

# **COPPERCORP RESOURCES INC.**

#203 - 55 Water Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1A1

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 27, 2024**

**AND**

## **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

*May 24, 2024*

*This document requires immediate attention. If you are in doubt as to how to deal with the documents or matters referred to in this notice and information circular, you should immediately contact your advisor.*

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of shareholders of CopperCorp Resources Inc. (the “**Company**”) will be held the offices of the Company, #203 – 55 Water Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 1A1, on Thursday June 27, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the consolidated financial statements of the Company together with the auditor's reports thereon for the financial year ended December 31, 2023.
2. To fix the number of directors at four (4).
3. To elect directors for the ensuing year.
4. To appoint Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as Auditor of the Company for the ensuing year, and to authorize the directors to fix the Auditor’s remuneration.
5. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass an ordinary resolution approving and ratifying the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, as more particularly described in the accompanying information circular accompanying this notice.
6. To consider any permitted amendment to or variation of any matter identified in this Notice and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

In order to be valid and acted upon at the Meeting, proxies must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) on June 25, 2024 or not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the time for holding the Meeting or any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof. Failure to so deposit a form of proxy will result in its invalidation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the chair of the Meeting has the discretion to accept proxies received after such deadline.

An Information Circular accompanies this Notice. The Information Circular contains details of matters to be considered at the Meeting. No other matters are contemplated, however any permitted amendment to or variation of any matter identified in this Notice may properly be considered at the Meeting. The Meeting may also consider the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, the reports of the auditor and the related management discussion and analysis will be made available at the Meeting and on [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Registered Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting in person and who wish to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy, or another suitable form of proxy and deliver it in accordance with the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the Information Circular.

Non-registered Shareholders who plan to attend the Meeting must follow the instructions set out in the form of proxy or voting instruction form to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting. If you hold your shares in a brokerage account, you are a non-registered Shareholder.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

By Order of the Board of Directors of

**COPPERCORP RESOURCES INC.**

*"Stephen Swatton"*

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Stephen Swatton  
Chief Executive Officer and Director

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### **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

**May 24, 2024**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This information circular (the “**Information Circular**”) accompanies the notice of annual general meeting of shareholders (the “**Notice**”) of CopperCorp Resources Inc. (the “**Company**”) and is furnished to shareholders (each, a “**Shareholder**”) holding common shares (each, a “**Share**”) in the capital of the Company in connection with the solicitation by the management of the Company of proxies to be voted at the annual general meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the Shareholders to be held at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the offices of the Company, #203 – 55 Water Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 1A1, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

#### **Date and Currency**

The date of this Information Circular is May 24, 2024. Unless otherwise stated, all amounts herein are in Canadian dollars.

#### **PROXIES AND VOTING RIGHTS**

##### **Management Solicitation**

The solicitation of proxies by management of the Company will be conducted by mail and may be supplemented by telephone or other personal contact to be made without special compensation to any of the directors, officers and employees of the Company. The Company does not reimburse Shareholders, nominees or agents for costs incurred in obtaining from their principals authorization to execute forms of proxy, except that the Company has requested brokers and nominees who hold stock in their respective names to furnish this proxy material to their customers who are NOBOs (as defined below), and the Company will reimburse such brokers and nominees for their related out of pocket expenses. No solicitation will be made by specifically engaged employees or soliciting agents. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Company.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than as contained in this Information Circular in connection with the solicitation of proxies. If given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company. The delivery of this Information Circular shall not create, under any circumstances, any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since the date of this Information Circular. This Information Circular does not constitute the solicitation of a proxy by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making such solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer of solicitation.

##### **Appointment of Proxy**

Registered Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Meeting. Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each Share held on the record date of May 24, 2024 on the resolutions to be voted upon at the Meeting, and any other matter to come before the Meeting.

The persons named as proxyholders in the enclosed form of proxy (the “**Designated Persons**”) are directors and/or officers of the Company.

**A SHAREHOLDER HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A PERSON OR COMPANY (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED FORM OF PROXY TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR OR ON BEHALF OF THAT SHAREHOLDER AT THE MEETING.**

**A SHAREHOLDER MAY EXERCISE THIS RIGHT BY INSERTING THE NAME OF SUCH OTHER PERSON IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED ON THE FORM OF PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDER SHOULD NOTIFY THE NOMINEE OF THE APPOINTMENT, OBTAIN THE NOMINEE'S CONSENT TO ACT AS PROXY AND SHOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO THE NOMINEE ON HOW THE SHAREHOLDER'S SHARES SHOULD BE VOTED. THE NOMINEE SHOULD BRING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TO THE MEETING.**

The Shareholder may vote by mail, by telephone or via the Internet by following instructions provided in the form of proxy at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) prior to the scheduled time of the Meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof. The Chairman of the Meeting, in his sole discretion, may accept completed forms of proxy on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

A proxy may not be valid unless it is dated and signed by the Shareholder who is giving it or by that Shareholder's attorney-in-fact duly authorized by that Shareholder in writing or, in the case of a corporation, dated and executed by a duly authorized officer or attorney-in-fact for the corporation. If a form of proxy is executed by an attorney-in-fact for an individual Shareholder or joint Shareholders, or by an officer or attorney-in-fact for a corporate Shareholder, the instrument so empowering the officer or attorney-in-fact, as the case may be, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must accompany the form of proxy.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

A Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it at anytime before it is exercised by an instrument in writing: (a) executed by that Shareholder or by that Shareholder's attorney-in-fact, authorized in writing, or, where the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer of, or attorney-in-fact for, the corporation; and (b) delivered either: (i) to the Company at the address set forth above, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof, or (ii) to the Chairman of the Meeting prior to the vote on matters covered by the proxy on the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof, or (iii) in any other manner provided by law.

Also, a proxy will automatically be revoked by either: (i) attendance at the Meeting and participation in a poll (ballot) by a Shareholder, or (ii) submission of a subsequent proxy in accordance with the foregoing procedures. A revocation of a proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to any such revocation.

#### **Voting of Shares and Proxies and Exercise of Discretion by Designated Persons**

A Shareholder may indicate the manner in which the Designated Persons are to vote with respect to a matter to be voted upon at the Meeting by marking the appropriate space on the proxy. **The Shares represented by a proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Shares will be voted accordingly.**

**IF NO CHOICE IS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY WITH RESPECT TO A MATTER TO BE ACTED UPON, THE PROXY CONFERS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THAT MATTER UPON THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE FORM OF PROXY. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DESIGNATED PERSONS WILL VOTE THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY IN FAVOUR OF EACH MATTER IDENTIFIED IN THE PROXY.**

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting, including any amendments or variations to any matters identified in the Notice, and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company is not aware of any such amendments, variations, or other matters to come before the Meeting.

In the case of abstentions from, or withholding of, the voting of the Shares of a Shareholder on any matter, the Shares that are the subject of the abstention or withholding will be counted for determination of a quorum, but will not be counted as affirmative or negative on the matter to be voted upon.

#### **ADVICE TO BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

**The information set out in this section is of significant importance to those Shareholders who do not hold Shares in their own name. Shareholders who do not hold their Shares in their own name (referred to in this Information Circular as “Beneficial Shareholders”) should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting.** If Shares are listed in an account statement provided by a broker, then in almost all cases those Shares will not be registered in the Beneficial Shareholder’s name on the records of the Company. Such Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the Beneficial Shareholder’s broker or an agent of that broker. In the United States, the vast majority of such Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depository for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks), and in Canada, under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). **Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their Shares are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.**

The Company does not have access to the names of all Beneficial Shareholders. Applicable regulatory policy requires intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders’ meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their Shares are voted at the Meeting. The form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by his, her or its broker (or the agent of the broker) is similar to the form of proxy provided to registered Shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered Shareholder (the broker or agent of the broker) how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (“**Broadridge**”) in the United States and in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a special voting instruction form, mails this form to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks for appropriate instructions regarding the voting of Shares to be voted at the Meeting. If Beneficial Shareholders receive the voting instruction forms from Broadridge, they are requested to complete and return the voting instruction forms to Broadridge by mail or facsimile. Alternatively, Beneficial Shareholders can call a toll-free number and access Broadridge’s dedicated voting website (each as noted on the voting instruction form) to deliver their voting instructions and to vote the Shares held by them. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Shares to be represented at the Meeting. **A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a Broadridge voting instruction form cannot use that form as a proxy to vote Shares directly at the**

**Meeting – the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the applicable Shares voted at the Meeting.**

Although a Beneficial Shareholder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Shares registered in the name of his, her or its broker (or agent of the broker), a Beneficial Shareholder may attend at the Meeting as proxyholder for the registered Shareholder and vote the Shares in that capacity. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to attend at the Meeting and indirectly vote their Shares as proxyholder for the registered Shareholder should enter their own names in the blank space on the instrument of proxy provided to them and return the same to their broker (or the broker's agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker (or agent), well in advance of the Meeting.

Alternatively, a Beneficial Shareholder may request in writing that his, her or its broker send to the Beneficial Shareholder a legal proxy which would enable the Beneficial Shareholder to attend at the Meeting and vote his, her or its Shares.

Beneficial Shareholders consist of non-objecting beneficial owners (each, a “**NOBO**”) and objecting beneficial owners (each, an “**OBO**”). A NOBO is a beneficial owner of securities that has provided instructions to an intermediary holding the securities in an account on behalf of the beneficial owner that the beneficial owner does not object, for that account, to the intermediary disclosing ownership information about the beneficial owner under National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* (“**NI 54-101**”) of the Canadian Securities Administrators. An OBO means a beneficial owner of securities that has provided instructions to an intermediary holding the securities in an account on behalf of the beneficial owner that the beneficial owner objects, for that account, to the intermediary disclosing ownership information about the beneficial owner under NI 54-101.

The Company is sending proxy-related materials directly to NOBOs of the Shares. The Company will not pay for the delivery of proxy-related materials to OBOs of the Shares under NI 54-101 and Form 54-101F7 – *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary*. The OBOs of the Shares will not receive the materials unless their intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

All references to Shareholders in this Information Circular are to registered Shareholders, unless specifically stated otherwise.

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

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Shares without par value. As of the record date, determined by the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) to be the close of business on May 24, 2024 (the “**Record Date**”), a total of 85,996,162 Shares were issued and outstanding. Each Share carries the right to one vote at the Meeting.

