

PURPOSE SILVER BULLION FUND

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
DECLARATION OF TRUST**

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**PURPOSE SILVER BULLION FUND
AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST**

This amended and restated declaration of trust dated April 12, 2024 between the Unitholders (as defined herein) and Purpose Investments Inc., the trustee and manager of the Purpose Silver Bullion Fund (formerly the Silver Bullion Trust) (the “**Trust**”) (the “**Declaration of Trust**”) is an amendment and restatement of the original declaration of trust dated June 8, 2009 between Bruce D. Heagle, Ian M. T. McAvity, Robert R. Sale, J. C. Stefan Spicer and Philip M. Spicer (the “**Initial Trustees**”) and Silver Administrators Limited (the “**Initial Unitholder**”), as amended and restated on July 9, 2009 and on February 8, 2016 and on June 18, 2018 (the “**Original Declaration**”).

RECITALS:

- (a) It is desirable to create and continue a trust for investing in and holding silver bullion and, incidental thereto, silver certificates.
- (b) For the purpose of settling the Trust, the Initial Unitholder paid to the Initial Trustees an amount of \$10.00 in United States dollars (the “**Initial Contribution**”) for one Unit of the Trust.
- (c) The Initial Trustees agreed to hold the Initial Contribution (until it was redeemed) and all amounts and assets subsequently received under this Declaration of Trust or in respect of the investment of the assets of the Trust in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration of Trust.
- (d) The Initial Unitholder and the Initial Trustees desired that the beneficiaries of the Trust, including the Initial Unitholder, be the holders of Units, each of which would rank equally in all respects with every other Unit.
- (e) On July 9, 2009 the Initial Trustees and the Unitholders amended and restated the Declaration of Trust to implement certain amendments to the Declaration of Trust to enhance the protection of the Unitholders.
- (f) On February 8, 2016 the Initial Trustees appointed Purpose Investments Inc. to act as trustee of the Trust in accordance with Section 7.1 hereof.
- (g) On June 18, 2018 Purpose Investments Inc., as trustee of the Trust, amended and restated the Declaration of Trust to change the name of the Trust from “Silver Bullion Trust” to “Purpose Silver Bullion Fund” in accordance with Section 2.4 hereof.
- (h) Purpose Investments Inc. wishes to further amend and restated the Original Declaration in order to create an additional class of Units.

In consideration of the foregoing and the mutual and respective covenants and agreements contained herein (the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged), the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

Section 1.1 Definitions.

In this Declaration of Trust (including the recitals), unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Affiliate**” shall, other than for purposes of Section 14.5, mean an “affiliated entity” within the meaning of section 1.2 of OSC Rule 45-501 under the *Securities Act* (Ontario) as in effect on the date hereof;

“**Applicable Laws**” means applicable laws, rules and regulations of Canada and the provinces and territories thereof, including Securities Legislation and the Tax Act;

“**Article**” and “**Section**” followed by a number mean and refer to the specified Article or Section of this Declaration of Trust;

“**Auditors**” means the firm of chartered accountants appointed as the auditors of the Trust from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof and, initially, means Ernst & Young LLP;

“**Basket**” (of a class) means Bullion and cash in such amount as determined by the Manager in its discretion from time to time;

“**Beneficial Unitholder**” means the beneficial owner of a Unit where the Book-Entry System is being used for the Units;

“**Book-Entry System**” means the record-entry securities transfer and pledge system known, as of the date hereof, by such name, which is administered by: (i) CDS in Canada in accordance with the operating rules and procedures of the Securities Settlement Service of CDS in force from time to time, or any successor system which CDS may offer from time to time; (ii) DTC in the United States in accordance with its rules and procedures; and (iii) a similar depository system that may exist in other countries in which Unitholders may hold Units;

“**Bullion**” means physical silver bullion;

“**Business Day**” means any day on which the Toronto Stock Exchange (including its successors or assigns) or such other exchange or market as may be designated by the Trustees from time to time, is open for business;

“**Cash Creation Fee**” means the fee payable in connection with cash payments (in whole or in part) for subscriptions of a Prescribed Number of Units of a class of the Trust, representing, as applicable, brokerage expenses, commissions, transaction costs, costs or expenses related to market impact, and other costs or expenses that the class of the Trust incurs or expects to incur in purchasing Bullion on the market with such cash proceeds;

“**Cash Exchange Fee**” means the fee payable in connection with cash payments (in whole or in part) for exchanges of a Prescribed Number of Units of the Trust of a class,

representing, as applicable, brokerage expenses, commissions, transaction costs, costs or expenses related to market impact and other costs or expenses that the class of the Trust incurs or expects to incur in selling Bullion on the market to obtain the necessary cash for the exchange;

“**Cash Issuance Notice**” means a notice delivered by the Manager to a Designated Broker in accordance with Section 3.7;

“**Cash Redemption Request**” means a request, signed by a CDS Participant, substantially in the form of Schedule B;

“**CDS**” means CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.;

“**CDS Participant**” means a participant in the Book-Entry System of Canada;

“**Class F Units**” has the meaning specified in Section 3.1;

“**Close of Business**” means the time at which trading ceases on the Toronto Stock Exchange or 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on a particular date that is not a trading day or, when used in connection with the valuation of a particular security not listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, such term shall mean the time at which trading ceases in the relevant market for such security or such other time as the Trustees in their discretion deem appropriate;

“**Counsel**” means a barrister or solicitor or firm of barristers and solicitors or other lawyers or attorneys in an appropriate jurisdiction retained by the Trust;

“**Damages**” has the meaning specified in Section 9.8(1);

“**Dealer**” means a registered dealer (that may or may not be a Designated Broker) that has entered into a Dealer Agreement with the Manager and the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, pursuant to which the Dealer may subscribe for Units in accordance with Section 3.6;

“**Dealer Agreement**” means an agreement between the Manager, the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, and a Dealer;

“**Declaration of Trust**” means this amended and restated declaration of trust, as the same may be further supplemented, amended or restated from time to time; and “**hereto**”, “**herein**”, “**hereof**”, “**hereby**”, “**hereunder**” and similar expressions refer to this instrument and not to any particular Article, Section or portion hereof and the expressions;

“**Deemed Subscription**” means the subscription for ETF Units by a Designated Broker in accordance with Section 3.7, Section 3.8 and Section 3.9.

“**Designated Broker**” means a registered dealer that has entered into a Designated Broker Agreement with the Manager and the Trustees, on behalf of the Trust, pursuant to which the Designated Broker agrees to perform certain duties in relation to the Trust;

“**Designated Broker Agreement**” means an agreement between the Manager, the Trustees on behalf of the Trust, and a Designated Broker;

“**Depository**” means a similar depository system as CDS and DTC that may exist in other countries in which Unitholders may hold Units;

“**Depositories**” means CDS, DTC and any Depository that holds Units;

“**Distribution Payment Date**” means, in respect of a Distribution Period, the date as may be determined from time to time by the Trustees;

“**Distribution Period**” means, each calendar year from and including January 1 thereof to and including December 31 thereof;

“**Distribution Record Date**” means, a date designated by the Manager as a record date for the determination of Unitholders of the Trust entitled to receive a distribution;

“**DTC**” means the Depository Trust Company of the United States, a member of the Federal Reserve System, and includes its successors;

“**DTC Participant**” means a participant in the Book Entry System of the United States;

“**ETF Distribution Price Adjustment**” means an adjustment to the issuance price of ETF Units to reflect a pending distribution payment by the Trust, as described in Section 3.4;

“**ETF Units**” has the meaning specified in Section 3.1;

“**Exchange Request**” means a request, signed by a CDS Participant, substantially in the form of Schedule A;

“**Global Trust Unit Certificate**” has the meaning specified in Section 13.2(1);

“**Independent Review Committee**” means the independent review committee of the Trust established pursuant to Section 11.1;

“**Independent Trustee**” has the meaning specified in Section 7.1;

“**Initial Contribution**” means the amount of U.S.\$10.00 paid by the Initial Unitholder to the Initial Trustees pursuant to the Original Declaration dated June 8, 2009 for the purpose of settling the Trust;

“**Management Services Agreement**” means the management services agreement between the Trust and the Manager dated as of the date hereof, as the same may be amended from time to time;

“**Manager**” means Purpose Investments Inc.;

“**Net Asset Value**” (of a class) has the meaning specified in Section 4.4;

“**Net Asset Value per Unit**” (of a class) has the meaning specified in Section 4.4; “**Net Realized Capital Gains**” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(1);

“**NI 81-107**” means National Instrument 81-107 – *Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds*;

“**Person**” means a natural person, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, limited liability company, joint venture or other entity or governmental or regulatory authority or entity, and pronouns have a similarly extended meaning;

“**Prescribed Number of Units**” means the number of ETF Units of a class determined by the Manager from time to time for the purpose of Subscription Orders, Exchange Requests, or for other purposes;

“**Prospectus**” means the current prospectus of the Trust filed in all provinces and territories of Canada qualifying the continuous distribution of one or more classes of Units to the public, including any amendments to such prospectus;

“**Register**” has the meaning specified in Section 13.7;

“**Resident Canadian**” means a resident of Canada within the meaning of the Tax Act;

“**Securities Authorities**” means the Ontario Securities Commission and equivalent regulatory authority in each province and territory of Canada;

“**Securities Legislation**” means the laws, regulations, rules, requirements and policies of the Securities Authorities which are in effect from time to time and applicable to the Trust;

“**Special Resolution**” has the meaning specified in Section 12.8;

“**Subscription Order**” means a subscription order placed by a Designated Broker and/or Dealer for the Prescribed Number of Units of a class or an integral multiple thereof in accordance with Section 3.4 in the form prescribed in the applicable Designated Broker Agreement or Dealer Agreement;

“**Tax Act**” means the *Income Tax Act*, R.S.C. 1985 (5th Supp.), c. 1 and the regulations thereunder;

“**Trading Day**” means a day on which a regular session of the Toronto Stock Exchange is held;

“**Transfer Agent(s)**” means any registrar and transfer agent or agents of the Trust as may from time to time be appointed by the Manager to act as registrar and transfer agent of the Units, which initially shall be CIBC Mellon Trust Company, together with any sub-transfer agent duly appointed by the Transfer Agent(s) from time to time;

“**Trust**” means the trust constituted by the Original Declaration as amended and restated in this Declaration of Trust;

“**Trust Assets**” means the properties and assets held by the Trust or by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust, including:

- (i) the Initial Contribution (which was returned);
- (ii) all funds or property derived from the issuance or sale of Units or other funds or property received by the Trust from time to time;
- (iii) all cash on hand or on deposit including any interest accrued thereon, adjusted for any accruals from transactions executed but not yet settled;
- (iv) all subscription rights and other securities owned by or contracted on behalf of the Trust;
- (v) all notes and accounts receivable;
- (vi) all prepaid expenses; and
- (vii) all proceeds, income, interest, profit, return of capital, gains and accretions and all substituted assets, rights and benefits of any kind or nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with or accruing to such foregoing property or arising from the disposition thereof;

“**Trust Income**” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(2); “**Trust Liabilities**” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(1)

“**Trust Unit Certificate**” means a certificate, in the form approved by the Trustees, evidencing one or more Units, issued and certified in accordance with the provisions hereof;

“**Trustee**”, means at any time, a Person who is, in accordance with the provisions hereof, a trustee of the Trust at such time, and “**Trustees**” means, at any time, all of the Persons, each of whom is at that time a Trustee;

“**Unitholders**” means, at any time, the holders at that time, of one or more Units, as shown on the Register;

“**Units**” has the meaning specified in Section 3.1;

“**Valuation Date**” means each Trading Day and any other day designated by the Manager on which the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit of a class of the Trust will be calculated. If the Trust elects to have a December 15 year-end for tax purposes as permitted by the Tax Act, the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit of the Trust will be calculated on December 15 or, if December 15 is not a Business Day, on the Business Day immediately preceding December 15;

“**Valuation Time**” means 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) or such other time as the Manager deems appropriate on each Valuation Date; and

Section 1.2 References to Acts Performed by the Trust.

Any reference in this Declaration of Trust to an act to be performed by the Trust or to an obligation of the Trust, shall be construed and applied for all purposes as if it referred to an act to

be performed by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust or an obligation assumed by or imposed upon the Trustees in their capacity as trustees of the Trust, as the case may be.

Section 1.3 References.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, reference in this Declaration of Trust to any contract, agreement or any other instrument shall be deemed to include references to the same as varied, amended, supplemented, restated or replaced from time to time. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any reference in this Declaration of Trust to a statute or regulations, rules, policies or instruments thereunder shall be deemed to be a reference to such statute or regulation, rule, policy or instrument as amended, re-enacted or replaced from time to time, and reference to specific parts, paragraphs or sections thereof shall include all amendments, re-enactments or replacements. Where there are proposals for amendments to the Tax Act which have not been enacted into law or proclaimed into force on or before the date on which such proposals are to become effective, the Trustees may take such proposals into consideration and apply the provisions thereof as if such proposals had been enacted into law and proclaimed into force. References in this Declaration of Trust to “Unitholders” include references to Beneficial Unitholders.

Section 1.4 Gender and Number.

Any reference in this Declaration of Trust to gender includes all genders, and words importing the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa.

Section 1.5 Headings, etc.

The provision of a Table of Contents, the division of this Declaration of Trust into Articles and Sections and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only, and are not to affect its interpretation.

Section 1.6 Currency.

All references in this Declaration of Trust to dollars, unless otherwise specifically indicated, are expressed in Canadian currency. All references to “U.S.\$” or “U.S. dollars” are to United States dollars.

Section 1.7 Certain Phrases, etc.

In this Declaration of Trust (i) the words “**including**” and “**includes**” mean “**including (or includes) without limitation**”, and (ii) the phrase “**the aggregate of**”, “**the total of**”, “**the sum of**”, or a phrase of similar meaning means “**the aggregate (or total or sum), without duplication, of**”.

Section 1.8 Accounting Principles.

All accounting terms not specifically defined in this Declaration of Trust shall be interpreted in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. Where the character or amount of any asset or liability or item of revenue or expense or amount of equity is required to be determined, or any consolidation or other accounting computation is required to be made, for the purpose of this Declaration of Trust, such determination or calculation shall, to the extent

applicable and except as otherwise specified herein or as otherwise determined by the Trustees, be made in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Section 1.9 Day Not a Business Day.

In the event that any day on which any amount is to be determined or any action is required to be taken hereunder is not a Business Day, then such amount shall be determined or such action shall be required to be taken at or before the requisite time, if any, on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day. This Section is not applicable to Section 5.1 or Section 5.2.

**ARTICLE 2
DECLARATION OF TRUST**

Section 2.1 Original Declaration of Trust.

This Declaration of Trust amends and restates the Original Declaration.

Section 2.2 Establishment of the Trust.

The Trustees hereby declare and agree to act as trustees of the Trust and to hold the Trust Assets in trust for the benefit of the Unitholders on and subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration of Trust.

Section 2.3 Initial Contribution.

The Initial Unitholder paid, concurrent with the execution of the Original Declaration, the Initial Contribution to the Trustees for the purpose of settling the Trust, and the Initial Unitholder was issued one Unit in the Trust.

Section 2.4 Name of the Trust.

- (1) The Trust shall be known and designated as “Purpose Silver Bullion Fund”.
- (2) If the Trustees determine that the use of such name is not practicable, legal or convenient, the Trust may use such other designation or may adopt such other name as the Trustees deem appropriate, and the Trust may hold property and conduct and transact its affairs under such other designation or name.
- (3) The Trust may approve and use a French or foreign language version of any name or designation used by the Trust.

Section 2.5 Principal Office.

The principal office of the Trust shall be located at 130 Adelaide Street West, P.O. Box 109, Suite 3100, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3P5, or at such other place or places in Canada as the Trustees may from time to time designate.

Section 2.6 Nature of the Trust.

