



WESTERN ENERGY SERVICES CORP.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

to be held on April 26, 2018

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

AND PROXY STATEMENT

Dated March 23, 2018



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given of the 2018 annual meeting of shareholders (the “**Annual Meeting**”) of Western Energy Services Corp. (“**Western**”).

Date: April 26, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

Place: The Calgary Petroleum Club, Viking Room, 319 – 5th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0L5

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, shareholders will be asked to do the following:

1. **Financial Statements:**
Receive the audited financial statements of Western for the financial year ended December 31, 2017 and the auditor’s report thereon.
2. **Directors:**
Elect the board of directors of Western for the ensuing year.
3. **Auditors:**
Appoint Deloitte LLP, of Calgary, Alberta, as Western’s independent auditors for the ensuing year and authorize the directors to set their compensation.
4. **Other Business:**
Consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The accompanying Management Information Circular and Proxy Statement provides further details on the matters proposed to be put before the 2018 Annual Meeting.

You have the right to vote

The board of directors of Western has set the close of business on March 19, 2018 as the record date for determining those shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important

The accompanying Management Information Circular and Proxy Statement provides instructions on the various methods that a Western shareholder can use to have their Common Shares voted at the meeting including instructions regarding voting in person, by mail, by internet or by phone.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(signed) “*Jeremy Matthies*”

Jeremy Matthies

VP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Calgary, Alberta

March 23, 2018



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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR AND PROXY STATEMENT

PROXIES & VOTING

Solicitation of Proxies

The 2018 annual meeting of shareholders of Western Energy Services Corp. will be held as follows:

Date: April 26, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

Place: The Calgary Petroleum Club, Viking Room, 319 – 5th Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0L5

This Management Information Circular and Proxy Statement (the "**Information Circular**") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Western Energy Services Corp. (the "**Corporation**" or "**Western**") for use at the annual meeting of holders ("**Shareholders**") of common shares ("**Common Shares**") of the Corporation (the "**Annual Meeting**"). Solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but some proxies may be solicited at a nominal cost personally or by telephone, facsimile transmission or other electronic means by directors, officers, or employees of Western who will not be specifically remunerated for such activities. The cost of solicitation will be borne by Western.

Delivery of Meeting Materials to Beneficial Shareholders

The materials for the Annual Meeting are being sent to both registered Shareholders and beneficial Shareholders. If a beneficial Shareholder receives the meeting materials from Western or its agent, that beneficial Shareholder's name and address and information about his or her holdings of securities has been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding the beneficial Shareholder's Common Shares on the beneficial Shareholder's behalf. By choosing to send the meeting materials to the beneficial Shareholder directly, Western (and not the intermediary holding on the beneficial Shareholder's behalf) has assumed responsibility for (a) delivering the meeting materials to the beneficial Shareholder, and (b) executing the beneficial Shareholder's proper voting instructions. Beneficial Shareholders are kindly asked to return their voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions.

Exercise of Discretion by Proxy

The Common Shares represented by the form of proxy or voting instruction form, as applicable (together, the "**Proxy**"), delivered to Shareholders by Western with the notice of the Annual Meeting and Information Circular will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder, if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon. The persons appointed under the Proxy are conferred with discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations of those matters specified in the proxy and notice of meeting and with respect to any other matters which may properly be brought before the shareholder meeting or any adjournment thereof, in accordance with their best judgement. As of the date of this Information Circular, management of Western knows of no such amendment, variation, or other matter.

Unless otherwise specified, proxies in the accompanying form will be voted in favour of:

1. Electing the nominees proposed by Western, as hereinafter set forth, as directors of Western (provided that in the event that a vacancy among such nominees occurs because of death or for any other reason prior to the shareholder meeting, the persons named as proxies reserve the right to vote for other nominees at their discretion); and
2. Re-appointing Deloitte LLP as the auditors of Western.

Methods of Voting

Registered Shareholder Voting	Beneficial Shareholder Voting
You are a registered holder if your Common Shares are held in your name and you have a physical Common Share certificate in your possession or you have a book entry only statement indicating that the Common Shares are registered in your name. <u>Voting Options</u> 1. In person at the Annual Meeting (see below) 2. By Proxy (see below) 3. By telephone (see enclosed Proxy) 4. By internet (see enclosed Proxy) <u>Voting in Person</u> If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting <i>and want to vote your Common Shares in person</i>, do not complete or return the enclosed Proxy. Your vote will be taken and counted at the meeting. Please register with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, when you arrive at the meeting to ensure that your vote will be counted. <u>Voting by Proxy</u> Whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting, you can appoint someone else to attend and vote as your proxy holder. Use the enclosed Proxy to do this. The people named in the enclosed Proxy are members of management. <i>You have the right to choose another person to be your proxy holder by printing that person's name in the space provided.</i> Then complete the rest of the Proxy, sign it and return it. Your votes can only be counted if the person you appoint attends the Annual Meeting and votes on your behalf. <i>If you have voted by proxy, you may not vote in person at the Annual Meeting, unless you properly revoke your proxy.</i> Return your completed Proxy in the envelope provided so that it arrives not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the holding of the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. <u>Revoking your Proxy</u> <i>You may revoke your Proxy at any time before it is acted on.</i> To do so, you can deliver a written statement that you want to revoke your Proxy (which includes another proper Proxy with a later date) to our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, in accordance with the instructions set out in the Proxy provided not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the holding of the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Or, you can revoke your Proxy by delivering a properly executed instrument in writing at the registered office of the corporation at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Annual Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or with the Chair of the Annual Meeting on the day of the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, and upon either of such deposits, the Proxy is revoked.	You are a beneficial holder if your Common Shares are held in the name of a nominee. That is, your Common Share certificate was deposited with, or you purchased and continue to hold your Common Shares through, a bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or other institution. <u>Voting Options</u> 1. In person at the Annual Meeting (see below) 2. By voting instruction form (see below) 3. By telephone (see enclosed voting instruction form) 4. By internet (see enclosed voting instruction form) <u>Voting in Person</u> If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting <i>and wish to vote your Common Shares in person</i>, insert your own name in the space on the enclosed voting instruction form. Then follow the signing and return instructions provided in that form. Your vote will be taken and counted at the Annual Meeting, so do not indicate your votes on the form. Please register with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, when you arrive at the Annual Meeting to ensure that your vote will be counted. <u>Voting by Voting Instruction Form</u> Whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting, you can appoint someone else to attend and vote as your proxy holder. Use the enclosed voting instruction form to do this. The people named in the enclosed voting instruction form are members of management. <i>You have the right to choose another person to be your proxy holder by printing that person's name in the space provided.</i> Then complete the rest of the form, sign it and return it. Your votes can only be counted if the person you appointed attends the Annual Meeting and votes on your behalf. <i>If you have voted on the voting instruction form, neither you nor your proxy holder may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, unless you properly revoke your proxy.</i> Computershare Trust Company of Canada (Computershare), must receive your completed proxy form not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the holding of the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. If you are a beneficial shareholder your deadline is likely sooner, in order for your nominee to have time to deliver your instructions to our transfer agent. You will need to send your voting instructions to your financial intermediary (your bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or other institution) using the voting instruction form in your package. <u>Revoking your Proxy</u> <i>You may revoke your proxy before it is acted on.</i> Follow the procedures provided by your nominee. Your nominee will likely need to receive your request to revoke your instructions not less than 72 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the holding of the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof in order for your nominee to have time to deliver your instructions to our transfer agent.

Record Date

The board of directors of Western (the "**Board**") has fixed the record date for the Annual Meeting at the close of business on March 19, 2018. Only Shareholders of record as at that date are entitled to receive notice of the Annual Meeting. Shareholders of record will be entitled to vote those Common Shares owned as at the record date, unless any such Shareholder transfers such shareholder's Common Shares after the record date and the transferee of those Common Shares establishes that the transferee owns them and demands, not later than 10 days before the Annual Meeting, that the transferee's name be included in the list of shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, in which case such transferee shall be entitled to vote such Common Shares at the Annual Meeting.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

Quorum

A quorum of Shareholders is present at a meeting of Shareholders if at least two (2) persons are present holding or representing not less than twenty-five (25) percent of the Common Shares entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting.

Outstanding Shares

The authorized share capital of Western consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares of Western ("**Preferred Shares**"). As at March 23, 2018, the Corporation had 92,177,098 Common Shares issued and outstanding and no Preferred Shares issued and outstanding. Each Common Share carries the right to one vote at meetings of the Shareholders of Western.

Principal Shareholders

As of the date of this Information Circular, the directors and officers of Western are not aware of anyone who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to any class of outstanding voting securities of Western entitled to be voted at the Annual Meeting except as set forth in the following table, which is based on publicly available information:

Name of Shareholder and Municipality of Residence	Common Shares Owned, Controlled or Directed	Percentage of Common Shares ⁽¹⁾
MATCO Investments Ltd. Calgary, Alberta, Canada ⁽²⁾	12,283,785	13.33%
Fidelity Management & Research Company, and certain of its affiliates (collectively, " Fidelity ") Boston, Massachusetts, USA ⁽³⁾	10,905,089	11.83%

Notes:

- (1) Based on 92,177,098 issued and outstanding Common Shares as at March 23, 2018.
- (2) Based on publicly available information whereby as at January 15, 2018 MATCO Investments Ltd. reported (pursuant to the Early Warning System – Alternative Monthly Report filed on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("**SEDAR**")) that it held 11,633,785 Common Shares and subsequently on January 17, 2018 an additional 650,000 Common Shares were acquired by MATCO Investments Ltd. as reported on the system for electronic disclosure by insiders.
- (3) Based on publicly available information whereby as at August 9, 2017 Fidelity reported (pursuant to the Early Warning System – Alternative Monthly Report filed on SEDAR that it held 10,905,089 Common Shares.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE MEETING

Financial Statements

Western will place before the Shareholders at the Annual Meeting the audited consolidated financial statements of Western for the financial years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and the auditor's report thereon. No vote by the Shareholders with respect to this matter is required. National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, (the "**Instrument**") provides that Western is no longer required to send annual or interim financial statements or the management's discussion and analysis relating thereto to its registered and beneficial Shareholders unless they request copies of same. However, the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) requires that

annual financial statements be sent to each registered Shareholder unless waived in writing by the registered Shareholder. The Instrument also provides that Western must send annually a request form to its registered and beneficial Shareholders that may be used by such shareholders to request any or all of the annual and interim financial statements and the management's discussion and analysis relating thereto. Shareholders are encouraged to review and, if action is desired, send the enclosed return cards to Computershare Trust Company of Canada, Proxy Department, 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1; Fax 1 (866) 249-7775. A copy of annual financial statements of the Corporation are available under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com and on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca.

Election of Directors

The affairs of the Corporation are managed by the Board who are elected annually for a one (1) year term at each annual meeting of Shareholders and who hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are duly elected or appointed, or until a director vacates his or her office or is replaced in accordance with the articles and by-laws of the Corporation. The Board has fixed the number of directors to be elected at the meeting at five (5) and the following persons are proposed to be nominated for election as directors of Western at the Annual Meeting. All five (5) director nominees are currently directors of the Corporation. See "Director Nominees" in this Information Circular for additional information on the director nominees.

Director Nominees

Donald D. Copeland	Alex R.N. MacAusland
Lorne A. Gartner	Ronald P. Mathison
John R. Rooney	

It is the intention of the persons named in the Proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such Proxy, to vote such Proxies FOR the election of the nominees described above as directors of Western. It is not contemplated that nominees will be unable to serve as directors, but, if that should occur for any reason prior to the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed Proxy reserve the right to vote for other nominees at their discretion.

The Board has concluded that each nominee is well qualified to serve on the Board. The nominees have the relevant expertise essential to ensure appropriate strategic direction and oversight. Each director nominee has confirmed his eligibility and willingness to serve as a director if elected. Each enclosed Proxy and the voting instruction form for beneficial holders provides for Shareholders to vote for each director individually. In addition, the Corporation has adopted a majority voting policy in respect of the election of directors which is described below.

Majority Voting

The Board has adopted an individual voting standard for the election of directors. Under such individual voting standard, in the event that any nominee for election receives more "withheld" votes than "for" votes at any meeting at which Shareholders vote on the uncontested election of directors, the nominee must immediately submit his or her resignation to the Board and the Board shall determine whether or not to accept the resignation within 90 days after the meeting. A director who tenders their resignation will not participate in any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof while his or her resignation is being considered. Once a decision is made, Western will promptly issue a news release outlining the Board's reasons for either accepting or rejecting the director's resignation. Such resignation shall be effective when accepted by the Board.

Appointment of the Auditor

The Shareholders will also be asked to approve, by ordinary resolution the appointment of Deloitte LLP of Calgary, Alberta, to serve as auditor of Western until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration. Deloitte LLP has been the auditor of Western since January 12, 2010. Should Deloitte LLP for any reason be unwilling or unable to accept re-appointment, the Board will exercise their discretion to appoint an alternate auditor.

For a breakdown of the "audit fees", "audit-related fees", "tax fees" and "all other fees" paid to Deloitte LLP by Western in fiscal 2017 and 2016, please see "Audit Committee Information – Auditor Service Fees" in Western's annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2017 dated February 21, 2018 which can be found under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com.

It is the intention of the persons named in the Proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such Proxy, to vote such proxies FOR the appointment of Deloitte LLP as auditor of Western.

Other Business

Management is not aware of any matters to come before the Annual Meeting other than those set out in the Notice of Meeting. If other matters come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the individuals named in the Proxy to vote the same in accordance with their best judgment in such matters.