Only registered Shareholders as of the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the outstanding Shares.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2023 together with the auditor's report thereon, will be presented to the Shareholders at the Meeting. The Company's financial statements and management discussion and analysis are available on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to set the number of directors of the Company at four (4). An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

**Management of the Company recommends the approval of setting the number of directors of the Company at four (4).**

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At present, the directors of the Company are elected at each annual general meeting and hold office until the next annual general meeting, or until their successors are duly elected or appointed in accordance with the Company's Articles or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the enclosed form of proxy will be voted for the nominees listed in the form of proxy, all of whom are presently members of the Board.

The Company's Articles contain an advance notice provision (the "**Advance Notice Provision**") of the nomination of directors in certain circumstances. To be timely, the advance notice by the nominating Shareholder (the "**Nominating Shareholder**") must be made:

- (a) in the case of an annual meeting of Shareholders, not less than 30 and not more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of Shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of Shareholders is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date (the "**Notice Date**") on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice by the Nominating Shareholder is to be made not later than the close of business on the 10th day after the Notice Date in respect of such meeting; and
- (b) in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of Shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes), not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting of Shareholders was made.

No nominations of directors for the Meeting by the Nominating Shareholders were received in accordance with the provisions of the Advance Notice Provision.

Management of the Company proposes to nominate the persons named in the table below for election by the Shareholders as directors of the Company. Information concerning such persons, as furnished by the individual nominees, is as follows:

Name Province Country of Residence and Position(s) with the Company	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years	Periods during which Nominee has Served as a Director	Number of Shares Owned <sup>(1)</sup>
Stephen Swatton <sup>(2)(4)</sup> British Columbia, Canada  <i>Chief Executive Officer and Director</i>	CEO and director of the Company; Director of K2 Gold Corp. June 2016 to present, CEO of K2 Gold Corp. June 2016 to March 2022.	February 25, 2021 to present	892,857
Samuel Garrett <sup>(2)(4)</sup> Victoria, Australia  <i>Director</i>	Director of the Company; self-employed consulting geologist for over 30 years; Executive Director, Flynn Gold (ASX listed) 2021 to present, CEO of Great Southern Copper PLC (LSE listed).	November 9, 2020 to present	3,965,785
Sean Westbrook Tasmania, Australia  <i>Director, VP Exploration</i>	Director and Vice President of Exploration of the Company; self-employed consulting geologist for over 20 years.	September 25, 2023	4,648,500
Jason Bahnsen <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	Director of the Company. CEO of Northern Lights Resources Corp.	December 11, 2023	Nil

(1) Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, as at May 24, 2024, based upon information furnished to the Company by the individual directors.

(2) Proposed member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

(3) Proposed chairman of the Audit Committee.

(4) Proposed member of the Compensation Committee.

**Management of the Company recommends the election of each of the nominees listed above as a director of the Company.**

#### *Orders*

No proposed director of the Company is, or within the ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular has been, a director, chief executive officer (“CEO”) or chief financial officer (“CFO”) of any company that:

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

### *Bankruptcies*

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular, has been, a director or an executive officer of any company that, while the person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in the 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 or made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcies or insolvency.

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company has, within the ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

### *Penalties and Sanctions*

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company has been subject to: (a) 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 (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### **General**

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

"**compensation securities**" includes stock options, convertible securities, exchangeable securities and similar instruments including stock appreciation rights, deferred share units and restricted stock units granted or issued by the Company or one of its subsidiaries (if any) for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly to the Company or any of its subsidiaries (if any);

"**NEO**" or "**named executive officer**" means:

- (a) each individual who served as **CEO** of the Company, or who performed functions similar to a CEO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year,
- (b) each individual who served as **CFO** of the Company, or who performed functions similar to a CFO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year,
- (c) the most highly compensated executive officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (if any) other than individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V, for that financial year, and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company or its subsidiaries (if any), nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

“plan” includes any plan, contract, authorization or arrangement, whether or not set out in any formal document, where cash, compensation securities or any other property may be received, whether for one or more persons; and

“underlying securities” means any securities issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of compensation securities.

### Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation, excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth all direct and indirect compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company thereof to each NEO and each director of the Company, in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO or director for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company:

Name and Position	Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Value of all other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Stephen Swatton <sup>(2)</sup> CEO and Director	2023	225,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	225,000
	2022	215,625	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	215,625
Robert Scott <sup>(3)</sup> CFO	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Samuel Garrett <sup>(4)</sup> Director	2023	15,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,000
	2022	15,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,000
Craig Roberts <sup>(4)</sup> Director	2023	15,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,000
	2022	15,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,000
Sean Westbrook <sup>(5)</sup> VP Exploration and Director	2023	147,956	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	147,956
	2022	149,061	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	149,061
Jason Bahnsen <sup>(6)</sup> Director	2023	1,250	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,250
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Aaron Keay <sup>(7)</sup> Former Director	2023	5,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5,000
	2022	15,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,000
Eoin Saadien <sup>(8)</sup> Former Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	36,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	36,000

- (1) "Perquisites" include perquisites provided to an NEO or director that are not generally available to all employees and that, in aggregate, are: (a) \$15,000, if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$150,000 or less, (b) 10% of the NEO or director's salary for the financial year if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is greater than \$150,000 but less than \$500,000, or (c) \$50,000 if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$500,000 or greater.
- (2) Mr. Swatton was appointed a director of the Company on February 25, 2021 and the CEO of the Company on April 12, 2021.
- (3) Mr. Scott was appointed the CFO of the Company on February 25, 2021.
- (4) Messrs. Garrett and Roberts were appointed as directors of the Company on November 9, 2020.
- (5) Mr. Westbrook was appointed as VP Exploration of the Company on June 1, 2021 and as a Director of the Company on September 25, 2023.
- (6) Mr. Bahnsen was appointed as a director of the Company on December 11, 2023.
- (7) Mr. Keay was a director of the Company from February 25, 2021 to April 24, 2023.
- (8) Mr. Saadien was a director of the Company from May 26, 2021 to July 4, 2022.

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

There were no compensation securities granted or issued to each director and NEO by the Company or any subsidiary thereof in the year ended December 31, 2023 for services provided, or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof.

As at December 31, 2023:

- (a) Stephen Swatton, the CEO and a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of 1,500,000 compensation securities, comprised solely of stock options, each of which is exercisable into one Share, exercisable at a price of \$0.35 per Share until July 27, 2026;
- (b) Robert Scott, the CFO of the Company, owned an aggregate of 450,000 compensation securities, comprised solely of stock options, each of which is exercisable into one Share, exercisable at a price of \$0.35 per Share until July 27, 2026;
- (c) Samuel Garrett, a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of 300,000 compensation securities, comprised solely of stock options, each of which is exercisable into one Share, exercisable at a price of \$0.35 per Share until July 27, 2026;
- (d) Craig Roberts, a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of 300,000 compensation securities, comprised solely of stock options, each of which is exercisable into one Share, exercisable at a price of \$0.35 per Share until July 27, 2026;
- (e) Sean Westbook, Vice President of Exploration and a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of 300,000 compensation securities, comprised solely of stock options, each of which is exercisable into one Share, exercisable at a price of \$0.35 per Share until July 27, 2026;
- (f) Jason Bahnsen, a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of Nil compensation securities.

All of the options set out above vested January 11, 2023.

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

The following table sets out all compensation securities exercised by directors and NEOs in the year ended December 31, 2023:

Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs							
Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	Number of Underlying Securities Exercised	Exercise Price Per Security (\$)	Date of Exercise	Closing Price per Security on Date of Exercise (\$)	Difference Between Exercise Price and Closing Price on the Date of Exercise (\$)	Total Value on Exercise Date (\$)
N/A	Stock Options	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plan

The Board adopted an Equity Incentive Plan on May 31, 2022 which was approved by shareholders July 4, 2022 and June 13, 2023. The Equity Incentive Plan is a rolling plan for Options and a fixed plan for Performance-Based Awards such that the aggregate number of Shares that: (i) may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of Options granted under the Equity Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements), shall not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time, such number being 85,996,162 as at May 24, 2024 and (ii) may be issued in respect of Performance-Based Awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) shall not exceed 15,122,153. The Equity Incentive Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since Options which have been exercised, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without being exercised shall be available for subsequent grants under the Equity Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan is to: (i) attract and retain directors, officers, employees and consultants and to motivate them to advance the interests of the Company by affording them with the opportunity to acquire an equity interest in the Company through securities granted under the Equity Incentive Plan and (ii) recognize contributions made by eligible persons and to create an incentive for their continuing assistance to the Company and its affiliates. The Equity Incentive Plan is administered by the Board, which has full and final authority with respect to the granting of all securities thereunder.

For details of the Equity Incentive Plan, see "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon - Approval of the Equity Incentive Plan" below.

### Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements

Other than as set forth below, the Company is not party to any formal, written employment, consulting or management agreements with any NEO or director.

On June 1, 2021, the Company entered into an Executive Consulting Agreement with Lundy Management Ltd., (the "**Lundy Agreement**") pursuant to which Lundy Management Ltd., through its principal Stephen Swatton, has agreed to provide certain management services to the Company, including, without limitation, acting as CEO of the Company (collectively, the "**Services**"). As consideration for the Services to be provided by Stephen Swatton, at this time the Company has agreed to pay Lundy Management Ltd. an annual consulting fee of \$225,000 plus applicable taxes.

The Lundy Agreement can be terminated by Mr. Swatton (i) without cause at any time on giving the Company not less than three months prior notice of such termination; and (ii) with cause in the event the Company commits a material breach of the agreement. The Lundy Agreement can be terminated by the Company (i) without cause at any time on giving notice to the consultant specifying the date of termination; and (ii) with cause at any time for just cause.

If the Lundy Agreement is terminated by the consultant with cause or by the Company without cause, the Company will pay the consultant severance in an amount equal to one year of the consultant's base salary in effect at the time of termination.

The consultant may terminate the Lundy Agreement at any time upon the occurrence of a change of control. In the event of termination by the consultant pursuant to a change of control the Company will pay an amount equal to two years of the consultant's base salary at the date of termination and any unvested stock options will immediately vest to the consultant.

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

In assessing the compensation of its executive officers, the Company does not have in place any formal objectives, criteria or analysis; compensation payable is currently determined by the Board. The Company's executive compensation program is based on comparisons of similar type and size companies. Both individual and corporate performances are also taken into account.

As of the date of this Information Circular, the Company's directors have not established any benchmark or performance goals to be achieved or met by the NEOs; however, such NEOs are expected to carry out their duties in an effective and efficient manner so as to advance the business objectives of the Company.

Payments may be made from time to time to individuals or companies they control for the provision of consulting services. Such consulting services are paid for by the Company at competitive industry rates for work of a similar nature by reputable arm's length services providers.