The Trust is a passive, self-governing, single purpose trust, and was established for the purpose specified in Section 4.1. The Trust is not, shall not be deemed to be and shall not be treated as, a partnership, limited partnership, agency, society, syndicate, association, joint venture, company, corporation or joint stock company, nor shall the Trustees or any individual Trustee or the Unitholders or any of them or any Person for any purpose be, or be deemed to be, treated in any way whatsoever as liable or responsible hereunder as partners, joint venturers or as that of principal and agent or as members of a society, syndicate, association, partnership or limited partnership or shareholders of a corporation or other joint stock company. The relationship of the Unitholders to the Trustees shall be solely that of beneficiaries of the Trust, and their rights shall be limited to those conferred upon them by this Declaration of Trust.

Section 2.7 Rights of Unitholders.

The rights of each Unitholder (including the right, if any, to call for a distribution or division of assets, monies, funds, income and capital gains held, received or realized by the Trust) are limited to those contained herein and, except as provided herein, no Unitholder shall be entitled to call for any partition or division of the Trust Assets or for a distribution of any particular asset forming part of the Trust Assets or of any particular monies or funds received by the Trust. The legal ownership of the Trust Assets and the right to conduct the activities of the Trust are, subject as herein expressly set forth, vested exclusively in the Trustees, and no Unitholder has or is deemed to have any right of ownership in any of the Trust Assets, except as specifically provided herein. Except as specifically provided herein, no Unitholder or Unitholders shall be entitled to interfere with or give any direction to the Trustees with respect to the affairs of the Trust or in connection with the exercise of any powers or authorities conferred upon the Trustees under this Declaration of Trust. The Units shall be personal property and shall confer upon the holders thereof only the interest and rights specifically set forth in this Declaration of Trust.

Section 2.8 Liability of Unitholders.

- (1) No Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder, in such capacity, shall incur or be subject to any liability, direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, in contract or in tort or of any other kind, to any Person in connection with: (i) the Trust Assets or the ownership, use, holding, acquisition, or disposition thereof or exercise or enjoyment of the rights, privileges, conditions or benefits attached thereto, associated therewith or derived therefrom; (ii) the obligations, liabilities, activities or affairs of the Trust; (iii) any actual or alleged act or omission of the Trustees or by any other Person in respect of the affairs of the Trust (whether or not authorized by or pursuant to this Declaration of Trust); (iv) any act or omission of the Trustees or any other Person in the performance or exercise, or purported or attempted performance or exercise, of any obligation, power, discretion or authority conferred upon the Trustees or such other Person in respect of the affairs of the Trust (whether or not authorized by or pursuant to this Declaration of Trust); (v) any transaction entered into by the Trustees or by any other Person in respect of the affairs of the Trust (whether or not authorized by or pursuant to this Declaration of Trust); or (vi) any taxes, levies, imposts or charges or fines, penalties or interest in respect thereof payable by the Trust or by the Trustees or by any other Person (except the Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder to the extent required by applicable tax laws) on behalf of or in connection with the affairs of the Trust (collectively, “**Trust Liabilities**”).

- (2) No Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder in such capacity shall be liable to indemnify the Trustees or any other Person with respect to any Trust Liabilities.
- (3) To the extent that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 2.8, any Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder, in such capacity, may be determined by a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to be subject to or liable in respect of any Trust Liabilities, such judgment and any writ of execution or similar process in respect thereof, shall be enforceable only against, and shall be satisfied only out of the Units held by such Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder.
- (4) If contrary to the provisions of this Section 2.8, any Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder shall be held personally liable as such by a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to any other Person in respect of any Trust Liabilities, such Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder shall be entitled to indemnity and reimbursement out of the Trust Assets to the full extent of such liability and for all costs of any litigation or other proceedings in which such liability shall have been determined, including, without limitation, all fees and disbursements of counsel. The rights accruing to a Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder under this Section 2.8(4) shall not exclude any other rights to which such Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder may be lawfully entitled, nor shall anything herein contained restrict the right of the Trustees to indemnify or reimburse a Unitholder or Beneficial Unitholder out of the Trust Assets in any appropriate situation even though not specially provided herein but, for greater certainty, the Trustees shall have no liability to reimburse Unitholders or Beneficial Unitholders for taxes assessed against them by reason of their ownership of Units.

ARTICLE 3 ISSUE AND SALE OF UNITS

Section 3.1 Nature of Units.

- (1) The beneficial interests in the Trust shall be divided into interests of three classes, namely, ETF units, ETF currency hedged units (the ETF units and ETF currency hedged units are herein referred to as “**ETF Units**”) and Class F mutual fund units (the “**Class F Units**” and together with the ETF Units, the “**Units**”), which shall be entitled to the rights and subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions set out herein.
- (2) Each Unit represents an equal, undivided, beneficial interest in the Trust, in any distribution from the Trust (whether of Net Realized Capital Gains, Trust Income or other amounts) and in any net assets of the Trust in the event of the termination or winding-up of the Trust. The interest of each Unitholder shall be determined by the number of Units held as of record by the Unitholder. All Units of a class shall rank among themselves equally and rateably without discrimination, preference or priority.

Section 3.2 Authorized Number of Units.

The Trust may issue an unlimited number of Units of an unlimited number of classes. The number of Units of any class of the Trust which is authorized and may be issued hereunder is unlimited.

Section 3.3 Allotment and Issue.

- (1) The Trustees or the Manager on behalf of the Trust and the Transfer Agent, on direction of the Trustees or the Manager, may allot and issue Units at such time or times at such price and in such manner, and to such Person, Persons or class of Persons as the Trustees or the Manager shall determine.
- (2) The Manager will publish the Prescribed Number of Units for each class of ETF units and Basket for each class of ETF units following the close of business on each Trading Day on a secured site accessible by Designated Brokers and Dealers. The Manager may, at its discretion, increase or decrease the Prescribed Number of Units of a class from time to time and adjust the Basket from time to time in accordance with the investment objective and strategies of the Trust.

Section 3.4 Ongoing Issuance of ETF Units

- (1) Whole ETF Units may be issued (i) to any Dealer following the receipt of a Subscription Order from such Dealer pursuant to Section 3.6 and the terms of the applicable Dealer Agreement, (ii) to any Designated Broker upon a Deemed Subscription pursuant to Section 3.7, Section 3.8 or Section 3.9 and in accordance with the applicable Designated Broker Agreement and (iii) to such Person as the Trustees or the Manager shall determine.
- (2) The price of each whole ETF Unit of a class issued shall be the Net Asset Value per Unit of that class as of the Valuation Time on the effective date, as confirmed by the Manager, of the Subscription Order, Deemed Subscription or other subscription and the price of each fractional ETF Unit shall be the proportionate part of such price payable in securities and/or cash.
- (3) If the effective date of the Subscription Order or Deemed Subscription Order is on the date of or following the date of declaration of a cash distribution on the ETF Units but prior to the payment date for that distribution, then if such Subscription Order is received on or prior to the date that is two (or one Trading Day in certain cases) Trading Days prior to a Distribution Record Date for that cash distribution and the ETF Units are to be issued prior to the Distribution Record Date, the amount of the declared distribution per ETF Unit shall be added to the Net Asset Value per Unit of a class for the purpose of calculating the subscription price (an “**ETF Distribution Price Adjustment**”).
- (4) The Manager may establish a time on a day which is on or before a Trading Day by which Subscription Orders or other subscriptions must be received and Deemed Subscriptions must occur in order to be implemented at the Net Asset Value per Unit of a class determined at the next Valuation Time (subject to any ETF Distribution Price Adjustment). Subscription Orders or other subscriptions received and Deemed Subscriptions that occur after the time established by the Manager will be implemented at the Net Asset Value per Unit of a class determined at the Valuation Time on the next Trading Day (subject to any ETF Distribution Price Adjustment). The “effective date” of a Subscription Order, other subscription or Deemed Subscription is the Trading Day on which the Valuation Time that applies to such Subscription Order, other subscription or Deemed Subscription takes place.

Section 3.5 Ongoing Issuance of Class F Units

- (1) Class F Units may be issued to such Persons as the Manager in its sole discretion shall determine in accordance with Applicable Laws.
- (2) The price of each whole Class F Unit issued shall be the NAV per Unit of that class as of the next Valuation Time following receipt of the subscription and the price of each fractional Class F Unit shall be the proportionate part of such price payable in cash.
- (3) The Manager may establish a time on a day which is on or before a Trading Day by which subscription orders must be received in order to be implemented at the NAV per Unit of a class determined at the next Valuation Time. Subscription orders received after the time established by the Manager will be implemented at the NAV per Unit of a class determined at the Valuation Time on the next Trading Day.

Section 3.6 Subscriptions for ETF Units by Dealers

- (1) On or before such time as the Manager may prescribe on any Trading Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine, a Dealer may, by a transmission method acceptable to the Manager, place a Subscription Order for a Prescribed Number of Units of a class or an integral multiple thereof.
- (2) The Manager reserves the absolute right in its discretion to accept or reject any Subscription Order placed by a Dealer.
- (3) Unless the Manager shall otherwise agree or the applicable Dealer Agreement shall otherwise provide, payment for ETF Units subscribed for by any Dealer on any Trading Day shall be made by delivery through the facilities of CDS or DTC, as the case may be, or as may otherwise be directed by the Manager, no later than the second Trading Day thereafter, of a Basket for each Prescribed Number of Units of a class issued (being the Prescribed Number of Units of such class in effect on the effective date of the Subscription Order), together with an amount in cash equal to the difference obtained when the aggregate value of the Baskets delivered by the Dealer, calculated in accordance with the principles of valuation prescribed in Section 4.4, is subtracted from the product obtained when the price per ETF Unit, calculated in accordance with Section 3.4, is multiplied by the number of ETF Units in respect of which the Subscription Order has been accepted plus, if applicable, the Cash Creation Fee.
- (4) The Manager may agree to accept payment from a Dealer consisting of cash, or a combination of Bullion, permitted silver certificates and cash, provided that the aggregate value of the consideration is equal to the price per ETF Unit, calculated in accordance with Section 3.4, multiplied by the number of ETF Units in respect of which the Subscription Order has been accepted plus, if applicable, the Cash Creation Fee.
- (5) Unless the Manager agrees otherwise, upon receipt of consideration from the Dealer in accordance with this Section 3.6, the Trust shall issue the applicable number of ETF Units in respect of which a Subscription Order has been accepted by the second Trading Day following the effective date of the Subscription Order. Upon rejection of a Subscription

Order, the Manager shall make a prompt refund of any consideration received in connection with the Subscription Order, without interest.

Section 3.7 Deemed Subscriptions upon Cash Issuance Notices – ETF Units

- (1) The Manager may deliver to a Designated Broker a Cash Issuance Notice pursuant to the applicable Designated Broker Agreement. Upon delivery by the Manager of a Cash Issuance Notice to a Designated Broker on any Trading Day, Designated Broker will be deemed to have subscribed for ETF Units in the amount specified in the Cash Issuance Notice.
- (2) The number of ETF Units issued will be the subscription amount as specified by the Manager in the Cash Issuance Notice divided by the price per ETF Unit, calculated in accordance with Section 3.4, as of the Valuation Time on the effective date of the Deemed Subscription.
- (3) A Designated Broker will deliver cash payment to the Trust in the amount set out in the Cash Issuance Notice by no later than the second Trading Day after the effective date of the Deemed Subscription. The number of ETF Units determined under Section 3.7(2) will be issued to Designated Broker immediately upon receipt of the aforementioned cash payment.

Section 3.8 Deemed Subscriptions upon Cash Redemptions – ETF Units

On receipt of any Cash Redemption Request from a Unitholder in accordance with Section 6.3(1) the Manager may deem a Designated Broker to have subscribed for a number of ETF Units equal to the number of ETF Units of a class equal to the number of Units of the class to be redeemed pursuant to such Cash Redemption Request. The Trust will issue such ETF Units to the Designated Broker and payment for such ETF Units (in an amount per ETF Unit equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit of the class calculated as of the Valuation Time on the effective date of the Cash Redemption Request, subject to ETF Distribution Price Adjustment in accordance with Section 3.4) will be payable in cash by Designated Broker by no later than the second Trading Day after the effective date of the Deemed Subscription.

Section 3.9 Other Deemed Subscriptions – ETF Units

A Designated Broker Agreement may require the Designated Broker to subscribe for (and exchange) ETF Units in such other circumstances and on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Trustees or the Manager and the Designated Broker.

Section 3.10 Fractional Units.

Fractions of up to 1/1000th of a Unit of a class may be issued. Fractional Units shall not, except to the extent that they may represent in the aggregate one or more whole Units of a class, entitle the holders thereof to notice of, or to attend or to vote at, meetings of Unitholders. Subject to the foregoing, a fractional Unit of a class shall have attached thereto the rights, restrictions, conditions and limitations attaching to a whole Unit of such class in the proportion that such fractional Unit bears to such whole Unit. Fractional Units may only be issued with the prior approval of the Manager.

Section 3.11 Re-Purchase of Initial Unit by the Trust.

Immediately after the issuance of Units pursuant to the initial public offering of the Trust, the Trust purchased the initial Unit from the Initial Unitholder, and the Initial Unitholder sold the initial Unit to the Trust, for a purchase price of U.S.\$10.00 and, upon the completion of such purchase and sale, the initial Unit was cancelled and is no longer outstanding for any of the purposes of this Declaration of Trust.

Section 3.12 Consolidation and Subdivision of Units.

Units of a class of the Trust may be consolidated or subdivided by the Manager at any time.

Section 3.13 No Pre-Emptive Rights.

No Unitholder shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to any pre-emptive right to acquire any Units, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by the Trust.

ARTICLE 4 INVESTMENTS OF TRUST

Section 4.1 Purpose of the Trust.

The Trust is a passive, self-governing, single purpose trust and its activities shall be restricted to:

- (a) investing in and holding a minimum of 90% of its total net assets in physical silver bullion and holding no more than 10% of its total net assets in the following:
 - (i) silver certificates to enable payments, if any, made in connection with the redemption of any Units or other securities of the Trust, for making distributions, if any, to Unitholders, and for working capital purposes, and
 - (ii) cash and interest-bearing accounts, short-term government debt or short-term investment grade corporate debt for working capital purposes;
- (b) issuing Units in accordance with Article 3;
- (c) borrowing on a short-term basis in strictly limited circumstances to facilitate bullion purchases, provided that, under such circumstances, the Trust may enter into short-term borrowing arrangements for which all outstanding amounts do not exceed 5% of the Trust's total net assets at any and all times;
- (d) issuing or redeeming rights and Units pursuant to any Unitholder rights plan adopted by the Trust;
- (e) holding cash in interest-bearing accounts, or in investments authorized by Section 4.2 for the purposes of paying the expenses of the Trust, paying amounts payable by the Trust in connection with the redemption of any Units or other securities, and making distributions to Unitholders;

- (f) purchasing securities issued by the Trust;
- (g) satisfying the obligations or liabilities of the Trust; and
- (h) undertaking such other activities, or taking such actions including investing in securities, as are related to or in connection with the foregoing or as are contemplated by this Declaration of Trust or as may be approved by the Trustees from time to time, provided that the Trust shall not undertake any activity, take any action, or make any investment which would result in the Trust not being considered a “mutual fund trust” for purposes of the Tax Act;
- (i) investing in and holding property all or substantially all of which shall consist of property other than property that would be taxable Canadian property if the definition “taxable Canadian property” in subsection 248(1) of the Tax Act were read without reference to the paragraph (b) of that definition; and
- (j) investing in and holding property which will not constitute “non-portfolio property” as defined in the Tax Act.

Section 4.2 Other Investments

To the extent that any monies or other property received by the Trust from time to time are not to be immediately used by the Trust, the Manager is hereby authorized to and, where prudent to do so, shall invest such monies in: (i) debt obligations of or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or a province of Canada or by the Government of the United States of America or a state thereof; (ii) short-term commercial paper obligations of a corporation or other Person whose short-term commercial paper is rated R-1 (or its equivalent, or higher) by DBRS Limited or its successors or assigns or A-1 (or its equivalent, or higher) by Standard & Poor’s or its successors or assigns; (iii) interest-bearing accounts and short-term certificates of deposit issued or guaranteed by a Canadian chartered bank or trust company; (iv) money market mutual funds; or (v) other short-term debt obligations approved by the Trustees from time to time. For the purpose hereof, “short-term” shall mean having a date of maturity or call for payment not more than 182 days from the date on which the investment is made.