DIRECTOR NOMINEES

The following table sets forth, for each nominee: their name, age, municipality, province or state and country of residence; their committee memberships; all positions and offices with Western now held by them; the period during which they have served as a director; other public company board memberships; their principal occupation for the last 5 years along with a brief biography; and the number and percentage of Common Shares that they have advised are beneficially owned, controlled or directed by them, directly or indirectly, as of March 23, 2018.

Each of the directors listed below were elected for a one (1) year term and will hold their office until their successors are duly elected or appointed, or until they resign or are replaced in accordance with the articles and by-laws of the Corporation.

Donald D. Copeland ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Age: 64 Victoria, B.C. Canada Director since June 17, 2011 Independent ⁽⁴⁾ Health, Safety and Environment Committee Chair	Mr. Copeland is an independent businessman. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Copeland was the Chair of Stoneham Drilling Trust. Previously, he founded and served as the CEO, Chair and director of a number of corporations, both in the producing sector and oilfield services sector of the crude oil and natural gas industry. Mr. Copeland received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Calgary. He is a graduate of the Director's Education Program sponsored by the Institute of Corporate Directors.				
Areas of Expertise	2017 Board/Committee Membership		Attendance at Meetings during 2017		
- Operational Management	Board		8 of 9	89%	
- Environment, Health & Safety	Audit		4 of 4	100%	
- Corporate Governance / Board Member	Corporate Governance and Compensation		5 of 5	100%	
- Sales & Marketing	Health, Safety and Environment		4 of 4	100%	
- Mergers & Acquisitions	Other Public Company Board Memberships			Public Board Interlocks	
- Engineering	Toscana Energy Income Corporation			None	
- Capital/Financial Markets	Securities Held				
- Management Information Systems / IT	Common Shares	Percentage ⁽⁵⁾	Total Market Value of Common Shares ⁽⁶⁾		
- International Business Experience	864,081	0.94%	\$950,489		
- Compensation	Options Held				
	Date Granted	Expiry Date	Outstanding	Grant Price	Value of In-the-Money Unexercised Options ⁽⁷⁾
	Feb 11/14	Feb 10/19	10,000	\$7.76	-
	Aug 14/15	Aug 13/20	16,250	\$5.03	-
	Aug 16/16	Aug 15/21	11,500	\$3.30	-
	Aug 23/17	Aug 22/22	9,700	\$1.24	-
	RSUs Held				
	Outstanding	Value of Outstanding RSUs ⁽⁸⁾			
	9,366	\$10,303			
	Voting Results of 2017 Annual Meeting	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast	
		42,433,993 95.58%	1,963,620 4.42%	44,397,613	

Lorne A. Gartner⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
Age: 68
Calgary, Alberta Canada
Director since June 16, 2011
Independent⁽⁴⁾
Audit Committee Chair

Mr. Gartner is an independent businessman. Formerly, Mr. Gartner was a Managing Director of Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets, a position he held from 2000 to 2006. Prior to that time, Mr. Gartner was a Vice President of Royal Bank of Canada, Calgary Energy Group.

Areas of Expertise

- Commercial Banking
- Capital/Financial Markets
- Financial & Accounting
- Mergers & Acquisitions

2017 Board/Committee Membership		Attendance at Meetings during 2017		
Board		8 of 9	89%	
Audit		4 of 4	100%	
Health, Safety and Environment		4 of 4	100%	
Other Public Company Board Memberships		Public Board Interlocks		
Calfrac Well Services Ltd.		Messrs. Gartner and Mathison are both board members of Calfrac Well Services Ltd.		
Securities Held				
Common Shares	Percentage ⁽⁵⁾	Total Market Value of Common Shares ⁽⁶⁾		
169,935	0.18%	\$186,929		
Options Held				
Date Granted	Expiry Date	Outstanding	Grant Price	Value of In-the-Money Unexercised Options ⁽⁷⁾
Feb 11/14	Feb 10/19	10,000	\$7.76	-
Aug 14/15	Aug 13/20	16,250	\$5.03	-
Aug 16/16	Aug 15/21	11,500	\$3.30	-
Aug 23/17	Aug 22/22	9,700	\$1.24	-
RSUs Held				
Outstanding		Value of Outstanding RSUs ⁽⁸⁾		
9,366		\$10,303		
Voting Results of 2017 Annual Meeting		Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast
		41,853,013 94.27%	2,544,600 5.73%	44,397,613

Alex R.N. MacAusland⁽¹⁾
Age: 50
Calgary, Alberta Canada
Director since December 1, 2013
Not Independent⁽⁹⁾

Mr. MacAusland, a founder of Western, has over 27 years of management and operational experience in the oilfield services industry in western Canada and the United States. Prior to being appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Western on December 1, 2013, Mr. MacAusland was the President and Chief Operating Officer of Western from December 8, 2009 to December 1, 2013. Prior thereto, Mr. MacAusland was the President and CEO of Horizon Drilling Inc., a western Canadian based contract drilling provider, from 2008 until 2009. Prior to that Mr. MacAusland was the Senior Vice President of IROC Energy Services Corp., overseeing Eagle Well Servicing, Mission Drilling and Aero Rentals from 2006 until 2008. Prior to that, Mr. MacAusland was at Precision Drilling Corporation ("Precision") for 15 years in various capacities including Rig Manager and Contract Sales, followed by General Manager and then Vice President Operations responsible for Precision's well servicing rig fleet, snubbing, camp and catering divisions. Mr. MacAusland holds a Bachelors' degree in Political Science and Economics from St. Thomas University.

Areas of Expertise

- Operational Management
- Capital/Financial Markets
- Financial & Accounting
- Human Resource Management
- Environment, Health & Safety
- Legal Obligations / Requirements
- Corporate Governance / Board Member
- Sales & Marketing
- Mergers & Acquisitions

2017 Board/Committee Membership		Attendance at Meetings during 2017		
Board		9 of 9	100%	
Health, Safety and Environment		4 of 4	100%	
Other Public Company Board Memberships		Public Board Interlocks		
None		None		
Securities Held				
Common Shares	Percentage ⁽⁵⁾	Total Market Value of Common Shares ⁽⁶⁾		
1,057,894	1.15%	\$1,163,683		
Options Held ⁽¹⁰⁾				
Date Granted	Expiry Date	Outstanding	Grant Price	Value of In-the-Money Unexercised Options ⁽⁷⁾
Feb 11/14	Feb 10/19	200,000	\$7.76	-
Aug 15/14	Aug 14/19	160,000	\$10.06	-
Aug 14/15	Aug 13/20	278,500	\$5.03	-
Aug 16/16	Aug 15/21	199,500	\$3.30	-
Aug 23/17	Aug 22/22	164,600	\$1.24	-

RSUs Held ⁽¹⁰⁾				
Outstanding		Value of Outstanding RSUs ⁽⁸⁾		
22,386		\$24,625		
Voting Results of 2017 Annual Meeting	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast	
	44,336,433	99.86%	61,180	0.14%
			44,397,613	

Ronald P. Mathison⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Age: 61
Calgary, Alberta Canada
Director since
December 17, 2010
Independent⁽⁴⁾
Chairman of the Board

Mr. Mathison is one of the Corporation's founders and has served as a member of its board of directors and as Chairman since the Corporation's formation in 1999. Mr. Mathison is the Chairman of MATCO Investments Ltd., a private investment holding company which invests in the oil and gas and oilfield services industries, in real estate and in selected other opportunities. MATCO may provide both capital and management expertise, depending on the context. Mr. Mathison has extensive experience in financing corporations and in executing business transactions, in both the public and private markets. Until October of 2000, Mr. Mathison was a director and principal of Peters & Co. Limited, an investment firm specializing in the energy industry. Prior thereto, Mr. Mathison and two other individuals formed the nucleus of Peters & Co. Capital, a private merchant banking entity that is widely associated with numerous restructurings of oil and natural gas exploration and production companies and oilfield service companies. Mr. Mathison received a B.Comm. (Honours) from the University of Manitoba in 1979. He obtained his Chartered Accountant designation in 1982 and he was granted his Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants in 2015. Mr. Mathison also holds the designation of Chartered Business Valuator, obtained in 1989; and is a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder, earned in 1990.

Areas of Expertise

- Capital/Financial Markets
- Financial & Accounting
- Commercial Banking
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Legal Obligations / Requirements
- Corporate Governance / Board Member
- International Business Experience

2017 Board/Committee Membership		Attendance at Meetings during 2017		
Board		9 of 9		100%
Audit		4 of 4		100%
Corporate Governance and Compensation		4 of 5		80%
Other Public Company Board Memberships		Public Board Interlocks		
Calfrac Well Services Ltd.		Messrs. Mathison and Gartner are both board members of Calfrac Well Services Ltd.		
Yellowhead Mining Inc.				
Securities Held				
Common Shares ⁽¹¹⁾	Percentage ⁽⁵⁾	Total Market Value of Common Shares ⁽⁶⁾		
12,283,785	13.33%	\$13,512,164		
Options Held				
Date Granted	Expiry Date	Outstanding	Grant Price	Value of In-the-Money Unexercised Options ⁽⁷⁾
Feb 11/14	Feb 10/19	10,000	\$7.76	-
Aug 14/15	Aug 13/20	16,250	\$5.03	-
Aug 16/16	Aug 15/21	11,500	\$3.30	-
Aug 23/17	Aug 22/22	9,700	\$1.24	-
RSUs Held				
Outstanding	Value of Outstanding RSUs ⁽⁸⁾			
12,322	\$13,554			
Voting Results of 2017 Annual Meeting	Votes For	Votes Withheld		Total Votes Cast
	42,423,625 95.55%	1,973,988	4.45%	44,397,613

John R. Rooney⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Age: 61
Calgary, Alberta Canada
Director since
December 22, 2009
Independent⁽⁴⁾
Governance and Compensation
Committee Chair

Mr. Rooney is an independent businessman and was the Chair and CEO of Northern Blizzard Resources Inc., a publicly traded crude oil and gas company, from November 2009 to June 2017 and was acting CEO from June 2017 until November 2017. From December 2007 to April 2009, Mr. Rooney was the CEO of TUSK Energy Inc. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Rooney was the President and CEO of Zenas Energy Inc. Mr. Rooney is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Business Valuator.

Areas of Expertise

- Operational Management
- Capital/Financial Markets
- Financial & Accounting
- Legal Obligations / Requirements
- Corporate Governance / Board Member
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Compensation

2017 Board/Committee Memberships		Attendance at Meetings during 2017		
Board		9 of 9	100%	
Corporate Governance and Compensation		5 of 5	100%	
Health, Safety and Environment		4 of 4	100%	
Other Public Company Board Memberships		Public Board Interlocks		
None		None		
Securities Held				
Common Shares	Percentage ⁽⁵⁾	Total Market Value of Common Shares ⁽⁶⁾		
617,144	0.67%	\$678,858		
Options Held				
Date Granted	Expiry Date	Outstanding	Grant Price	Value of In-the-Money Unexercised Options ⁽⁷⁾
Feb 11/14	Feb 10/19	10,000	\$7.76	-
Aug 14/15	Aug 13/20	16,250	\$5.03	-
Aug 16/16	Aug 15/21	11,500	\$3.30	-
Aug 23/17	Aug 22/22	9,700	\$1.24	-
RSUs Held				
Outstanding	Value of Outstanding RSUs ⁽⁸⁾			
9,366	\$10,303			
Voting Results of 2017 Annual Meeting	Votes For	Votes Withheld		Total Votes Cast
	42,412,569 95.53%	1,985,044	4.47%	44,397,613

Notes:

- (1) Member of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee.
- (2) Member of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee.
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (4) "Independent" refers to the standards of independence set forth within Section 1.4 of National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110").
- (5) Percentage of Common Shares beneficially owned is calculated based on an aggregate of 92,177,098 Common Shares outstanding as of March 23, 2018.
- (6) Total Market Value of Common Shares was determined by multiplying the number of Common Shares held by each director nominee as of March 23, 2018 by \$1.10, which was the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on that date.
- (7) Based on the difference between the March 23, 2018 closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX of \$1.10 per share and the grant price of the Option (as defined herein).
- (8) Value of the outstanding RSUs (not including Cash RSUs as defined herein) was determined by multiplying the number of RSUs held by each director nominee as of March 23, 2018 by \$1.10, which was the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on March 23, 2018.
- (9) Mr. MacAusland is not independent as he is the President and CEO of the Corporation.
- (10) Mr. MacAusland was granted Options and RSUs for serving as an officer of the Corporation.
- (11) These Common Shares are held indirectly through Matco Investments Ltd. and Matco Capital Ltd.

As at March 23, 2018, the directors and officers of Western, as a group, beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over 16,061,779 Common Shares, or approximately 17.42% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, based on 92,177,098 issued and outstanding Common Shares. As at March 23, 2018, the directors and officers of Western, as a group, had outstanding stock options to purchase 3,565,517 Common Shares ("Options") and 116,562 equity settled restricted Common Share units ("RSUs").

Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

Except as set forth below, none of the proposed directors is, or has been in the last 10 years: (a) a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including Western) that: (i) was subject to a cease trade

order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemptions under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued while the proposed director was acting in that capacity; or (ii) was subject to a cease trade 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, that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (b) a director or executive officer of any company (including Western) that, while that proposed director was acting in that capacity, or 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.