### **Pension Plan Benefits**

The Company does not have any pension, defined benefit, defined contribution or deferred compensation plans in place.

## SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth details of the Equity Incentive Plan, being the Company's only equity compensation plan, as of December 31, 2023:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights <sup>(1)</sup> (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	4,450,000	\$0.35	10,772,153
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,450,000</b>	<b>\$0.35</b>	<b>10,772,153</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company does not have any warrants or rights outstanding under any equity compensation plans.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to re-approve the Company's current Equity Incentive Plan. See "*Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon - Approval of Equity Incentive Plan*", below for a summary of the Equity Incentive Plan.

### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to appoint Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and to authorize the Board to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

**Management of the Company recommends that Shareholders vote for the appointment of Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company's auditors for the Company's fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 and to authorize the Board to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.**

### AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

Under National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees ("NI 52-110")*, a reporting issuer is required to provide disclosure annually with respect to its audit committee, including the text of its audit committee charter, information regarding the composition of the audit committee, and information regarding fees paid to its external auditor. The Company provides the following disclosure with respect to its audit committee (the "**Audit Committee**").

#### **Audit Committee Charter**

The full text of the Audit Committee charter (the "**Charter**") available online at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) attached as Schedule A to the Company's Management Information Circular filed May 18, 2023.

### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Company's Audit Committee is currently comprised of three directors, consisting of Craig Roberts (Chairman), Stephen Swatton and Jason Bahnsen. After the Meeting, the Audit Committee will be comprised of Jason Bahnsen (Chairman), Stephen Swatton and Samuel Garrett, As defined in NI 52-110, Mr. Swatton, the CEO of the Company, is not "independent", as he is an officer of the Company. Messrs. Garrett and Bahnsen are "independent" as defined in NI 52-110.

All of the Audit Committee members are "financially literate", as defined in NI 52-110, as all have the industry experience necessary to understand and analyze financial statements of the Company, as well as an understanding of internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting.

The Audit Committee is responsible for review of both interim and annual financial statements for the Company. For the purposes of performing their duties, the members of the Audit Committee have the right at all times, to inspect all the books and financial records of the Company and any subsidiaries, and to discuss with management and the external auditors of the Company any accounts, records and matters relating to the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee members meet periodically with management and annually with the external auditors.

### **Relevant Education and Experience**

All of the members of the Audit Committee are able to understand and interpret information related to financial statement analysis. Each of the members of the Audit Committee has a general understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and will seek clarification from the Company's auditors, where required. Each of the members of the Audit Committee also has direct experience in understanding accounting principles for private and reporting companies. The relevant experience of the current members of the Audit Committee is as follows:

#### *Jason Bahnsen*

Mr. Bahnsen is a Canadian/Australian mining engineer and corporate finance executive with over 30 years of experience in the global resource sector. Mr. Bahnsen acted for Rio Tinto in business development roles before joining Deutsche Bank as one of the founding members of a global resources team. While at Deutsche Bank, he was involved a number of large-scale corporate transactions for major Australian resource companies including Western Mining, Santos, BHP, Normandy ranging from demerger, takeover defenses, independent valuations, company and debt restructuring. Mr. Bahnsen has worked in project development and operational supervisory roles, investment banking and leadership roles as CEO for private and public companies listed on ASX, TSX.V and CSE stock exchanges. Mr. Bahnsen holds a B.Sc in Mining Engineering from Queen's University, Kingston and an MBA from University of New England, NSW, Australia.

*Stephen Swatton*

Mr. Swatton has been in the mining and exploration business for 30 years and has held positions such as Senior Geologist for Rio Tinto, Institutional Mining Analyst for Yorkton Securities, CEO of several successful junior companies including, Brazil Resources Inc. and Fortress Minerals Ltd (now Lundin Gold) and was Global Head of Business Development for the BHP Billiton Exploration Group (2005-2008). In recent years Mr. Swatton has developed varied business interests in third world jurisdictions while maintaining a keen interest in the Canadian resource sector through investment and opportunity recognition. Mr. Swatton is currently a director of K2 Gold Corp.

*Samuel Garrett*

Mr. Garrett has over 30 years of exploration management, project assessment and operational experience working for large multi-national and junior mining and exploration companies, including roles with Phelps Dodge Corporation and Cyprus Gold. Mr. Garrett has worked in eleven countries covering a broad range of geological environments including IOCG and porphyry copper discovery credits. He is a specialist in copper and gold exploration with additional experience in iron ore, base metals and other specialist commodities. Highlights of Mr. Garrett's career include discovery credits for the Havieron prospect, now owned by AIM listed Greatland Gold (and subject to farm in by ASX listed Newcrest Mining Limited), the Tujuh Bukit gold-silver-copper mine in Indonesia currently operated by Merdeka Copper Gold, and the Mt Elliot copper mine in Queensland (Cyprus Gold). He was also the owner and developer of a successful industrial minerals mine in Queensland, Australia.

### **Audit Committee Oversight**

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

### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on the exemptions in Sections 2.4, 6.1.1(4), 6.1.1(5), or 6.1.1(6) or Part 8 of NI 52-110. Section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-Audit Services*) provides an exemption from the requirement that the Audit Committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided by the auditor, where the total amount of fees related to the non-audit services are not expected to exceed 5% of the total fees payable to the auditor in the financial year in which the non-audit services were provided. Sections 6.1.1(4) (*Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*), 6.1.1(5) (*Events Outside Control of Member*) and 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*) provide exemptions from the requirement that a majority of the members of the Company's Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company. Part 8 (*Exemptions*) permits a company to apply to a securities regulatory authority or regulator for an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110 in whole or in part.

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

Formal policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services have yet to be formulated and adopted. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by the Board and the Audit Committee, on a case-by-case basis as applicable.

### External Auditor Service Fees

In the following table, “audit fees” are fees billed by the Company’s external auditor for services provided in auditing the Company’s annual financial statements for the subject year. “Audit-related fees” are fees not included in audit fees that are billed by the auditor for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit review of the Company’s financial statements. “Tax fees” are fees billed by the auditor for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. “All other fees” are fees billed by the auditor for products and services not included in the foregoing categories.

The aggregate fees billed by the Company’s auditor, Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, by category, are as follows:

Financial Year Ended December 31	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
2023	\$40,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
2022	\$37,500	Nil	Nil	Nil

### Exemption

The Company is relying on the exemption provided by Section 6.1 of NI 52-110, which provides that the Company, as a venture issuer, is not required to comply with Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No current or former director, executive officer, proposed nominee for election to the Board, or associate of such persons is, or at any time since the beginning of the Company’s most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

No indebtedness of current or former director, executive officer, proposed nominee for election to the Board, or associate of such person is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No: (a) director, proposed director or executive officer of the Company; (b) person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, Shares or who exercises control or direction of Shares, or a combination of both carrying more than ten percent of the voting rights attached to the Shares outstanding (each, an “Insider”); (c) director or executive officer of an Insider; or (d) associate or affiliate of any of the directors, executive officers or Insiders, has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company’s most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company, except with an interest arising from the ownership of Shares, where such person will receive no extra or special benefit or advantage not shared on a *pro rata* basis by all holders of the same class of Shares.

### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

There were no management functions of the Company, which were, to any substantial degree, performed by persons other than the directors or executive officers of the Company.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### General

National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, as adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators, prescribes certain disclosure by the Company of its corporate governance practices. This disclosure is presented below.

### Board of Directors

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

Mr. Swatton, the Company's CEO, and Mr. Westbrook the Company's VP Exploration are not considered to be independent as they are officers of the Company. Messrs. Garrett and Bahnsen are considered to be independent in that they are independent and free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the respective director's ability to act with the best interests of the Company, other than the interests and relationships arising from being Shareholders.

### Directorships

The following table sets out information regarding other directorships presently held by directors of the Company with other reporting issuers (or the equivalent) in Canada or any foreign jurisdiction:

Name of Director	Names of Other Reporting Issuers	Securities Exchange
Stephen Swatton	K2 Gold Corporation	Exchange
Samuel Garrett	Flynn Gold Limited	ASX
	Great Southern Copper Corp.	LSE

### Orientation and Continuing Education

When new directors are appointed, they receive orientation, commensurate with their previous experience, on the Company's properties, business, technology and industry and on the responsibilities of directors.

Board meetings may also include presentations by the Company's management and employees to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business.

### Ethical Business Conduct

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

### Nomination of Directors

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend for election at the annual meeting of Shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of views and experience.

The Company's nominating and corporate governance committee (the "NCG Committee") has responsibility for identifying potential Board candidates. There is no set process for identifying new candidates, but a pool of candidates may be generated using the existing network of the Company Board members, a search firm, or any other method that the Board may choose. Two of the three members of the NCG Committee are independent.

The Board acting through its Compensation Committee determines compensation for the directors and compensation paid to the Chief Executive Officer. The procedures for this determination are described under Statement of Executive Compensation above.

#### **Other Board Committees**

The Board has the following committees: Audit Committee, described above, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Technical Committee and the Disclosure Committee.

The Board regularly monitors the adequacy and effectiveness of information given to directors, communications between the Board and management, and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and its committees.

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

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this Information Circular, no director or executive officer of the Company who was a director or executive officer since the beginning of the Company's last financial year, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any such directors, officers or nominees, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of Shares or other securities in the Company or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

#### **PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

##### **Approval of the Equity Incentive Plan**

The only stock option plan or other incentive plan the Company currently has in place is an Equity Incentive Plan. The Equity Incentive Plan is a rolling plan for Options and a fixed plan for Performance-Based Awards such that the aggregate number of Shares that: (i) may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of Options granted under the Equity Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements), shall not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time, such number being 85,996,162 as at May 24, 2024 and (ii) may be issued in respect of Performance-Based Awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) shall not exceed 15,122,153. The Equity Incentive Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since Options which have been exercised, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without being exercised shall be available for subsequent grants under the Equity Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass an ordinary resolution ratifying, approving and confirming the Equity Incentive Plan in the form set out as Schedule "A" hereto.

The following information is intended as a brief description of the Equity Incentive Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Equity Incentive Plan.

### *Purpose*

The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan is to promote the long-term success of the Company and the creation of shareholder value by: (i) encouraging the attraction and retention of eligible persons; (ii) encouraging such eligible persons to focus on critical long-term objectives; and (iii) promoting greater alignment of the interests of such eligible persons with the interests of the Company.

