person named as proxyholder, with respect to amendments to or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and any other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. As of the date hereof, the Company is not aware of any amendments to, variations of or other matters which may come before the Meeting. If other matters properly come before the Meeting, then the Management Designees intend to vote in a manner which in their judgment is in the best interests of the Company.

In order to approve a motion proposed at the Meeting, a majority of greater than 50% of the votes cast will be required (an “**ordinary resolution**”), unless the motion requires a “**special resolution**” in which case a majority of 66 2/3% of the votes cast will be required.

BENEFICIAL HOLDERS

Only registered shareholders or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Most shareholders of the Company are “non-registered” or “beneficial” shareholders because the shares they own are not registered in their names, but are instead registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased the shares. More particularly, a person is not a registered shareholder in respect of shares which are held on behalf of that person (the “**Beneficial Holder**”) but which are registered either: (a) in the name of an intermediary (an “**Intermediary**”) that the Beneficial Holder deals with in respect of the shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSP’s, RRIF’s, RESP’s and similar plans); or (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (“**CDS**”)) of which the Intermediary is a participant. In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company has distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular and the Proxy (collectively, the “**Meeting Materials**”) directly, and to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to Beneficial Holders. These securityholder materials are being set to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities. If you are a non-registered owner, and the issuer or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding on your behalf.

Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to Beneficial Holders unless a Beneficial Holder has waived the right to receive them. Very often, Intermediaries will use service companies to forward the Meeting Materials to Beneficial Holders. Generally, Beneficial Holders who have not waived the right to receive Meeting Materials will either:

- (a) be given a form of proxy **which has already been signed by the Intermediary** (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of shares beneficially owned by the Beneficial Holder but which is otherwise not completed. Because the Intermediary has already signed the form of proxy, this form of proxy is not required to be signed by the Beneficial Holder when submitting the proxy. In this case, the Beneficial Holder who wishes to submit a proxy should otherwise properly complete the form of proxy and **deposit it with the Company’s transfer agent as provided above; or**
- (b) more typically, be given a voting instruction form **which is not signed by the Intermediary**, and which, when properly completed and signed by the Beneficial Holder and **returned to the Intermediary or its service company**, will constitute voting instructions (often called a “proxy authorization form”) which the Intermediary must follow. Typically, the proxy authorization form will consist of a one-page pre-printed form. Sometimes, instead of the one-page pre-printed form, the proxy authorization form will consist of a regular printed proxy form accompanied by a page of instructions which contains a removable label containing a bar-code and other information. In order for the form of proxy to validly constitute a proxy authorization form, the Beneficial Holder must remove the label from the instructions and affix it to the form of proxy, properly complete and sign the form of proxy and return it to the Intermediary or its service company in accordance with the instructions of the Intermediary or its service company.

In either case, the purpose of this procedure is to permit Beneficial Holders to direct the voting of the shares which they beneficially own. Should a Beneficial Holder who receives one of the above forms wish to vote at the Meeting in person, the Beneficial Holder should strike out the names of the Management Designees named in the form and insert the Beneficial Holder's name in the blank space provided. **In either case, Beneficial Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the proxy or proxy authorization form is to be delivered.**

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The authorized share structure of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Shares without par value and an unlimited number of preferred shares without par value. As at August 4, 2023, the Company had 13,726,497 issued and outstanding Shares, each Share carrying the right to one vote. The Company has no other classes of voting securities.

Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on August 4, 2023, who either personally attend the Meeting or who have completed and delivered a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions detailed therein, shall be entitled to vote or to have their Shares voted at the Meeting.

The Articles of the Company provide that a quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting is two (2) Shareholders, or one or more proxyholders representing two Shareholders, or one Shareholder and a proxyholder representing another Shareholder.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the outstanding voting rights of the Company, other than the following:

Name	Number of Voting Securities	Percentage⁽¹⁾ (%)
Miloje Vicentijevic	2,571,000 Common shares ⁽²⁾	18.7

⁽¹⁾ Calculated using the issued and outstanding share capital figure as at August 4, 2023, being 13,726,497 common shares

⁽²⁾ Of which, 50,000 Common shares are held by Mr. Vicentijevic's spouse, but Mr. Vicentijevic has control or direction of them.

Those shareholders so desiring may be represented by proxy at the Meeting.

PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S DIRECTORS, THE ONLY MATTERS TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEETING ARE THOSE REFERRED TO IN THE NOTICE OF MEETING ACCOMPANYING THIS INFORMATION CIRCULAR. HOWEVER, SHOULD ANY OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY SOLICITED HEREBY WILL BE VOTED ON SUCH MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST JUDGMENT OF THE PERSONS VOTING THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY.

Additional detail regarding each of the matters to be acted upon at the Meeting is set forth below.

I. Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Company for the period from February 8, 2021 (date of incorporation) to March 31, 2021, and its fiscal years ended March 31, 2022, and March 31, 2023 (the “**Financial Statements**”), together with the Auditors’ Reports thereon, will be presented to the shareholders at the Meeting. The Financial Statements, together with the Auditors’ Report thereon, have been mailed to the shareholders of record separately.

Copies of all previously issued annual and quarterly financial statements and related Management Discussions and Analysis are also available to the public on the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca. Hard copies of the Audited Annual Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis will be available to shareholders free of charge upon request.