Mr. Mathison indirectly holds a controlling interest in Riverside Quays Limited Partnership ("**RQLP**") a private Alberta limited partnership that was involved in the construction and sale of a 700-unit condominium project in Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Mathison is a director of Statesman Riverside Quays Ltd. ("**SRQL**"), the former general partner of RQLP. SRQL, without Mr. Mathison's authorization or approval, caused RQLP to default on its loan obligations to its lender and, on December 15, 2010, the lender obtained a court order appointing a receiver of SRQL and RQLP. Mr. Mathison subsequently arranged for the full payout of the loan to RQLP's lender and for the appointment of a new general partner of RQLP. The receiver of SRQL and RQLP was discharged.

Messrs. Mathison and Gartner were directors of Tesla Exploration Ltd. ("**Tesla**"). On July 25, 2016, Messrs. Mathison and Gartner resigned as directors of Tesla and Tesla was placed into receivership by its Canadian credit facility lender.

None of the proposed directors has, within the last 10 years, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangements or compromises with creditors, or had a receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold his assets.

No proposed director has been subject to: (i) 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 (ii) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable security holder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Each director who is not an employee of Western receives an annual retainer of \$60,000 to be inclusive of meeting fees. The independent Chair of the Board is paid an additional retainer of \$20,000 to be inclusive of meeting fees and a \$15,000 additional annual retainer is paid to the Chair of the Audit Committee and a \$10,000 additional annual retainer is paid to each of the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee and the Chair of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee.

Miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by the directors in carrying out their duties are to be reimbursed by Western.

Director Compensation Table

The following table sets forth particulars concerning all amounts of compensation provided to the non-management directors for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Name ⁽¹⁾	Fees Earned (\$)	Share-based Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Option-based Awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Pension Value (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Donald D. Copeland	70,000	21,700	3,298	-	-	-	94,998
Lorne A. Gartner	75,000	21,700	3,298	-	-	-	99,998
Ronald P. Mathison	80,000	27,776	3,298	-	-	-	111,074
John R. Rooney	70,000	21,700	3,298	-	-	-	94,998

Notes:

- (1) Information for Mr. MacAusland, President and Chief Executive Officer of Western, is provided under "*Compensation of Named Executive Officers - Summary Compensation Table*".
- (2) Represents the fair value of the share-based awards granted during the 2017 fiscal year. The fair value of the share-based awards granted to directors pursuant to the RSU Plan (as defined herein) is a theoretical expected value calculated at the date of grant by multiplying the number of RSUs or Cash RSUs granted by the closing price of Common Shares on the date before the grant date. The closing price on the date before the grant of the RSUs in 2017 was \$1.24. All share-based awards granted to directors in 2017 were Cash RSUs (as defined herein).
- (3) The grant date fair value of option-based awards granted to each director pursuant to the Option Plan (as defined herein) is \$0.34 for options issued on August 23, 2017. The grant date fair value for compensation disclosure purposes is calculated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: (i) average risk-free of 1.25%; (ii) average expected life of 2.0 years; (iii) volatility of 49%; and (iv) expected dividend yield of 0%. This methodology is consistent with the method used to estimate the fair value of Options in Western's financial statements.

Summary of Board Meeting Attendance

During 2017, Board and committee meeting attendance was 100 per cent but for three Directors whom each missed one meeting during the year. In addition, the following does not reflect the attendance by directors at meetings of committees of which they are not members. However, directors are encouraged to, and frequently do, attend various committee meetings even though they are not members of such committees.

Director	Board Meetings Attended		Audit Committee Meetings Attended		Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee Meetings Attended		Health, Safety and Environment Committee Meetings Attended	
Donald D. Copeland	8 of 9	89%	4 of 4	100%	5 of 5	100%	4 of 4	100%
Lorne A. Gartner	8 of 9	89%	4 of 4	100%	N/A	N/A	4 of 4	100%
Alex R.N. MacAusland	9 of 9	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4 of 4	100%
Ronald P. Mathison	9 of 9	100%	4 of 4	100%	4 of 5	80%	N/A	N/A
John R. Rooney	9 of 9	100%	N/A	N/A	5 of 5	100%	4 of 4	100%

Note:

- (1) The foregoing does not reflect the attendance by the CEO at meetings of committees. The CEO is not a member of the Audit Committee or Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee, but was invited, by the respective Chair of each committee, to attend the meetings of each such committee. Notwithstanding the attendance of the CEO at such meetings, each committee held an in camera session at each meeting without the CEO present.

Incentive Plan Awards

Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table sets forth all awards outstanding at December 31, 2017 made to the non-management directors. Information on the share-based awards and option-based awards granted to Mr. MacAusland who currently serves as a director and officer of the Corporation can be found in the section "*Compensation of Named Executive Officers*" in the sub-section "*Incentive Plan Awards*" under the heading "*Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards*".

Option Based Awards					Share-Based Awards ⁽¹⁾		
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Value of Unexercised in-the-money Options ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Number of Shares or Units of Shares that have not Vested (#)	Market or Payout Value of Share-based Awards ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	Market or Payout Value of Vested Share-Based Awards not Paid Out or Distributed (\$)
Donald D. Copeland	10,000	7.76	Feb 10, 2019	-	26,866	33,851	-
	16,250	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	11,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	9,700	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	194			
Lorne A. Gartner	10,000	7.76	Feb 10, 2019	-	26,866	33,851	-
	16,250	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	11,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	9,700	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	194			
Ronald P. Mathison	10,000	7.76	Feb 10, 2019	-	34,722	43,750	-
	16,250	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	11,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	9,700	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	194			
John R. Rooney	10,000	7.76	Feb 10, 2019	-	26,866	33,851	-
	16,250	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	11,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	9,700	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	194			

Notes:

- (1) Includes RSUs and Cash RSUs (as defined below).
- (2) Based on the closing share price of the Common Shares on December 31, 2017 of \$1.26.
- (3) Consists of RSUs granted pursuant to the RSU Plan (as defined herein).
- (4) The fair value of the share-based awards granted to directors pursuant to the RSU Plan (as defined herein) is a theoretical expected value calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs held by the closing price of Common Shares on the calculation date of such RSUs, being \$1.26 on December 31, 2017.

Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth particulars concerning each incentive plan awards granted to each of the non-management directors for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Name	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested During the Year ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Share-based Awards – Value Vested During the Year ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value Earned During the Year (\$)
Donald D. Copeland	-	11,123	70,000
Lorne A. Gartner	-	11,123	75,000
Ronald P. Mathison	-	14,690	80,000
John R. Rooney	-	11,123	70,000

Notes:

- (1) Represents the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the Options under the option-based award had been exercised on the vesting date based on the difference between the closing market price of the Common Shares on the vesting date and the exercise price of the Options.
- (2) Includes RSUs and Cash RSUs, as applicable, the aggregate dollar value realized upon vesting of share-based awards. The value is based on the market value of the underlying Common Shares on the vesting date.

The significant terms of all incentive plan awards can be found in "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans" in this Information Circular.

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee

The Board established the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee which is responsible to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the adequacy and form of the compensation for Western's officers and directors. The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee regularly reviews the compensation practices of comparable companies.

In particular, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee: (a) reviews and approves, as required, Western's goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the President and CEO and the CEO compensation is based on that review; (b) reviews and recommends to the Board compensation, incentive plans and equity-based plans for non-CEO officers and directors, and for other key employees as identified by the CEO and approved by the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, and in particular, reviews and recommends to the Board the annual bonus payments for the CEO and CFO; and (c) reviews executive compensation disclosure before Western publicly discloses such information.

The current members of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee are John R. Rooney (Chair), Ronald P. Mathison and Donald P. Copeland. In addition to their experience as members of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee of Western, all such members have significant experience in dealing with executive compensation matters as directors and/or senior leaders of other energy-related public companies and all of such members currently serve, or have served, on the compensation committee of the board of directors of other energy related public companies. The Board believes the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee collectively have the knowledge, experience and background required to fulfill its mandate. The Corporation's corporate governance practices require that all members of its Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee shall be independent. None of the current members of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee are officers, employees or former officers of the Corporation or any of its affiliates or is eligible to participate in the Corporation's executive compensation programs. Each current member of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee is independent as defined under NI 52-110 and none received any compensation, directly or indirectly, from Western other than for services as a member of the Board and its committees, as applicable.

Relevant Education and Experience of Members of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee

John R. Rooney (Chair)

Mr. Rooney is an independent businessman and was the Chair and CEO of Northern Blizzard Resources Inc., a publicly traded crude oil and gas company, from November 2009 to June 2017 and was acting CEO from June 2017 to November 2017. From December 2007 to April 2009, Mr. Rooney was the CEO of TUSK Energy Inc. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Rooney was the President and CEO of Zenas Energy Inc. Mr. Rooney is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Business Valuator.

Ronald P. Mathison

Mr. Mathison is the Chairman of Matco Investments Ltd. and Matco Capital Ltd., private investment firms which specialize in providing capital and management expertise to companies in which they have an interest. Mr. Mathison has extensive experience in restructuring and financing corporations in both the public and private markets and is founder and Chair of Calfrac Well Services Ltd. Until 2000, Mr. Mathison was a director and principal of Peters & Co. Limited, an investment firm specializing in the oil and natural gas industry. Prior thereto, Mr. Mathison and two other individuals formed the nucleus of Peters & Co. Capital, a private merchant banking equity firm that is widely associated with numerous restructurings of oil and natural gas exploration and production companies and oilfield service companies. Mr. Mathison received a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Hons) from the University of Manitoba and has earned Chartered Accountant, Chartered Business Valuator, and Chartered Financial Analyst designations.

Donald D. Copeland

Mr. Copeland is an independent businessman. Prior to joining the Board in June 2011, Mr. Copeland was the Chair of Stoneham Drilling Trust. Previously, he founded and served as the CEO, Chair and a director of a number of corporations, both in the producing sector and oilfield services sector of the crude oil and natural gas industry. Mr. Copeland is also currently a director of Toscana Energy Income Corp. Mr. Copeland received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Calgary. He is a graduate of the Director's Education Program sponsored by the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Compensation Governance

The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee is responsible for continually monitoring and evaluating the compensation programs for Western's CEO and CFO (collectively, the "**Senior Executives**") and for making recommendations to the Board relating to Western's compensation plans for, and the compensation of, the Senior Executives and Board members as well as the aggregate short-term incentive plan ("**STIP**") pool for a particular year. The Corporation's compensation philosophy is aimed at attracting and retaining quality and experienced people which is critical to Western's success for the benefit of its Shareholders.

Compensation for employees, including Senior Executives and NEOs (as defined in "*Compensation of Named Executive Officers – Summary Compensation Table*" below), is comprised of three elements: base salary, annual performance bonus (i.e. cash bonuses) and long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Option Plan and the RSU Plan. The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee reviews all three components in assessing the compensation of the Senior Executives. Salaries and bonuses are intended to provide current compensation and short-term incentive ("**STI**") for employees to encourage them to meet the Corporation's annual performance targets. Options and RSUs are granted as a long-term incentive ("**LTI**") and are designed to align with the benefit associated with the long-term appreciation in Western's share price performance.

The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee considers and makes recommendations to the Board with respect to the Senior Executives' STI and LTI granted pursuant to the stock option plan ("**Option Plan**") and restricted share unit plan ("**RSU Plan**") (collectively, the "**LTIPs**"); and, if applicable, any provisions within their employment contracts with respect to the same. When making such recommendations, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee analyzes a number of factors, including, but not limited to: compensation data compiled from Western's peer group; corporate performance; and individual performance. In assessing corporate performance, Western has established certain financial and health and safety targets discussed below. In assessing the performance of individuals, consideration will be given to objective factors such as the level of responsibility, experience and expertise, as well as subjective factors such as leadership and individual contribution.

The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee along with the Board continues to review and refine the Corporation's compensation policies and practices to ensure that they are competitive within the oilfield service industry and consistent with the goal of maximizing the performance of the Corporation while not incentivizing excessive risk taking.

Comparable Companies

Western compares the compensation of its Senior Executives and NEOs to the compensation provided to executives in comparable positions of a comparable group of Canadian oilfield service companies. The comparable group is selected based on the nature of the organization's business taking into consideration size, complexity and style of operation. The companies in this comparison group compete with Western for executive personnel and therefore provide a useful benchmark for the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee in its evaluation of the compensation programs for the Senior Executives and NEOs. Western looks to the following primary market competitors in comparing its Senior Executive and NEOs compensation:

Akita Drilling Inc.
CWC Energy Services Corp.
Ensign Energy Services Inc.

Precision Drilling Corporation
Total Energy Services Inc.
Trinidad Drilling Ltd.

Independent Compensation Consultant

In 2017, Western retained C.J. Howe & Associates to review the compensation levels and structure of the LTIPs. C.J. Howe & Associates and Mercer (Canada) Limited ("**Mercer**") received fees for executive compensation design and/or support in fiscal 2016 and 2017 as follows:

Services Provided	Fees in 2017	Fees in 2016
Executive Compensation Related Fees ⁽¹⁾	\$16,750	-
Other fees ⁽²⁾	\$15,700	\$37,500

Notes:

- (1) Fees paid to C.J. Howe and Associates for services related to determining long term incentive plan compensation levels and structure for the Senior Executives, NEOs, employees and the Board.
- (2) Fees paid to Mercer for Western's participation in, and access to, the annual market surveys carried out by Mercer in Canada, as well as 2016 and 2017 market trends and commentary on LTI practices.