Section 4.3 Investment Restrictions.

The following investment restrictions, in addition to any investment restrictions required by Securities Legislation, shall apply to the Trust unless and until amended by the Unitholders as contemplated by Section 12.7 hereof and except as the Trustees may establish more conservative and restrictive policies from time to time:

- (a) Within 90 days following the issuance of Units pursuant to the initial public offering of the Trust (and promptly following any subsequent issue or offering of securities by the Trust), at least 90% of the Trust Assets must be held in pure, refined silver bullion in bar form;
- (b) All silver bullion owned by the Trust shall be unencumbered and the Trust may not enter into any borrowing arrangements except in strictly limited circumstances approved by the Trustees to facilitate silver bullion purchases. Subject to

Applicable Law, under such circumstances, the Trust may enter into short-term borrowing arrangements for which all outstanding amounts do not exceed 5% of the Trust's total Net Asset Value at any time;

- (c) Silver bullion and silver certificates of the Trust shall be stored on an allocated and segregated basis in Canada in treasury vault facilities of a Canadian Chartered bank or an affiliate thereof or any other entity permitted to so hold silver bullion and/or silver certificates pursuant to Applicable Laws or an exemption therefrom, which shall be the custodian. No part of the silver bullion or silver certificates held in storage on behalf of the Trust may be delivered by the custodian out of safekeeping without receipt of a certified resolution of the Trustees specifying the purpose and giving direction with respect to specific amounts;
- (d) No Trustee or officer of the Trust or appointed representative of the Trust or the Manager is authorized to enter the treasury vault storage facilities of the custodian without being accompanied by a representative of the Auditors of the Trust and one or more representatives of such custodian;
- (e) The silver bullion and silver certificates held in storage on behalf of the Trust shall be audited annually and silver bullion shall be spot audited periodically in the presence of at least one Trustee or officer of the Trust, at least one representative of the Trust's Auditors and one or more representatives of the custodian; and
- (f) The Trustees shall seek to maintain the qualifying status of the Units under current Canadian legislation for registered plans.

Section 4.4 Net Asset Value of the Trust and Net Asset Value per Unit

The Trust Assets shall be valued in the aggregate by the Manager as of the Close of Business on each Valuation Date in United States dollars and Canadian dollars. The value of the Trust Assets shall also be calculated as of December 31 in each year if that day is not otherwise a Valuation Date for the purpose of the distribution of any Trust Income and Net Realized Capital Gains of the Trust to Unitholders. The Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Unit of a class shall be determined at such dates. The “**Net Asset Value**” (of a class) means the value of the Trust Assets allocated to that class *pro rata*, as determined by the Valuation Agent less the amount of the liabilities allocated to that class *pro rata*. The “**Net Asset Value per Unit**” at any such date shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the amount of the Net Asset Value (of a class) determined at such time by the total number of Units of that class then outstanding. The Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit at a particular date shall be determined, computed and verified by a valuation agent appointed by the Manager as follows: in the case of silver bullion, at the value which is based on the LBMA Silver Price for silver bullion on such date when available and otherwise, the best alternative market as determined by the Manager, and, in the case of all other assets and liabilities of the Trust, in accordance with the method of valuation prescribed by the Manager, acting reasonably, from time to time.

ARTICLE 5
ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 5.1 Computation of Net Realized Capital Gains and Income.

- (1) The net realized capital gains of the Trust (the “**Net Realized Capital Gains**”) for any taxation year of the Trust shall be determined as the amount, if any, by which the aggregate of the capital gains of the Trust realized in such year exceeds: (i) the aggregate of the capital losses of the Trust realized in such year; (ii) any capital gains which are realized by the Trust as a result of a redemption of Units pursuant to Article 6 and which are payable to redeeming Unitholders pursuant to Section 5.3(2); and (iii) each amount determined by the Trustees in respect of any net capital loss for a prior taxation year which the Trust is permitted by the Tax Act to deduct in computing the taxable income of the Trust for such year multiplied by the reciprocal of the fraction applicable in determining the proportion of a capital gain for such prior taxation year that is a taxable capital gain.
- (2) The income of the Trust (the “**Trust Income**”) for any taxation year of the Trust shall be the income of the Trust for such year computed in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, other than subsection 104(6) thereof, regarding the calculation of income for the purposes of determining the “taxable income” of the Trust; provided, however, that capital gains and capital losses shall be excluded from the computation of Trust Income.

Section 5.2 Determination of Class Income.

The income of the Trust allocable to a class of Units shall be computed as of the Valuation Time on each distribution record date in accordance with the following rules:

- (a) interest shall be included on an accrual basis as required by the Tax Act;
- (b) capital gains and capital losses shall be excluded;
- (c) all other income of the Trust shall be included in accordance with the Tax Act; and
- (d) all expenses and liabilities due and accruing due and allocable to the class, if any, shall be deducted in computing income in accordance with the Tax Act.

Section 5.3 Allocations and Distributions.

- (1) The Trustees may allocate, declare payable and distribute, from time to time, out of Net Realized Capital Gains, Trust Income, the capital of the Trust or otherwise, in any year, such amount or amounts, and on such dates and to Unitholders of record on such dates, as the Trustees may determine.
- (2) The Trustees may allocate and pay to one or more redeeming Unitholders, as part of the redemption price, any part or all of the Trust Income or capital gains realized by the Trust in connection with dispositions of any assets owned by the Trust which are required to satisfy the redemption price for the redemption of Units of a class pursuant to Article 6.
- (3) Having regard to the present intention of the Trustees to allocate, distribute and make payable to the Unitholders all of the Net Realized Capital Gains, all Trust Income and any

other applicable amounts so that the Trust will not have any liability for tax under Part I of the Tax Act in any taxation year (other than tax on Net Realized Capital Gains that would be recoverable by it with respect to the relevant taxation year), the following amounts shall, without any further actions on the part of the Trustees, be due and payable to the Unitholders of record at the close of business on December 31 in each year:

- (a) the amount of Net Realized Capital Gains for such year not previously paid or made payable to any or all of the Unitholders in such year, except to the extent of Net Realized Capital Gains in respect of which the tax payable by the Trust would be refunded as a “capital gains refund” as defined in the Tax Act for such year; and
 - (b) the amount of Trust Income for such year not previously paid or made payable to any or all of the Unitholders in such year.
- (4) Net realized capital gains of the Trust shall be allocated among the classes of Units of the Trust taking into account liabilities allocable to each class that have not been taken into account under Section 5.2.

Section 5.4 Character of Distributions and Designations.

In accordance with and to the extent permitted by the Tax Act, the Trustees in each year shall make designations in respect of the amounts paid or payable to the Unitholders for such amounts that the Trustees consider to be reasonable in all of the circumstances, including designations relating to net capital gains realized by the Trust in the year, as well as elect under subsection 104(13.1) and/or subsection 104(13.2) of the Tax Act that income be taxed to the Trust, rather than to the Unitholders.

Amounts paid or payable to the Unitholders pursuant to this Article 5 shall, subject to Section 5.3(3) in respect of year end distributions, be deemed to be distributions of Net Realized Capital Gains, Trust Income, trust capital or other items in such amounts as the Trustees shall, in their absolute discretion, determine. For greater certainty, it is hereby declared that any distribution of Net Realized Capital Gains shall include the non-taxable portion of the capital gains of the Trust which are encompassed in such distribution.

Section 5.5 Enforceability of Right to Receive Distributions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 5, each Unitholder shall have the legal right to enforce payment on December 31 of any amount payable to such Unitholder as a result of any allocation or distribution declared or otherwise made payable pursuant to this Article 5 on the applicable December 31 to, and not yet received by, such Unitholder pursuant to this Article 5 in respect of that year.

Section 5.6 Method of Payment of Distributions.

- (1) Where the Trustees determine that the Trust does not have available cash in an amount sufficient to make payment of the full amount of any distribution which has been declared payable, or otherwise made payable, pursuant to this Article 5 on the due date for such payment, the payment may, at the option of the Trustees, include the issuance of additional Units of a class, or fractions of Units of a class, if necessary or desirable, having a value

equal to the difference between the amount of such distribution declared to be payable and the amount of cash which has been determined by the Trustees to be available for the payment of such distribution.

- (2) The value of each Unit of a class which is issued pursuant to Section 5.6(1) shall be not less than net asset value of the Units of such class on (i) the applicable record date in respect of a distribution under Section 5.3(1), or (ii) December 31 in respect of a distribution under Section 5.3(3).

Section 5.7 Withholding Taxes.

The Manager may deduct or withhold from distributions payable to any Unitholder all amounts required by law to be withheld from such distribution.

Section 5.8 Definitions.

Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, any term in this Article 5 which is defined in the Tax Act shall have for the purposes of this Article 5 the meaning that it has in the Tax Act.

Section 5.9 Payments of Cash.

Any payment of cash by the Trust to a Unitholder pursuant to this Article 5 or any other provision of this Declaration of Trust is conclusively deemed to have been made upon mailing of a cheque in a postage pre-paid envelope, addressed to the Unitholder at the Unitholder's address appearing in the Register unless such cheque is dishonoured upon presentment. Upon such payment, the Trust shall be discharged from all liability to the Unitholder in respect of such payment except to replace any cheque which is lost or destroyed.

Section 5.10 Unclaimed Distributions.

In the event that the Trustees shall hold any distributable amount which is unclaimed or which cannot be paid for any reason, the Trustees shall be under no obligation to invest or reinvest the same, but shall only be obliged to hold the same in a current interest-bearing account pending payment with interest earned (and less applicable taxes) to the Person or persons entitled thereto. Although, the Trustees may at their discretion re-invest such unclaimed amounts in Units at not less than their net asset value, the Trustees shall, as and when required by law, and may at any time prior to such required time, pay all or part of such distributable amount so held to the appropriate government official or agency, whose receipt shall be a good discharge and release of the Trustees.

ARTICLE 6 EXCHANGES AND REDEMPTIONS

Section 6.1 Intentionally Deleted.

Section 6.2 Exchange of ETF Units for Baskets

- (1) A Unitholder, at his or her option, shall be entitled on any Trading Day to exchange a number of ETF Units of a class equal to the Prescribed Number of Units of such class or

an integral multiple thereof or such other number of ETF Units of the class as the Manager in its sole discretion may permit by depositing or causing to be deposited with the Manager an Exchange Request for the ETF Units to be exchanged.

- (2) To be effective on a particular Trading Day, an Exchange Request must be received by the Manager at its principal office in Toronto before 9:00 a.m. on the Trading Day (or such later time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit). If an Exchange Request is received later than 9:00 a.m. on that day or such later time as the Trustees may permit, the Exchange Request shall be deemed to be received as of the next Trading Day. The Trading Day on which an Exchange Request is deemed to be received is the “effective date” of the Exchange Request.
- (3) The exchange price shall be equal to the Net Asset Value of the ETF Units of the class at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the Exchange Request, payable by delivery of (i) a combination of Bullion and cash, as determined in the Manager’s sole discretion; or (ii) in the Manager’s sole discretion, cash only.

Section 6.3 Redemption of ETF Units for Cash – ETF Units

- (1) A Unitholder, at his or her option, shall be entitled on any Trading Day to cause the redemption of ETF Units for cash by depositing or causing to be deposited with the Manager a Cash Redemption Request for the number of ETF Units to be redeemed.
- (2) To be effective on a particular Trading Day, a Cash Redemption Request must be received by the Manager at its principal office in Toronto before 9:00 a.m. on that Trading Day (or such later time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit). If a Cash Redemption Request is received later than 9:00 a.m. on that day or such later time as the Manager may permit or on a day which is not a Trading Day, the Cash Redemption Request shall be deemed to be received as of the next Trading Day. The Trading Day on which a Cash Redemption Request is deemed to be received is the “effective date” of the Cash Redemption Request.
- (3) The Trust shall implement a Cash Redemption Request at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the Cash Redemption Request, and shall pay to the Unitholder proceeds of redemption in cash for each ETF Unit of a class of the Trust redeemed by the Unitholder, in an amount per ETF Unit of that class equal to the lesser of (i) 95% of the closing trading price of ETF Units of that class on the effective date of the Cash Redemption Request or (ii) the Net Asset Value per Unit of that class on the effective date of the Cash Redemption Request.

Section 6.4 Redemption of Units for Cash – Class F Units

- (1) A Unitholder, at his or her option, shall be entitled on any Trading Day to cause the redemption of Class F Units for cash by depositing or causing to be deposited with the Manager a Cash Redemption Request or a redemption notice in a form acceptable to the Manager (either, a “redemption request”) for the number of Class F Units to be redeemed.
- (2) To be effective on a particular Trading Day, a redemption request must be received by the Manager at its principal office in Toronto before 9:00 a.m. on that Trading Day (or such

later time on such Trading Day as the Manager may permit). If a redemption request is received later than 9:00 a.m. on that day or such later time as the Manager may permit or on a day which is not a Trading Day, the redemption request shall be deemed to be received as of the next Trading Day. The Trading Day on which a redemption request is deemed to be received is the “effective date” of the redemption request.

- (3) The Trust shall implement a redemption request at the Valuation Time on the effective date of the redemption request and shall pay to the Unitholder proceeds of redemption in cash for each Class F Unit redeemed by the Unitholder, in an amount per Class F Unit equal to the Net Asset Value per Class F Unit as of such effective date.
- (4) The Manager reserves the right to redeem a Unitholder’s Class F Units, for a redemption price equal to the Net Asset Value per Class F Unit, should the Manager determine, in its sole discretion, that the Unitholder has ceased to be eligible to hold such Class F Units.

Section 6.5 Effective Redemption

Determination of the Net Asset Value per Unit for the Units being exchanged under Section 6.2 or redeemed under Section 6.3 or Section 6.4, as applicable, shall constitute a redemption of the Units being so exchanged or redeemed and the Unitholder shall thereafter cease to have any further rights with respect to such Units and, upon payment of the exchange or redemption proceeds (plus the amount of any distribution declared but not paid on the Units exchanged or redeemed as of the effective date of the Exchange Request or redemption request), the Trustees, Manager and the Trust shall be discharged from all liability to the Unitholder with respect to the Units so exchanged or redeemed and the amount so paid. Where a Unitholder has requested an exchange pursuant to Section 6.2 or a redemption for cash pursuant to Section 6.3 or Section 6.4, the Trustees or the Manager may, in their sole discretion, designate to such Unitholder any income or capital gain realized by the Trust as a result of the disposition of any Trust Assets occurring in connection with such exchange or redemption.

Section 6.6 Exercise of Redemption Right – ETF Units

A holder of ETF Units who desires to exercise exchange or redemption privileges under this Article 6 must cause a CDS Participant to deliver to CDS (or directly to the Transfer Agent) on behalf of the Unitholder an Exchange Request or Cash Redemption Request, as applicable, sufficiently in advance of the cut-off time on each Trading Day set out in Section 6.2 and Section 6.3, as applicable so as to permit the CDS Participant to deliver notice to CDS and so as to permit CDS to deliver notice to the Transfer Agent in advance of the cut-off time. Any expense associated with the preparation and delivery of Exchange Requests and Cash Redemption Requests will be for the account of the owner exercising the exchange or redemption privilege. Except as provided below under Section 6.12, by causing a CDS Participant to deliver to CDS or the Transfer Agent an Exchange Request or Cash Redemption Request, a Unitholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably surrendered his or her ETF Units for exchange or redemption and appointed such CDS Participant to act as his or her exclusive settlement agent with respect to the exercise of the exchange or redemption privilege and the receipt of payment in connection with the settlement of obligations arising from such exercise. Any Exchange Request or Cash Redemption Request delivered by a CDS Participant which CDS or the Transfer Agent determines to be incomplete, not in proper form or not duly executed shall for all purposes be void and of no effect and the exchange or redemption privilege to which it relates shall be considered for all purposes not to

have been exercised thereby. A failure by a CDS Participant to exercise exchange or redemption privileges or to give effect to the settlement thereof in accordance with the Unitholder's instructions will not give rise to any obligations or liability on the part of the Trustees, the Manager or the Trust to the CDS Participant or the Unitholder.