II. Appointment of Auditors

Management proposes the appointment of Lancaster & David, Chartered Professional Accountants, as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and that the directors be authorized to fix their remuneration.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary the shares represented by proxy will be voted in favour of a resolution to appoint Lancaster & David, Chartered Professional Accountants, as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors, unless the Shareholder has specified in the Shareholder’s proxy that the Shareholder’s Common Shares are to be withheld from voting on the appointment of auditors.

III. Election of Directors

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**” or the “**Board of Directors**”) currently consists of five (5) directors, all of whom are elected annually. The term of office for each of the present directors of the Company expires at the Meeting. It is proposed that the number of directors for the ensuing year be fixed at five (5) subject to such increases as may be permitted by the Articles of the Company. At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought fit, approve an ordinary resolution fixing the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at five (5).

It is proposed that the persons named below will be nominated at the Meeting. Each director elected will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or until his successor is duly elected or appointed pursuant to the Articles of the Company unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) or the Company’s Articles.

It is the intention of the management designees, if named as proxy, to vote for the election of the said persons to the Board of Directors, unless the Shareholder has specified in its proxy that its Common Shares are to be withheld from voting on the election of directors. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

The following information relating to the nominees for election to the Board of Directors is based on information received by the Company from said nominees:

<p>Miloje Vicentijevic⁽¹⁾ British Columbia, Canada <i>Director since February 2021</i> <i>President and Chief Executive Officer since February 2021</i></p>	<p>Professional Engineer; President and CEO of the Benz Mining Corp. from November 2011 to September 2019, and from November 2019 to July 2020, and a Director from November 2011 to August 2020. President and CEO of 0927458 B.C. Ltd., a private junior mining company from December 2011 to present.</p>
<p>Common Shares: 2,571,000⁽²⁾</p>	
<p>Carlos Escribano⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ <i>Director since February 2021</i> <i>Chief Financial Officer since February 2021</i></p>	<p>Chartered Professional Accountant; CFO of Reconnaissance Energy Africa Ltd. from January 2020 to present; CFO of Renaissance Oil Corp. from January 2017 to present; CFO of Benz Mining Corp. from November 2011 to October 2021, and Director from November 2011 to July 2020.</p>
<p>Common Shares: 700,000</p>	
<p>Jason Birmingham⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ British Columbia, Canada <i>Director since February 2021</i></p>	<p>President of Birmingham Consulting Ltd.; Director of Eagle Bay Resources Corp. from November 2022 to present; Director of Cassius Ventures Ltd. from June 2011 to present; Director of Nortec Minerals Corp. from December 2017 to September 2021; President, CEO and Director of Friday's Dog Holdings Inc. (formerly Cerro Mining Corp.) from December 2011 to June 2020.</p>
<p>Common Shares: 400,000</p>	
<p>Gordon F. Bub⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ British Columbia, Canada <i>Director since February 2021</i></p>	<p>Retired mining engineer. Director of Benz Mining Corp. from November 2011 to September 2019.</p>
<p>Common Shares: 700,000⁽⁴⁾</p>	
<p>Nicholas Tintor⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ Ontario, Canada <i>Director since February 2021</i></p>	<p>Managing Director of RG Mining Investments Inc. from January 2007 to present. Director of Hercules Silver Corp. (formerly Bald Eagle Gold Corp.) since June 2021; Director of Big Ridge Gold Corp. from October 2020 to present; Director of Benz Mining Corp. from April 2019 to present, and President and CEO, from September 2019 to November 2019; President, CEO and Director of Toachi Mining Inc. from January, 2015 to September 2017.</p>
<p>Common Shares: 550,000</p>	

(1) Information as to the Province or State of residence, principal occupation, and shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or controlled or directed, has been obtained from SEDI or furnished by the respective directors.

(2) Of which, 50,000 Common shares are held by Mr. Vicentijevic's spouse, but Mr. Vicentijevic has control or direction of them.

(3) Member or proposed member of the audit committee.

(4) Held indirectly through Yoko Enterprises Ltd., a private company controlled by Mr. Bub.

Advance Notice Policy for Nominations of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted an Advance Notice Policy (the "**Policy**") for the nomination of directors. The Company is committed to: (i) facilitating an orderly and efficient annual general or, where the need arises, special meeting, process; (ii) providing a reasonable framework and timeframe for shareholders to nominate directors; (iii) ensuring that all shareholders receive adequate notice of the director nominations and sufficient information with respect to all nominees; (iv) allowing shareholders to register an informed vote having been afforded reasonable time for appropriate deliberation; and (v) avoiding the potentially negative impact of a relatively small group of dissident shareholders taking control of the Board by way of a surprise proxy vote at an annual or special meeting without paying any premium for such control and without providing the remaining shareholders of the Company with the ability to evaluate and vote on any directors nominated by such dissident shareholders.

The purpose of the Policy is to provide shareholders, directors and management of the Company with a clear framework for nominating directors. The Policy fixes a deadline by which holders of record of common shares of the Company must submit director nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of shareholders and sets forth the information that a shareholder must include in the notice to the Company for the notice to be in proper written form in order for any director nominee to be eligible for election at any annual or special meeting of shareholders. It is the position of the Board that the Policy is in the best interests of the Company, its shareholders and other stakeholders. The Policy will be subject to a periodic review, and will reflect changes as required by applicable proxy advisory firms, securities regulatory authorities or stock exchanges, or so as to meet industry standards.