Executive Compensation Program

General

Western's executive compensation program is designed to reward Senior Executives and NEOs based on Western's overall performance and growth. The program balances annual rewards for achieving individual and corporate success on a short-term basis with equity-based LTIs (Options and RSUs) that are intended to reward the individual based on the long-term share price performance of Western.

Risk Oversight in Relation to Compensation Policies and Practices

As part of its annual review of the Corporation's executive compensation programs, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee takes into consideration a number of factors including an analysis to ensure that the compensation programs provide the Senior Executives incentive to achieve both short and long-term objectives without motivating them to take unnecessary risk. In particular, the Corporation notes the following factors which it believes should mitigate the likelihood that its Senior Executives will take unnecessary or excessive risk for the sake of enhanced rewards:

- the aggregate annual performance STIP pool is calculated by management based upon the achievement of certain company-wide financial metrics and safety targets (See "*Components of Compensation – Annual Performance Short-Term Incentive Plan*" below). However the final aggregate STIP pool and the individual allocations are subject to Board discretion based on management recommendations;
- the Option Plan is designed so that Options vest over at least a three year period and therefore encourages share price appreciation over the longer term. In doing so, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee believes this reduces the risk of actions which may have short-term advantages over long-term sustainable share price appreciation;
- the RSU Plan is designed so that RSUs and Cash RSUs (as defined below) vest over a three year period and, with respect to RSUs which are treasury settled, encourages share appreciation over the longer term. As with the Option Plan, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee believes this reduces the risk of actions which may have short-term advantages over long-term sustainable share price appreciation; and
- Other than in the case of new hires, Western does not generally award off-cycle grants of Options or RSUs.

Anti-Hedging/Speculation Policies

In addition, the Corporation discourages short-term speculation on its shares. The Insider Trading Policy of the Corporation provides that no director, officer, employee or consultant of the Corporation shall engage in any of the following activities with respect to the securities of the Corporation:

- trading in securities of the Corporation on a short-term basis. Any Common Shares purchased on the open market must be held for a minimum of four months and ideally longer;
- purchase of Corporation securities on margin for the purpose of short-term speculation;
- short sales;

- buying or selling put or call options;
- purchasing financial instruments which are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted by the Corporation as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, which financial instruments include but are not limited to, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly.

The Insider Trading Policy is available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca.

Components of Compensation

The overall compensation program for employees, including the Senior Executives and NEOs, is comprised of three primary components:

Base Salaries and Benefits

Salary amounts are set giving consideration to the skills required to carry out the Corporation's business plan and how well the expertise and experience of these individuals fit with those requirements and the competitive marketplace. In addition, employees are provided benefits which include health and dental, short and long term disability and life insurance. As part of the benefits for employees in general, the Corporation has a matching plan ("**Matching Plan**") whereby employees are given the option to contribute from 2% to 5% of their base salary to the plan which will, at the option of the employee, allocate such amount to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan ("**RRSP**") or a Non-registered Savings Plan ("**NRSP**"). Contributions can be directed to purchase Common Shares or other designated securities available within the RRSP or NRSP and the Corporation will match RRSP or NRSP amounts and those matched funds will also be used for a RRSP or NRSP contribution. The foregoing is administered by a third party and such acquisitions of Common Shares can occur within the Matching Plan at any time.

Annual Performance Short-Term Incentive Plan

Employees are eligible to receive an annual cash bonus based upon a combination of corporate and individual performance. The Corporation's STIP is designed to reward eligible employees for performance against goals and objectives established at the beginning of the performance period. The STIP is structured to encourage and reward employees to maximize the Corporation's short-term results. Performance measures are established by management at the corporate level for all eligible employees annually and are then reviewed and approved by the Board. However, the actual STIP pool amount and the individual bonus are subject to the discretion of the Board.

The STIP Pool

The target STIP pool is established by determining the total STIP target amounts for all the employees as recommended by management for the year. The total STIP amount is a multiple of the target STIP pool determined and recommended to the Board based on the following performance targets:

1. Return on capital employed ("**ROCE**"). ROCE is calculated by dividing the pre-bonus earnings of the Corporation before interest and taxes by the average capital employed which is calculated as the average current assets (excluding cash) plus average PP&E and goodwill, less average current liabilities (excluding interest, tax and bonus payable amounts); and
2. Total recordable incident frequency ("**TRIF**"). TRIF is a lagging indicator that determines the injury rate based on the number of recordable injuries and the total number of hours worked in a year. The foundation of the formula for calculating TRIF is defined by the Occupational Health & Safety Administration, a federal agency of the United States that regulates workplace safety and health. TRIF is calculated by multiplying the number of recordable injuries and illnesses incurred during the year by 200,000 and dividing that product by the total number of hours that were actually worked by employees. The "200,000" used in this calculation is the equivalent number of hours for 100 employees working 40 hours per week for 50 weeks. The overall annual TRIF which is determined at the end of the relevant year is based on the total number of recordable injuries for all divisions and the total hours worked for all divisions in the year.

Management believes the use of ROCE as a financial performance measure provides direct alignment with the interests of shareholders by providing a tangible financial target that must be met in order for employees to realize economic value under the STIP. Management also believes that the use of ROCE provides a balanced management approach that encourages prudent entrepreneurial risks and efficient capital deployment. ROCE accounts for 85% of the total STIP pool amount.

In addition to the financial performance measure, the Corporation also uses TRIF as a health and safety performance measure. The use of TRIF reinforces the Corporation's commitment to protect the health and safety of its employees, contractors, clients and other third party personnel in the communities in which the Corporation operates. The use of TRIF as a performance target also ingrains health and safety as a core part of the culture of the Corporation. TRIF accounts for 15% of the total STIP pool amount.

Upon final determination of the stated metrics compared to the established targets, the STIP pool and individual amounts to be paid to the Senior Executives as recommended by the Compensation Committee are provided to the Board for its review and approval.

The minimum ROCE target was not achieved in either 2015 or 2016, however, TRIF targets were partially met in each year. The aggregate STIP payout to NEOs in 2015 was \$395,000 compared to a target of \$1,612,000. In 2016, the aggregate STIP payout to NEOs was \$184,928 compared to a target of \$1,475,601. Both ROCE and TRIF targets were achieved by the Company in 2017; however, the aggregate STIP payout to NEOs was \$673,733 compared to a target of \$1,608,000.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation

Options

Options are viewed as an effective incentive to balance directors, officers, employees and consultants' focus between short-term operating performance and profitable long-term growth, which should translate into share price appreciation for the benefit of shareholders. With Option grants vesting over time, they also should serve as an effective employee retention tool. Despite the dilutive aspect of Options, they directly align the interests of management and shareholders as the benefits derived from Options parallel the benefits realized by shareholders through share price appreciation. Options provide the potential for long-term rewards and above-average total compensation for superior, longer-term performance.

Directors, officers, employees and consultants are eligible to participate in the Option Plan. The Option Plan authorizes the Board to issue Options. Awards of Options are made from time to time to participants at varying levels consistent with the individual's position and responsibility. The Board approves Option grants as recommended by the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee. Options are priced at the closing trading price of Western's Common Shares on the business day immediately preceding the date of grant. Previous grants are not taken into account when considering new grants of Options. Options granted vest at a rate of one third each on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant and have a 5 year term. The term and other provisions of the Options are subject to the terms of the Option Plan.

RSUs

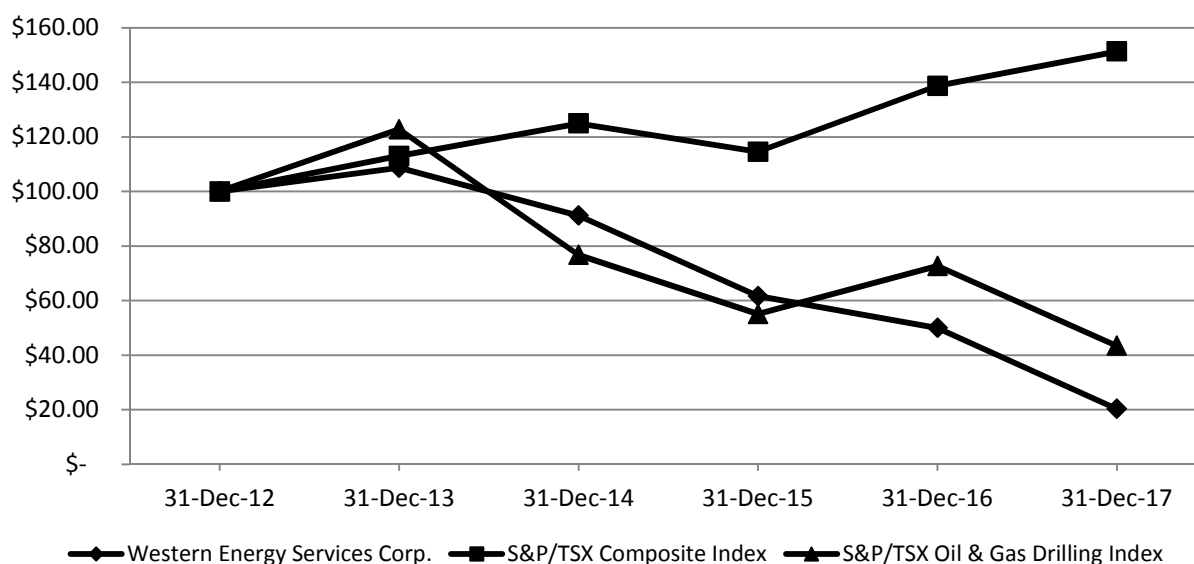
Directors, officers, employees and consultants are eligible to participate in the RSU Plan. The RSU Plan authorizes the Board to issue RSUs. Awards of RSUs are made from time to time to participants at varying levels consistent with the individual's position and responsibility. The Board approves grants as recommended by the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee. Previous grants are not taken into account when considering new grants of RSUs. The term and other provisions of the RSU are subject to the terms of the RSU Plan. RSUs vest at a rate of one third each on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. Upon vesting RSUs can be settled through the issue of Common Shares from treasury or through purchase on the Toronto Stock Exchange or settlement may be in the form of cash in which case the number of vested RSUs would be multiplied by the vesting date share price to determine the quantum of the cash settlement (for clarity, RSUs settled with Common Shares are referred to herein as "RSUs" while those settled in cash will be referred to as "Cash RSUs", Cash RSUs are not considered dilutive).

Performance Analysis

The graph below illustrates Western's share performance over the last five years.

Share Price Performance Graph since 2012

The following graph compares the cumulative total return on Western's Common Shares from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2017 with the S&P/TSX composite total return index, the S&P/TSX composite energy total return index, and the S&P/TSX composite oil & gas drilling total return index for the same period. It assumes an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2012, with all dividends reinvested.



	31-Dec-12 (\$)	31-Dec-13 (\$)	31-Dec-14 (\$)	31-Dec-15 (\$)	31-Dec-16 (\$)	31-Dec-17 (\$)
Western Common Shares	100.00	108.66	91.14	61.65	49.96	20.31
S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index	100.00	112.99	124.92	114.53	138.67	151.28
S&P/TSX Composite Oil & Gas Drilling Total Return Index	100.00	122.75	76.73	55.07	72.64	43.44

Share Price Performance in Relation to Executive Compensation

Among the five NEOs for fiscal 2017, being Alex R.N. MacAusland, Jeffrey K. Bowers, Rick M. Harrison, Darcy D. Reinboldt and David G. Trann, Messrs. MacAusland, Bowers, Harrison and Trann have been employees of the Corporation since before December 31, 2012. Mr. Reinboldt has been an employee of the Corporation since December 2013. Since December 31, 2012, Western's drilling rig fleet has grown from 44 to 56 drilling rigs on December 31, 2017, making Western the fifth largest contract drilling contractor in Canada (based on the number of rigs registered with the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors ("CAODC")), while the well servicing rig fleet has grown from 8 to 66 service rigs at December 31, 2017, making Western the fifth largest well servicing contractor in Canada. During this period, Western expanded its production services segment in Canada and successfully completed a significant capital build program. All of these factors taken together resulted in strong revenue and EBITDA growth until the significant crude oil and natural gas price decline which started in June 2014 and continued throughout 2015, 2016 and the first half of 2017. Compensation paid to the NEOs until December 31, 2014, and 2015 base salaries set at the end of fiscal 2014 reflect the significant increase in the scope and size of

Western's business operations from December 31, 2012 to such time, as well as Western's strong financial and operating results during such time.

The low commodity price environment that existed throughout 2015 and 2016 continued through the first half of 2017. However certain factors, including the OPEC announcements in May and November 2017, regarding an extension of the current production cuts, resulted in upward crude oil price momentum. Year over year there was an increase in utilization in the Corporation's businesses and a corresponding increase in revenue.

In September, 2017 the Corporation announced that it had reached an agreement with Alberta Investment Management Corporation ("**AIMCo**") for the provision of a \$215 million second lien facility (the "**Second Lien Facility**"), which was fully drawn on January 31, 2018, and a private placement (the "**Private Placement**") of 9.1 million Common Shares at a price of \$1.25 per Common Share for gross proceeds of \$11,375,000 with AIMCO. In October of 2017, in conjunction with the closing of the Second Lien Facility and the Private Placement, Western issued 7,099,546 warrants. Each warrant entitles AIMCo to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price per Common Share equal to \$1.77 at any time prior to October 17, 2020.

In conjunction with the closing of the Second Lien Facility and the Private Placement, the Corporation also closed a bought deal offering of 9.1 million Common Shares at a price of \$1.25 per Common Share for total gross proceeds of \$11,375,000. The Corporation also increased the borrowing limit on its Revolving Facility from \$50.0 million to \$70.0 million and extended the maturity of the both Revolving Facility and its Operating Facility to December 17, 2020.