Section 6.7 Exercise of Redemption Right – Class F Units

A holder of Class F Units who desires to exercise redemption privileges under this Article 6 must deliver to the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Unitholder a redemption request sufficiently in advance of the cut-off time on each Trading Day set out in Section 6.4. Any expense associated with the preparation and delivery of redemption requests will be for the account of the owner exercising the redemption privilege. Except as provided below under Section 6.12, by delivering to the Transfer Agent a redemption request, a Unitholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably surrendered his or her Class F Units for redemption and appointed the Transfer Agent to act as his or her exclusive settlement agent with respect to the exercise of the redemption privilege and the receipt of payment in connection with the settlement of obligations arising from such exercise. Any redemption request which the Transfer Agent determines to be incomplete, not in proper form or not duly executed shall for all purposes be void and of no effect and the redemption privilege to which it relates shall be considered for all purposes not to have been exercised thereby. A failure by the Transfer Agent to exercise redemption privileges or to give effect to the settlement thereof in accordance with the Unitholder's instructions will not give rise to any obligations or liability on the part of the Trustees, the Manager or the Trust to the Unitholder.

Section 6.8 Manner of Payment – In Kind Proceeds

Payment in respect of any exchange pursuant to Section 6.2(3) shall be made in kind by the delivery through the facilities of CDS or otherwise of Bullion for each Prescribed Number of Units of a class exchanged plus a cash payment (in the manner set out in Section 6.9) in an amount equal to the difference obtained when the aggregate value of the Bullion delivered is subtracted from the aggregate value of the Prescribed Numbers of Units exchanged, both calculated as of the Valuation Time on the effective date of the Exchange Request in accordance with the valuation principles set out in Section 4.4. The amount of any distribution declared but not paid on the ETF Units exchanged as of the effective date of the Exchange Request shall be paid by the Trust along with the exchange or redemption proceeds.

Section 6.9 Manner of Payment – Cash Proceeds

Cash payment in respect of any cash redemption pursuant to Section 6.3 or Section 6.4 or any cash amount payable on an exchange pursuant to Section 6.2(2) shall be made by cheque payable to or to the order of the Unitholder or by such other manner of payment, including electronic funds transfer, wire transfer and payment in kind, approved by the Manager from time to time. The amount of any distribution declared but not paid on the ETF Units exchanged or redeemed as of the effective date of a redemption request shall be paid by the Trust along with the redemption proceeds. The payment, if made by cheque, shall be conclusively deemed to have been made upon hand-delivery of a cheque to the Unitholder or to his agent duly authorized in writing or upon the mailing of a cheque by prepaid first-class mail addressed to the Unitholder at his address as it appears on the register unless the cheque is not paid on presentation. The Transfer Agent may issue a replacement cheque if it is satisfied that the original cheque has not been received or has been lost or destroyed, upon being furnished with such evidence of loss, indemnity

or other document in connection therewith that the Transfer Agent or the Manager in its discretion may consider necessary.

Section 6.10 Cancellation of all Redeemed Units.

All Units which are redeemed under this Article 6 shall be deemed to be outstanding at the time of the close of business on the Valuation Date as of which Net Asset Value per Unit is to be determined for the purpose of such redemption, and immediately thereafter such Units shall be deemed to be cancelled and no longer outstanding, and the redemption price shall, until paid, be deemed to be a liability of the Trust.

Section 6.11 Joint Holders

Where a Unit to be exchanged or redeemed is registered in more than one name, the exchange or redemption proceeds shall be deemed, unless otherwise specified on the Register, to be owed to the holders of such Unit upon joint account and may be paid to all or any of such registered holders and the payment to and/or receipt of any of such registered holders shall constitute a valid discharge of the Trust for the proceeds so paid or delivered.

Section 6.12 Suspension of Redemption Right

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6.2, Section 6.3, Section 6.4, Section 6.8 and Section 6.9, the Trustees or the Manager may suspend the exchange and/or redemption of Units or payment of exchange and/or redemption proceeds with the prior permission of the Securities Authorities where required, for any period not exceeding 30 days during which the Trustees or the Manager determine that conditions exist which render impractical the sale of assets of the Trust or which impair the ability of the Trustees or the Manager to determine the value of the assets of the Trust. The suspension may apply to all requests for redemption received prior to the suspension but as to which payment has not been made, as well as to all requests received while the suspension is in effect. All Unitholders making such requests shall be advised by the Trustees or the Manager of the suspension and that the exchange or redemption will be effected at a price determined on the first Valuation Date following the termination of the suspension. All such Unitholders shall have and shall be advised that they have the right to withdraw their requests for exchange or redemption.

The suspension shall terminate in any event on the first day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension has ceased to exist, provided that no other condition under which a suspension is authorized then exists. To the extent that it is not inconsistent with official rules and regulations promulgated by any government body having jurisdiction over the Trust, any declaration of suspension made by the Trustees or the Manager shall be conclusive.

Section 6.13 Partial Exchange or Redemption Permitted

The Trust may exchange or redeem some of the Units whose exchange or redemption has been requested by Unitholders and postpone or suspend the exchange or redemption of the remaining Units of such Unitholders pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.12. Any partial exchange or redemption shall be *pro rata* according to the number of Units held by each Unitholder who has requested an exchange or redemption.

Section 6.14 Performance of Trust

The Trustees, Manager, Unitholders, Transfer Agent or other agent of the Trust shall not be bound to recognize or see to the performance of any trust, express, implied or constructive, or of any charge, pledge or equity to which any of the Units or any interests therein are or may be subject, or to ascertain or inquire whether any sale or transfer of any such Units or interests therein by any such Unitholder or his or her personal representatives is authorized by such trust, charge, pledge or equity, or to recognize any Person as having any interest therein, except for the Person recorded as Unitholder on the Register.

Section 6.15 Characterization of Redemption Amount

The Trustees in their discretion shall determine for the purposes of the Tax Act what portion, if any, of a redemption amount paid to a Unitholder on a redemption of Units is a distribution to the Unitholder out of the income or net realized capital gains of the Trust rather than proceeds of disposition.

Section 6.16 Convertibility

The ETF units and ETF currency hedged units of the Trust shall be convertible into ETF currency hedged units and ETF units, respectively, on the basis of the relative Net Asset Values of such classes and upon such other terms as the Manager may designate, on a weekly basis provided such ETF units or ETF currency hedged units, as the case may be, are surrendered to the Manager by 9:00 a.m. (Toronto time) at least one Business Day prior to the effective date on which such Units are to be converted.

ARTICLE 7 TRUSTEES

Section 7.1 Number of Trustees.

Until otherwise approved by the Trustees, the Trustees shall consist of not less than three and no more than eleven Trustees, with the number of Trustees from time to time within such range being fixed by resolution of the Trustees; provided that until otherwise so determined by resolution, the number of Trustees shall be five. The Trustees may approve the change of and may change the Trustees of the Trust to a trustee that is the Manager or a Canadian resident that is a corporate trustee, bank or trust company without Unitholder approval. If the Trustees are individuals, at least a majority of the Trustees must be Resident Canadians and, except while a vacancy in office exists and is to be filled, must be Independent Trustees. For the purposes of this Section 7.1, “**Independent Trustee**” means a trustee who is: (a) not an officer of the Trust or Silver Administrators Ltd., and is free from any interest and any business, family or other relationship which could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the Trustee’s ability to act with a view to the best interest of the Trust, other than interests and relationships arising solely from Unit holdings in the Trust; (b) not currently, or has not been within the last three years, an officer, employee of or material service provider to the Trust or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates; and (c) not a trustee, director (or similarly situated individual), officer, employee or significant shareholder of an entity that has a material business relationship with the Trust, provided that a chair or co-chair of the Board of Trustees who is not a senior executive officer of the Trust or Silver Administrators Ltd. will not be disqualified as an Independent Trustee. The

application of such definition to the circumstances of each individual Trustee shall be the responsibility of the Trustees.

Section 7.2 Calling and Notice of Meetings.

For so long as the Trustees are individuals, meetings of the Trustees shall be called and held from time to time at such time and at such place or places in Canada as the Trustees, the Chairman of the Trustees or any two Trustees may determine, and any one Trustee, or officer of the Trust, may give notice of meetings when directed or authorized by the Trustees or such individual or individuals. Notice of each meeting of the Trustees shall be given to each Trustee not less than 48 hours before the time when the meeting is to be held, provided that, if a quorum of Trustees is present, the Trustees may without notice hold a meeting immediately following an annual meeting of Unitholders. Notice of a meeting of the Trustees may be given verbally, in writing or by telephone or facsimile or electronic mail. A notice of a meeting of Trustees need not specify the purpose of or the business to be transacted at the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees may by resolution from time to time fix a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings of the Trustees at a place and hour to be named, in which case, provided that a copy of such resolution is sent to each Trustee forthwith after being passed and forthwith after each Trustee's appointment, no other notice shall be required for any such regular meeting.

Section 7.3 Place of Meetings.

Meetings of the Trustees may be held at any place in Canada. A Trustee who attends a meeting of Trustees, in person or by telephone, is deemed to have consented to the location of the meeting except when the Trustee attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully held.

Section 7.4 Meetings by Telephone.

With the consent of the Chairman of the meeting or a majority of the other Trustees participating in the meeting, any Trustee may participate in a meeting of the Trustees or of a committee of the Trustees from any location in the world by means of telephone, electronic or other communication facilities that permit all individuals participating in the meeting to communicate with each other. A Trustee participating in such a meeting in such manner shall be considered present at the meeting and at the place of the meeting.

Any such consent shall be effective whether given before or after the meeting to which it relates and may be given with respect to all meetings of the Trustees and of Committees of Trustees.

Section 7.5 Quorum.

The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Trustees shall consist of a majority of the number of Trustees then holding office, and, notwithstanding any vacancy among the number of Trustees, a quorum of Trustees may exercise all of the powers of the Trustees, provided that the Trustees shall not transact business at a meeting of Trustees unless a majority of Trustees present are Resident Canadians.

Section 7.6 Chairman.

The Chairman of any meeting of the Trustees shall be the Trustee present at the meeting who holds the office of Chairman of the Trustees (as appointed by the Trustees under Section 7.10) or, if such individual is not participating in the meeting, the Trustees participating in the meeting shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.

Section 7.7 Action by the Trustees.

At all meetings of the Trustees, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question.

In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote. The powers of the Trustees may be exercised by resolution passed at a meeting at which a quorum is present or by a resolution in writing signed by all Trustees who would be entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Trustees. Resolutions in writing may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all originals together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

Section 7.8 Adjourned Meeting.

Any meeting of Trustees may be adjourned from time to time by the Chairman of the meeting with the consent of the meeting to a fixed time and place. Further notice of the adjourned meeting need not be given. The adjourned meeting shall be duly constituted if a quorum is present and if it is held in accordance with the terms of the adjournment. If there is not a quorum present at the adjourned meeting, the original meeting shall be deemed to have terminated upon its adjournment.

Section 7.9 Remuneration and Expenses.

The Trustees (other than officers or directors of the Manager) shall be paid such remuneration for their services as the Trustees may from time to time determine. Until otherwise determined by the Trustees, such compensation shall be U.S.\$10,000.00 per year for each Trustee plus U.S.\$1,000.00 per meeting of the Trustees, Committees of Trustees and for each Trustee in attendance at silver bullion audits and inspections and the Chairmen of committees of the Trustees will each receive an additional U.S.\$2,000.00 per year. Such Trustees shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for reasonable travel and other out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by them in attending meetings of the Trustees or any Committee thereof or in connection with their services as Trustees. Nothing herein contained shall preclude any Trustee from serving the Trust in any other capacity and receiving remuneration therefor. This Section 7.9 shall not apply in the event that the Manager, a resident Canadian corporate trustee, bank or trust company is appointed to act as trustee of the Trust in which case the Manager will determine the remuneration payable to the trustee. In the event that the Manager becomes the trustee of the Trust, the Manager shall not receive a fee for acting as trustee of the Trust.

Section 7.10 Officers.

The Trustees from time to time may appoint one or more officers of the Trust, including without limitation a Chairman, a President and Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Financial Officer,

a Treasurer, a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary of the Trust, and, without prejudice to rights under any employment contract, may remove any officer of the Trust. The powers and duties of each officer of the Trust shall be those determined from time to time by the Trustees and, in the absence of such determination, shall be those usually applicable to the office held.

Section 7.11 Committees.

Except as prohibited by law, the Trustees may appoint from their number one or more Committees of Trustees and may delegate to any Committee of Trustees such authority as the Trustees may in their sole discretion deem necessary or desirable to effect the administration of the duties of the Trustees under this Declaration of Trust and/or for audit, nominating, compensation, corporate governance or other responsibilities, without regard to whether such authority is normally granted or delegated by trustees; provided that a majority of the members of each Committee shall constitute a quorum thereof and must be Resident Canadians. Where appropriate, in their discretion the Trustees may appoint, as a minority on a Committee, one or more individuals who are not Trustees, provided that such discretion shall not be applicable to Committees formed for audit, nominating or corporate governance purposes.

Section 7.12 Committee Procedure.

Unless otherwise determined by the Trustees, a quorum for meetings of any Committee shall be a majority of its members, each Committee shall have the power to appoint its Chairman and the rules for calling, holding, conducting, transacting business at and adjourning meetings of the Committee shall be the same as those governing the Trustees. Subject to Section 7.11, each member of a Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Trustees and, in any event, only so long as he or she shall be a Trustee and the Trustees may fill vacancies in a Committee by appointment from among their members. Provided that a quorum is maintained, a Committee may continue to exercise its powers notwithstanding any vacancy among its members.

ARTICLE 8 APPOINTMENT, RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF THE TRUSTEES

Section 8.1 Qualification of Trustees.

The following persons are disqualified from being a Trustee of the Trust:

- (a) anyone who is less than eighteen years of age;
- (b) anyone who is of unsound mind and has been so found by a Court in Canada or elsewhere; and
- (c) an individual who has the status of bankrupt.

Section 8.2 Appointment of Trustees.

The initial Trustees, being Bruce D. Heagle, Ian M.T. McAvity, Robert R. Sale, J.C. Stefan Spicer and Philip M. Spicer, were appointed as the Original Trustees of the Trust for an initial term of office which, subject to Section 8.5, expired (subject to further appointment) at the close of the first annual meeting of Unitholders. Except as otherwise provided herein, Trustees shall be appointed (including the reappointment of incumbent Trustees) at each annual meeting of

Unitholders, and may be appointed at a special meeting of Unitholders, in each case to hold office, subject to Section 8.5, for a term expiring at the close of the next annual meeting of Unitholders following such an appointment.

Any such appointment (other than by the Trustees as contemplated by this Section 8.2 and Section 8.7) shall be made either by a resolution approved by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Unitholders (which may include votes cast by way of ballot or show of hands and a single ballot) or shall be made by resolution in writing in the manner set out in Section 12.2. The Trustees hereby appoint the Manager as a trustee of the Trust effective as at the date on which the Trust and the Manager enter into the Management Services Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything else contained herein:

- (a) if no Trustees are appointed at the annual meeting of Unitholders held immediately before the term of office of the existing Trustees expires, such existing Trustees shall continue to hold the office of Trustees under this Declaration of Trust until successors have been appointed or they cease to hold office;
- (b) the Trustees may, between annual meetings of the Unitholders, appoint one or more additional Trustees, subject to the provisions of Section 7.1 for a term to expire (subject to further appointment) at the close of the next annual meeting of Unitholders, but, except as expressly provided in this Section 8.2 the number of additional Trustees so appointed shall not at any time exceed one-third of the number of Trustees who held office immediately at the expiration of the immediately preceding annual meeting of Unitholders; and
- (c) in the event that at any time a majority of the Trustees are not Resident Canadians, the Trustees then in office shall forthwith appoint such number of Resident Canadian Trustees as may be necessary so that a majority of the Trustees are Resident Canadians.

Section 8.3 Consent to Act.