The Equity Incentive Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of stock options ("**Options**"), restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**") and deferred share units ("**DSUs**" and, collectively with the RSUs and PSUs, the "**Performance-Based Awards**") to eligible persons.

### *Shares Subject to the Equity Incentive Plan*

The Equity Incentive Plan is a rolling plan for Options and a fixed plan for Performance-Based Awards such that the aggregate number of Shares that: (i) may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of Options granted under the Equity Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements), shall not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time, such number being 85,996,162 as at May 24, 2024 and (ii) may be issued in respect of Performance-Based Awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) shall not exceed 15,222,153. The Equity Incentive Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since Options which have been exercised, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without being exercised shall be available for subsequent grants under the Equity Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

### *Participation Limits*

The Equity Incentive Plan provides that:

- (a) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to insiders under the Equity Incentive Plan, within any 12 month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to insiders under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan), shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant and in accordance with the policies of the Exchange (the "**Exchange Policies**"));
- (b) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to insiders under the Equity Incentive Plan, at any point in time, together with Shares reserved for issuance to insiders under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares;
- (c) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any participant (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) under the Equity Incentive Plan, within any 12 month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to such participant (and to Companies wholly-owned by that participant) under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant);
- (d) the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any one consultant (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) under the Equity Incentive Plan, within any 12 month period, together with Shares issuable to such consultant under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares

(calculated as at the date of any grant); and

- (e) the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable pursuant to grants of Options to all investor relation service providers performing investor relations activities under the Equity Incentive Plan, within any 12 month period, shall not in aggregate exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant). For the avoidance of doubt, persons performing investor relations activities are only eligible to receive Options under the Equity Incentive Plan; they are not eligible to receive any Performance-Based Award or other type of securities based compensation under the Equity Incentive Plan.

#### *Administration of the Equity Incentive Plan*

The Equity Incentive Plan shall be administered by the Board and the Board has full authority to administer the Equity Incentive Plan, including the authority to interpret and construe any provision of the Equity Incentive Plan and to adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regulations for administering the Equity Incentive Plan as the Board may deem necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the Equity Incentive Plan.

#### *Eligible Persons under the Equity Incentive Plan*

When used in connection with the grant of Options, all officers, directors, employees, management company employees and consultants of the Company are eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan. When used in connection with the grant of Performance-Based Awards, all officers, directors, employees, management company employees and consultants of the Company that do not perform investor relations activities are eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan. The extent to which any such individual is entitled to receive a grant of an award pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board. Each person who receives a grant under the Equity Incentive Plan is referred to as a "Participant".

#### *Types of Awards*

Awards of Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs may be made under the Equity Incentive Plan. All of the awards described below are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, exercise price, vesting, settlement and forfeiture provisions determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, subject to such limitations provided in the Equity Incentive Plan, and will generally be evidenced by an award agreement.

#### Options

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of Shares at an exercise price determined by the Board at the time of the grant of the Option, provided that the exercise price of an Option granted under the Equity Incentive Plan shall not be less than the Discounted Market Price (as defined in the Exchange Policies), provided that if an Option is proposed to be granted by the Company after the Company has just been recalled for trading following a suspension or halt, the Company must wait at least ten trading days since the day on which trading in the Company's securities resumes before setting the exercise price for and granting the Option. Each Option shall, unless sooner terminated, expire on a date to be determined by the Board which will not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant of the Option. The Board may, in its absolute discretion, upon granting Options under the Equity Incentive Plan, specify different time periods following the dates of granting the Options during which the Participant may exercise their Options to purchase Shares and may designate different exercise prices and numbers of Shares in respect of which each Participant may exercise Options during each respective time period. Subject to the discretion of the Board, the Options granted to a Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan shall vest as determined by the Board on the date of grant of such Options. If the Board

does not specify a vesting schedule at the date of grant, then Options granted to persons, other than those conducting investor relations activities, shall vest fully on the date of grant, and in any event in accordance with the policies of the Exchange. Options issued to persons conducting investor relations activities must vest (and shall not otherwise be exercisable) in stages over a minimum of 12 months such that:

- (a) no more than 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than three months after the date of grant (the “Grant Date”);
- (b) no more than another 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than six months after the Grant Date;
- (c) no more than another 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than nine months after the Grant Date; and
- (d) the remainder of the Options vest no sooner than 12 months after the Grant Date.

If the award agreement for the grant of Options so provides, in the event of a change of control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan), all Options granted to a Participant that ceases to be an Eligible Person shall become fully vested and shall become exercisable by the Participant in accordance with the terms of such award agreement and the Equity Incentive Plan. No acceleration of the vesting of any Options shall be permitted without prior Exchange review and acceptance for Options issued to persons conducting investor relations activities.

Other than as may be set forth in the award agreement for the grant of Options, upon the death of a Participant, any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant’s death, have not vested, will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect; and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant’s death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant’s estate in accordance with Equity Incentive Plan and may be exercised by the Participant’s estate within one year of the death of the Participant.

Where a Participant’s relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary for cause, all Options granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date.

Where a Participant’s relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to retirement by the Participant, such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an eligible person, all Options granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date; provided, however, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant’s termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or Retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the Participant ceased to be an eligible person, or such longer period as may be provided for in the award agreement or as may be determined by the Board provided such period does not exceed 12 months after the termination date.

Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a disability, all Options granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Options; provided,

however, that no Options may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to disability such that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date; provided, however, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the termination of the Participant's relationship with the Company due to disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable award agreement, will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the termination date, or such longer period as may be provided for in the award agreement or as may be determined by the Board.

#### Restricted Share Units

A RSU is a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a director or officer, to receive for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Equity Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares. The number of RSUs to be credited to each participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan. All RSUs will vest and become payable by the issuance of Shares at the end of the restriction period if all applicable restrictions have lapsed, as such restrictions may be specified in the award agreement.

RSUs shall be subject to such restrictions as the Board, in its sole discretion, may establish in the applicable award agreement, which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such time or times and on such terms, conditions and satisfaction of objectives as the Board may, in its discretion, determine at the time a RSU is granted. The Board shall determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, however, no RSUs may vest before the date that is one (1) year following the date of the award.

If the award agreement so provides, in the event of a change of control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all restrictions upon any RSUs held by such Participant shall lapse immediately and all such RSUs shall become fully vested in such Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Other than as may be set forth in the applicable award agreement, upon the death of a Participant, any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will be immediately and automatically forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary for cause, all RSUs granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date.

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to retirement by the Participant, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest

therein whatsoever; provided, however, that any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a disability, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such RSUs; provided, however, that no RSUs may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to disability such that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, that any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination due to disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

As soon as practicable after each vesting date of a RSU, the Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either: (a) issue to the Participant from treasury the number of Shares equal to the number of RSUs that have vested; or (b) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) on the next trading day after the vesting date of the RSUs, net of applicable withholdings.

#### Performance Share Units

A PSU is a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a director or officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified performance and vesting criteria being satisfied, subject to the terms and conditions of the Equity Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares. No PSUs may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.

Subject to the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant awards of PSUs to eligible persons that do not perform investor relations activities. The number of PSUs to be awarded to any Participant shall be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan. Each PSU shall, contingent upon the attainment of the performance criteria within the performance cycle, represent one Share.

The Board will select, settle and determine the performance criteria (including without limitation the attainment thereof), for purposes of the vesting of the PSUs, in its sole discretion. An award agreement may provide the Board with the right to revise the performance criteria and the award amounts if unforeseen events (including, without limitation, changes in capitalization, an equity restructuring, an acquisition or a divestiture) occur which have a substantial effect on the financial results and which in the sole judgment of the Board make the application of the performance criteria unfair unless a revision is made.

All PSUs will vest and become payable to the extent that the performance criteria set forth in the award agreement are satisfied in the performance cycle, the determination of which satisfaction shall be made by the Board on the determination date. No PSU may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the award.

If the award agreement so provides, in the event of a change of control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all PSUs granted to such Participant shall

become fully vested in such Participant (without regard to the attainment of any performance criteria) and shall become payable to the Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Other than as may be set forth in the applicable award agreement and below, upon the death of a Participant, all PSUs granted to the Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will immediately and automatically be forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's PSUs that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable performance criteria have been satisfied in that portion of the performance cycle that has lapsed.

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary for cause, all PSUs granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date.

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to retirement by the Participant, all PSUs granted to the Participant which have not vested will, unless the award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's PSUs that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable performance have been satisfied in that portion of the performance cycle that has lapsed.

Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a disability, all PSUs granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such PSUs; provided, however, that no PSUs may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to disability such that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, all PSUs granted to the Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, that the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's PSUs that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable performance criteria have been satisfied in that portion of the performance cycle that has lapsed.

Payment to Participants in respect of vested PSUs shall be made after the determination date for the applicable award and in any case within ninety-five (95) days after the last day of the performance cycle to which such award relates. The Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either: (a) issue to the Participant the number of Shares equal to the number of PSUs that have vested on the Determination Date; or (b) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) on the next trading day after the determination date of the PSUs that have vested, net of applicable withholdings.

#### Deferred Share Units

A DSU is a right granted to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a director or officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company on a deferred basis upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, subject to the terms and conditions of the Equity Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares. DSUs may not be granted to any Participant performing investor relation activities.

Subject to the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant awards of DSUs to directors in lieu of fees (including annual Board retainers, chair fees, meeting attendance fees or any other fees payable to a director) or to other eligible persons as compensation for employment or consulting services. The number of DSUs to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan. The number of DSUs shall be specified in the applicable award agreement. Each director may elect to receive any or all of his or her fees in DSUs under this Plan.

The number of DSUs shall be calculated by dividing the amount of Fees selected by a director by the Market Unit Price (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) on the grant date (or such other price as required under the Exchange Policies) which shall be the 10th business day following each financial quarter end. Any fractional DSU shall be rounded down and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional DSU.

No Deferred Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the award of the DSU.

Each participant shall be entitled to receive, after the effective date that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person for any reason, on a day designated by the Participant and communicated to the Company by the Participant in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the designated day (or such earlier date after the participant ceases to be an eligible person as the participant and the Company may agree, which date shall be no later than one year after the date upon which the participant ceases to be an eligible person) and if no such notice is given, then on the first anniversary of the effective date that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, at the sole discretion of the Board, either: (a) that number of Shares equal to the number of vested DSUs credited to the participant's account, such Shares to be issued from treasury of the Company; or (b) a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next trading day after the Participant ceases to be an eligible person of the vested DSUs, net of applicable withholdings.