Western's Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee believes that the compensation paid to the NEOs in 2017 was appropriate considering the success of Western's operations and management's ability to navigate the competitive market during 2017 as well as the completion of a significant debt restructuring transaction which replaced \$265.0 million of senior notes. The Share Price Performance Graph since 2012 set forth above and the Summary Compensation Table set forth below demonstrate the correlation that exists between the compensation paid to Western's NEOs and Western's total shareholder return ("**TSR**") over the five year period. The NEOs total reported (versus realizable) compensation over the past five years has trended up and down in conjunction with Western's TSR, and the impact on Western's TSR from the decline in the share prices of North American oilfield service companies from mid-2014 and throughout 2015, 2016 and 2017 is reflected in the difference between the realizable and reported compensation of Western's CEO as illustrated in the table on page 21 below. Compensation for the NEOs also reflects the high level of variable pay, both short and long term, which forms part of the total compensation program for the Corporation's executives.

COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Summary Compensation Table

Securities legislation requires the disclosure of the compensation received by the NEOs of the Corporation for the three most recently completed financial years. "**NEO**" or "**Named Executive Officer**" is defined by the legislation to mean (i) each of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, regardless of the amount of compensation of that individual, (ii) each of the Corporation's three most highly compensated executive officers or individuals acting or in a similar capacity, other than the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, who were serving as executive officers at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation and bonus exceeds \$150,000, and (iii) any additional individual for whom disclosure would have been provided under (ii) but for the fact that the individual was not serving as an executive officer of the Corporation at the end of the most recently completed financial year end of the Corporation.

An "**executive officer**" is defined by the legislation to mean (i) the Chair of the Corporation, (ii) a Vice-chair of the Corporation, (iii) the President of the Corporation, (iv) a Vice president of the Corporation in charge of a principal business unit, division or function, such as sales, finance or production, or (v) an officer of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries or any other person who performed a policy-making function in respect of the Corporation.

During the financial year ended December 31, 2017, there were five (5) NEOs of Western being Alex R.N. MacAusland, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jeffrey K. Bowers, Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Rick M. Harrison, Senior Vice President Operations; Darcy D. Reinboldt, Senior Vice President Operations; and David G. Trann, Vice President, Finance.

The following table sets forth all annual and long-term compensation information concerning the total compensation paid to the NEOs.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Share-based Awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Option-based Awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Non-equity incentive Plan Compensation ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	All Other Compensation ⁽⁵⁾ (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Alex R.N. MacAusland President and Chief Executive Officer	2017	525,000	104,036	55,964	350,000	64,381	1,099,381
	2016	480,577	59,400	165,585	60,228	68,282	834,072
	2015	525,000	153,670	353,695	132,000	76,271	1,240,636
Jeffrey K. Bowers Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	2017	375,000	74,276	39,984	300,000	53,523	842,783
	2016	343,269	42,900	124,500	43,020	54,248	607,937
	2015	375,000	110,490	252,730	95,000	65,494	898,714
Rick M. Harrison Senior Vice President, Operations	2017	320,000	50,716	27,302	100,473	57,761	556,252
	2016	292,923	29,700	70,965	29,368	53,502	476,458
	2015	320,000	74,930	172,720	60,000	61,398	689,048
Darcy D. Reinboldt Senior Vice President, Operations	2017	320,000	50,716	27,302	116,282	30,557	544,857
	2016	292,923	29,700	70,965	29,368	32,746	455,702
	2015	320,000	74,930	172,720	60,000	35,587	663,237
David G. Trann Vice President, Finance	2017	245,000	38,812	20,910	89,435	39,275	433,432
	2016	224,269	21,450	50,215	22,485	40,216	358,635
	2015	245,000	52,070	118,110	50,000	41,687	506,867

Notes:

- (1) Mr. MacAusland is not compensated for his role as a director of the Corporation.
- (2) Includes RSUs and Cash RSUs and represents the fair value of the share-based awards granted during the year. The fair value of the share-based awards granted to NEOs pursuant to the RSU Plan is a theoretical expected value calculated at the date of grant by multiplying the number of RSUs granted by each of the following values: \$1.24 for RSUs issued on August 23, 2017, \$3.30 for RSUs issued on August 16, 2016 and \$5.08 for RSUs issued on August 14, 2015.
- (3) The grant date fair value of option-based awards granted to NEOs pursuant to the Option Plan is \$0.34 for Options issued on August 23, 2017, \$0.83 for Options issued on August 16, 2016 and \$1.27 for Options issued on August 14, 2015. The grant date fair value of Options issued in 2017 for compensation disclosure purposes is calculated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: (i) average risk-free interest rate of 1.25%; (ii) average expected life of 2.0 years; (iii) volatility of 49%; and (iv) expected dividend yield of 0%. This methodology is consistent with the method used to estimate the fair value of Options in Western's financial statements.
- (4) These represent cash bonuses relating to the 2017 fiscal year STIP bonuses and include a one-time discretionary bonus paid in December 2017 in the amounts of: Mr. MacAusland, \$100,000; Mr. Bowers, \$100,000; Mr. Harrison, \$25,000; Mr. Reinboldt, \$32,542; and Mr. Trann, \$24,915.
- (5) All Other Compensation for each of the NEOs is comprised of the following elements: Mr. MacAusland: monthly car allowance, monthly parking, physical wellness allowance, club memberships and RRSP contributions; Mr. Bowers: monthly car allowance, monthly parking, physical wellness allowance and RRSP contributions; Mr. Harrison: monthly car allowance, monthly parking, physical wellness allowance and RRSP contributions; Mr. Reinboldt: vehicle, monthly parking, physical wellness allowance and RRSP contributions; and Mr. Trann: monthly car allowance, monthly parking, physical wellness allowance and RRSP contributions.

Incentive Plan Awards

Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table sets forth all awards outstanding at December 31, 2017 made to the NEOs.

Option-Based Awards					Share-Based Awards		
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options ⁽¹⁾ (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Value of Unexercised in-the-money Options ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Number of Shares or Units of Shares that have not Vested (#)	Market or Payout Value of Share-based Awards that have not Vested ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	Market or Payout Value of Values Vested Share-Based Awards not Paid out or Distributed (\$)
Alex R.N. MacAusland President and Chief Executive Officer	200,000	7.76	Feb 10, 2019	-	106,286	133,920	-
	160,000	10.06	Aug 14, 2019	-			
	278,500	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	199,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	164,600	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	3,292			
Jeffrey K. Bowers Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	200,000	7.76	Feb 10, 2019	-	76,034	95,803	-
	145,000	10.06	Aug 14, 2019	-			
	199,000	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	150,000	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	117,600	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	2,352			
Rick M. Harrison Senior Vice President, Operations	70,000	6.76	May 6, 2018	-	51,964	65,475	-
	85,000	10.06	Aug 14, 2019	-			
	136,000	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	85,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	80,300	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	1,606			
Darcy D. Reinboldt Senior Vice President, Operations	100,000	7.15	Dec 17, 2018	-	51,964	65,475	-
	85,000	10.06	Aug 14, 2019	-			
	136,000	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	85,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	80,300	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	1,606			
David G. Trann Vice President, Finance	46,667	6.76	May 6, 2018	-	39,153	49,333	-
	67,000	10.06	Aug 14, 2019	-			
	93,000	5.03	Aug 13, 2020	-			
	60,500	3.30	Aug 15, 2021	-			
	61,500	1.24	Aug 22, 2022	1,230			

Notes:

- (1) Options to purchase Common Shares.
- (2) Based on the closing share price of the Common Shares on December 31, 2017 of \$1.26.
- (3) Consists of RSUs and Cash RSUs pursuant to the RSU Plan.
- (4) The fair value of the share-based awards granted to NEOs pursuant to the RSU Plan is a theoretical expected value calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs held by the closing price of the Common Shares on the calculation date, being \$1.26 on December 31, 2017.

Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth particulars concerning each incentive plan award granted to each of the NEOs for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Name	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested During the Year ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Share-based Awards – Value Vested During the Year ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value Earned During the Year (\$)
Alex R.N. MacAusland President and Chief Executive Officer	-	26,459	350,000
Jeffrey K. Bowers Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer	-	20,011	300,000

Name	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested During the Year⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Share-based Awards – Value Vested During the Year⁽²⁾ (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value Earned During the Year (\$)
Rick M. Harrison Senior Vice President, Operations	-	13,061	100,473
Darcy D. Reinboldt Senior Vice President, Operations	-	13,061	116,282
David G. Trann Vice President, Finance	-	9,530	89,435

Notes:

- (1) Represents the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the Options under the option-based award had been exercised on the vesting date based on the difference between the closing market price of the Western's Common Shares on the vesting date and the exercise price of the Options.
- (2) Represents the aggregate dollar value realized upon vesting of share-based awards which includes RSUs and Cash RSUs. The value is based on the market value of the underlying Common Shares on the vesting date.

Reported vs. Realizable Compensation

The table below shows Messrs. MacAusland and Bowers' long-term incentive awards compared to their actual payouts for the past five years and the point-in-time estimates of the unpaid balance (or gain in the case of options).

Alex R.N. MacAusland

Long-term Incentive Compensation (RSU's and Options)	2013 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2017⁽²⁾ (\$)
Grant Value Reported	-	1,024,180	507,365	224,985	160,000
Paid in 2013	-	-	-	-	-
Paid in 2014	-	-	-	-	-
Paid in 2015	-	23,058	-	-	-
Paid in 2016	-	15,075	33,491	-	-
Paid in 2017	-	5,838	13,090	7,531	-
Total Paid	-	43,971	46,581	7,531	-
Estimated unvested value ⁽¹⁾	-	-	13,086	15,120	109,006
Total paid plus unvested value	-	43,971	59,667	22,651	109,006
Total paid plus unvested value as a % of grant value reported		4%	12%	10%	68%
Net deficit from Grant Value Reported	-	(\$980,209)	(\$447,698)	(\$202,334)	(\$53,167)

Jeffrey K. Bowers

Long-term Incentive Compensation (RSU's and Options) Bowers	2013 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2017⁽²⁾ (\$)
Grant Value Reported	-	965,890	363,220	167,400	114,260
Paid in 2013	-	-	-	-	-
Paid in 2014	-	-	-	-	-
Paid in 2015	-	20,401	-	-	-
Paid in 2016	-	13,337	24,080	-	-
Paid in 2017	-	5,161	9,411	5,439	-
Total Paid	-	38,899	33,491	5,439	-
Estimated unvested value ⁽¹⁾	-	-	9,409	10,920	77,826

Long-term Incentive Compensation (RSU's and Options) Bowers	2013 (\$)	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2017 ⁽²⁾ (\$)
Total paid plus unvested value	-	38,899	42,900	16,359	77,826
Total paid plus unvested value as a % of grant value reported		4%	12%	10%	68%
Net deficit from Grant Value Reported	-	(\$926,991)	(\$320,320)	(\$151,041)	(\$36,434)

Notes:

- (1) The estimated unvested values for 2014, 2015 and 2016 represent the value of unvested RSUs and Cash RSUs and in-the-money unvested Options calculated using the closing trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the vesting date. The estimated unvested value for 2017 represents the value of unvested RSUs and Cash RSUs and in-the-money unvested Options calculated using the closing trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX December 31, 2017 (\$1.26). These are point-in-time estimations and can vary significantly depending on changes in share price.
- (2) As at March 23, 2018 no Cash RSUs or Options granted in 2017 had vested.

Termination and Change of Control Benefits

Messrs. MacAusland and Bowers (hereinafter "**Subject Employee**" or "**Subject Employees**") are subject to terms of employment which continue indefinitely and provide for payment of the Subject Employee's annual base salary and participation in certain benefits provided by the Corporation until the employment agreement is terminated. The employment agreements contain provisions providing for the payment by the Corporation to the Subject Employees of certain amounts and benefits in the event of termination and in the event of a "change of control", as described below.

The Corporation is entitled to terminate the employment agreement with either Subject Employee at any time for just cause and is then obligated to pay such Subject Employee's gross salary through to the termination date, any bonus declared but not yet paid, accrued and unused vacation and outstanding expense reimbursements. Either of the Subject Employees may terminate his employment by giving 30 days' written notice.

The Corporation has a right to terminate either of the Subject Employees' employment agreement by paying to the Subject Employee a severance amount (the "**Severance Amount**") equal to (i) 24 months' annual salary, (ii) 20% of amount referenced in (i) as compensation for lost benefits and perquisites, and (iii) the greater of, 2 times the average of the amount awarded to the Subject Employee as a bonus pursuant to the Corporation's bonus plan in respect of the 2 most recently completed performance years or 2 times annual salary. Either of the Subject Employees will be entitled to treat his employment as being "terminated without cause", and be entitled to the Severance Amount, if the Corporation unilaterally makes material changes the Subject Employee's position or duties, title or office, which includes any removal from or failure to re-elect or re-appoint the Subject Employee to any positions or offices, or if the Corporation reduces the Subject Employee's annual salary or the Subject Employee's other remuneration or responsibilities taken as a whole ("**Good Reason**"), unless such changes are made with the consent of the Subject Employee. The executive employment agreements contain standard non-solicitation provisions that prohibit the Subject Employees from soliciting Western's employees or customers for one year following the cessation of employment. Furthermore, for one year following the cessation of employment, the Subject Employee is prohibited from (i) making an offer for shares or assets of Western; (ii) soliciting proxies to complete an offer for shares or the assets of Western; and (iii) instituting any type of shareholder proposal.