- (1) An individual who is appointed a Trustee hereunder, other than the Original Trustees whose consents to act were given by their signatures to the Original Declaration, shall not become a Trustee until he or she has, either before or after such appointment, consented in writing to do so. Without limiting the form of such consent, the execution and delivery to the Trust of a consent substantially as follows shall satisfy such requirement:

“To: Purpose Silver Bullion Fund (the “Trust”) And to: The Trustees thereof

The undersigned hereby consents to act as a Trustee of the Trust and hereby agrees, upon the later of the date of this consent and the date of the undersigned’s appointment as a Trustee of the Trust, to become a party, as a Trustee, to the Declaration of Trust, as amended from time to time, constituting the Trust and to be bound by the obligations and liabilities of a Trustee thereunder.

Dated: _____

[Signature]

[Print Name]"

- (2) Upon the later of an individual being appointed a Trustee hereunder and executing and delivering to the Trust a consent in writing as contemplated in Section 8.3(1) he or she shall become a Trustee hereunder and shall be deemed to be a party (as a Trustee) to this Declaration of Trust, as amended from time to time.

Section 8.4 Failure to Elect Minimum Number of Trustees.

If a meeting of Unitholders fails to elect the minimum number of Trustees required by this Declaration of Trust by reason of the disqualification or death of any nominee, the Trustees elected at the meeting may exercise all of the powers of the Trustees if the number of Trustees so elected constitutes a quorum.

Section 8.5 Ceasing to Hold Office.

- (1) A Trustee ceases to hold office when:
 - (a) he or she dies or resigns;
 - (b) he or she is removed in accordance with Section 8.6; or
 - (c) he or she ceases to be duly qualified to act as a Trustee as provided under Section 8.1.
- (2) A resignation of a Trustee becomes effective at the time a written resignation is received by the Trust, or at the time specified in the written resignation, whichever is later.
- (3) Upon a Trustee ceasing to hold office as such hereunder, such Trustee shall be deemed to cease to be a party (as a Trustee) to this Declaration of Trust; provided, however, that such Trustee shall continue to be entitled to be paid any amounts owing by the Trust to the Trustee and to the benefits of the indemnity provided in Section 9.8.

Section 8.6 Removal of Trustees.

The Unitholders may remove any Trustee or Trustees from office, by resolution approved by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Unitholders called for that purpose.

A vacancy created by the removal of a Trustee may be filled at the meeting of Unitholders at which the Trustee is removed or, if not so filled, may be filled as set forth in Section 8.7.

Section 8.7 Filling Vacancies.

- (i) A quorum of Trustees may fill a vacancy among the Trustees, except (i) a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of Trustees other than as provided in Section 8.2(b) or (ii) from a failure to elect the minimum number of Trustees fixed by this Declaration of Trust other than as provided

in Section 8.4. If there is not a quorum of Trustees, or if there has been a failure to elect the minimum number of Trustees required by or pursuant to this Declaration of Trust other than as provided in Section 8.4, the Trustees then in office shall forthwith call a special meeting of Unitholders to fill the vacancy and, if they fail to call a meeting or if there are no Trustees then in office, the meeting may be requisitioned by Unitholders in accordance with Section 12.2. A Trustee appointed to fill a vacancy holds office, subject to Section 8.5 until the close of the next annual meeting of the Unitholders. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, in the event that a majority of the Trustees are not Resident Canadians, the Trustees then in office shall appoint such number of Resident Canadian Trustees as may be necessary so that a majority of the Trustees are Resident Canadians.

Section 8.8 Validity of Acts.

Any act of a Trustee is valid notwithstanding any irregularity in the appointment of the Trustees or any defect in the qualifications of the Trustees.

ARTICLE 9 CONCERNING THE TRUSTEES

Section 9.1 Powers of the Trustees.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration of Trust, the Trustees are hereby vested with and shall have, without other or further authorization, continuing, full, absolute and exclusive power, control, and authority and discretion over, and administration of, the Trust Assets and the affairs and undertaking of the Trust, to the same extent as would the legal and beneficial owner of such property, and may exercise the same without the necessity of applying to any court for leave to do so. In the event that this Declaration of Trust contemplates that a power is exercisable by either the Trustees or the Manager, the Manager shall exercise such power unless the Trustees notify the Manager that they will exercise such power. Without restricting or limiting the generality of the foregoing, such powers of the Trustees shall include the powers enumerated in the ensuing sections of this Article 9 and elsewhere in this Declaration of Trust.

Section 9.2 Specific Powers and Authorities.

Subject only to the express limitations contained in this Declaration of Trust, and in addition to any other powers and authorities conferred by this Declaration of Trust or which the Trustees may have by virtue of any present or future statute or rule of law, the Trustees, without any action or consent by the Unitholders, shall have and may exercise at any time and from time to time the following powers and authorities, which may be exercised by the Trustees in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may from time to time determine proper:

- (a) to supervise the holdings and affairs of the Trust;
- (b) to maintain records and provide reports to Unitholders;
- (c) to collect, sue for and receive all sums of money or other property or items that are believed due to the Trust;

- (d) to effect payment of distributions to the Unitholders as provided in Article 5;
- (e) to invest funds of the Trust as provided in Article 4;
- (f) to possess and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges pertaining to the ownership of all or any part of the Trust Assets, to the same extent that any Person might, unless otherwise limited herein, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to vote or give any consent, request or notice, or waive any notice, either in person or by proxy or power of attorney, with or without power of substitution, to one or more persons, which proxies and powers of attorney may be for meetings or actions generally or for any particular meeting or action and may include the exercise of discretionary power;
- (g) where reasonably required, to engage, employ, contract with or retain on behalf of the Trust any Persons as agents, representatives or independent contractors (including, without limitation, administrators, investment advisors, registrars, underwriters, accountants (including any Unitholder's accountants), lawyers or attorneys (including any Unitholder's lawyers or attorneys or firm of which a Trustee or officer of the Trust may be a member), appraisers, brokers, consultants, technical advisors, depositaries, custodians, transfer agents or otherwise) in one or more capacities;
- (h) except as prohibited by law, to delegate from time to time to the Trust's officers, consultants, agents and other persons the doing of such things and the exercise of such powers hereunder as the Trustees may from time to time deem expedient, so long as any such delegation is not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Declaration of Trust and subject at all times to the general control and supervision of the Trustees as provided for herein;
- (i) to engage in, intervene in, prosecute, join, defend, compromise, abandon or adjust, by mediation, arbitration or otherwise, any actions, suits, disputes, claims, demands or other litigation or proceedings, regulatory or judicial, relating to the Trust, the Trust Assets or the Trust's affairs, to enter into agreements therefor, whether or not any suit or proceeding is commenced or claim asserted and, in advance of any controversy, to enter into agreements regarding the mediation, arbitration, adjudication or settlement thereof;
- (j) to arrange for insurance contracts and policies insuring the Trust, the Trust Assets, any or all of the Trustees or the Unitholders, officers, consultants or agents of the Trust or the Manager or any Person with whom the Trust has dealings in such amounts as the Trustees deem appropriate and which may cover any and all claims and liabilities of every nature arising by reason of holding or having held Units or of holding, being or having held any such office or position, including any and all claims and liabilities of any nature asserted by any Person arising by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted by the Trust or by the Trustees or officers or Unitholders, including any action taken or omitted that may be determined to constitute negligence;

- (k) to cause the silver bullion of the Trust to be held in safekeeping in the treasury vaults of one or more major financial institutions and, subject as aforesaid to cause the other Trust Assets to be held by and/or in the name of two or more Trustees, or except as prohibited by law, to be held by and/or in the name of the Trust or any other custodian or Person, on such terms, in such manner, and with such powers in such Person as the Trustees may determine, and with or without disclosure that the Trust or the Trustee is interested therein;
- (l) to issue Units (or rights, warrants, convertible securities, options or other securities) and to effect an exchange or redemption thereof pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Declaration of Trust;
- (m) to enter into or perform the obligations of the Trust under any underwriting, agency, dealer, designated broker or other securities agreement and to do all such acts and things and execute all such agreements and instruments as are necessary to complete the initial public offering of the Trust and any subsequent issue of Units or other securities as contemplated by Section 9.2(l).
- (n) to use reasonable efforts to seek to ensure that the Trust qualifies at all times as a “mutual fund trust” pursuant to subsection 132(6) of the Tax Act;
- (o) in addition to the mandatory indemnification provided for in Section 9.8 to indemnify, or enter into agreements with respect to the indemnification of, any Person with whom the Trust has dealings including without limitation the Trustees or officers of the Trust, the Manager and its directors, officers and employees, any custodian, depository, registrar, transfer agent or escrow agent (including CDS, DTC or another Depository and the Transfer Agent), to such extent as the Trustees shall determine and to the extent permitted by law;
- (p) without the approval or confirmation of Unitholders, to enact and from time to time amend or repeal binding rules and procedures not inconsistent with this Declaration of Trust containing provisions relating to the Trust, the Trust Assets and the conduct of the affairs of the Trust;
- (q) to enter into short-term borrowing arrangements that do not encumber any of the Trust Assets in order to enter into forward contracts for positioning purposes with respect to silver bullion and silver certificate purchases where payments are required to be made within a few days of entering into such contracts;
- (r) to pay or satisfy out of the Trust Assets any debts of or claims against the Trust or the Trust Assets, and to incur and to pay out of the Trust Assets any charges or expenses which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are or were appropriate, necessary or desirable for the creation or the affairs of the Trust and which are for the account of the Trust;
- (s) to pay all taxes or assessments, of whatever kind or nature, whether within or outside Canada, imposed upon or against the Trustees in connection with the Trust Assets, undertaking or income of the Trust, or imposed upon or against the Trust Assets, undertaking or income of the Trust, or any part thereof, and to settle or

compromise disputed tax liabilities, and for the foregoing purposes to make such returns, take such deductions, and make such designations, elections, allocations and determinations in respect of Net Income or Net Realized Capital Gains distributed to Unitholders in the year and any other matter as shall be permitted under the Tax Act, and to do all such other acts and things as may be deemed by the Trustees in their sole discretion to be necessary, desirable or convenient; and

- (t) to do all such other acts and things and execute all such agreements and other instruments as are incidental to the foregoing, and to exercise all powers which are necessary or useful to carry on the purpose and activities of the Trust, to promote or advance any of the purposes or objectives for which the Trust is formed and to carry out the provisions of this Declaration of Trust whether or not herein specifically mentioned.

Section 9.3 Restrictions on Trustee's Powers.

- (1) The Trustees may not, except as contemplated by Section 9.3(2) without the approval of the Unitholders by Special Resolution at a meeting of Unitholders called for that purpose, authorize:
 - (a) any sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Trust Assets;
 - (b) engage in any hedging activities that involve the Trust Assets;
 - (c) any merger of the Trust with any other entity; or
 - (d) any material amendment to or termination of the Administration Agreement.
- (2) Except in connection with the termination or winding-up of the Trust, the Trustees shall have no power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Trust Assets, except with the approval of the Unitholders by Special Resolution at a meeting of Unitholders called for that purpose.

Section 9.4 Banking.

The banking activities of the Trust, or any part thereof, including, but without restricting the generality of the foregoing: the operation of the Trust's accounts; the making, signing, drawing, accepting, endorsing, negotiating, lodging, depositing or transferring of any cheques, promissory notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange and orders for the payment of money; the giving of receipts for orders relating to any property of the Trust; the execution of any agreement relating to any property of the Trust; the execution of any agreement relating to any such banking activities and defining the rights and powers of the parties thereto; and the authorizing of any officer of such banker to do any act or thing on the Trust's behalf to facilitate such banking activities; shall be transacted with such banks, trust companies, or other firms or corporations carrying on a banking or similar business as the Trustees may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time, and shall be transacted on the Trust's behalf by one or more Trustees or officers of the Trust as the Trustees may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time.

Section 9.5 Standard of Care and Duties.

The Trustees shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust and shall exercise that degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent trustee would exercise in comparable circumstances. A Trustee shall not be liable in carrying out his or her duties under this Declaration of Trust except in cases where the Trustee fails to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust or to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent trustee would exercise in comparable circumstances. The duties and standard of care of the Trustees provided as aforesaid are intended to be similar to, and not to be any greater than, those imposed on a director of a corporation governed by the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. Unless otherwise required by law, the Trustees shall not be required to give surety bond or security in any jurisdiction for the performance of any duties or obligations hereunder. A Trustee shall not be required to devote his or her entire time to the investments, business or affairs of the Trust and shall be entitled to make or undertake such investments, business or affairs as he or she deems fit.

Section 9.6 Fees and Expenses.

As part of the expenses of the Trust, the Trustees may pay or cause to be paid out of the Trust Assets, reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the Trust, including fees and costs of the Manager, and of any Persons referred to in Section 9.2(g), brokerage fees, exchange and filing fees, printing costs, legal and accounting charges and other fees and disbursements directly relating to the implementation of offerings of securities of the Trust and transactions for the holdings of the Trust, any taxes payable by the Trust or to which the Trust may be subject, interest expenses and other borrowing costs, if any, custody and safekeeping charges relating to the Trust's activities, expenses of conducting Unitholder meetings, Trust accounting, expenses incurred in connection with the valuation of Trust Assets, expenses incurred upon termination of the Trust, and the cost of reporting or giving notices to Unitholders, the costs associated with the establishment and on-going operation of the Independent Review Committee and all other filing and reporting necessary or appropriate for corporate and securities regulatory purposes. All costs, charges and expenses properly incurred by the Trustees on behalf of the Trust shall be payable out of the Trust Assets.

Section 9.7 Limitations on Liability of the Trustees.

- (1) None of the Trustees nor any officers of the Trust or any of its Affiliates shall be liable to the Trust or any Unitholder: for any action taken in good faith in reliance on any documents that are, *prima facie*, properly executed; for any depreciation of, or loss to, the Trust incurred by reason of the sale of any bullion or securities; for the loss or disposition of monies or securities; for any other action or failure to act including, without limitation, the failure to compel in any way any former or acting Trustee to redress any breach of trust; except for a breach of the obligations in Section 9.5 or for a breach of Section 9.3. If the Trustees have retained an appropriate expert or advisor with respect to any matter connected with their duties under this Declaration of Trust, the Trustees may in good faith act or refuse to act based on the advice of such expert or advisor and, notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration of Trust, including, without limitation, the standard of care, diligence and skill set out in Section 9.5, the Trustees shall not be liable for any action or refusal to act in good faith based on the advice of any such expert or advisor which it is reasonable to conclude is within the expertise of such expert or advisor to give.

- (2) The Trustees and officers of the Trust in incurring any debts, liabilities or obligations, or taking or omitting any other actions for or in connection with the affairs of the Trust are, and shall be conclusively deemed to be, acting for and on behalf of the Trust, and not in their own personal capacities. None of the Trustees nor any officer of the Trust shall be subject to any personal liability for any debts, liabilities, obligations, claims, demands, judgements, costs, charges or expenses (including legal expenses) against or with respect to the Trust or in respect to the affairs of the Trust. No property or assets of the Trustees, owned in their personal capacity or otherwise, will be subject to any levy, execution or other enforcement procedure with regard to any obligations under this Declaration of Trust or under any other related agreements. No recourse may be had or taken, directly or indirectly, against the Trustees in their personal capacity or against any successor, heir, executor, administrator or legal representative of the Trustees. The Trust shall be solely liable therefor and resort shall be had solely to the Trust Assets for payment or performance thereof.

Section 9.8 Indemnification of the Trustees.