The following is the text of the adopted Policy, which is applicable to this Meeting and all future general meetings of the Company at which directors are to be elected:

Nominations of Directors

1. Subject only to the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the “**Act**”) and the articles of the Company, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Company. Nominations of persons for election to the Board may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders, or at any special meeting of shareholders if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors:
 - (a) by or at the direction of the Board, including pursuant to a notice of meeting;
 - (b) by or at the direction or request of one or more shareholders pursuant to a “proposal” made in accordance with Part 5 - Division 7 of the Act, or a requisition of the shareholders made in accordance with section 167 of the Act; or
 - (c) by any person (a “**Nominating Shareholder**”): (A) who, at the close of business on the date of the delivery by the Nominating Shareholder of the notice provided for below in this Policy and at the close of business on the record date for notice of such meeting, is entered in the securities register of the Company as a holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting or who beneficially owns shares that are entitled to be voted at such meeting; and (B) who complies with the notice procedures set forth below in this Policy.
2. In addition to any other requirements under applicable laws, for a nomination to be made by a Nominating Shareholder, the Nominating Shareholder must have delivered notice thereof that is both timely (in accordance with paragraph 3 below) and in proper written form (in accordance with paragraph 4 below) to the Secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company.
3. To be timely, a Nominating Shareholder’s notice to the Secretary of the Company must be made:
 - (a) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not less than 30 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of shareholders is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date (the “**Notice Date**”) on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice by the Nominating Shareholder may be made not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the Notice Date; and

- (b) in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes), not later than the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting of shareholders was made.
 - 4. To be in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the Secretary of the Company must set forth:
 - (a) as to each person whom the Nominating Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director: (A) the name, age, business address and residential address of the person; (B) the principal occupation or employment of the person; (C) the citizenship of such person; (D) the class or series and number of shares in the capital of the Company which are controlled or which are owned beneficially or of record by the person as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice; and (E) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Act and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below); and
 - (b) as to the Nominating Shareholder giving the notice, full particulars regarding any proxy, contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding pursuant to which such Nominating Shareholder has a right to vote or direct the voting of any shares of the Company and any other information relating to such Nominating Shareholder that would be required to be made in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Act and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below).
- The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.
- 5. No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of this Policy; provided, however, that nothing in this Policy shall be deemed to preclude discussion by a shareholder (as distinct from the nomination of directors) at a meeting of shareholders of any matter that is properly before such meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Act or the discretion of the Chairman. The Chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination was made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the foregoing provisions and, if any proposed nomination is not in compliance with such foregoing provisions, to declare that such defective nomination shall be disregarded.
 - 6. For purposes of this Policy:
 - (a) "**public announcement**" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by a national news service in Canada, or in a document publicly filed by the Company under its profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca; and

- (b) **“Applicable Securities Laws”** means the applicable securities legislation of each relevant province and territory of Canada, as amended from time to time, the rules, regulations and forms made or promulgated under any such statute and the published national instruments, multilateral instruments, policies, bulletins and notices of applicable securities regulatory authorities.
7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Policy, notice given to the Corporate Secretary of the Company pursuant to this Policy may only be given by personal delivery, or by email (at such email address as may be stipulated from time to time by the Corporate Secretary of the Company for purposes of this notice [*ed.*: currently Christine Pankiw at cpankiw28@gmail.com]), and shall be deemed to have been given and made only at the time it is served by personal delivery to the Secretary at the address of the principal executive offices of the Company, e-mail (at the address as aforesaid) or sent by facsimile transmission (provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received); provided that if such delivery or electronic communication is made on a day which is a not a business day or later than 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on a day which is a business day, then such delivery or electronic communication shall be deemed to have been made on the next following day that is a business day.
8. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement in this Policy.

Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies

To the knowledge of the Company, 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

To the knowledge of the Company, 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

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director of the Company has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or 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 likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

IV. Approval of the New Incentive Stock Option Plan

The Company currently maintains a rolling stock option plan, and wishes to renew it with a new stock option plan (the “**Stock Option Plan**”) which has been updated and modified for compliance with the current policies of the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**Exchange**”). The new Stock Option Plan will authorize the issuance of incentive stock options to eligible persons for up to an aggregate of 10% of the issued shares of the Company at any time. The policies of the Exchange require the approval of the new Stock Option Plan by the Company’s “disinterested shareholders” (as defined below), when implemented. Ordinary shareholder approval will be required for any annual renewals of the Stock Option Plan. There are currently 13,726,497 shares of the Company issued and outstanding, and therefore the current 10% threshold is 1,372,649 shares available for incentive stock option grants under the Stock Option Plan. Incentive stock options under the Stock Option Plan may be granted by the Board of Directors to eligible persons, who are directors, officers or consultants of the Company or its subsidiaries (if any), or who are employees of a company providing management services to the Company, or who are eligible charitable organizations. Stock options may be granted under the Stock Option Plan with a maximum exercise period of up to ten (10) years, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company.