In the event of a change of control (as defined below), each of Subject Employees is entitled to the Severance Amount if (i) his employment is terminated by the Corporation without cause within 60 days of the date of a Change of Control; or (ii) Good Reason exists, then the Subject Employee may provide 30 days written notice of his intent to terminate his employment within 60 days of the date of the Change of Control and the existence of Good Reason.

The executive employment agreements define a "**Change of Control**" as follows: (i) the purchase or acquisition of Common Shares and/or securities convertible into Common Shares or carrying the right to acquire Common Shares ("**Convertible Securities**") as a result of which a person, group of persons or persons acting jointly or in

concert, or any affiliates or associates of any such person, group of persons or any of such persons acting jointly or in concert (collectively the "**Holders**") beneficially own or exercise control or direction over Common Shares and/or Convertible Securities such that, assuming after the conversion of the Convertible Securities beneficially owned by the Holders thereof, would have the right to cast more than 30% of the votes attached to all Common Shares; (ii) an amalgamation, arrangement, merger or other consolidation or combination of the Corporation with another entity pursuant to which the shareholders of the Corporation immediately thereafter do not own securities of the successor or continuing entity which would entitle them to cast more than 50% of the votes attaching to all of the Common Shares; (iii) a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation; (iv) the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation; (v) the election at a meeting of the Corporation's shareholders of a number of directors, who were not included in the slate for election as directors approved by the prior Board, and would represent a majority of the Board; (vi) the appointment of a number of directors which would represent a majority of the Board and which were nominated by any holder of voting shares of the Corporation or by any group of holders of voting shares of the Corporation acting jointly or in concert and not approved by the Corporation's prior Board; or (vii) a determination by the Board that there has been a change, whether by way of a change in the holding of Common Shares, or otherwise in the ownership of the Corporation's assets or by any other means, as a result of which any person or group of persons acting jointly or in concert is in a position to exercise effective control of the Corporation.

The table below sets out an estimated aggregate amount that each of Messrs. MacAusland and Bowers would have been entitled to receive if he had been terminated without cause, or if Good Reason exists following the occurrence of a Change of Control, on December 31, 2017.

Name	Annual Salary Component (\$)	Loss of Benefits and Perquisites Component (\$)	Loss of Bonus Component (\$)	Total Severance Amount (\$)
Alex R.N. MacAusland	1,050,000	210,000	1,050,000	2,310,000
Jeffrey K. Bowers	750,000	150,000	750,000	1,650,000

The table below sets out an estimated aggregate amount that each NEO would have been entitled to receive upon the occurrence of a Change of Control on December 31, 2017, pursuant to the accelerated vesting provisions of the Option Plan and RSU Plan.

Name	Option-Based Award Payments (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Share-Based Award Payments (\$) ⁽²⁾
Alex R.N. MacAusland	3,292	133,920
Jeffrey K. Bowers	2,352	95,803
Rick M. Harrison	1,606	65,475
Darcy D. Reinboldt	1,606	65,475
David G. Trann	1,230	49,333

Notes:

- (1) Upon the occurrence of a change of control, all unvested Options as at December 31, 2017 would immediately vest and be paid to the NEO in accordance with the Option Plan. See "*Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans – Long-Term Incentive Equity Plans*". The amount represents the total value of unexercised Options that are in-the-money based on \$1.26, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017.
- (2) Upon the occurrence of a change of control, all unvested RSUs and Cash RSUs as at December 31, 2017 would immediately vest and be paid to the NEO in accordance with the RSU Plan. See "*Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans – Long-Term Incentive Equity Plans*". The amount represents the estimated market value of the outstanding RSUs and Cash RSUs as at December 31, 2017 based on \$1.26, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Long-Term Incentive Equity Plans

In order to attract and retain qualified personnel and provide incentives and rewards to the directors, officers, employees and consultants of Western, the Board has adopted long-term incentive equity plans which include the Option Plan and the RSU Plan.

The Option Plan authorizes the Board to grant Options to purchase Common Shares to directors, officers, employees and consultants of Western.

The RSU Plan authorizes the Board to issue RSUs which entitle the holder to either receive, at the Board's discretion, one Common Share or the cash equivalent of the fair market value of one Common Share to directors, officers, employees and consultants of Western.

Under the Option Plan and the RSU Plan, the aggregate number of Common Shares issuable upon exercise of Options granted thereunder may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time and up to 5% of the Shares will be allocated to the RSU Plan for treasury settled RSUs and the Common Shares reserved for issuance to any one person shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Common Shares from time to time.

Summary of Option Plan

The following is a summary of the Option Plan.

Purpose

The purpose of the Option Plan is to: (i) strengthen the ability of Western and its affiliates to attract and retain qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of Western ("Eligible Participants"); (ii) align the interests of Eligible Participants with the interests of the Shareholders; and (iii) focus management of Western on operating and financial performance and total long-term Shareholder return by providing an increased incentive to contribute to Western's growth and profitability.

Participation Limits

The Option Plan provides that the maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Options granted shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of issued and outstanding Common Shares. The number of Common Shares issuable to insiders pursuant to Options granted under the Option Plan and any other security based compensation arrangement at any time may not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares, and the number of Common Shares issued to insiders, within any one year period, under the Option Plan and any security based compensation arrangement may not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares. The maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued to any one participant under the Option Plan is 5% of the outstanding Common Shares.

The maximum number of Common Shares issuable to non-employee directors under the Option Plan shall not exceed 1% of the total number of Common Shares outstanding from time to time and the total annual grant to any one non-employee director shall not exceed an annual equity value of \$100,000 to each non-employee director (based on a Black-Scholes calculation).

As of December 31, 2017, there were 6,475,613 Options issued and outstanding, representing 7% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. Accordingly, as at December 31, 2017, there were approximately 2,550,527 unallocated Options available for issuance under the Option Plan representing approximately 2.8% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. The Corporation's annual burn rate, as calculated in accordance with Section 613(p) of the TSX Company Manual, under the Option Plan was 3.38% for the year ended December 31, 2015, 1.97% for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 1.83% for the year ended December 31, 2017. The burn rate is subject to change, from time to time, based on the number of Options granted and the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding.

No Common Shares were issued pursuant to the Option Plan during the financial year ended December 31, 2017.

Granting of Options

The Option Plan provides that, at the time of granting an Option under the Option Plan, the Board (or a committee thereof) will determine the exercise price when such Option is granted subject to any limitations imposed by any relevant stock exchange or regulatory authority and the exercise price shall not be less than an amount equal to the market value of the Common Shares. The market value is defined in the Option Plan as the closing price on the trading day prior to the date of grant on the TSX. As well, the Board (or a committee thereof) will determine, at the time of granting an Option under the Option Plan, the expiry date of each Option (not to exceed 5 years after the date of grant) and the extent to which each Option vests.

Vesting

The Board has resolved that vesting provisions for Options granted by Western shall vest 1/3 on the first anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3 on the second anniversary of the date of grant and 1/3 on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

Change of Control, Amalgamation or Sale

The Option Plan provides that vesting of Options shall accelerate and Options shall be exercisable immediately prior to the time that a change of control takes place as defined by the Option Plan. In the event of a change of control of the Corporation, a participant in the Option Plan shall be entitled to make an offer to the Corporation for the disposition and surrender of their Options for an amount (not to exceed the fair market value) specified in the agreement evidencing the Options and the Corporation may accept such offer subject to regulatory approval.

The Option Plan also states that if Western amalgamates with another entity or sells all or substantially all of its assets in exchange for shares of another entity, Western shall ensure that the holders of Options shall receive shares in the successor entity on the same basis the Option holder would have received if the Option holder had purchased shares of Western immediately prior to the amalgamation or sale and that upon making such provision the Options shall terminate.

Take-over Bid

If the Board approves a take-over bid of Western by another entity, unvested Options held shall accelerate to allow holders to exercise their Options to tender shares issuable pursuant thereto to the bid but shall be deemed not to have been issued if the bid is not successful. If such an approved take-over bid occurs, an Option holder has the right to exercise all of their Options; however, any Options not yet vested and exercisable may only be purchased for tender pursuant to the take-over bid. If an Option holder does not exercise and tender to the bid, the Options outstanding after the bid may be cancelled by paying the holder the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value of the securities the Option holder would have received if their Options had been exercised.

Additional Terms

If an Option holder ceases to be an employee or a director of Western, as the case may be, the Option shall terminate on a date set forth in the Option agreement, such date not to be in excess of six months from the date of such termination. The Option Plan states that Option agreements shall provide that upon the death of an optionee, the Option shall terminate on a date set forth in the agreement which shall not be more than 12 months from the date of death. The Option Plan does not provide for any assignability of Options.

Amendments

The Option Plan also provides that the Board may, in its sole discretion and without further approval of the shareholders of Western, amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue the Option Plan and may amend the terms and conditions of Options granted under the Option Plan, subject to any required approval of any regulatory authority or applicable stock exchange. Subject to any required regulatory approval of any regulatory authority or stock exchange, the Board may at any time alter, amend or vary the Option Plan without the approval of the shareholders of Western if the alteration, amendment or variance does not: (a) increase the number of shares that can be issued under the Option Plan; (b) reduce the exercise price of an outstanding Option except for the normal anti-dilution provisions whereby option values are maintained in connection with a subdivision, consolidation,

conversion, reclassification, re-division or re-designation of Common Shares or a reorganization, amalgamation, consolidation, merger, takeover bid or similar transaction involving Western; (c) extend the expiry date of an outstanding option or amend the Option Plan to permit the grant of an option with an expiry date of more than five years from the grant date; (d) allow for the transfer of Options, except if the transfer is to an entity controlled by the Option holder, a charity or for estate planning or estate settlement purposes; (e) expand the categories of individuals eligible to participate in the Option Plan; or (f) amend the Option Plan to provide for other types of compensation through equity issuance.

Summary of RSU Plan

The following is a summary of the RSU Plan for the year ended December 31, 2017. In 2016, the Board adopted the RSU Maximum Issuance Amendment and the Administrative RSU Plan Amendments both of which approved by shareholders of the Corporation in 2017.

Purpose

The purpose of the RSU Plan is to: (i) strengthen the ability of Western and its affiliates to attract and retain qualified Eligible Participants; (ii) align the interests of Eligible Participants with the interests of the Shareholders; and (iii) focus management of Western on operating and financial performance and total long-term Shareholder return by providing an increased incentive to contribute to Western's growth and profitability.

Compensation under the RSU Plan

The RSU Plan provides for the issuance of RSUs. An RSU award entitles the grantee thereof to receive, on each applicable vesting date, either: (i) at the election of the Board or any committee of the Board delegated responsibility for the RSU Plan (either the Board or such committee of the Board referred to as the "**RSU Plan Committee**") (A) the number of Common Shares deliverable on such vesting date pursuant to the terms of the RSU grant or (B) such lesser number of Common Shares as the RSU Plan Committee may determine in partial satisfaction of the number of Common Shares deliverable on such vesting date pursuant to the terms of the RSU grant; or (ii) unless the RSU Plan Committee determines to issue, in full settlement therefore, Common Shares on such vesting date in respect of an RSU award, a cash payment equal to the Fair Market Value (as such term is defined in the RSU Plan, determined on the basis of a five day volume weighted average) of a Common Share on such vesting date multiplied by the number of RSUs that vest to the grantee on such vesting date.

The RSU Plan Committee may consider the following factors in making RSU awards: (i) compensation data for comparable benchmark positions among the Corporation's competitors; (ii) the duties and seniority of the Eligible Participant; (iii) the performance of the Eligible Participant in the prior year relevant to the Performance Measures (as defined in the RSU Plan) of the Corporation for the relevant performance period; (iv) individual and/or departmental contributions and potential contributions to the success of the Corporation; and (v) such other factors as deemed relevant in connection with accomplishing the purposes of the RSU Plan.

Vesting

An award under the RSU Plan shall vest as to one third on each anniversary date following the date such RSU is granted, subject to accelerated vesting in the event of a Change of Control (as such term is defined in the RSU Plan), provided that the vesting date for all RSUs granted under a particular award shall not be later than November 30 of the third year following the year the particular award was made.

Common Shares Subject to the RSU Plan

The number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance: (i)(A) under the RSU Plan shall not exceed 5% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time; and (B) when combined with the maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance under all other security based compensation arrangements of the Corporation shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time; and (ii) to "insiders" and their "associates" and "affiliates", as such terms are defined by the *Securities Act* (Alberta), under the RSU Plan and all other security based compensation arrangements of Western cannot exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time. In addition, the number of Common Shares which may be issued to insiders within any one year period under the

RSU Plan and all other security based compensation arrangements of Western cannot exceed 10% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time.

The number of Common Shares issuable in any 12 month period under the RSU Plan: (i) to any one Eligible Participant shall not exceed 2% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time; and (ii) to employees whose primary function is conducting Investor Relations Activities (as such term is defined in the RSU Plan) shall not exceed in the aggregate 2% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time.

The maximum number of Common Shares issuable to non-employee directors under the RSU Plan shall not exceed 1% of the total number of Common Shares outstanding from time to time and the aggregate Fair Market Value (as such term is defined in the RSU Plan) of Common Shares, at the time of grant, granted to any one individual non-employee director, in any 12-month period under the RSU Plan, shall not exceed \$150,000.