- (1) Subject to Section 9.8(2) in addition to and without limiting any other protection hereunder or otherwise by law of each individual who is, or shall have been, a Trustee, an officer of the Trust, or a director or officer of any of its Affiliates (collectively, the “**Indemnified Persons**”), the Trust hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Indemnified Persons out of the Trust Assets, from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, damages, penalties, fines, actions, suits, demands, levies, assessments, costs, charges, expenses and disbursements (whether or not involving a third party claim), including legal expenses and including amounts paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment (collectively, “**Damages**”), which may at any time be suffered by, imposed upon, incurred by or asserted against any of the Indemnified Persons (i) in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which the Indemnified Person is made a party by reason of being or having been a Trustee or officer of the Trust or, at the request of the Trust, a director or officer of any of its Affiliates, and/or (ii) in respect of any and all taxes, penalties or interest in respect of unpaid taxes or other governmental charges imposed upon the Indemnified Person in consequence of his or her performance of his or her duties hereunder. An Indemnified Person shall not be entitled to satisfy any right of indemnity or reimbursement granted herein, or otherwise existing under law, except out of the Trust Assets, and no Unitholder or other Trustee or officer shall be personally liable to any Person with respect to any claim for such indemnity or reimbursement.
- (2) An Indemnified Person shall not be indemnified under Section 9.8(1) in respect of unpaid taxes or other governmental charges or Damages that arise out of or as a result or in the course of his or her failure to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust. In the case of Damages incurred by an Indemnified Person that arise out of or as a result of proceedings by or on behalf of Unitholders against such Indemnified Person, such Indemnified Person shall not be indemnified under Section 9.8(1) unless such Indemnified Person acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust and either (i) such Indemnified Person is not judged by a court or other competent authority to have committed any fault or omitted to do anything that the Indemnified Person ought to have done or (ii) the Trust has the approval of a court to indemnify such Indemnified Person.

Section 9.9 Exculpatory Clauses in Instruments.

The Trustees shall use reasonable means where practicable to inform all persons having dealings with the Trust of the limitation of liability set forth in Section 9.7 and Section 2.8 respectively, and shall use reasonable means where practicable to cause to be inserted in any written agreement, undertaking or obligation made or issued on behalf of the Trust an appropriate statement of the disavowal and limitation of liability as set forth in Section 9.7 and Section 2.8, but the omission of such statement from any such instrument shall not render any Trustee, any Unitholder or officer, consultant or agent of the Trust liable to any Person, nor shall any Trustee or any Unitholder or any officer of the Trust be liable to any Person for such omission. If, notwithstanding this provision, any Trustee, Unitholder or any officer of the Trust shall be held liable to any other Person by reason of the omission of such statement from any such agreement, undertaking or obligation, such Trustee, Unitholder or officer shall be entitled to indemnity out of the Trust Assets to the full extent of such liability and the costs of any litigation or other proceedings in which such liability shall have been determined, including without limitation, the fees and disbursements of counsel.

Section 9.10 Conflicts of Interest.

- (a) A Trustee or an officer of the Trust shall disclose to the Trust, in writing or by requesting to have entered in the minutes of meetings of the Trustees or of meetings of Committees of the Trustees, the nature and extent of any interest that the Trustee has in a material contract or transaction with or affecting the Trust, whether made or proposed, if such Trustee or officer:
 - (i) is a party to the material contract or transaction;
 - (ii) is a director or officer, or an individual acting in a similar capacity, of a party to the material contract or transaction; or
 - (iii) has a material interest in a party to the contract or transaction.
- (b) The disclosure required in subsection (a) must be made, with respect to Trustees:
 - (i) if the Trustee was not then interested in the proposed material contract or transaction, at the first such meeting after he or she becomes so interested;
 - (ii) if the Trustee becomes interested after a material contract or transaction is entered into, at the first meeting of Trustees after he or she becomes so interested; or
 - (iii) if a Person who is interested in a material contract or transaction with the Trust later becomes a Trustee, at the first such meeting after he or she assumes that capacity.
- (c) The disclosure required in subsection (a) must be made, in the case of an officer of the Trust who is not a Trustee:

- (i) immediately after he or she becomes aware that the material contract, transaction, proposed contract or proposed transaction is to be considered or has been considered at a meeting of Trustees;
 - (ii) if the officer becomes interested after a material contract or transaction is made, immediately after he or she becomes so interested;
 - (iii) if a Person who is interested in a material contract or transaction with the Trust or a subsidiary later becomes an officer, immediately after he or she becomes an officer.
- (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), if a material contract or material transaction, whether entered into or proposed, is one that, in the ordinary course of the affairs of the Trust, would not require approval by the Trustees or Unitholders, then a Trustee or officer shall disclose in writing to the Trustees, or request to have entered in the minutes of meetings of the Trustees or of meetings of Committees of the Trustees, the nature and extent of his or her interest immediately after he or she becomes aware of the contract or transaction.
- (e) A Trustee required to make disclosure under subsection (a) shall not vote on any resolution to approve the material contract or transaction unless the contract or transaction:
 - (i) relates primarily to his or her remuneration as a Trustee, Committee member, officer, employee or agent of the Trust or any Affiliate of the Trust;
 - (ii) is for indemnity or insurance as permitted hereunder; or
 - (iii) is with an Affiliate.
- (f) For the purposes hereof, a general notice to the Trustees by a Trustee or an officer of the Trust declaring that he or she is to be regarded as interested for specified reasons in a material contract or transaction made with a party, is a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to the contract or transaction.
- (g) A material contract or transaction for which disclosure is required under subsection (a) is not invalid, and the Trustee or officer, as applicable, is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from the contract or transaction because of that interest in the contract or transaction or because the Trustee was present or was counted to determine whether a quorum existed at the meeting of Trustees or directors or Committee of Trustees or directors that considered the contract or transaction, if:
 - (i) the Trustee or officer disclosed his or her interest as set out above,
 - (ii) the Trustees approved the contract or transaction, and
 - (iii) the contract or transaction was reasonable and fair to the Trust at the time it was so approved.

- (h) Even if the conditions of subsection (g) are not met, a Trustee or officer of the Trust, acting honestly and in good faith, is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit realized from a material contract or transaction for which disclosure is required under subsection (a), and the material contract or transaction is not invalid by reason only of the interest of the Trustee or officer in the contract or transaction if:
 - (i) the contract or transaction is approved or confirmed by Special Resolution at a meeting of Unitholders;
 - (ii) disclosure of the interest was made to Unitholders in a manner sufficient to indicate its nature before the contract or transaction was approved or confirmed; and
 - (iii) the contract or transaction was reasonable and fair to the Trust when it was approved or confirmed.
- (i) If a Trustee or officer fails to comply with this Section, the Trust, any Trustee or any Unitholder may apply to Court for an order setting aside the material contract or transaction on any terms that it sees fit, or requiring the Trustee or officer to account to the Trust for any profit or gain realized on it, or do both of those things.
- (2) Subject to the preceding Section 9.10, each Trustee, in his or her personal capacity or any other capacity may, with the approval of the Trustees, enter into any financial transactions with the Trust without being liable to account for any profit made thereby.

Section 9.11 Conditions Precedent.

The obligation of the Trustees to commence or continue any act, action, suit or proceeding or to represent the Trust in any action, suit or proceeding shall be conditional upon sufficient funds being available to the Trustees from the Trust Assets to commence or continue such act, action, suit or proceeding or to represent the Trust in any action, suit or proceeding and an indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustees to protect and hold harmless the Trustees against the costs, charges and expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein and any Damages they may suffer by reason thereof. None of the provisions contained in this Declaration of Trust shall require the Trustees to expend or risk their own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of their duties or in the exercise of any of their rights or powers unless they are given an indemnity and funding satisfactory to the Trustees, acting reasonably.

Section 9.12 Execution of Instruments and Apparent Authority.

- (1) Any instrument executed in the name of the Trust or on behalf of the Trust by any two of the Trustees (or by the Manager or a resident Canadian corporate trustee, bank or trust company if any such entity is then the trustee of the Trust) shall constitute and shall be deemed to constitute a valid obligation of the Trust enforceable in accordance with its terms. In addition, the Trustees may from time to time direct the manner in which and the officer or officers or other individual or individuals by whom any particular instrument or class of instruments may or shall be signed.

- (2) Any Person dealing with the Trust in respect of any matters pertaining to the Trust Assets and any right, title or interest therein, or to the Trust or to the Units, shall be entitled to rely on a certificate, statutory declaration or resolution executed or certified by a Trustee as to the capacity, power and authority of the Trustees, an officer, a consultant or agent of the Trust or the Manager or any other Person authorized to act for and on behalf of and in the name of the Trust. No Person dealing with a Trustee or any officer, consultant or agent of the Trust, shall be bound to see to the application of any funds or property passing into the hands or control of such Trustee, officer, consultant or agent of the Trust. The receipt of a Trustee or of any authorized officers, consultants or agents of the Trust, for moneys or other consideration, shall be binding upon the Trust.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT

Section 10.1 Amendment.

The provisions of this Declaration of Trust may only be amended by the Trustees upon approval of the Unitholders by Special Resolution, provided that the provisions of this Declaration of Trust may be amended by the Trustees without the consent, approval or ratification of the Unitholders or any other Person (other than the Manager where so provided under the terms of the Administration Agreement):

- (a) at any time for the purpose of:
 - (i) ensuring continuing compliance and conformity of this Declaration of Trust with applicable laws, regulations, requirements or policies of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Trustees or the Trust;
 - (ii) providing additional protection, in the opinion of Counsel to the Trustees, for the Unitholders;
 - (iii) removing any conflicts or inconsistencies in this Declaration of Trust or making minor changes or corrections which are, in the opinion of the Trustees, necessary or desirable and not prejudicial to the Unitholders;
 - (iv) providing added benefits to Unitholders; or
 - (v) making amendments which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are necessary or desirable as a result of changes in taxation laws; or
- (b) as may be specifically contemplated in this Declaration of Trust including creating an additional class or classes of units and changing the Trustees as provided for herein.

Section 10.2 Notification of Amendment.

As soon as shall be practicable after the making of any amendment pursuant to this Article 10, the Trustees shall issue a press release or releases giving notification of the substance of such amendment to Unitholders.

ARTICLE 11 INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Section 11.1 Independent Review Committee

The Trustees shall cause the Manager to establish, in the manner contemplated by NI 81-107, an Independent Review Committee, in accordance with the terms thereof and for the purposes set forth therein. The Trust may indemnify the members of the Independent Review Committee in accordance with the provisions of NI 81-107.

Section 11.2 Standard of Care of Members

Each member of the Independent Review Committee shall in exercising his or her powers and discharging his or her duties act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust and shall exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

Section 11.3 Functions of the Independent Review Committee

As required by NI 81-107, the Manager shall refer all conflict of interest matters to the Independent Review Committee for review or approval. The Independent Review Committee will be subject to requirements to conduct regular assessments and provide reports to the Trust and to Unitholders in respect of its functions.

Section 11.4 Fees and Expenses, etc.

All fees and expenses of the Independent Review Committee incurred in connection with its duties with respect to the Trust will be paid by the Trust. The Independent Review Committee shall be authorized to retain, at the expense of the Trust, independent counsel or other advisors if the Independent Review Committee determines it useful or necessary to carry out its duties.

ARTICLE 12 MEETINGS OF UNITHOLDERS

Section 12.1 Annual and Special Meetings of the Unitholders.

As long as there is a Trustee that is an individual, annual meetings of the Unitholders shall be called, on a day on or before June 30 in each year, at a time and at a place in Canada set by the Trustees. The business transacted at such meetings shall include the presentation of the audited financial statements of the Trust for the immediately preceding fiscal year, the appointment of the Trustees for the ensuing year in accordance with Article 8, the appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year and authorizing the Trustees to fix their remuneration and the transaction of such other business as the Unitholders may be entitled to vote upon as herein provided or as the Trustees may determine. From and after the date upon which there is no Trustee that is an individual, the Trust will no longer call annual meetings of the Unitholders. Special meetings of the Unitholders, voting together as a class (unless the circumstances are such that one class is affected differently in which case the holders of each class of units of the Trust shall vote separately as a class) may be called at any time by the Trustees or as provided in Section 12.2. The chairperson of any annual or special meeting shall be the Chairman of the Trustees or any other Trustee or officer of the Trust

specified by resolution of the Trustees or, in the absence of any Trustee, any individual appointed as chairperson of the meeting by the Unitholder(s) present. The Trustees, the officers of the Trust, the Auditors, legal counsel to the Trust, the chairperson of the meeting as specified hereunder or by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Unitholder(s) represented at the meeting and any other individual approved by the Trustees may attend meetings of the Unitholders.

Section 12.2 Unitholder Requisitioned Meetings

- (a) The holders of not less than ten per cent of the Units may requisition the Trustees to call a special meeting of Unitholders for the purposes stated in the requisition.
- (b) The requisition referred to in subsection (a) which may consist of several documents of like form each signed by one or more Unitholders, shall state the business to be transacted at the special meeting and shall be sent to each Trustee and to the principal office of the Trust.
- (c) On receiving the requisition referred to in subsection (a), the Trustees shall call a special meeting of Unitholders to transact the business stated in the requisition, unless:
 - (i) a record date for a meeting of the Unitholders has been fixed and notice thereof has been given to each stock exchange in Canada on which the ETF Units are listed for trading;
 - (ii) the Trustees have called a meeting of the Unitholders and have given notice thereof pursuant to Section 12.3;
 - (iii) in connection with the business as stated in the requisition:
 - (A) it clearly appears that the matter covered by the requisition is (1) submitted by the Unitholder primarily for the purpose of enforcing a personal claim or redressing a personal grievance against the Trust, the Trustees, the Unitholders or other securityholders of the Trust, or (2) does not relate in a significant way to the affairs of the Trust;
 - (B) the Trust, at the Unitholder's request, included a matter covered by a requisition in an information circular relating to a meeting of the Unitholders held within two years preceding the receipt of such request and the Unitholder failed to present the matter, in person or by proxy, at the meeting;
 - (C) substantially the same matter covered by the requisition was submitted to Unitholders in an information circular relating to a meeting of the Unitholders held within two years preceding the receipt of the Unitholder's request and the matter covered by the requisition was not approved at the meeting; or

- (D) the rights conferred by this Section are, in the view of the Trustees, being abused to secure publicity.
- (d) If the Trustees do not within twenty-one days after receiving the requisition referred to in subsection (a) call a special meeting, the Unitholders who signed the requisition may call the special meeting.
- (e) A meeting called under this Section shall be called as nearly as possible in the manner in which meetings are to be called pursuant to Section 12.3;
- (f) If the Unitholders so resolve at a special meeting called under subsection (d), the Trust shall reimburse the Unitholders the expenses reasonably incurred by them in requisitioning and holding the special meeting.

Section 12.3 Notice of Meetings.

Notice of all meetings of Unitholders shall be given by unregistered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to each Unitholder at his or her last address on the books of the Trust, mailed at least 21 days and not more than 60 days before the meeting. Such notice shall specify the time and place of such meeting and shall specify the nature of the business to be transacted at such meeting in sufficient detail to permit a Unitholder to form a reasoned judgement thereon, together with the text of any Special Resolution, at the time of mailing of the notice, proposed to be passed. Any adjourned meeting, may be held as an adjourned meeting without further notice. The accidental omission to give notice or the non-receipt of such notice by a Unitholder shall not invalidate any resolution passed at any such meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a meeting of Unitholders may be held at any time without notice if all the Unitholders are present or represented thereat or those not so present or represented have waived notice. Any Unitholder (or a duly appointed proxy of a Unitholder) may waive any notice required to be given under the provisions of this Section 12.3 and such waiver, whether given before or after the meeting, shall cure any default in the giving of such notice.

Section 12.4 Quorum.

At any meeting of the Unitholders, a quorum shall consist of five or more individuals present in person either holding personally or representing as proxies not less in aggregate than 10% of the Units outstanding entitled to vote at such meeting. In the event of such quorum not being present at the appointed place on the date for which the meeting is called within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the holding of such meeting, the meeting, if called by request of Unitholders, shall be terminated (and not adjourned) and, if otherwise called, shall stand adjourned to such day being not less than three days later and to such place and time as may be appointed by the chairperson of the meeting. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum as above defined is not present, the Unitholders present either personally or by proxy shall form a quorum, and any business may be brought before or dealt with at such an adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same. If the meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as for the original meeting.