In the event that the value of a DSU would be determined with reference to a period commencing at a fiscal quarter-end of the Company and ending prior to the public disclosure of interim financial statements for the quarter (or annual financial statements in the case of the fourth quarter), the cash payment of the value of the DSUs will be made to the Participant with reference to the five (5) trading days immediately following the public disclosure of the interim financial statements for that quarter (or annual financial statements in the case of the fourth quarter).

Upon death of a Participant holding DSUs that have vested, the Participant's estate shall be entitled to receive, within 120 days after the Participant's death and at the sole discretion of the Board, a cash payment or Shares that would have otherwise been payable in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan to the Participant upon such Participant ceasing to be an eligible person.

### *General Provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan*

#### Non-Transferability

No Option or Performance-Based Award and no right under any such Option or Performance-Based Award shall be assignable, alienable, saleable, or transferable by a participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and only then if permitted by the Exchange Policies. No Option or Performance-Based Award and no right under any such Option or Performance-Based Award, may be pledged, alienated, attached, or otherwise encumbered, and any purported pledge, alienation, attachment, or encumbrance thereof shall be void and unenforceable against the Company.

#### Black-out Periods

In the event that the date provided for expiration, redemption or settlement of an award falls within a blackout period imposed by the Company pursuant to a trading policy as the result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed material information, the expiry date, redemption date or settlement date, as applicable, of the award shall automatically be extended to the date that is ten (10) business days following the date of expiry of the blackout period which shall occur promptly following general disclosure of the undisclosed material information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there will be no extension of any award if the Company (or the Participant) is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under applicable law.

#### Deductions

Whenever cash is to be paid in respect of DSUs, RSUs or PSUs, the Company shall have the right to deduct from all cash payments made to a Participant any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payments. The Company is authorized to withhold any payment due under any Award or under the Equity Incentive Plan until the Participant has paid or made arrangements for the payment of the amount of any withholding taxes due in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment under such Award or under this Plan. At the sole discretion of the Board, a Participant may be permitted to satisfy the foregoing requirement by, all in accordance with the Exchange Policies by delivering an irrevocable direction to a securities broker approved by the Company to sell all or a portion of the Shares and deliver to the Company from the sales proceeds an amount sufficient to pay the required withholding taxes.

#### Amendments to the Equity Incentive Plan

The Board may at any time or from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion and without the approval of Shareholders, amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue the Equity Incentive Plan and may amend the terms and conditions of any Options or Performance-Based Awards granted hereunder, subject to:

- (i) any required disinterested shareholder approval to (A) reduce the exercise price of an Award issued to an insider or (B) extend the term of an Option granted to an insider, in either event in accordance with the policies of the Exchange;
- (ii) any required approval of any applicable regulatory authority or the Exchange; and
- (iii) any approval of Shareholders as required by the Exchange Policies or applicable law, provided that Shareholder approval shall not be required for the following amendments and the Board may make any changes which may include but are not limited to (except that the Exchange may require approval of the Shareholders for amendments pursuant to Sections C to G below):
  - A. amendments of a "housekeeping nature";
  - B. amendments for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, error or omission in the Equity Incentive Plan or to correct or supplement any provision of the Equity Incentive Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the Equity Incentive Plan;
  - C. amendments which are necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the Exchange;
  - D. amendments respecting administration and eligibility for participation under the Equity Incentive Plan;

- E. amendments to the terms and conditions on which Option or Performance-Based Awards may be or have been granted pursuant to Equity Incentive Plan including amendments to the vesting provisions and terms of any Options or Performance-Based Awards;
- F. with the exception of Options granted to persons performing investor relations activities, amendments which alter, extend or accelerate the terms of vesting applicable to any Options or Performance-Based Awards; and
- G. changes to the termination provisions of an Option, Performance-Based Award or the Equity Incentive Plan which do not entail an extension beyond the original fixed term.

#### Term

The Equity Incentive Plan shall terminate automatically 10 years after the Effective Date and may be terminated on any earlier date as provided in the Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Obtaining a copy of the Equity Incentive Plan

A copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule "A" and is available for review at the offices of the Company, at #203 - 55 Water Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1A1 during normal business hours up to and including the date of the Meeting.

#### Approval of the Equity Incentive Plan

The Equity Incentive Plan is subject to the approval of the Exchange and if the Exchange finds the disclosure in this Information Circular to be inadequate, then the Shareholder approval may not be accepted by the Exchange.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and if thought fit, approve an ordinary resolution ratifying and confirming the adoption of the Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Equity Incentive Plan Resolution**"). In order to be effective, an ordinary resolution requires approval by a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders for such resolution. The text of the proposed resolution is set forth below. Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote **IN FAVOUR** of this resolution.

#### **"BE IT RESOLVED, AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION, THAT:**

1. the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, including approval of a 10% rolling plan for stock options and a fixed plan of 6,622,537 common shares for performance-based awards of restricted share units, performance share units and deferred share units, adopted by the board of directors of the Company effective as of May 31, 2022 (the "**Equity Incentive Plan**"), in the form attached as Schedule "A" to the management information circular of the Company dated May 24, 2024, be and is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved, and the Company has the ability to grant awards under the Equity Incentive Plan;
2. the board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company is hereby authorized to make such amendments to the Equity Incentive Plan from time to time, as may be required by the applicable regulatory authorities, or as may be considered appropriate by the Board, in its sole discretion, provided always that such amendments be subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities, if applicable, and in certain cases, in accordance with the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan, the approval of the Shareholders; and

3. any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as, in the opinion of such director or officer of the Company, may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

**Management recommends that Shareholders vote for the approval of the Equity Incentive Plan. It is the intention of the Designated Persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution.**

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). Shareholders may contact the Company at its office at #203 - 55 Water Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1A1, to request copies of the Company's financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis (the "MD&A"). Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative annual financial statements and MD&A for its most recently completed financial year and in the financial statements and MD&A for subsequent financial periods, which are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### OTHER MATTERS

Other than the above, management of the Company knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting. However, if any other matters that are not known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

#### APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved, and the delivery of it to each Shareholder entitled thereto and to the appropriate regulatory agencies has been authorized, by the Board.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia as of this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

COPPERCORP RESOURCES INC.

*"Stephen Swatton"*

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Stephen Swatton  
Chief Executive Officer and Director

SCHEDULE "A"  
EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

## SCHEDULE "A"

### COPPERCORP RESOURCES INC. (the "Company")

#### EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

##### SECTION 1 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

###### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this equity incentive plan (the "**Plan**") is to promote the long-term success of the Company and the creation of shareholder value by: (i) encouraging the attraction and retention of Eligible Persons; (ii) encouraging such Eligible Persons to focus on critical long-term objectives; and (iii) promoting greater alignment of the interests of such Eligible Persons with the interests of the Company.

##### SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

###### 2.1 Definitions

As used in this Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- (a) "**Award**" means any award of Options, RSUs, PSUs or DSUs granted under this Plan;
- (b) "**Award Agreement**" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document, including an electronic communication, as may from time to time be designated by the Company as evidencing any Award granted under this Plan;
- (c) "**Blackout Period**" means a period of time during which the Company prohibits Participants from exercising, redeeming or settling an Award due to the existence of undisclosed material information and pursuant to a formal notice provided by the Company under a trading policy, which Blackout Period must expire promptly following general disclosure of the undisclosed material information;
- (d) "**Board**" means the board of directors of the Company or, if the context permits, any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable;
- (e) "**Change of Control**" means the acquisition by any person or by any person and a joint actor, whether directly or indirectly, of voting securities (as such terms are interpreted in the *Securities Act*) of the Company, which, when added to all other voting securities of the Company at the time held by such person or by such person and a person "acting jointly or in concert" with another person, as that phrase is interpreted in National Instrument 62-103, totals for the first time not less than fifty (50%) percent of the outstanding voting securities of the Company or the votes attached to those securities are sufficient, if exercised, to elect a majority of the Board;

- (f) **“Company”** means CopperCorp Resources Inc., a company incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), and any of its successors or assigns;
- (g) **“Consultant”** means a Person (other than a Director, Officer or Employee) that:
- (i) is engaged to provide, on an ongoing *bona fide* basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, other than services provided in relation to a distribution (as defined in the *Securities Act*);
  - (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and the Person, as the case may be; and
  - (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time on the affairs and business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

and includes:

- (iv) for a Person that is an individual, a corporation of which such individual is the sole shareholder;
- (h) **“Deferred Share Unit”** or **“DSU”** means a right granted to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company on a deferred basis upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, all as provided in Section 5.4 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares;
- (i) **“Determination Date”** means a date determined by the Board in its sole discretion but not later than 90 days after the expiry of a Performance Cycle;
- (j) **“Director”** means a member of the Company’s Board or the Board of any of its Subsidiaries;
- (k) **“Discounted Market Price”** means the Market Price less the discount set forth below, subject to a minimum price of \$0.10:

<u>Closing Price</u>	<u>Discount</u>
up to \$0.50	25%
\$0.51 to \$2.00	20%
above \$2.00	15%

- (l) **“Disability”** means any medical condition which qualifies a Participant for benefits under a long-term disability plan of the Company or Subsidiary;
- (m) **“Effective Date”** has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 8;

- (n) **“Election Form”** means the form to be completed by a Director specifying the amount of Fees he or she wishes to receive in DSUs under this Plan;
- (o) **“Eligible Person”**, when used in connection with Options, means Officers, Directors, Employees, Management Company Employees and Consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries but, when used in connection with PSUs, RSUs or DSUs, means only Officers, Directors, Employees, Management Company Employees and Consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that do not perform Investor Relations Activities;
- (p) **“Employee”** means:
- (i) an individual who is considered an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canada Pension Plan deductions must be made at source;
  - (ii) an individual who works full-time for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
  - (iii) an individual who works for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week acceptable to the Exchange, who provides services normally provided by an employee and is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or its Subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source;
- (q) **“Exchange”** means the TSX Venture Exchange, or such other exchange upon which the Shares of the Company may become listed for trading;
- (r) **“Fees”** means the annual Board retainer, chair fees, meeting attendance fees or any other fees payable to a Director;
- (s) **“Grant Date”** means, for any Award, the date specified by the Board as the grant date at the time it grants the Award or, if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was actually granted;
- (t) **“Insider”** has the meaning attributed to it in Policy 1.1 of the Exchange.
- (u) **“Investor Relations Activities”** means any activities, by or on behalf of the Company or a shareholder of the Company, that promote or reasonably could be expected to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Company, but does not include:
- (i) the dissemination of information provided, or records prepared, in the ordinary course of business of the Company;