Where RSUs are satisfied, terminated or expire in accordance with the RSU Plan, the Common Shares in respect of such RSUs shall thereafter revert to the RSU Plan and shall be included in the total number of RSUs available for issuance under the RSU Plan.

Blackout Periods

If an RSU would vest within a Black-Out Period (as such term is defined in the RSU Plan) imposed by the Corporation, or which vest within five business days after a Black-Out Period ends (other than a Black-Out Period imposed due to a cease trade order), the vesting date of the RSUs shall be the earlier of the date which is (i) ten business days from the date any Black-Out Period ends, or (ii) December 31 of the calendar year in which the third anniversary of the grant date falls.

Termination of RSUs

Upon a grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of the retirement of the grantee or due to Disability (as such term is defined in the RSU Plan) of the grantee, all outstanding RSUs previously granted to such grantee shall continue in full force and effect, and vesting and payment in respect of such RSUs shall continue to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, subject to the provisions of the RSU Plan, as if such grantee continued to be an Eligible Participant, provided however that the grantee shall only be entitled to receive on each vesting date, the number of Common Shares equal to the number of RSUs granted multiplied by a fraction (A) the numerator of which is the number of days the grantee was an Eligible Participant of the Corporation during the applicable vesting period and (B) the denominator of which is the total number of days comprising the applicable vesting period.

Upon the grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant due to the death of the grantee, the grantee shall be entitled to the number of RSU's granted (whether vested or not) multiplied by a fraction (A) the numerator of which is the number of days the grantee was an Eligible Participant during the applicable vesting period and (B) the denominator of which is the total number of days comprising the applicable vesting period.

Upon the grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant due to termination not for cause, effective as of the date of the termination without cause, all unvested RSUs held by such grantee shall be terminated and all rights to receive any payment thereunder shall be forfeited by the grantee and the grantee shall not be entitled to receive any compensation in lieu thereof, provided that the RSU Plan Committee may determine in its sole discretion, prior to the date such RSUs would otherwise terminate, to extend the date upon which such securities terminate.

Upon the grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant due to voluntary resignation by the grantee, all RSUs previously credited to such grantee which did not vest on or prior to the last day of any notice period applicable in respect of such grantee's voluntary termination date, shall be terminated and forfeited as of the grantee's termination date (or such longer period as determined by the RSU Plan Committee in its sole discretion).

In the event of the grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant due to involuntary termination for cause, effective as of the date notice is given to the grantee of such termination, all unvested RSUs held by such grantee shall be terminated and forfeited.

Assignability

Except as specifically provided in the RSU Plan, RSUs may not be transferred or assigned.

Adjustments

If the number of outstanding Common Shares changes as a result of (i) any change in the Common Shares through subdivision, consolidation, reclassification, or amalgamation or merger that is not a Change of Control or otherwise; (ii) rights being granted to Shareholders to purchase Common Shares at prices substantially below Fair Market Value; or (iii) Common Shares being converted into or exchangeable for other securities as a result of any reorganization, recapitalization, merger, consolidation or other transaction that is not a Change of Control, the RSU Plan Committee may make appropriate adjustments to the number of the RSUs outstanding which the RSU Plan Committee may, in its sole discretion (subject only to TSX approval if required), consider appropriate in the circumstances to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights thereunder.

In the event the Corporation pays a dividend on the Common Shares subsequent to the granting of a RSU, the number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to such grant of RSUs (or a cash payment in lieu of the issuance of Common Shares) shall be increased to account for the payment of such dividend.

Change of Control

If, before the vesting of an RSU in accordance with the terms thereof, a Change of Control (as defined in the RSU Plan) occurs prior to any of the vesting dates respecting an RSU, all of a grantee's RSUs that have not yet vested as of such time shall vest immediately prior to the effective time of the Change of Control, or such other time as determined advisable by the RSU Plan Committee, provided that such other time is not later than the date that the vesting would have otherwise occurred and is no earlier than 30 days before the date the vesting would otherwise have occurred.

Foreign Grantees

The Corporation may, without amending the RSU Plan, modify the terms of RSUs granted to Eligible Participants who provide services to the Corporation from outside of Canada in order to comply with the applicable laws of such jurisdictions. In addition, the terms of the RSUs granted to grantees subject to taxation in the United States will be subject to and will be determined by taking into consideration the terms stated in Appendix A to the RSU Plan.

Amendments

The RSU Plan provides the RSU Plan Committee with the discretion to make certain amendments to the RSU Plan without the approval of Shareholders, provided that no such amendment to the RSU Plan shall cause the RSU Plan to cease to be subject to paragraph (k) of the definition of "salary deferral arrangement" as contained in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

In particular, the RSU Plan Committee may make amendments: (i) resulting in an addition to, deletion from or alteration of the RSU Plan or an RSU award that is necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of any regulatory authority or stock exchange; (ii) to correct or rectify any ambiguity, defective provision, error or omission in the RSU Plan or a RSU award; and (iii) any other amendment that does not require shareholder approval under paragraph 7(d) of the RSU Plan.

Shareholder approval will be required for: (i) any increase in the maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the RSU Plan; (ii) any extension of the term of an RSU award benefiting an insider; (iii) any amendments to the RSU Plan to remove or to exceed the insider or non-employee director participation limits set forth in the RSU Plan; (iv) any change to the categories of individuals eligible to be selected for grants of RSU awards, where such change may broaden or increase the participation of insiders under the RSU Plan; (v) an

amendment that would permit unit awards to be transferable or assignable other than for normal estate settlement purposes; and (iv) any amendment to the amendment provisions of the RSU Plan.

As of December 31, 2017, there were 191,420 RSUs granted and outstanding under the RSU plan, representing approximately 0.2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. Under the RSU Plan, the maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the RSU Plan shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2017, there are approximately 2,550,527 unallocated RSUs available for issuance under the RSU Plan, representing approximately 2.8% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

The Corporation's annual burn rate, as calculated in accordance with Section 613(p) of the TSX Company Manual, under the RSU Plan was 0.44% for the year ended December 31, 2015, 0.25% for the year ended December 31, 2016 and <0.01% for the year ended December 31, 2017. The burn rate is subject to change, from time to time, based on the number of RSUs granted and the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding.

A total of 179,654 Common Shares were issued pursuant to the RSU Plan during the financial year ended December 31, 2017, representing 0.19% of the total Common Shares outstanding.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information as at December 31, 2017 with respect to the Corporation's compensation plans under which equity securities of the Corporation are authorized for issuance.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	6,667,033	\$5.17	2,550,527 ⁽¹⁾
Option Plan	6,475,613	\$5.17	2,550,527 ⁽²⁾
RSU Plan ⁽³⁾	191,420	N/A	2,550,527 ⁽⁴⁾
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	None	N/A	N/A
Total	6,667,033		2,550,527⁽¹⁾

Notes:

- (1) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the LTIPs shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of issued and outstanding Common Shares.
- (2) The total number of Options available as at December 31, 2017 (assuming no additional RSUs or Cash RSUs are issued).
- (3) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the RSU Plan shall not exceed 5% of the aggregate number of issued and outstanding Common Shares included in the LTIP limit of 10%.
- (4) The total number of RSUs and Cash RSUs available as at December 31, 2017 (assuming no additional Options are issued).

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

National Policy 58-201 - *Corporate Governance Guidelines* ("**NP 58-201**") establishes corporate governance guidelines which apply to all reporting issuers. Corporate Governance is the process and structure used to direct and manage the business and affairs of Western to achieve the Shareholders objectives. The Shareholders elect the directors who in turn are responsible for overseeing all aspects of the operations of Western, appointing management and ensuring that the business is managed properly, taking into account the interests of the Shareholders and other stakeholders such as employees, customers, suppliers, and the community at large. Western is required to disclose certain specified corporate governance information with reference to NP 58-201 and National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, addressing such items as the constitution and independence of corporate boards, the functions to be performed by boards and their committees and the effectiveness of education of boards. The Board of Western, through the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, monitors changes with respect to corporate governance practices and

regulatory requirements. The following disclosure describes the corporate governance policies and initiatives developed by Western.

Committees of the Board

The Board delegates specific responsibilities to committees of the Board. The responsibilities of the committees empower the committees to advise and formulate recommendations to the Board; but, generally, do not allow the committees the authority to approve matters on behalf of the Board.

There are currently three Board committees. The table below indicates the composition of each committee.

Name	Audit	Corporate Governance & Compensation	Health, Safety & Environment
Ronald P. Mathison (Chair of the Board)	✓	✓	---
Alex R.N. MacAusland	---	---	✓
Donald D. Copeland	✓	✓	Chair
Lorne A. Gartner	Chair	---	✓
John R. Rooney	---	Chair	✓

For further details on the Audit Committee, please refer to the section entitled "Audit Committee" in Western's annual information form for the financial year ended December 31, 2017 available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee has the general responsibility for developing and monitoring Western's approach to corporate governance matters and is responsible for recommending to the Board its size, composition and membership, succession planning for directors and Board committee structure. The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee is also responsible for certain compensation matters, including compensation policy, reviewing succession planning, evaluating the CEO, reviewing and recommending to the Board the CEO's, executive officers' and directors' compensation, and monitoring incentive arrangements. For further details on the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, please refer to the section of this Information Circular entitled "*Statement of Executive Compensation – Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee*".

The Corporation's Health, Safety and Environment Committee assists the Board in its oversight of health, safety and environmental issues, including the evaluation of Western's programs, controls and reporting systems, and compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Mandates & Position Descriptions

The Board has adopted a written Board mandate that sets out the key roles and responsibilities of the Board. That mandate is attached hereto as Schedule A. The Board has also adopted a written mandate for each committee of the Board that sets out the scope of operations and key roles and responsibilities of that committee. Copies of the written mandates for each of Corporation's committees are available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca, or a copy may also be obtained upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the head office of the Corporation.

Further, the Board has developed written position descriptions for the Board Chair and the chair of each Board committee. The position descriptions of the Board Chair and the chair of each Board committee are available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca. A copy may also be obtained upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the head office of the Corporation.

The position description of the Chair of the Board provides for the Chair to provide leadership to the Board and to serve as chair at shareholders meetings. The Chair also sets the agenda of all Board meetings and ensures the provision of accurate, timely and clear information to the directors. In addition, the Chair supervises the committee Chairs. The position description of the committee Chairs provides for their participation in the development of committee meeting calendars and agendas. Committee Chairs preside over all committee meetings and ensure the orderly and efficient use of time in committee meetings. Committee Chairs provide reports to the Board on a regular basis.

The Board has also developed a position description for the CEO, which is available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca. A copy may also be obtained upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the head office of the Corporation. The position description of the CEO includes the following duties and responsibilities: strategy, leadership, relationships, operations, finance, reporting to the Board and relations with Shareholders, employees and the public. In general, the management of the Corporation is empowered to operate the business on a day-to-day basis. However any responsibility which is not delegated to either management or a committee of the Board remains with the Board. In general, all matters of policy and all actions proposed to be taken which are not in the ordinary course of business require the prior approval of the Board or of a Board committee to which approval authority has been delegated. The corporate objectives are developed by management and approved by the Board.

Independence

The Board believes that it operates in an "independent" and objective manner.

4 of 5 Directors are "Independent"

The Board is currently composed of 5 members: Ronald P. Mathison, Alex R.N. MacAusland, Donald D. Copeland, Lorne A. Gartner and John R. Rooney. Generally speaking, a director is "independent" if such director has no direct or indirect material relationship with Western and a "material relationship" is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of the director's independent judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Canadian securities legislation prescribes that certain relationships are material relationships (i.e. any director that has been an executive officer of the company within the past 3 years will be deemed to have a material relationship with the company and therefore not be independent). After reviewing the roles and relationships of each of the directors, the Board has determined that 4 out of the 5 directors are independent. The only non-independent director is Alex R.N. MacAusland who also serves as President and CEO of Western.

Independent Chairs

The Chair of the Board and the Chairs of each committee of the Board are all independent directors. The following table sets out the directors that are currently in those roles.

Role	Director	Independent
Chair of the Board	Ronald P. Mathison	✓
Chair of the Audit Committee	Lorne A. Gartner	✓
Chair of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee	John R. Rooney	✓
Chair of the Health, Safety & Environment Committee	Donald D. Copeland	✓

The Chair of the Board and the chair of each Board committee manage the affairs of the Board and each committee of the Board, respectively, with a view to ensuring that the Board and each Board committee functions effectively and meets its obligations and responsibilities, and lead the Board and each Board committee, respectively, in the execution of their responsibilities to security holders.

Meetings of Independent Directors

An *in camera* session excluding management and non-independent directors is held at every Board and committee meeting. No meetings of independent directors were held in 2017.

Stakeholder Outreach

Reaching out to stakeholders and listening to their opinions is a core value of Western. The Board encourages stakeholders to engage with appropriate company representatives on relevant matters and actively monitors stakeholder feedback.

Letters addressed to the Board, or any individual independent director, are reviewed as a group to determine if a response from the Board is appropriate. While the Board oversees management, it does not participate in the day-to-day functions and operations of Western and is not normally in the best position to respond to inquiries on

those matters. Inquiries on operations or day-to-day management of Western will be directed to the appropriate personnel within Western for a response. The Board has instructed the Corporate Secretary to review all correspondence and, in his discretion, not to forward any items if they are not relevant to Western's operations, policies and philosophies; or are not appropriate for consideration by the Board.

All inquiries will receive a written response from either the Board or management, if appropriate. The Corporate Secretary maintains a log of all correspondence addressed to members of the Board. Directors may review the log at any time and request copies of any correspondence received.