The new Stock Option Plan will limit the number of stock options which may be granted to any one individual to not more than 5% of the total issued shares of the Company in any 12-month period (unless otherwise approved by the disinterested shareholders of the Company), and not more than 10% of the total issued shares to all insiders at any time or granted over any 12-month period. The number of options granted to any one consultant or person employed to provide investor relations activities in any 12-month period must not exceed 2% of the total issued shares of the Company. Any stock options granted under the Stock Option Plan will not be subject to any vesting schedule, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors or required by the policies of the Exchange.

Options under the Stock Option Plan may be granted at an exercise price which is at or above the current discounted market price (as defined under the policies of the Exchange) on the date of the grant. In the event of the death or permanent disability of an optionee, any option granted to such optionee will be exercisable upon the earlier of 365 days from the date of death or permanent disability, or the expiry date of the option. In the event of the resignation, or the termination or removal of an optionee without just cause, any option granted to such optionee will be exercisable for a period of 90 days thereafter. In the event of termination for cause, any option granted to such optionee will be cancelled as at the date of termination.

In the event the expiry date of an option falls on a date during any “black-out trading” period, where insiders are prohibited from trading due to any unannounced material information, that has been self-imposed by the Company, the expiry date of the option will be extended to the 10th business day following the date that the self-imposed trading black out period is lifted by the Company.

The new Stock Option Plan contains a “net exercise option” for option grants, excluding options held by any eligible person who is providing investor relations activities. Under the “Net exercise option”, in consideration of the issuance of any shares which are vested and exercisable, the optionee will receive shares equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the product of the number of options being exercised multiplied by the difference between the 5-trading day volume weighted average price (“VWAP”) of the underlying listed shares and the option price of the subject options; by (B) the VWAP of the underlying listed shares.

For example, under the net exercise option, if an eligible person holds an option to purchase 100 listed shares, exercisable at a price of \$1.00 per share and the VWAP of the listed shares is \$1.50, then the eligible person would not pay the Company any cash, and instead of receiving 100 listed shares would only receive 33 listed shares (fractional shares being in effect rounded down to the nearest lower whole share) calculated as follows:

$$\frac{100 \times (\$1.50 - \$1.00)}{\$1.50} = 33 \text{ shares}$$

All options exercised pursuant to the net exercise option will be considered exercised in full for all purposes under the Stock Option Plan.

Shareholders are referred to the full text of the Stock Option Plan, a copy of which has been posted on SEDAR+ and is available for inspection under the Company’s profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca, for complete details.

The Stock Option Plan must be approved by a majority of the “disinterested shareholders” entitled to vote present in person or by proxy at the Meeting and be accepted for filing by the Exchange. “Disinterested shareholders” mean all Shareholders of the Company who are not directors, officers, promoters, or other insiders of the Company, or their associates or affiliates, as such terms are defined under the *Securities Act* (British Columbia).

To the knowledge of the Company, Shareholders who are ineligible to vote on the approval of the Stock Option Plan and their shareholdings are as follows:

Name of Insider, Associate or Affiliate	Number of Shares
Miloje Vicentijevic (President, CEO and Director)	2,571,000 ⁽¹⁾
Carlos Escribano (CFO and Director)	700,000
Jason Birmingham (Director)	400,000
Gordon Bub (Director)	700,000 ⁽²⁾
Nick Tintor (Director)	550,000
Christine Pankiw (Corporate Secretary)	100,000

⁽¹⁾ Of which, 50,000 Common shares are held by Mr. Vicentijevic’s spouse, but Mr. Vicentijevic has control or direction of them.

⁽²⁾ Held indirectly through Yoko Enterprises Ltd., a private company controlled by Mr. Bub.

In the event that disinterested shareholder approval by ordinary resolution is not obtained at the Meeting, the Company will implement a new fixed stock option plan for up to 10% of the Company’s issued shares (which does not require shareholder approval), and any existing option grants under the

Stock Option Plan as previously approved by the disinterested shareholders of the Company at the last Annual General Meeting will not be affected.

DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

(For the financial year ended March 31, 2023)

Executive Compensation

For purposes of this Information Circular, “named executive officer” of the Company means:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as a Chief Executive Officer (“**CEO**”), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as a Chief Financial Officer (“**CFO**”), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer, other than individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) above, but for the fact that the individual not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

(each a “**Named Executive Officer**” or “**NEO**”).

Based on the foregoing definition, during the last completed financial year of the Company, there were two (2) Named Executive Officers, namely, its President, CEO and Director, Miloje Vicentijevic, and its CFO and Director, Carlos Escribano.

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

In assessing the compensation of its executive officers, the Company does not have in place any formal objectives, criteria or analysis; instead, it relies mainly on discussions at the Board level.

The Company’s executive compensation program has three principal components: base salary, incentive bonus plan, and incentive stock options. The determination and administration of base salaries or incentive bonuses, or both, are discussed in greater detail below. When appropriate to do so, incentive bonuses in the form of cash payments, are designed to add a variable component of compensation, in addition to stock options, based on corporate and individual performances for Named Executive Officers, and may or may not be awarded in any financial year. The Company has no other forms of compensation for its NEOs, although payments may be made from time to time to individuals who are NEOs or companies they control, for the provision of consulting services. Such consulting services are paid for or accrued by the Company at competitive industry rates for work of a similar nature by reputable arm’s length services providers.