- (A) to promote the sale of products or services of the Company; or
- (B) to raise public awareness of the Company, that cannot reasonably be considered to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Company;
- (ii) activities or communications necessary to comply with the requirements of:
  - (A) applicable securities laws; or
  - (B) Exchange requirements or the by-laws, rules or other regulatory instruments of any other self-regulatory body or exchange having jurisdiction over the Company;
- (iii) communications by a publisher of, or writer for, a newspaper, magazine or business or financial publication, that is of general and regular paid circulation, distributed only to subscribers to it for value or to purchasers of it, if:
  - (A) the communication is only through the newspaper, magazine or publication; and
  - (B) the publisher or writer receives no commission or other consideration other than for acting in the capacity of publisher or writer; or
- (iv) activities or communications that may be otherwise specified by the Exchange;
- (v) **“Investor Relations Service Provider”** includes any Consultant that performs Investor Relations Activities and any Director, Officer, Employee or Management Company Employee whose role and duties primarily consist of Investor Relations Activities
- (w) **“Management Company Employee”** means an individual employed by a company providing management services to the Company, which services are required for the ongoing successful operation of the Company’s business enterprise;
- (x) **“Market Price”** means, subject to the exceptions prescribed by the Exchange from time to time, the last closing price of the Company’s shares before the issuance of the required news release disclosing the grant of Awards (but, if the policies of the Exchange provide an exception to such news release, then the last closing price of the Company’s shares before the Grant Date);
- (y) **“Market Unit Price”** means the value of a Share determined by reference to the five-day volume-weighted average closing price of a Share for the five Trading Day period immediately preceding the relevant date;
- (z) **“Officer”** means an officer (as defined in the Securities Act or, where the Securities Act does not apply, by other applicable securities laws) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

- (aa) “**Option**” means incentive share purchase options entitling the holder thereof to purchase Shares at a specified price for a specified period of time;
- (bb) “**Participant**” means any Eligible Person to whom Awards under this Plan are granted;
- (cc) “**Participant’s Account**” means a notional account maintained for each Participant’s participation in this Plan which will show any RSUs, PSUs and/or DSUs credited to a Participant from time to time;
- (dd) “**Performance-Based Award**” means, collectively or as applicable, Performance Share Units, Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units;
- (ee) “**Performance Criteria**” means criteria established by the Board which, without limitation, may include criteria based on the Participant’s personal performance and/or financial performance of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and that are to be used to determine the vesting of Performance Share Units;
- (ff) “**Performance Cycle**” means the applicable performance cycle of the Performance Share Units as may be specified by the Board in the applicable Award Agreement;
- (gg) “**Performance Share Unit**” or “**PSU**” means a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, all as provided in Section 5.3 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares;
- (hh) “**Person**” means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or governmental authority or body;
- (ii) “**Restriction Period**” means the time period between the Grant Date and the Vesting Date of an Award of Restricted Share Units specified by the Board in the applicable Award Agreement, which period shall be no less than 12 months;
- (jj) “**Restricted Share Unit**” or “**RSU**” means a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, all as provided in Section 5.2 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares;
- (kk) “**Retirement**” means retirement from active employment with the Company or a Subsidiary with the consent of an officer of the Company or the Subsidiary;
- (ll) “**Securities Act**” means the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), as amended, from time to time;
- (mm) “**Security-Based Compensation Arrangement**” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the rules and policies of the Exchange, or in the event that such term is not defined in the rules and policies of the Exchange, shall mean a stock option

plan, including the Option Plan, long-term incentive plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to one or more full-time employees, officers, Insiders, service providers or Consultants of the Company or a Subsidiary;

- (nn) **“Shares”** means the common shares of the Company;
- (oo) **“Subsidiary”** means a corporation, company or partnership that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company;
- (pp) **“Termination Date”** means, as applicable:
  - (i) in the event of a Participant’s Retirement, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or termination of employment as a result of a Disability, the date on which such Participant ceases to be an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary; and
  - (ii) in the event of termination of the Participant’s employment by the Company or a Subsidiary, the date on which such Participant is advised by the Company or a Subsidiary, in writing or verbally, that his or her services are no longer required;
- (qq) **“Trading Day”** means any day on which the Exchange is open for trading; and
- (rr) **“Vesting Date”** means in respect of any Award, the date when the Award is fully vested in accordance with the provisions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

### SECTION 3 ADMINISTRATION

#### 3.1 Board to Administer Plan

Except as otherwise provided herein, this Plan shall be administered by the Board of the Company (and, for clarity, not by the Board of any subsidiary of the Company) and the Board of the Company shall have full authority to administer this Plan, including the authority to interpret and construe any provision of this Plan and to adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regulations for administering this Plan as the Board of the Company may deem necessary in order to comply with the requirements of this Plan.

#### 3.2 Delegation to Committee

All of the powers exercisable hereunder by the Board may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and as determined by resolution of the Board, be delegated to and exercised by such committee as the Board may determine.

### 3.3 Interpretation

All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made or approved by the Board in good faith shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding on the Participants and the Company.

### 3.4 No Liability

No Director shall be personally liable for any action taken or determination or interpretation made or approved in good faith in connection with this Plan and the Directors shall, in addition to their rights as Directors, be fully protected, indemnified and held harmless by the Company with respect to any such action taken or determination or interpretation made. The appropriate officers of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered to do all things and execute and deliver all instruments, undertakings and applications and writings as they, in their absolute discretion, consider necessary for the implementation of this Plan and of the rules and regulations established for administering this Plan. All costs incurred in connection with this Plan shall be for the account of the Company.

## SECTION 4 SHARES AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS

### 4.1 Limitations on Shares Available for Issuance

- (a) The aggregate number of Shares issuable under this Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) in respect of Options shall not exceed 10% of the Company's then total issued and outstanding Shares calculated as at the date of any grant and in accordance with the Policies of the Exchange.
- (b) The aggregate number of Shares issuable under this Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) in respect of Performance-Based Awards shall not exceed 6,622,537.
- (c) So long as it may be required by the rules and policies of the Exchange:
  - (i) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any Participant under this Plan, within any 12 month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to such Participant (and to Companies wholly-owned by that Participant) under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant);
  - (ii) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to Insiders under this Plan, within any 12 month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to Insiders under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant);

- (iii) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to Insiders under this Plan, at any point in time, together with Shares reserved for issuance to Insiders under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares; and
- (iv) the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any one Consultant, within any 12 month period, together with Shares issuable to such Consultant under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed two (2%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant); and
- (v) the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable pursuant to grants of Options to all Investor Relation Service Providers performing Investor Relations Activities, within any 12 month period, shall not in aggregate exceed two (2%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant). For the avoidance of doubt, Persons performing Investor Relations Activities are only eligible to receive Options under this Plan; they are not eligible to receive any Performance-Based Award or other type of securities based compensation under this Plan.

#### **4.2 Accounting for Awards**

For purposes of this Section 4:

- (a) if an Award is denominated in Shares, the number of Shares covered by such Award, or to which such Award relates, shall be counted on the Grant Date of such Award against the aggregate number of Shares available for granting Awards under this Plan; and
- (b) notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any Shares related to Awards which terminate by expiration, forfeiture, cancellation, or otherwise without the issuance of such Shares, or are exchanged with the Board's permission, prior to the issuance of Shares, for Awards not involving Shares, shall be available again for granting Awards under this Plan.

#### **4.3 Anti-Dilution**

If the number of outstanding Shares is increased or decreased as a result of a stock split, consolidation or recapitalization and not as a result of the issuance of Shares for additional consideration or by way of stock dividend, the Board may, subject to the prior acceptance of the Exchange in the case of a recapitalization, make appropriate adjustments to the number and price (or other basis upon which an Award is measured) of Options, RSUs, PSUs or DSUs credited to a Participant. Any determinations by the Board as to the required adjustments shall be made in its sole discretion and all such adjustments shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes under this Plan.

## SECTION 5 AWARDS

### 5.1 Options

- (a) Eligibility and Participation - Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Options to Eligible Persons. Options granted to an Eligible Person shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Options to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan. Each Option shall, contingent upon the lapse of any restrictions, represent one (1) Share. The number of Options granted pursuant to an Award shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) Exercise Price - The exercise price of an Option granted under this Plan shall not be less than the Discounted Market Price, provided that if an Option is proposed to be granted by the Company which has just been recalled for trading following a suspension or halt, the Company must wait at least ten Trading Days since the day on which trading in the Company's securities resumes before setting the exercise price for and granting the Option.
- (c) Expiry Date - Each Option shall, unless sooner terminated, expire on a date to be determined by the Board which will not exceed 10 years from the Grant Date.
- (d) Different Exercise Periods, Prices and Number - The Board may, in its absolute discretion, upon granting Options under this Plan, specify different time periods following the dates of granting the Options during which the Participant may exercise their Options to purchase Shares and may designate different exercise prices and numbers of Shares in respect of which each Participant may exercise his option during each respective time period.
- (e) Vesting - Subject to the discretion of the Board, the Options granted to a Participant under this Plan shall vest as determined by the Board on the Grant Date of such Options. If the Board does not specify a vesting schedule at the Grant Date, then Options granted to persons other than those conducting Investor Relations Activities shall vest fully on the Grant Date, and in any event in accordance with the policies of the Exchange. Options issued to Persons conducting Investor Relations Activities must vest (and shall not otherwise be exercisable) in stages over a minimum of 12 months such that:
  - (i) no more than 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than three months after the Grant Date;
  - (ii) no more than another 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than six months after the Grant Date;
  - (iii) no more than another 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than nine months after the Grant Date; and
  - (iv) the remainder of the Options vest no sooner than 12 months after the Grant Date.

- (f) Change of Control - If the Award Agreement so provides, in the event of a Change of Control, all Options granted to a Participant who ceases to be an Eligible Person shall become fully vested in such Participant and shall become exercisable by the Participant in accordance with the terms of the Award Agreement and Section 5.1(l) hereof. If the Participant provides Investor Relations Activities, no acceleration of the vesting of any Options shall be permitted without prior Exchange review and acceptance.
- (g) Death - Other than as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, upon the death of a Participant, any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect; and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with Section 5.1(l) hereof.
- (h) Termination of Participant's Relationship with the Company
- (i) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for cause, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date.
- (ii) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to Retirement by the Participant, such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date; *provided, however*, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or Retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.1(l) hereof and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the Participant ceased to be an Eligible Person, or such longer period as may be provided for in the Award Agreement or as may be determined by the Board provided such period does not exceed 12 months after the Termination Date.
- (iii) Upon termination of a Participant's relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, the Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards of Options under this Plan shall cease as of the Termination Date.