Section 12.5 Proxies

- (a) A Unitholder entitled to vote at a meeting of Unitholders may by means of a proxy appoint a proxyholder or one or more alternate proxyholders, who are not required to be Unitholders, to attend and act at a meeting of Unitholders in the manner and to the extent authorized by the proxy and the authority conferred by the proxy.
- (b) A proxy shall be executed by the Unitholder or by the Unitholder's attorney authorized in writing.
- (c) A proxy is valid only at the meeting in respect of which it is given or any adjournment thereof.
- (d) A Unitholder may revoke a proxy:
 - (i) by depositing an instrument in writing executed by the Unitholder or by the Unitholder's attorney authorized in writing:
 - (A) at the principal office of the Trust at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the meeting, or an adjournment thereof, at which the proxy is to be used; or
 - (B) with the Chairman of the meeting on the day of the meeting or any adjournment thereof, or
 - (ii) in any other manner permitted by law.
- (e) The Trustees may specify in a notice calling a meeting of Unitholders, or accompanying information circular, a time not exceeding forty-eight hours, excluding Saturdays and holidays, preceding the meeting or an adjournment thereof before which time proxies to be used at the meeting must be deposited with the Trust or its agent in order to be voted at the meeting. In any event, no proxy shall be voted at any meeting unless it shall have been received by the Trust or its agent prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Section 12.6 Voting Rights of Unitholders.

Only Unitholders of record shall be entitled to vote, and each whole Unit shall entitle the holder or holders of that Unit to one vote on a ballot vote at any meeting of Unitholders.

Voting shall, unless a ballot vote is demanded, be by a show of hands vote. A Unitholder or proxyholder may demand a ballot vote either before or after any vote by show of hands. At any meeting of Unitholders, any holder of Units entitled to vote at such meeting may vote by proxy and a proxy need not be a Unitholder, provided that, unless otherwise determined by the Trustees, no proxy shall be voted at any meeting unless it shall have been received by the Transfer Agent (or if none, the Trust) for verification at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of such meeting. When any Unit is held jointly by several persons, any one of them may vote at any meeting in person or by proxy in respect of such Unit, but if more than one of them shall be present at such meeting in person or by proxy they shall vote as one on the Units jointly held by them.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees may establish rules for voting at a meeting of Unitholders to be carried out by means of telephone, electronic or other communication facility.

A Person who holds (either alone or jointly with another Person or Persons) 20% or more of the issued and outstanding Units of a class may only vote up to a maximum of 19.99% of the Units of such class on any matter to be voted on by Unitholders of that class.

Section 12.7 Resolutions Binding the Trust or the Trustees.

Unitholders shall be entitled to pass resolutions that will bind the Trust or the Trustees only with respect to the following matters:

- (a) amendments of the investment restrictions set out in Section 4.3
- (b) the election of a Trustee that is an individual or removal of a Trustee as provided Article 8;
- (c) the appointment or removal of Auditors as provided in Article 18;
- (d) the appointment of an inspector as provided in Section 12.11;
- (e) amendments of this Declaration of Trust as provided in Section 10.1;
- (f) the termination of the Trust as provided in Section 15.2;
- (g) the matters contemplated by Section 9.3; and
- (h) any matter which is required by Securities Legislation to be submitted to a vote of Unitholders of the Trust.

Except with respect to the matters set out in this Section 12.7 no action taken by the Unitholders or any resolution of the Unitholders at any meeting shall in any way bind the Trust or the Trustees. Any action taken or resolution passed in respect of any matter at a meeting of Unitholders shall be by Special Resolution, except for the matters set out in subsections (a), (b), and (c) above, which matters may be dealt with by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at the meeting in person or by proxy or unless the contrary is otherwise expressly provided under any specific provision of this Declaration of Trust.

Section 12.8 Meaning of “Special Resolution”.

The expression “**Special Resolution**” when used in this Declaration of Trust means, subject to Section 12.2, a resolution proposed to be passed as a special resolution at a meeting of the Unitholders (including an adjourned meeting) duly convened for that purpose and held in accordance with the provisions of this Article at which a quorum is present, which resolution is passed by the affirmative votes of the holders of more than 66 2/3% of the Units represented at the meeting and voted upon such resolution.

Section 12.9 Meaning of “outstanding”.

Every Unit issued, certified and delivered hereunder shall be deemed to be **outstanding** until it shall be cancelled or delivered to the Trustees or Transfer Agent for cancellation, provided that:

- (a) when a new certificate has been issued in substitution for a Trust Unit Certificate which has been lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed, only the later of such Trust Unit Certificates shall be counted for the purposes of determining the number of Units outstanding;
- (b) for the purpose of any provision of this Declaration of Trust entitling holders of outstanding Units to vote, sign consents, requisitions or other instruments or take any action under this Declaration of Trust, Units owned directly or indirectly, legally or equitably, by the Trust or any Affiliate thereof shall be disregarded, except that:
 - (i) for the purpose of determining whether the Trustees shall be protected in relying on any such vote, consent, requisition or other instrument or action, only the Units which the Trustees know are so owned shall be so disregarded; and
 - (ii) Units so owned which have been pledged in good faith other than to the Trust or an Affiliate thereof shall not be so disregarded if the pledgee shall establish to the satisfaction of the Trustees the pledgee’s right to vote such Units in his or her discretion free from the control of the Trust or any Affiliate thereof; and
- (c) for the purposes of Section 12.9(b), any Trustee, any officer of the Trust or a Transfer Agent shall provide a certificate which will state the number of Units and the certificate numbers of certificates, if certificates are issued, held by the Trust or any Affiliate thereof. The Trustees shall be entitled to rely on such Trustee’s, officer’s or Transfer Agent’s certificate in order to disregard the votes of any of the parties mentioned above.

Section 12.10 Record Date for Voting.

For the purpose of determining the Unitholders who are entitled to receive notice of and vote or act at any meeting or any adjournment thereof or for the purpose of any other action, the Trustees may fix a date as a record date for the determination of Unitholders entitled to receive notice of or to vote at such meeting or any adjournment thereof or to be treated as Unitholders of record for purposes of such other action, and any Unitholder who was a Unitholder at the time so fixed shall be entitled to receive notice of and vote at such meeting or any adjournment thereof or to be treated as Unitholders for purposes of such other action even though the Unitholder has since that time disposed of his or her Units, and no Unitholder becoming such after that time shall be so entitled to vote at such meeting or any adjournment thereof or to be treated as Unitholders for purposes of such other action. In the event that the Trustees do not fix a record date for any meeting of Unitholders, the record date for receiving notice of and voting at such meeting shall be the date upon which notice of the meeting is given as provided under Section 11.3.

Section 12.11 Appointment of Inspector.

The Trustees shall call a meeting of Unitholders upon the written request of Unitholders holding in the aggregate not less than 25% of the Units then outstanding for the purpose of considering the appointment of an inspector to investigate the performance by the Trustees of their responsibilities and duties in respect of the Trust. An inspector may be appointed for such purpose, at the expense of the Trust, at such meeting by a resolution approved by a majority of the votes cast at the meeting. Any such inspector shall on reasonable notice have reasonable access during normal business hours to (i) all books, records and accounts of the Trust and those maintained for the Trust by its Affiliates, (ii) the Trustees, directors, officers and senior executive officers of the Trust and its Affiliates and (iii) such financial data and other information with respect to the Trust and its Affiliates as the inspector may reasonably request.

Section 12.12 Resolutions in Writing.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration of Trust, a resolution in writing executed by Unitholders holding more than 66 2/3% of the outstanding Units or 50.1% of the outstanding Units, as applicable, at any time shall be as valid and binding for all purposes of this Declaration of Trust as if such Unitholders had exercised at that time all of the voting rights to which they were then entitled under Section 12.6 or Section 12.7 in favour of such resolution at a meeting of Unitholders duly called for the purpose.

ARTICLE 13 CERTIFICATES AND REGISTRATION OF UNITS

Section 13.1 Nature of Units.

The provisions of this Article 13 shall not in any way alter the nature of the Units or the relationship of a Unitholder to the Trustees or the relationship of one Unitholder to another, but are intended only to facilitate the operation of book-entry systems or the issuance of certificates evidencing the ownership of Units if desirable to issue them to Unitholders and the recording of all transactions in respect of Units and Trust Unit Certificates whether by the Trust, securities dealers, stock exchanges, transfer agents, registrars or other persons.

Section 13.2 Book-Entry System.

- (1) Subject to Section 13.5 and Section 13.7, registration of interests in and transfers of the ETF Units will be made only through a Book-Entry System. Subject to Section 13.5, on any date upon which ETF Units will be issued, the Trust may (but need not) deliver to CDS or DTC or another Depository one or more Trust Unit Certificates evidencing the aggregate number of ETF Units subscribed for, registered in the name of a Depository or Depositories, or as such Depository or Depositories may otherwise direct (each, a “**Global Trust Unit Certificate**”). Beneficial interests in ETF Units must be purchased, transferred or surrendered for repurchase or redemption through a CDS Participant or a DTC Participant or a participant in another Depository, as applicable. All rights of a Beneficial Unitholder of ETF Units must be exercised through, and all payments or other property to which such Beneficial Unitholder is entitled will be made or delivered by, the Depository or the Depository participant through which the Beneficial Unitholder holds such ETF Units. Upon purchase of any Units, the Beneficial Unitholder will receive only the

customary confirmation, and no Beneficial Unitholder will receive definitive certificate(s) representing such Beneficial Unitholder's interest therein except as provided in Section 13.5.

- (2) No Beneficial Unitholder of ETF Units represented by a Global Trust Unit Certificate will be entitled to a certificate or other instrument from the Trust or the Depository evidencing that Beneficial Unitholder's ownership thereof, except as provided in Section 13.5.
- (3) Unless and until definitive certificates have been issued to the Beneficial Unitholder pursuant to Section 13.5:
 - (a) All references herein to actions by, notices given to or by or payments made to Unitholders shall refer to actions taken by, or notices given to or by or payments made to the Depository, where applicable, upon instruction from the Depository participants;
 - (b) For the purposes of any provision hereof requiring or permitting actions with the consent of or at the direction of Unitholders evidencing a specified percentage of the aggregate Units outstanding, such direction or consent may be given by Beneficial Unitholders acting through the Depository or Depositories and the Depository participants owning Units evidencing in the aggregate the requisite percentage of the Units;
 - (c) The rights of a Beneficial Unitholder shall be exercised only through a Depository and the Depository participants and shall be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Beneficial Unitholders and such a Depository and/or the Depository participants or upon instruction from the Depository participants;
 - (d) Each of the Transfer Agent and the Trustees may deal with a Depository or Depositories for all purposes (including the making of distributions) each as the sole holder of a Global Trust Unit Certificate and the authorized representative of the respective Beneficial Unitholders and such dealing with such Depository or Depositories shall constitute satisfaction or performance, as applicable, towards their respective obligations hereunder; and
 - (e) A Beneficial Unitholder shall have no direct rights as against the Trust or the Trustees who may treat the Depository as the sole Unitholder.
- (4) Subsections (a) to (e) of Section 13.2(3) shall only apply to Beneficial Unitholders of ETF Units.

Section 13.3 Notice to Clearing Agency.

Whenever a notice or other communication is required to be provided to Unitholders of ETF Units, unless and until definitive certificate(s) have been issued to such Unitholders pursuant to Section 13.5, the Trustees and the Transfer Agents shall provide all such notices and communications to the Depository and the Depository shall deliver or cause to be delivered such notices and communications to the owners of ETF Units booked in such Depository in accordance with applicable Securities Legislation (including national policies or other instruments).

Section 13.4 Liability.

The Trust, the Trustees and the Transfer Agents will not have any liability for:

- (a) records maintained by a Depository relating to the beneficial interests in the ETF Units or the book entry accounts maintained by such Depository;
- (b) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests; or
- (c) any advice or representation made or given by a Depository and made or given with respect to the rules and regulations of such Depository, or any action taken or not taken by such Depository or the Depository participants.

Section 13.5 Trust Unit Certificates.

- (1) If a Depository advises the Trust that it is no longer willing or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as depository with respect to the ETF Units and the Trust is unable to locate a qualified successor, or the Trust advises such Depository in writing that it has elected to terminate the Book-Entry System for the ETF Units, the Trustees shall so notify the Depository and request that the Depository notify all of its Beneficial Unitholders of the occurrence of any such event and of the availability to such Beneficial Unitholders of definitive unit certificate(s). As soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter, upon the surrender by such Depository to the Trustees of the Global Trust Unit Certificates, the Trust shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall certify and deliver definitive Trust Unit Certificates, register such certificates in the names of the Beneficial Unitholders (or in such names as the Beneficial Unitholders may instruct) and deliver such certificates in accordance with the instructions of the Beneficial Unitholders and cause the names of such Beneficial Unitholders (or such other persons as the Beneficial Unitholders have instructed) to be entered on the Register. Failing instructions from the Beneficial Unitholder, ETF Units will be registered in the name of the Depository participant holding such ETF Units on behalf of the Beneficial Unitholder. Neither the Trust nor the Trustees shall be liable for any delay in delivery of such instructions. Upon the issuance of Trust Unit Certificate(s), the Trustees and the Transfer Agent shall recognize the registered holders of the Trust Unit Certificate(s) as holders of ETF Units.
- (2) If Purpose determines to issue Units certificates to Unitholders, Purpose shall cause certificates evidencing the Units to be issued and delivered to the Unitholders shown on the Register (as defined herein) as of the effective date of such termination.
- (3) Trust Unit Certificates shall, subject to the provisions hereof, be in such form as is authorized from time to time by the Trustees.
- (4) If issued, Trust Unit Certificates are issuable only in fully registered form.
- (5) The definitive form of the Trust Unit Certificates shall:
 - (a) be in the English language;
 - (b) be dated as of the date of issue thereof;

- (c) contain the CUSIP number for the Units, if applicable; and
 - (d) contain such distinguishing letters and numbers as the Trustees shall prescribe.
- (6) In the event that the form of Trust Unit Certificate is translated into the French language, or any other language, and any provision of Trust Unit Certificates in such language shall be susceptible to an interpretation different from the equivalent provision in the English language, the interpretation of such provision in the English language shall be determinative.
- (7) Each Trust Unit Certificate shall be signed on behalf of the Trustees and the Transfer Agent of such Units. The signature of the Trustees required to appear on such certificate may be printed, lithographed or otherwise mechanically reproduced thereon and, in such event, certificates so signed are as valid as if they had been signed manually.

Section 13.6 Contents of Trust Unit Certificates.

- (1) Until otherwise determined by the Trustees, each Trust Unit Certificate shall legibly set forth on the face thereof, *inter alia*, the following:
- (a) the name of the Trust and the words “A trust created under the laws of the Province of Ontario by a Declaration of Trust dated as of June 8, 2009, as amended and restated or as amended”, or words of like effect;
 - (b) the name of the Person to whom the Trust Unit Certificate is issued as Unitholder;
 - (c) the number of Units represented thereby, and that the Units represented thereby are fully paid;
 - (d) that the Units represented thereby are transferable;
 - (e) “The Units represented by this certificate are issued upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Declaration of Trust, which Declaration of Trust is binding upon all holders of Units and, by acceptance of this certificate, the holder assents to the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Trust. A copy of the Declaration of Trust pursuant to which this certificate and the Units represented hereby are issued may be obtained by a Unitholder on demand and without fee from the head office of the Trust”, or words of like effect; and
 - (f) “For information as to personal liability of a Unitholder, see the reverse side of this certificate”, or words of like effect.
- (2) Until otherwise determined by the Trustees, each Trust Unit Certificate shall legibly set forth on the face or the reverse side thereof, *inter alia*, the following:
- (a) “The Declaration of Trust provides that no Unitholder shall be subject to any personal liability whatsoever, in tort, contract or otherwise, to any Person in connection with the assets of the Trust or the obligations or the affairs of the Trust, and all such persons shall look solely to the assets of the Trust for satisfaction of

claims of any nature arising out of or in connection therewith, and the assets of the Trust only shall be subject to levy or execution”, or words of like effect; and

- (b) appropriate forms of notice of exercise of the right of redemption and of powers of attorney for transferring Units (which may request the jurisdiction of residence of the beneficial transferees).
- (3) The Trust Unit Certificates may be engraved, printed or lithographed, or partly in one form and partly in another, as the Trustees may determine.

Section 13.7 Register of Unitholders.