The Company notes that it is in an exploration phase with respect to its properties, has to operate with limited financial resources, and must control costs to ensure that funds are available to complete scheduled exploration programs and otherwise fund its operations. The Board has to consider the current and anticipated financial position of the Company at the time of any compensation determination. The Board has attempted to keep the cash compensation paid to the Company's NEOs relatively modest, while providing long-term incentives through the granting of stock options.

The Company's executive compensation program is administered by the Board of Directors and is designed to provide incentives for the enhancement of shareholder value. The overall objectives are to attract and retain qualified executives critical to the success of the Company, to provide fair and competitive compensation, to align the interest of management with those of the Shareholders and to reward corporate and individual performance. The Company's compensation package has been structured in order to link shareholder return, measured by the change in the share price, with executive compensation through the use of incentive stock options as the primary element of variable compensation for its Named Executive Officers. The Company does not currently offer long-term incentive plans or pension plans to its Named Executive Officers.

The Company bases the compensation for a NEO on the years of service with the Company, responsibilities of each officer and their duties in that position. The Company also bases compensation on the performance of each officer. The Company believes that stock options can create a strong incentive to the performance of each officer and is intended to recognize extra contributions and achievements towards the goals of the Company.

The Board, when determining cash compensation payable to a NEO, takes into consideration their experience in the mining industry, as well as their responsibilities and duties and contributions to the Company's success. Named Executive Officers receive a base cash compensation that the Company feels is in line with that paid by similar companies in North America, subject to the Company's financial resources; however, no formal survey was completed by the Board.

In performing its duties, the Board has considered the implications of risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices. At its early stage of development and considering its current compensation policies, the Company has no compensation policies or practices that would encourage an executive officer or other individual to take inappropriate or excessive risks. An NEO or director is permitted for his or her own benefit and at his or her own financial risk, to purchase financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units or exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director.

Option-Based Awards

Stock options are granted to provide an incentive to the directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company to achieve the longer-term objectives of the Company; to give suitable recognition to the ability and industry of such persons who contribute materially to the success of the Company; and to attract and retain persons of experience and ability, by providing them with the opportunity to acquire an increased proprietary interest in the Company. The Company awards stock options to its executive officers based upon the recommendation of the Board, which recommendation is based upon the Board's review of a proposal from the CEO. Previous grants of incentive stock options are taken into account when considering new grants.

Implementation of a new incentive stock option plan and amendments to the existing stock option plan are the responsibility of the Company's Board.

Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites (\$)	Value of all Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Miloje Vicentjevic President, CEO and Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carlos Escribano CFO and Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jason Birmingham Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gordon Bub Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nick Tintor Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Incentive Plan Awards

Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

There were no stock options or other share-based awards granted to the Named Executive Officers to purchase or acquire securities of the Company outstanding at the end of the most recently completed financial year or previous financial year.

No compensation security has been re-priced, cancelled and replaced, had its term extended, or otherwise been materially modified, in the most recently completed financial year or previous financial year.

There are no restrictions or conditions for converting, exercising or exchanging the compensation securities.

Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs

There were no stock options exercised during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2022, and March 31, 2023, by directors and Named Executive Officers.

Termination and Change of Control Benefits

There are no management or consulting agreements with any directors or officers of the Company which contain termination or change of control benefits.

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table sets forth certain information pertaining to the Company's equity compensation plan as at March 31, 2023:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	814,000	0.10	100,400
TOTAL	814,000	0.10	100,400

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

None of the directors or senior officers of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, and no associates or affiliates of any of them, is or has been indebted to the Company or its subsidiaries at any time since the beginning of the Company's last completed financial year.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No Insider of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing, has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's last financial year or in any proposed transaction, which, in either case, has materially affected or will materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

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

Other than as set forth herein, management of the Company is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors or the appointment of auditors, of any person or company who has been: (a) if the solicitation is made by or on behalf of management of the Company, a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year; (b) if the solicitation is made other than by or on behalf of management of the Company, any person or company by whom or on whose behalf, directly or indirectly, the solicitation is made; (c) any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company; or (d) any associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons or companies.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Management functions of the Company and its subsidiaries are not performed to any substantial degree by any person or company other than the directors and executive officers of the Company or its subsidiaries.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

General

The Board believes that good corporate governance improves corporate performance and benefits all shareholders. National Policy 58-201 - Corporate Governance Guidelines provides non-prescriptive guidelines on corporate governance practices for reporting issuers such as the Company. In addition, National Instrument 58-101 - Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices (“**NI 58-101**”) prescribes certain disclosure by the Company of its corporate governance practices. This disclosure is presented below.

Board of Directors

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

The Board is comprised of five (5) directors, of whom Jason Birmingham, Gordon Bub and Nick Tintor are independent for the purposes of NI 58-101. Miloje Vicentijevic and Carlos Escribano are not independent since they serve as the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, respectively.

Directorships

Certain of the director are also directors of other reporting issuers, as follows:

Director	Other Reporting Issuers
Jason Birmingham	Cassius Ventures Ltd. Eagle Bay Resources Corp.
Nick Tintor	Big Ridge Gold Corp. Benz Mining Corp. Hercules Silver Corp.

Orientation and Continuing Education

New Board members receive an orientation package which includes reports on operations and results, and public disclosure filings by the Company. Board meetings 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. In addition, management of the Company makes itself available for discussion with all Board members.