- (i) Disability - Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a Disability, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Options; *provided, however*, that no Options may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to Disability such that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date; *provided, however*, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the termination of the Participant's relationship with the Company due to Disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable Award Agreement, will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.1(l) hereof and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the Termination Date, or such longer period as may be provided for in the Award Agreement or as may be determined by the Board.
- (j) Hold Period - In addition to any resale restrictions under applicable legislation or regulation, all Options granted hereunder and all Shares issued on the exercise of such Options will, if applicable under the policies of the Exchange, be subject to a four month TSX Venture Exchange hold period from the date the options are granted, and the stock option agreements and the certificates representing such Shares will bear the following legend:
- "Without prior written approval of the Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this certificate may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of the TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until [insert date]."
- (k) Notice - Options shall be exercised only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Award Agreements under which they are respectively granted and shall be exercisable only by notice in writing to the Company at its principal place of business.
- (l) Payment of Award - Subject to any vesting or other limitations described in each individual Award Agreement, Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time prior to their lapse or termination, by the Participant, or if Section 5.1(g) applies, by the Participant's estate within one year of the death of the Participant, into such number of Shares equal to the number of Options credited to the Participant's Account that become exercisable on the Vesting Date. The exercise price of all Options must be paid in cash. Shares purchased by a Participant on exercise of an Option shall be paid for in full at the time of their purchase (i.e. concurrently with the giving of the requisite notice).

## 5.2 Restricted Share Units

- (a) Eligibility and Participation - Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Restricted Share Units to Eligible Persons that do not perform Investor Relations Activities. Restricted Share Units granted to a Participant shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Restricted Share Units to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan. Each Restricted Share Unit shall, contingent upon the lapse of any restrictions, represent one (1) Share. The number of Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to an Award and the Restriction Period in respect of such Restricted Share Units shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) Restrictions - Restricted Share Units shall be subject to such restrictions as the Board, in its sole discretion, may establish in the applicable Award Agreement, which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such time or times and on such terms, conditions and satisfaction of objectives as the Board may, in its discretion, determine at the time an Award is granted.
- (c) Vesting - All Restricted Share Units will vest and become payable by the issuance of Shares at the end of the Restriction Period if all applicable restrictions have lapsed, as such restrictions may be specified in the Award Agreement. No Restricted Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (d) Change of Control - If the Award Agreement so provides, in the event of a Change of Control and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all restrictions upon any Restricted Share Units shall lapse immediately and all such Restricted Share Units shall become fully vested in the Participant and will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
- (e) Death - Other than as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, upon the death of a Participant, any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will be immediately and automatically forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
- (f) Termination of a Participant's Relationship with the Company
  - (i) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for cause, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date.

- (ii) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to Retirement by the Participant, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however*, that any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or Retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
- (iii) Upon termination of a Participant's relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, the Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards of Restricted Share Units under this Plan shall cease as of the Termination Date.
- (g) Disability - Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a Disability, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Restricted Share Units; *provided, however*, that no Restricted Share Units may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to Disability such that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however*, that any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination due to Disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
- (h) Payment of Award - As soon as practicable after each Vesting Date of an Award of Restricted Share Units, the Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either:
  - (i) issue to the Participant, or if Section 5.2(e) applies, to the Participant's estate, from treasury the number of Shares equal to the number of Restricted Share Units credited to the Participant's Account that have vested and become payable on the Vesting Date; or
  - (ii) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next Trading Day after the Vesting Date of the Restricted Share Units credited to a Participant's Account that have vested and become payable, net of applicable withholdings.

As of the Vesting Date, the Restricted Share Units in respect of which such Shares are issued or cash payment made shall be cancelled and no further payments shall be made to the Participant under this Plan in relation to such Restricted Share Units.

### 5.3 Performance Share Units

- (a) Eligibility and Participation - Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Performance Share Units to Eligible Persons that do not perform Investor Relations Activities. Performance Share Units granted to a Participant shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Performance Share Units to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, in accordance with this Plan. Each Performance Share Unit shall, contingent upon the attainment of the Performance Criteria within the Performance Cycle, represent one (1) Share. The number of Performance Share Units granted pursuant to an Award, the Performance Criteria which must be satisfied in order for the Performance Share Units to vest and the Performance Cycle in respect of such Performance Share Units shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement. No Performance Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (b) Performance Criteria - The Board will select, settle and determine the Performance Criteria (including without limitation the attainment thereof), for purposes of the vesting of the Performance Share Units, in its sole discretion. An Award Agreement may provide the Board with the right, during a Performance Cycle or after it has ended, to revise the Performance Criteria and the Award amounts if unforeseen events (including, without limitation, changes in capitalization, an equity restructuring, an acquisition or a divestiture) occur which have a substantial effect on the financial results and which in the sole judgment of the Board make the application of the Performance Criteria unfair unless a revision is made. Notices will be provided by the Company to applicable regulatory authorities or stock exchanges as may be required with respect to the foregoing.
- (c) Vesting - All Performance Share Units will vest and become payable to the extent that the Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement are satisfied in the Performance Cycle, the determination of which satisfaction shall be made by the Board on the Determination Date. No Performance Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (d) Change of Control - If the Award Agreement so provides, in the event of a Change of Control and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Performance Share Units granted to a Participant shall become fully vested in such Participant (without regard to the attainment of any Performance Criteria) and shall become payable to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.
- (e) Death - Other than as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement and below, upon the death of a Participant, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will immediately and automatically be forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case

may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however,* the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's Performance Share Units that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement have been satisfied in that portion of the Performance Cycle that has lapsed. The Performance Share Units that the Board determines to have vested shall become payable in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.

(f) Termination of a Participant's Relationship with the Company

(i) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for cause, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date.

(ii) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to Retirement by the Participant, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant which have not vested will, unless the Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however,* the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's Performance Share Units that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement have been satisfied in that portion of the Performance Cycle that has lapsed. The Performance Share Units that the Board determines to have vested shall become payable in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.

(iii) Upon termination of a Participant's relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, the Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards of Performance Share Units under this Plan shall cease as of the Termination Date.

(g) Disability - Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a Disability, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Performance Share Units; *provided, however,* that no Performance Share Units may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to Disability such that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however,* that the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's Performance Share Units that

will vest based on the extent to which the applicable Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement have been satisfied in that portion of the Performance Cycle that has lapsed. The Performance Share Units that the Board determines to have vested shall become payable in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.

- (h) Payment of Award - Payment to Participants in respect of vested Performance Share Units shall be made after the Determination Date for the applicable Award and in any case within ninety-five (95) days after the last day of the Performance Cycle to which such Award relates. The Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either:
- (i) issue to the Participant or if Section 5.3(e) applies, to the Participant's estate, the number of Shares equal to the number of Performance Share Units credited to the Participant's Account that have vested on the Determination Date; or
  - (ii) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next Trading Day after the Determination Date of the Performance Share Units credited to a Participant's Account that have vested, net of applicable withholdings.

As of the Vesting Date, the Performance Share Units in respect of which such Shares are issued or cash payment made shall be cancelled and no further payments shall be made to the Participant under this Plan in relation to such Performance Share Units.

#### 5.4 Deferred Share Units

- (a) Eligibility and Participation - Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Deferred Share Units to Directors that do not perform Investor Relations Activities in lieu of Fees or to other Eligible Persons that do not perform Investor Relations Activities as compensation for employment or consulting services. Deferred Share Units granted to a Participant in accordance with Section 5.4 hereof shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Deferred Share Units to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan. The number of Deferred Share Units shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) Election - Each Director may elect to receive any or all of his or her Fees in Deferred Share Units under this Plan. Elections by Directors regarding the amount of their Fees that they wish to receive in Deferred Share Units shall be made no later than 90 days after this Plan is adopted by the Board, and thereafter no later than December 31 of any given year with respect to Fees for the following year. Any Director who becomes a Director during a calendar year and wishes to receive an amount of his or her Fees for the remainder of that year in Deferred Share Units must make his or her election within 60 days of becoming a Director.

- (c) Calculation of Deferred Share Units Granted in Lieu of Fees - The number of Deferred Share Units to be credited to a Participant's Account where the Participant is a Director who has elected to receive Deferred Share Units in lieu of Fees shall be calculated by dividing the amount of Fees selected by a Director in the applicable Election Form by the Market Unit Price on the Grant Date (or such other price as required under Exchange policies) which shall be the 10th business day following each financial quarter end. If, as a result of the foregoing calculation, a Participant that is a Director shall become entitled to a fractional Deferred Share Unit, the Participant shall only be credited with a full number of Deferred Share Units (rounded down) and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Deferred Share Unit.
- (d) Vesting - No Deferred Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (e) Payment of Award - Each Participant shall be entitled to receive, after the effective date that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person for any reason, on a day designated by the Participant and communicated to the Company by the Participant in writing at least 15 days prior to the designated day (or such earlier date after the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person as the Participant and the Company may agree, which date shall be no later than one year after the date upon which the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person) and if no such notice is given, then on the first anniversary of the effective date that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, at the sole discretion of the Board, either:
- (i) that number of Shares equal to the number of vested Deferred Share Units credited to the Participant's Account, such Shares to be issued from treasury of the Company (provided that such issuance will not result in the number specified in Section 4.1(b) being exceeded); or
  - (ii) a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next Trading Day after the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person of the vested Deferred Share Units credited to a Participant's Account, net of applicable withholdings.
- (f) Exception - In the event that the value of a Deferred Share Unit would be determined with reference to a period commencing at a fiscal quarter-end of the Company and ending prior to the public disclosure of interim financial statements for the quarter (or annual financial statements in the case of the fourth quarter), the cash payment of the value of the Deferred Share Units will be made to the Participant with reference to the five (5) Trading Days immediately following the public disclosure of the interim financial statements for that quarter (or annual financial statements in the case of the fourth quarter).
- (g) Death - Upon death of a Participant holding Deferred Share Units that have vested, the Participant's estate shall be entitled to receive, within 120 days after the Participant's death and at the sole discretion of the Board, a cash payment or Shares that would have otherwise been payable in accordance with Section 5.4(e) hereof to the Participant upon such Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Person.