Orientation and Continuing Education

New directors are provided with information about the duties and obligations of directors, the business and operations of the Corporation, documents from recent Board meetings and discussions with senior management and other directors. Each director receives a director's manual, which is updated as required. The directors meet regularly with management and are given periodic presentations on the business. Directors are expected to attend all scheduled Board and committee meetings in person, although attendance by telephone is permissible in appropriate circumstances. Directors are also expected to prepare thoroughly in advance of each meeting in order to actively participate in the deliberations and decisions.

The Board recognizes the importance of on-going director education and the need for each director to take personal responsibility for this process. Each director is expected to participate in continuing education programs to maintain any professional designation that they may have and which would be considered in their nomination as a director. In addition, each director is expected to participate in programs that would be necessary to maintain a level of expertise in order to perform his or her responsibilities as a director and to provide on-going guidance and direction to management. To facilitate ongoing education of the Corporation's directors, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee may: (a) periodically canvas the directors to determine their training and education needs and interests; (b) arrange ongoing visitation by directors to the Corporation's facilities and operations; (c) arrange the funding for the attendance of directors at seminars or conferences of interest and relevance to their position as a director of the Corporation; and (d) encourage and facilitate presentations by outside experts to the Board or committees on matters of particular importance or emerging significance.

Ethical Business Conduct

The Board encourages and promotes an overall culture of ethical business conduct by promoting compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; providing guidance to directors, officers and employees to help them recognize and deal with ethical issues; promoting a culture of open communication, honesty and accountability; and ensuring awareness of disciplinary action for violations of ethical business conduct.

Code of Conduct, Communications Policy & Insider Trading Policy

The Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("**Code of Ethics**"), a copy of which is available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca. A copy may also be obtained upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at the head office of the Corporation. The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee has the responsibility for monitoring compliance with the Code of Ethics and also ensures that management encourages and promotes a culture of ethical business conduct. The Board has not granted any waiver of the Code of Ethics in favour of a Director or executive officer. Accordingly, no material change report has been required or filed. The Board also has a Communications Policy which regulates the manner in which material information is determined and disseminated, and an Insider Trading Policy which restricts certain trading in shares to ensure ethical conduct.

Whistleblower Policy

The Board has adopted a Whistle Blower ("**Whistle Blower Policy**"), a copy of which is available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca. The Board, through the Audit Committee Chair, also receives reports of all financial or accounting and other appropriate issues raised through Western's anonymous toll-free whistleblower hotline.

Conflicts of Interest

The Board has adopted a Corporate Governance Mandate ("**Governance Mandate**"), a copy of which is available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca. The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee monitors the disclosure of conflicts of interest by directors and ensures that no director will vote or participate in a discussion on a matter, in respect of which, such director has a material interest.

Nomination of Directors

This responsibility has been assigned to the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee. If vacancies occur on the Board, the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee may recommend nominees to the Board. To assist the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee with reviewing the skill set of director candidates, a skill matrix was developed that sets forth the current make-up of the Board, allowing the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee to identify criteria that a new candidate for the Board should possess. Criteria in the skills matrix included management, board and industry experience and areas of expertise. Before making a recommendation on a new director candidate, the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee will meet with the candidate to discuss the candidate's interest and ability to devote the time and commitment required to serve on the Board.

Compensation

For information on the process by which the Board determines compensation for executive officers and directors, see the sections of this Information Circular entitled "*Director Compensation*" and "*Statement of Executive Compensation*". In 2017 the Board instituted an incentive compensation clawback policy, a copy of which is available on the Corporation's website at www.wesc.ca. This policy grants the Board authority to direct and take action to prevent or rectify any unjust enrichment of an executive officer whom may have received incentive compensation as the result of intentional misconduct by the executive.

Assessment

The Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee has the mandate and responsibility to ensure that a process is in place for the annual review of the performance of individual directors, the Board as a whole and the Board committees. The directors are asked to complete a questionnaire which rates items such as structure and size of the Board and each committee, the knowledge and diversity of membership as well as the quality and timeliness of information received for discussion and the overall effectiveness in decision making. The anonymity of any particular submitter is maintained with the aggregate results presented to the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee for discussion and action if required. The results are then communicated to the full Board for discussion and recommendations as necessary.

Director Term Limits and Other Mechanisms of Board Renewal

The Board believes that issues relating to board effectiveness, board renewal and board succession planning are best addressed by a strong chair, a thoughtful governance committee and independent-thinking board members. The Board is responsible for recommending to shareholders from time to time candidates for election to the Board that together contribute the right mix of skills and expertise to the Board. To assist in making those recommendations, the Board periodically conducts both formal and informal reviews of the effectiveness of the Board and individual Board members.

The Board is concerned that imposing arbitrary and inflexible director term limits may result in Western losing valued directors at a time when Western most needs their skills, qualities and contributions, as well as their knowledge of the history and culture of the organization. Mandatory retirement ages pose the same risk and the Board does not want to risk the loss of key directors to retirement policies that seem unnecessarily arbitrary and inflexible when they force a high performing director off the Board. As a result the Board does not feel that it would be appropriate to set term limits for its directors but rather relies on the experience of its members to determine when Board renewals, Board removals and Board additions are appropriate.

Gender Diversity

The Board has not adopted a formal written policy relating to the identification and nomination of female directors nor does it have targets with respect to the number of women on the Board. The Board believes that director

nominations should be made on the basis of the skill, knowledge, experience and character of individual candidates and the requirements of the Board at the time of nomination and, presently, the Board does not specifically consider the level of representation of women on the Board in identifying and nominating Board members. Western believes that considering a diverse group of individuals who have the skills, knowledge, experience and character required to provide the leadership needed to achieve its business objectives is in the best interests of the Corporation and all of its stakeholders, without reference to their age, gender, race, ethnicity or religion. Although the Board has not adopted a formal gender diversity policy, it recognizes the benefits of gender diversity at the Board level and the matter of gender diversity continues to be reviewed by the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee. Further, the Board intends to consider the adoption of a formal gender diversity policy prior to the 2019 annual meeting in accordance with the recommendations of certain institutional shareholder advisory groups.

Similar to the Board's approach in considering director nominations, the Board considers each candidate's skill, knowledge, experience, education, management capabilities and competency as a whole when making appointments to executive officer positions without reference to their age, gender, race, ethnicity or religion. The Board does not specifically consider the level of female representation in executive officer positions when making such appointments nor does it have targets in respect of appointing women to these positions.

As at the date hereof, no women are members of the Board (0%) and none of the executive officers of Western are women (0%).

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As of the date hereof, no current or former director, executive officer or employee of Western is indebted to Western or its subsidiaries. Further, at no time since the beginning of the financial year ended December 31, 2017 did any director, executive officer or proposed director, or any associate of any such director or executive officer or proposed director of Western, owe any indebtedness to Western or owe any indebtedness to any other entity which is, or at any time has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by Western.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Western has no management contracts or other arrangements in place where management functions are performed by a person or company other than the directors or Senior Executives of Western.

INTERESTS OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than as disclosed under "*Interest of Management and Others in Material Transactions*" in Western's Annual Information Form dated February 21, 2018 and filed under Western's profile on the SEDAR website located at www.sedar.com, Western is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, of any informed person of Western, any proposed nominee for election as a director of Western or any associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing in any transaction that took place since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year or in any proposed or ongoing transaction of Western which has or would materially affect Western or any of its subsidiaries.

INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED ON

No person who has been a director or executive officer of Western at any time since the beginning of the last financial year, nor any proposed nominee for election as a director of Western, nor any associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing, has any material interest, directly or indirectly, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon other than the election of directors or the appointment of auditors.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Financial information is provided in Western's consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis as at and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and the auditors' report thereon (the "**Annual Report**"), which has been mailed to those Shareholders of Western who have so requested, along with this Information Circular. The Corporation will provide to any person upon request the Annual Report. These documents can be obtained free of charge by contacting the Corporate Secretary of Western at 1700, 215 – 9th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 1K3 or by accessing Western's website at www.wesc.ca. Information relating to Western can also be obtained on SEDAR under Western's profile at www.sedar.com.

SCHEDULE "A"

MANDATE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTERN ENERGY SERVICES CORP. (THE "CORPORATION")

Stewardship of the Corporation

1. The Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") is responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation and for overseeing the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the activities of management, who are responsible for the day-to-day conduct of the business.

Director Obligations

2. Each director has the responsibility to:
 - (a) attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and all of the Committees on which they serve and to be prepared for such meetings by reviewing materials provided in advance of meetings;
 - (b) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation; and
 - (c) exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

Board Composition

3. A majority of the Board will, at all times, be independent directors as defined in the current laws applicable to the corporation.

Board Meetings

4. The Board is responsible to:
 - (a) meet in person or by telephone conference call, at least once each quarter and as often thereafter as required to discharge the duties of the Board; and
 - (b) hold meetings of the independent directors without management and non-independent directors present.

Board Chair and Lead Director

5. The Board is responsible to annually select an independent member of the Board to serve as Board Chair, (or if the CEO is also the Board Chair, a Lead Director) to:
 - (a) provide leadership to all directors;
 - (b) manage the affairs of the Board; and
 - (c) ensure that the Board functions effectively in fulfillment of its duties to the Corporation.

Committees of the Board

6. The Board discharges its responsibilities directly and through its committees. As such the Board shall:
- (a) establish such Committees of the Board as are required by applicable law and as are necessary to effectively discharge the duties of the Board;
 - (b) appoint directors to serve as members of each Committee;
 - (c) appoint a chair of each Committee to:
 - (i) provide leadership to the Committee;
 - (ii) manage the affairs of the Committee; and
 - (iii) ensure that the Committee functions effectively in fulfilling its duties to the Board and the Corporation; and
 - (d) regularly receive and consider reports and recommendations of each Committee.

Supervision of Management

7. The Board is responsible to:
- (a) select and appoint the CEO, and with the assistance of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, establish CEO goals and objectives and evaluate CEO performance and develop a position description for the CEO which includes delineating management's responsibilities;
 - (b) assist the CEO to select and appoint executive officers, establish executive officers' goals and objectives and monitor their performance; and
 - (c) with the assistance of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, maintain a succession plan for the replacement of the CEO and executive officers.

Governance

8. The Board is responsible to:
- (a) annually review and on the advice of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee either approve or require revisions to the mandates of the Board and each Committee, position descriptions, the code of business conduct and ethics (the "**Code**") and all other policies of the Corporation (collectively the "**Governance Documents**");
 - (b) together with the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, to the extent feasible, satisfy itself as to the integrity of the CEO and other executive officers, and that the CEO and other executive officers create a culture of integrity through the organization; and that business is to be conducted on behalf of the Corporation in accordance with the requirements and the spirit of the Governance Documents;
 - (c) ensure that all new directors receive a comprehensive orientation and that all new directors should fully understand the role of the Board and its committees, as well as the contribution individual directors are expected to make (including, in particular, the commitment of time and

resources that the Corporation expects from its directors) and that all new directors should also understand the nature and operation of the Corporation's business; and

- (d) provide continuing education opportunities for all directors, so that individuals may maintain or enhance their skills and abilities as directors, as well as to ensure their knowledge and understanding of the Corporation's business remains current.

Communications

- 9. The Board is responsible to approve and maintain a process for the Corporation's stakeholders to contact the independent directors directly with concerns and questions regarding the Corporation.

Waivers and Conflicts

- 10. The Board is responsible, with the assistance of the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee, for:
 - (a) monitoring compliance with the Code;
 - (b) providing or denying waivers from the Code; and
 - (c) disclosing departures from the Code including filing required material change reports for material departures from the Code containing:
 - (i) the date of the departure(s);
 - (ii) the parties involved in the departure(s);
 - (iii) the reason why the Board has or has not sanctioned the departure(s); and
 - (iv) any measures taken to address or remedy the departure(s).

Strategic Planning

- 11. The Board has the responsibility to:
 - (a) adopt a strategic planning process and approving, on at least an annual basis, a strategic plan which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risk of the businesses of the Corporation; and
 - (b) approve capital and operating budgets to implement the strategic plan.

Risk Management

- 12. The Board has the responsibility to:
 - (a) adopt a process to identify the principal business risks of the Corporation and to ensure the implementation of appropriate systems to manage those risks; and
 - (b) together with the Audit Committee, ensure policies and procedures are in place that are effective to maintain the integrity of the Corporation's:
 - (i) disclosure controls and procedures;

- (ii) internal controls over financial reporting; and
- (iii) management information systems.

Financial Management

13. The Board has the responsibility to:

- (a) review and on the advice of the Audit Committee, approve, prior to their public dissemination:
 - (i) interim and annual consolidated financial statements and notes thereto;
 - (ii) managements' discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;
 - (iii) relevant sections of the annual report, annual information form and management information circular containing financial information;
 - (iv) forecasted financial information and forward looking statements; and
 - (v) all press releases and other documents in which financial statements, earnings forecasts, results of operations or other financial information is disclosed; and
- (b) approve dividends and distributions, material financings, transactions affecting authorized capital or the issue and repurchase of shares and debt securities, and all material divestitures and acquisitions.

Materials

14. The Board shall have access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Corporation necessary for the discharge of its duties.

Advisors

15. The Board has the power, at the expense of the Corporation, to retain, instruct, compensate and terminate independent advisors to assist the Board in the discharge of its duties.

Annual Review

16. Assess, on an annual basis, the adequacy of this Mandate of the Board.