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 of Directors

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 does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

Compensation Governance

The Company does not have a separate Compensation Committee, so the entire Board of Directors comprises the Compensation Committee, and is responsible for, among other things, evaluating the performance of the Company's executive officers, determining or making recommendations with respect to the compensation of the Company's executive officers, making recommendations with respect to director compensation, incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans, making recommendations with respect to the compensation policy for the employees of the Company or its subsidiaries and ensuring that the Company is in compliance with all legal requirements with respect to compensation disclosure. In performing its duties, the Board has the authority to engage such advisors, including executive compensation consultants, as it considers necessary.

The Board is currently composed of five (5) directors, of whom Jason Birmingham, Gordon Bub and Nick Tintor are independent directors within the meaning set out in NI 58-101. Miloje Vicentijevic and Carlos Escribano are not independent since they serve as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer, respectively. All members of the Board are experienced participants in business or finance, and have sat on the board of directors of other companies, charities or business associations, in addition to the Board of the Company.

The Board does not have a pre-determined compensation plan. The Company does not engage in benchmarking practices and the process for determining executive compensation is at the discretion of the Board.

The Board has not engaged the services of independent compensation consultants to assist it by making recommendations to the Board with respect to director and executive officer compensation.

Other Board Committees

The Board has no other committees, other than the Audit Committee.

Assessments

Due to the minimal size of the Company's Board, no formal policy has been established to monitor the effectiveness of the directors, the Board and its committees.

Audit Committee Information

Under National Instrument 52-110 – Audit Committees (“**NI 52-110**”) reporting issuers are required to provide disclosure with respect to its Audit Committee including the text of the Audit Committee's

Charter, composition of the Committee, and the fees paid to the external auditor. The Company provides the following disclosure with respect to its Audit Committee:

Audit Committee Charter

The Company’s Audit Committee is governed by an audit committee charter, the text of which is set out in Schedule “A” attached to this Information Circular.

Composition of Audit Committee

Following the election of directors pursuant to this Information Circular, the following will be members of the Audit Committee:

Jason Birmingham	Independent ⁽¹⁾	Financially literate ⁽²⁾
Gordon Bub	Independent ⁽¹⁾	Financially literate ⁽²⁾
Nick Tintor	Independent ⁽¹⁾	Financially literate ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ 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 Board of Directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member’s independent judgment.

⁽²⁾ An individual is financially literate if he has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth 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.

Relevant Education and Experience

The relevant education and/or experience of each member of the Audit Committee is as follows:

Jason Birmingham, Director

Mr. Birmingham is or has been a director of other publicly listed companies including experience with other mining issuers. He currently serves on the board of directors of Cassius Ventures Ltd. and Eagle Bay Resources Corp. and previously served on the board of directors of Nortec Minerals Corp., Friday’s Dog Holdings Inc. (now “Cerro Mining Corp”), Clean Seed Capital Group Ltd., First Hydrogen Corp. (now “Fitch Street Capital Corp.”) and Irwin Naturals Inc. (now “Datinvest International Ltd.”). Mr. Birmingham completed the Canadian Securities Course in 1995 and completed the Real Estate Salesperson’s Sub-Mortgage Broker’s Pre-Licensing Course through the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of British Columbia in 1996.

Gordon Bub, Director

Mr. Bub is a retired mining engineer with more than 40 years’ experience. Mr. Bub was a Director of Benz Mining Corp. from November 2011 to September 2019. Mr. Bub was a director of a CPC company which was also named Benz Capital Corp. (now Benz Mining Corp.) which completed its Qualifying Transaction in 2013. Mr. Bub holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Mining Engineering from Queen’s University.

Nick Tintor, Director

Mr. Tintor is a mining executive and geologist who holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Toronto and has more than 30 years of experience in the Canadian mining industry. For the

past 22 years, he has been involved in all aspects of junior mining company management from project generation, to finance and executive management. He also has deep global relationships in the mining industry and especially in the Canadian resources investment banking sector.

Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board of Directors.

Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (De Minimis Non-audit Services), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of National Instrument 52-110.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee is authorized by the Board of Directors 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 is authorized to approve in writing any non-audit services or additional work which the Chairman of the Audit Committee deems is necessary, and the Chairman will notify the other members of the Audit Committee of such non-audit or additional work and the reasons for such non-audit work for the Committee's consideration, and if thought fit, approval in writing.

External Auditor Service Fees

The fees billed by the Company's external auditors in each of the last two financial years for audit and non-audit related services provided to the Company or its subsidiaries (if any) are as follows:

Financial Year Ending March 31	Audit Fees (\$)	Audit Related		
		Fees (\$)	Tax Fees (\$)	All other Fees (\$)
2023	10,500	Nil	1,496.25	Nil
2022	10,500	Nil	1,496.25	Nil

Exemption

As a TSX Venture Exchange listed issuer, the Company is exempt from the requirements of Part 3 *Composition of the Audit Committee* and Part 5 *Reporting Obligations* of NI 52-110.

OTHER MATTERS

Management of the Company knows of no amendment, variation or other matter to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice of Meeting. However, if any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, the accompanying proxy will be voted on such matter in accordance

with the best judgment of the person or persons voting the proxy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Financial information is provided in the Company's audited annual financial statements and accompanying management's discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**") for the period from February 8, 2023 (date of incorporation) to March 31, 2021, and its fiscal years ended March 31, 2022, and March 31, 2023.