## 5.5 General Terms Applicable to Awards

- (a) Forfeiture Events - The Board will specify in an Award Agreement at the time of the Award that the Participant's rights, payments and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Such events shall include, but shall not be limited to, termination of a relationship for cause, violation of material Company policies, fraud, breach of non-competition, confidentiality or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant or other conduct by the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Company.
- (b) Awards May be Granted Separately or Together - Awards may, in the discretion of the Board, be granted either alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in substitution for any other Award or any award granted under any other Security-Based Compensation Arrangement of the Company. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards, or in addition to or in tandem with awards granted under any other Security-Based Compensation Arrangement of the Company, may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards or awards.
- (c) Non-Transferability of Awards - No Award and no right under any such Award shall be assignable, alienable, saleable, or transferable by a Participant otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and only then if permitted by the Policies of the Exchange. No Award and no right under any such Award, may be pledged, alienated, attached, or otherwise encumbered, and any purported pledge, alienation, attachment, or encumbrance thereof shall be void and unenforceable against the Company.
- (d) Conditions and Restrictions Upon Securities Subject to Awards - The Board may provide that the Shares issued under an Award shall be subject to such further agreements, restrictions, conditions or limitations as the Board in its sole discretion may specify, including without limitation, conditions on vesting or transferability and forfeiture or repurchase provisions or provisions on payment of taxes arising in connection with an Award. Without limiting the foregoing, such restrictions may address the timing and manner of any resales by the Participant or other subsequent transfers by the Participant of any Shares issued under an Award, including without limitation:
  - (i) restrictions under an insider trading policy or pursuant to applicable law;
  - (ii) restrictions designed to delay and/or coordinate the timing and manner of sales by Participant and holders of other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements; and
  - (iii) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers.
- (e) Blackout Periods - In the event that the date provided for expiration, redemption or settlement of an Award falls within a Blackout Period imposed by the Company

pursuant to a trading policy as the result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed Material Information, the expiry date, redemption date or settlement date, as applicable, of the Award shall automatically be extended to the date that is ten (10) business days following the date of expiry of the Blackout Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there will be no extension of any Award if the Company (or the Participant) is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under applicable law).

- (f) Share Certificates - All Shares delivered under this Plan pursuant to any Award shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Board may deem advisable under this Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of any securities commission, the Exchange, and any applicable securities legislation, regulations, rules, policies or orders, and the Board may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.
- (g) Conformity to Plan - In the event that an Award is granted which does not conform in all particulars with the provisions of this Plan, or purports to grant an Award on terms different from those set out in this Plan, the Award shall not be in any way void or invalidated, but the Award shall be adjusted to become, in all respects, in conformity with this Plan.
- (h) Deductions - Whenever cash is to be paid in respect of Deferred Share Units, Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, the Company shall have the right to deduct from all cash payments made to a Participant any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payments. Whenever Shares are to be delivered in respect of Deferred Share Units, Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, the Company shall have the right to deduct from any other amounts payable to the Participant any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such delivery of Shares, or if any payment due to the Participant is not sufficient to satisfy the withholding obligation, to require the Participant to remit to the Company in cash an amount sufficient to satisfy any taxes required by law to be withheld. At the sole discretion of the Board, a Participant may be permitted to satisfy the foregoing requirement by, all in accordance with the Policies of the Exchange, delivering (on a form prescribed by the Company) an irrevocable direction to a securities broker approved by the Company to sell all or a portion of the Shares and deliver to the Company from the sales proceeds an amount sufficient to pay the required withholding taxes.
- (i) Evergreen Plan - Shares that were the subject of any Award made under this Plan that has been settled in cash, or that has been cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or has expired without being exercised, and pursuant to which no securities have been issued, may continue to be issuable under this Plan.

## 5.6 General Terms Applicable to Performance-Based Awards

- (a) Performance Evaluation; Adjustment of Goals - At the time that a Performance-Based Award is first issued, the Board, in the Award Agreement or in another written document, shall specify whether performance will be evaluated including or excluding the effect of any of the following events that occur during the Performance Cycle or Restriction Period, as the case may be:

- (i) judgments entered or settlements reached in litigation;
  - (ii) the write-down of assets;
  - (iii) the impact of any reorganization or restructuring;
  - (iv) the impact of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, regulatory actions or other laws affecting reported results;
  - (v) extraordinary non-recurring items as may be described in the Company's management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the applicable financial year;
  - (vi) the impact of any mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs or other divestitures; and
  - (vii) foreign exchange gains and losses.
- (b) Adjustment of Performance-Based Awards - The Board shall have the sole discretion to adjust the determinations of the degree of attainment of the pre-established Performance Criteria or restrictions, as the case may be, as may be set out in the applicable Award Agreement governing the relevant Performance-Based Award. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Board may not make any adjustment or take any other action with respect to any Performance-Based Award that will increase the amount payable under any such Award. The Board shall retain the sole discretion to adjust Performance-Based Awards downward or to otherwise reduce the amount payable with respect to any Performance-Based Award.

## SECTION 6 AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

### 6.1 Amendments and Termination of this Plan

The Board may at any time or from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion and without the approval of shareholders of the Company, amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue this Plan and may amend the terms and conditions of any Awards granted hereunder, subject to:

- (a) any required disinterested shareholder approval to (i) reduce the exercise price of an Award issued to an Insider or (ii) to extend the term of an Option granted to an Insider, in either event in accordance with the policies of the Exchange while the Shares are listed on the Exchange;
- (b) any required approval of any applicable regulatory authority or the Exchange; and
- (c) any approval of shareholders of the Company as required by the rules of the Exchange or applicable law, provided that shareholder approval shall not be required for the following amendments and the Board may make any changes which may include but are not limited to (except that the Exchange may require approval of the shareholders of the Company for amendments pursuant to Sections 6.1(c)(iii) to (vii)):

- (i) amendments of a “housekeeping nature”;
- (ii) amendments for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, error or omission in this Plan or to correct or supplement any provision of this Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of this Plan;
- (iii) amendments which are necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the Exchange;
- (iv) amendments respecting administration and eligibility for participation under this Plan;
- (v) amendments to the terms and conditions on which Awards may be or have been granted pursuant to this Plan including amendments to the vesting provisions and terms of any Awards;
- (vi) with the exception of Options granted to Persons performing Investor Relations Activities, amendments which alter, extend or accelerate the terms of vesting applicable to any Awards; and
- (vii) changes to the termination provisions of an Award or this Plan which do not entail an extension beyond the original fixed term.

If this Plan is terminated, prior Awards shall remain outstanding and in effect in accordance with their applicable terms and conditions.

## **6.2 Amendments to Awards**

The Board may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate, any Awards theretofore granted, prospectively or retroactively. No such amendment or alteration shall be made which would impair the rights of any Participant, without such Participant’s consent, under any Award theretofore granted, provided that no such consent shall be required with respect to any amendment or alteration if the Board determines in its sole discretion that such amendment or alteration either:

- (a) is required or advisable in order for the Company, this Plan or the Award to satisfy or conform to any law or regulation or to meet the requirements of Policy of the Exchange or any accounting standard; or
- (b) is not reasonably likely to significantly diminish the benefits provided under such Award.

## **SECTION 7 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **7.1 No Rights to Awards**

No Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award under this Plan, or, having been selected to receive an Award under this Plan, to be selected to receive a future Award. There is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Eligible Persons or Participants or

beneficiaries of Awards under this Plan. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant. The Company and each Eligible Person qualifying for an Award are and shall be responsible for ensuring and confirming that each recipient of an Award is a bona fide Eligible Person that qualifies to receive the applicable Award.

## **7.2 Withholding**

The Company shall be authorized to withhold any payment due under any Award or under this Plan until the Participant has paid or made arrangements for the payment of the amount of any withholding taxes due in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment under such Award or under this Plan.

## **7.3 No Limit on Other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements**

Subject to the limits set forth in Section 4.1 of this Plan, nothing contained in this Plan shall prevent the Company or a Subsidiary from adopting or continuing in effect other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

## **7.4 No Right to Employment**

The grant of an Award shall neither constitute an employment contract nor be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employ of the Company, or to any other relationship with the Company. Further, the Company may at any time dismiss a Participant, free from any liability, or any claim under this Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Plan or in an applicable Award Agreement.

## **7.5 No Right as Shareholder**

Neither the Participant nor any representatives of a Participant's estate shall have any rights whatsoever as shareholders in respect of any Shares covered by such Participant's Options, RSUs, PSUs and/or DSUs until the date of issuance of a share certificate to such Participant or representatives of a Participant's estate for such Shares.

## **7.6 Governing Law**

This Plan and all of the rights and obligations arising hereunder shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

## **7.7 Severability**

If any provision of this Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify this Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Board, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to applicable laws, or if it cannot be so construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Board, materially altering the intent of this Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award, and the remainder of this Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

**7.8 No Trust or Fund Created**

Neither this Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any unsecured creditor of the Company.

**7.9 No Fractional Shares**

No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to this Plan or any Award, and the Board shall determine whether cash, or other securities shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares, or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be cancelled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.

**7.10 Headings**

Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of this Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of this Plan or any provision thereof.

**7.11 No Representation or Warranty**

The Company makes no representation or warranty as to the value of any Award granted pursuant to this Plan or as to the future value of any Shares issued pursuant to any Award.

**7.12 No Representations or Covenant with Respect to Tax Qualification**

Although the Company may, in its discretion, endeavor to (i) qualify an Award for favourable Canadian tax treatment or (ii) avoid adverse tax treatment, the Company makes no representation to that effect and expressly disavows any covenant to maintain favorable or avoid unfavorable tax treatment. The Company shall be unconstrained in its corporate activities without regard to the potential negative tax impact on holders of Awards under this Plan.

**7.13 Conflict with Award Agreement**

In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the Policies of the Exchange, this Plan and an Award Agreement, the Policies of the Exchange shall govern for all purposes. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Plan and an Award Agreement, the provisions of this Plan shall govern for all purposes.

**7.14 Compliance with Laws**

The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares under this Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, as well as the Policies of the Exchange as in effect from time-to-time, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or stock exchanges on which the Company is listed as may be required. The Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares issued under this Plan prior to:

- (a) obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable; and
- (b) completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any applicable national or foreign law or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable or at a time when any such registration or qualification is not current, has been suspended or otherwise has ceased to be effective.

The inability or impracticability of the Company to obtain or maintain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

## **SECTION 8 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PLAN**

### **8.1 Effective Date**

This Plan shall become effective upon the date (the "**Effective Date**") of approval by the Board.

## **SECTION 9 TERM OF THIS PLAN**

### **9.1 Term**

This Plan shall terminate automatically 10 years after the Effective Date and may be terminated on any earlier date as provided in Section 6 hereof.