Under National Instrument 51-102, *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, any person or company who wishes to receive financial statements from the Company may deliver a written request for such material to the Company or the Company's agent, together with a signed statement that the persons or company is the owner of securities of the Company. Shareholders who wish to receive financial statements are encouraged to send the enclosed mail card, together with the completed form of proxy, in the addressed envelope provided, to the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1. The Company will maintain a supplemental mailing list of persons or companies wishing to receive financial statements.

Shareholders may obtain copies of the Company's financial statements and related MD&A by contacting the Company at 3847 Vance Road, Cultus Lake, British Columbia or by telephone at (604) 319-6174. Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

GENERAL

Unless otherwise specified, all matters referred to herein for approval by the Shareholders require a simple majority of the Shareholders voting, in person or by proxy, at the Meeting. Where information contained in this Information Circular, rests specifically within the knowledge of a person other than the Company, the Company has relied upon information furnished by such person.

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved and this mailing has been authorized by the Directors of the Company.

DATED as of the 4th day of August, 2023.

**BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
AVARON MINING CORP.**

"Miloje Vicentijevic"

Miloje Vicentijevic

President and Chief Executive Officer

SCHEDULE A

AVARON MINING CORP. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

1. Mandate and Purpose of the Committee

The Audit Committee (the “**Committee**”) of the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of **Avaron Mining Corp.**, formerly Benz Capital Corp. (the “**Company**”) is a standing committee of the Board whose primary function is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to:

- (a) the integrity of the Company’s financial statements;
- (b) the Company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, as they relate to the Company’s financial statements;
- (c) the qualifications, independence and performance of the Company’s auditor;
- (d) internal controls and disclosure controls;
- (e) the performance of the Company’s internal audit function;
- (f) consideration and approval of certain related party transactions; and
- (g) performing the additional duties set out in this Charter or otherwise delegated to the Committee by the Board.

2. Authority

The Committee has the authority to:

- (i) engage and compensate independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary or advisable to carry out its duties; and
- (ii) communicate directly with the Company’s auditor.

The Committee has the authority to delegate to individual members or subcommittees of the Committee.

3. Composition and Expertise

The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three members, each of whom is a director of the Company. A majority of the Committee’s members must be “independent” and “financially literate” as such terms are defined in applicable securities legislation.

Committee members shall be appointed annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of shareholders. Committee members hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until they are removed by the Board or cease to be directors of the Company.

The Board shall appoint one member of the Committee to act as Chair of the Committee. If the Chair of the Committee is absent from any meeting, the Committee shall select one of the other members of the Committee to preside at that meeting.

4. Meetings

Any member of the Committee or the auditor may call a meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least four times per year and as many additional times as the Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties. The Chair shall develop and set the Committee's agenda, in consultation with other members of the Committee, the Board and senior management.

Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing to each member of the Committee, at least 72 hours (excluding holidays) prior to the time fixed for such meeting. The Company's auditor shall be given notice of every meeting of the Committee and, at the expense of the Company, shall be entitled to attend and be heard thereat. If requested by a member of the Committee, the Company's auditor shall attend every meeting of the Committee held during the term of office of the Company's auditor.

A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. No business may be transacted by the Committee except at a meeting of its members at which a quorum of the Committee is present in person or by means of such telephonic, electronic or other communications facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously. Business may also be transacted by the unanimous written consent resolutions of the members of the Committee, which when so approved shall be deemed to be resolutions passed at a duly called and constituted meeting of the Committee.

The Committee may invite such directors, officers and employees of the Company and advisors as it sees fit from time to time to attend meetings of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet without management present whenever the Committee deems it appropriate.

The Committee shall appoint a Secretary who need not be a director or officer of the Company. Minutes of the meetings of the Committee shall be recorded and maintained by the Secretary and shall be subsequently presented to the Committee for review and approval.

5. Committee and Charter Review

The Committee shall conduct an annual review and assessment of its performance, effectiveness and contribution, including a review of its compliance with this Charter. The Committee shall conduct such review and assessment in such manner as it deems appropriate and report the results thereof to the Board.

The Committee shall also review and assess the adequacy of this Charter on an annual basis, taking into account all legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to the Committee, as well as any guidelines recommended by regulators or the Canadian Securities Exchange and shall recommend changes to the Board thereon.

6. Reporting to the Board

The Committee shall report to the Board in a timely manner with respect to each of its meetings held. This report may take the form of circulating copies of the minutes of each meeting held.

7. Duties and Responsibilities

(a) Financial Reporting

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending approval to the Board of the Company's annual and interim financial statements, MD&A and related news releases, before they are released.

The Committee is also responsible for:

- (i) being satisfied 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, other than the public disclosure referred to in the preceding paragraph, and for periodically assessing the adequacy of those procedures;
- (ii) engaging the Company's auditor to perform a review of the interim financial statements and receiving from the Company's auditor a formal report on the auditor's review of such interim financial statements;
- (iii) discussing with management and the Company's auditor the quality of applicable accounting principles and financial reporting standards, not just the acceptability of thereof;
- (iv) discussing with management any significant variances between comparative reporting periods; and
- (v) in the course of discussion with management and the Company's auditor, identifying problems or areas of concern and ensuring such matters are satisfactorily resolved.

(b) Auditor

The Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board:

- (i) the 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
- (ii) the compensation of the Company's auditor.

The Company's auditor reports directly to the Committee. The Committee is directly responsible for overseeing the work of the Company's 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 Company's auditor regarding financial reporting.

(c) Relationship with the Auditor

The Committee is responsible for reviewing the proposed audit plan and proposed audit fees. The Committee is also responsible for:

- (i) establishing effective communication processes with management and the Company's auditor so that it can objectively monitor the quality and effectiveness of the auditor's relationship with management and the Committee;
- (ii) receiving and reviewing regular feedback from the auditor on the progress against the approved audit plan, important findings, recommendations for improvements and the auditor's final report;
- (iii) reviewing, at least annually, a report from the auditor on all relationships and engagements for non-audit services that may be reasonably thought to bear on the independence of the auditor; and
- (iv) meeting in camera with the auditor whenever the Committee deems it appropriate.

(d) Accounting Policies

The Committee is responsible for:

- (i) reviewing the Company's accounting policy note to ensure completeness and acceptability with applicable accounting principles and financial reporting standards as part of the approval of the financial statements;
- (ii) discussing and reviewing the impact of proposed changes in accounting standards or securities policies or regulations;
- (iii) reviewing with management and the auditor any proposed changes in major accounting policies and key estimates and judgments that may be material to financial reporting;
- (iv) discussing with management and the auditor the acceptability, degree of aggressiveness/conservatism and quality of underlying accounting policies and key estimates and judgments; and
- (v) discussing with management and the auditor the clarity and completeness of the Company's financial disclosures.

(e) Risk and Uncertainty

The Committee is responsible for reviewing, as part of its approval of the financial statements:

- (i) uncertainty notes and disclosures; and
- (ii) MD&A disclosures.

The Committee, in consultation with management, will identify the principal business risks and decide on the Company's "appetite" for risk. The Committee is responsible for reviewing related risk management policies and recommending such policies for approval by the Board. The Committee is then responsible for communicating and assigning to the applicable Board committee such policies for implementation and ongoing monitoring.

The Committee is responsible for requesting the auditor's opinion of management's assessment of significant risks facing the Company and how effectively they are managed or controlled.

(f) Controls and Control Deviations

The Committee is responsible for reviewing:

- (i) the plan and scope of the annual audit with respect to planned reliance and testing of controls; and
- (ii) major points contained in the auditor's management letter resulting from control evaluation and testing.

The Committee is also responsible for receiving reports from management when significant control deviations occur.

(g) Compliance with Laws and Regulations

The Committee is responsible for reviewing regular reports from management and others (e.g. auditors) concerning the Company's compliance with financial related laws and regulations, such as:

- (i) tax and financial reporting laws and regulations;
- (ii) legal withholdings requirements;
- (iii) environmental protection laws; and
- (iv) other matters for which directors face liability exposure.

(h) Related Party Transactions

All transactions between the Company and a related party (each a "related party transaction"), other than transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business, shall be presented to the Committee for consideration.

The term "related party" includes (i) all directors, officers, employees, consultants and their associates (as that term is defined in the Securities Act (British Columbia)), as well as all entities with common directors, officers, employees and consultants (each "general

related parties”), and (ii) all other individuals and entities having beneficial ownership of, or control or direction over, directly or indirectly securities of the Company carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all of the Company’s outstanding voting securities (each “10% shareholders”).

Related party transactions involving general related parties which are not material to the Company require review and approval by the Committee. Related party transactions that are material to the Company or that involve 10% shareholders require approval by the Board, following review thereof by the Committee and the Committee providing its recommendation thereon to the Board.

8. Non-Audit Services

All non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiary entities by the Company’s auditor must be pre-approved by the Committee.

9. Submission Systems and Treatment of Complaints

The Committee is responsible for establishing 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 Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing complaints and concerns that are brought to the attention of the Chair of the Audit Committee and for ensuring that any such complaints and concerns are appropriately addressed. The Committee shall report quarterly to the Board on the status of any complaints or concerns received by the Committee.

10. Procedure for Reporting of Fraud or Control Weaknesses

Each employee is expected to report situations in which he or she suspects fraud or is aware of any internal control weaknesses. An employee should treat suspected fraud seriously, and ensure that the situation is brought to the attention of the Committee. In addition, weaknesses in the internal control procedures of the Company that may result in errors or omissions in financial information, or that create a risk of potential fraud or loss of the Company’s assets, should be brought to the attention of both management and the Committee.

To facilitate the reporting of suspected fraud, it is the policy of Company that the employee (the “whistleblower”) has anonymous and direct access to the Chair of the Audit Committee. Should a new Chair be appointed prior to the updating of this document, current Chair will ensure that the whistleblower is able to reach the new Chair in a timely manner. In the event that the Chair of the Audit Committee cannot be reached, the whistleblower should contact the Chair of the Board of Directors. Access to the names and place of employment of the Company’s Directors can be found in the Company’s website.

In addition, it is the policy of the Company that employees concerned about reporting internal control weaknesses directly to management are able to report such weaknesses to the Committee anonymously. In this case, the employee should follow the same procedure detailed above for reporting suspected fraud.

11. Hiring Policies

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former auditor of the Company.