A register of the holders of Units (the “**Register**”) shall be kept on behalf of the Trust which shall contain the names and addresses of the holders of Units, the respective numbers of Units held by them, the certificate numbers of certificates, if any, representing such Units, and a record of all transfers and redemptions thereof. Registers shall be maintained at such office of the Transfer Agents as the Trustees may from time to time designate. Only Unitholders whose Units are so recorded on the Register shall be entitled to receive distributions or to exercise or enjoy the rights of Unitholders hereunder. The Trustees shall have the right to treat the Person registered as a Unitholder on the Register as the owner of such Units for all purposes, including, without limitation, payment of any distribution, giving notice to Unitholders and determining the right to attend and vote at meetings of Unitholders. The Trustees shall not be bound to recognize any transfer or attempted transfer, pledge or other disposition of a Unit, or any equitable or other claim with respect thereto, whether or not the Trustees shall have actual or other notice thereof, until such Unit(s) shall have been transferred on a Register as herein provided. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event ETF Units are issued in the Book-Entry System, the provisions of Section 13.2 and Section 13.3 shall apply.

Section 13.8 Transfer Agents and Registrars.

The Trustees shall enter into registrar and transfer agency agreements or record keeping agreements with the Transfer Agents according to which the Transfer Agents shall agree to act as transfer agents and registrars for the Units and the Trustees may provide for the transfer of Units in one or more places within or outside Canada (provided that if such appointments are made, there shall be a transfer agent and registrar within the Province of Ontario). Such Transfer Agents shall perform those functions and duties usually performed by transfer agents and registrars of shares of corporations having share capital, including maintaining the Registers and all other necessary or appropriate books and records (which may be kept on a computer or similar device) for recording original issues and registering and transferring and redeeming the Units, and shall to the extent practicable monitor the jurisdiction of residence of the beneficial owners of Units as set out in Section 14.1. In the event that agreements with the Transfer Agents are terminated in accordance with its terms, the Trustees may appoint one or more chartered banks or banking institutions, trust companies or other Persons to act as registrars and transfer agents upon terms satisfactory to the Trustees.

In the case of an original issue of Units, the Transfer Agents may rely and act upon the written instruction of the Trustees without inquiry into the receipt by the Trust of, or the sufficiency of, the consideration for such original issue. The Trustees shall cause similar registers to be created and maintained by or on behalf of the Trust for other securities issued by the Trust, where

appropriate. The Trustees shall have no liability for any actions of the Transfer Agents and the Trustees, in relying in good faith upon the Transfer Agents, shall be deemed to have complied with obligations under Section 9.6.

Section 13.9 Lost Certificates.

In the event that any certificate for Units is lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated, the Trustees may authorize the issuance of a new certificate for the same number of Units in lieu thereof. The Trustees may in their sole discretion, before the issuance of such new certificate, require the Unitholder of the lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated certificate, or the legal representative of the Unitholder, to make an affidavit or statutory declaration setting forth such facts as to the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation as the Trustees may deem necessary, to surrender any mutilated certificate and shall require the applicant to supply to the Trust a “lost certificate bond” or a similar bond in such reasonable sum as the Trustees or the Transfer Agents may direct indemnifying the Trust for so doing.

ARTICLE 14 OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER OF UNITS

Section 14.1 Transfer of Units.

- (1) Units shall be, for all purposes of the Trust and this Declaration of Trust, personal and moveable property, and shall be transferable at any time and from time to time. Transfers shall be recorded on the Register and shall only become effective when so recorded. If Units are issued in the Book-Entry System, the provisions of Section 13.2 shall apply.
- (2) No transfer of a Unit shall be recognized unless such transfer is of a whole Unit, unless otherwise determined by the Trustees.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Article 14, Units shall be transferable on the Register only by the Unitholders of record thereof or their executors, administrators or other legal representatives or by their agents or attorneys duly authorized in writing, and only upon delivery to the Trust or to the Transfer Agents of the Trust Unit Certificate therefor, properly endorsed or accompanied by a duly executed instrument of transfer or power of attorney and accompanied by all necessary transfer or other taxes imposed by law, together with such evidence of the genuineness of such endorsement, execution and authorization and other matters that may reasonably be required by the Trustees or the Transfer Agents. Upon such delivery the transfer shall be recorded on the Register and a new Trust Unit Certificate for the Units transferred shall be issued to the transferee and a new Trust Unit Certificate for the balance of Units not transferred shall be issued to the transferor.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Article 14 any Person becoming entitled to any Units as a consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incompetence of any Unitholder, or otherwise by operation of law, shall be recorded as the holder of such Units and shall receive a new Trust Unit Certificate therefor only upon production of evidence satisfactory to the Trustees or a Transfer Agent and delivery of the existing Trust Unit Certificate to the Trustees or a Transfer Agent, but until such record is made the Unitholder of record shall continue to be and be deemed to be the holder of such Units for all purposes whether or not the Trust, the Trustees or a Transfer Agent shall have actual or other notice of such death or other event.

- (5) Trust Unit Certificates representing any number of Units may be exchanged without charge for Trust Unit Certificates representing an equivalent number of Units in the aggregate. Any exchange of Trust Unit Certificates may be made at the offices of the Trust or a Transfer Agent where the Register is maintained pursuant to the provisions of this Article 14. Any Trust Unit Certificates tendered for exchange shall be surrendered to the Trustees or appropriate Transfer Agent and then shall be cancelled.

Section 14.2 Units Held Jointly or in a Fiduciary Capacity.

Except as herein provided, the Trustees may treat two or more Persons holding any Units as joint owners of the entire interest therein, and no entry shall be made in the Register or on any certificate that any Person is in any manner entitled to any future, limited or contingent interest in any Unit; provided, however, that any Person recorded as a Unitholder may, subject to the provisions herein contained, be described in the Register or on any certificate as a fiduciary of any kind and any customary words may be added to the description of the holder to identify the nature of such fiduciary relationship, but as set forth in Section 6.14, the same shall not bind the Trust, the Trustees or the Transfer Agents.

Section 14.3 Death or Disability of a Unitholder.

The death or disability of a Unitholder during the continuance of the Trust shall not terminate the Trust or any of the mutual or respective rights and obligations created by or arising under this Declaration of Trust nor give such Unitholder's personal representatives a right to an accounting or to take any action in court or otherwise against other Unitholders or the Trustees or the Trust Assets. The death of a Unitholder shall merely entitle the personal representatives of the deceased Unitholder to demand and, subject to Section 13.2, receive pursuant to the provisions hereof, a new certificate for Units in place of the certificate held by the deceased Unitholder, if any, and upon the acceptance thereof such personal representatives shall succeed to all rights of the deceased Unitholder under this Declaration of Trust.

Section 14.4 Bankruptcy or Insolvency of a Unitholder

None of the Trust nor the Trustees shall be affected by any notice of bankruptcy, insolvency or other event affecting a Unitholder but they may nonetheless, upon becoming aware of any such event, take such action as they may deem appropriate to ensure compliance with all applicable laws to the extent they are obliged hereunder to ensure such compliance and they shall not become liable to a Unitholder for so doing. Any Person becoming entitled to any Units in consequence of the bankruptcy or insolvency of any Unitholder, the transfer of Units, or otherwise by operation of law, shall be recorded as the holder of such Units upon production to the record keeper of the proper evidence thereof. Until such production is made, the Unitholder of record shall be deemed to be the holder of such Units for all purposes hereof and the Trustee or a Transfer Agent shall not be affected by any notice of such bankruptcy, insolvency or other event, and in particular shall not be affected by reason that the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Units for the purposes of redemption is calculated on the day when actual redemption occurs and not on the day when notice of bankruptcy, insolvency or other event is received by the Trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon receipt from a Unitholder of notice that such Unitholder's Units have been pledged or otherwise encumbered, the Trustees and a Transfer Agent may, but need not, place such restrictions on transfer of the affected Units as are deemed appropriate by the Trustees in their sole discretion.

Section 14.5 Offer for Units.

- (1) In this Section 14.5:
 - (a) “**Dissenting Unitholder**” means a Unitholder to whom an Offer is made who does not accept the Offer in respect of any portion of the Units registered in such Unitholder’s name, and includes any Person who subsequently acquires a Unit that is the subject of the Offer;
 - (b) “**Offer**” means a formal takeover bid as defined in the *Securities Act* (Ontario); an offer made to Unitholders to acquire directly or indirectly outstanding Units where, as of the date of the offer to acquire, the Units that are the subject of the offer to acquire, together with the Offeror’s Units, constitute in the aggregate 20% or more of all outstanding Units;
 - (c) “**Offeror**” means a Person, or two or more Persons acting jointly or in concert, who make an Offer; and
 - (d) “**Offeror’s Notice**” means the notice described in Section 14.5(3).
- (2) If an Offer is made and, by such Offer, the Offeror agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Article 14 and:
 - (a) within the time provided in the Offer for its acceptance or within 120 days after the date the Offer is made, whichever period is the longer, the Offer is accepted by Unitholders in respect of at least 90% of the Units, other than the Offeror’s Units; and
 - (b) the Offeror has taken up and paid for the Units of the Unitholders who accepted the Offer;then the Offeror is entitled to acquire, and the Dissenting Unitholders are required to sell to the Offeror, the Units held by the Dissenting Unitholders for the same consideration per Unit paid under the Offer; provided that the Offeror complies with Section 14.5(3) and Section 14.5(5).
- (3) Where an Offeror is entitled to acquire Units held by a Dissenting Unitholder pursuant to Section 14.5(2), and the Offeror wishes to exercise such right, the Offeror shall send by registered mail before the earlier of 60 days after the date of termination of the Offer and 180 days following the date of the Offer a notice (the “**Offeror’s Notice**”) to each Dissenting Unitholder stating that:
 - (a) Unitholders holding at least 90% of the Units, other than Offeror’s Units, have accepted the Offer;
 - (b) the Offeror has taken up and paid for the Units of the Unitholders who accepted the Offer;

- (c) a Dissenting Unitholder must transfer his or her Units to the Offeror on the terms on which the Offeror acquired the Units of the Unitholders who accepted the Offer within 21 days after the date of the sending of the Offeror's Notice; and
 - (d) Dissenting Unitholders must send their respective Unit Certificate(s) to the Trust, duly endorsed for transfer, within 21 days after the date of the sending of the Offeror's Notice.
- (4) A Dissenting Unitholder to whom an Offeror's Notice is sent pursuant to Section 14.5(3), shall, within 21 days after the sending of the Offeror's Notice, send his or her or its Trust Unit Certificate(s) to the Trust, duly endorsed for transfer, if a Trust Unit Certificate has been provided.
- (5) Within 21 days after the Offeror sends an Offeror's Notice pursuant to Section 14.5(3), the Offeror shall pay or transfer to the Trustees, or to such other Person as the Trustees may direct, the cash or other consideration that the Offeror would have had to pay to the Dissenting Unitholders had they accepted the Offer in respect of the Units which they continue to hold.
- (6) The Trustees, or the Person directed by the Trustees, shall hold in trust for the Dissenting Unitholders the cash or other consideration received under Section 14.5(5), but such cash or other consideration shall not form any part of the Trust Assets. The Trustees, or such Person, shall deposit cash in a separate account in a Canadian chartered bank, and shall place other consideration in the custody of a Canadian chartered bank or similar institution, for safekeeping.
- (7) Within 30 days after the date of the sending of an Offeror's Notice pursuant to Section 14.5(3), the Trustees, if the Offeror has complied with Section 14.5(5), shall:
 - (a) do or cause to be done all acts and things and execute and cause to be executed all instruments as in the Trustees' opinion may be necessary or desirable to cause the transfer of the Units of the Dissenting Unitholders to the Offeror;
 - (b) send or cause to be sent to each Dissenting Unitholder who has complied with Section 14.5(4), the consideration to which such Dissenting Unitholder is entitled under this Section 14.5(5); and
 - (c) send or cause to be sent to each Dissenting Unitholder who has not complied with Section 14.5(4) a notice stating that:
 - (i) Units of the Dissenting Unitholder have been transferred to the Offeror;
 - (ii) the Trustees or some other Person designated in such notice are holding in trust the consideration for such Units; and
 - (iii) the Trustees, or such other Person, will send the consideration to such Dissenting Unitholder as soon as practicable after receiving such Dissenting Unitholders Trust Unit Certificate(s) or such other documents as the Trustees or such other Person may require in lieu thereof,

and the Trustees are hereby appointed the agent and attorney of the Dissenting Unitholders for the purposes of giving effect to the foregoing provisions.

- (8) Subject to applicable law, an Offeror cannot make an Offer for Units unless, concurrent with the communication of the Offer to any Unitholder, a copy of the Offer is provided to the Trust and sent to every Trustee.

ARTICLE 15 TERMINATION

Section 15.1 Term of the Trust.

Subject to the other provisions of this Declaration of Trust, the Trust shall continue for a term ending 21 years after the date of death of the last surviving issue of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, alive on June 8, 2009. For the purpose of terminating the Trust by such date, the Trustees shall commence to wind-up the affairs of the Trust on such date as may be determined by the Trustees, being not more than two years prior to the end of the term of the Trust.

Section 15.2 Termination with the Approval of Unitholders.

The Unitholders may vote by Special Resolution to extend, if permitted under applicable legislation in Ontario, the term of the Trust or to terminate the Trust at any meeting of Unitholders duly called by the Trustees for the purpose of considering termination of the Trust, following which, if termination is decided, the Trustees shall commence to wind-up the affairs of the Trust. Such Special Resolution may contain such directions to the Trustees as the Unitholders determine, including a direction to distribute Trust Assets *in specie*, subject to compliance with any securities or other laws applicable to such distributions.

Section 15.3 Procedure Upon Termination.

Following a Special Resolution by the Unitholders to terminate the Trust, the Trustees shall give notice thereof to the Unitholders, which notice shall designate the time or times at which Unitholders shall surrender their Units for cancellation and the date at which the Registers shall be closed.

Section 15.4 Powers of the Trustees Upon Termination.

After the date on which the Trustees are required to commence a wind-up of the affairs of the Trust, the Trustees shall undertake no activities with respect to the Trust except for the purpose of winding-up the affairs of the Trust and, for this purpose, the Trustees shall continue to be vested with and may exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Trustees under this Declaration of Trust.

Section 15.5 Sale of Trust Assets.

Following a Special Resolution by the Unitholders to terminate the Trust, the Trustees shall proceed to wind-up the affairs of the Trust as soon as may be reasonably practicable, and for such purpose may, subject to any direction to the contrary in respect of a termination authorized under Section 15.2, fulfil or discharge the contracts of the Trust, perform or cause the Auditor to perform any final audit of the Trust Assets, collect its assets, sell, convey, assign, exchange, transfer or

otherwise dispose of all or any part of the remaining Trust Assets to one or more persons in one transaction or a series of transactions at public or private sale for consideration which may consist in whole or in part of cash, securities or other property of any kind, discharge or pay its liabilities, and do all other acts appropriate to liquidate the Trust, and shall in all respects act in accordance with the directions, if any, of the Unitholders (in respect of a termination authorized under Section 15.2), subject to compliance with applicable laws.

Section 15.6 Distribution of Proceeds or Assets.

After paying, retiring or discharging or making provision for the payment, retirement or discharge of all known liabilities and obligations of the Trust and providing for indemnity against any other outstanding liabilities and obligations, the Trustees shall, subject to obtaining all necessary regulatory approvals, distribute the remaining Trust Assets among the Unitholders in accordance with their *pro rata* interests. If the Trustees are unable to sell all or any of the Trust Assets which comprise part of the Trust by the date set for termination, the Trustees in their discretion may, subject to obtaining all necessary regulatory approvals, distribute the remaining Trust Assets directly to the Unitholders in accordance with their *pro rata* interests. The Trustees shall have no liability to the Trust or any Unitholder for any amounts received by the Trust or the Unitholders in connection with the liquidation of the Trust, provided that the Trustees act honestly and in good faith.

Section 15.7 Further Notice to Unitholders.

In the event that fewer than all of the Unitholders have surrendered their Units for cancellation within six months after the time specified in the notice referred to in Section 15.3, the Trustees shall give further notice to the remaining Unitholders to surrender their Units for cancellation and if, within one year after such further notice, all the Units shall not have been surrendered for cancellation, such remaining Units shall be deemed to be cancelled without prejudice to the rights of the holders of such Units to receive their *pro rata* share of the remaining Trust Assets, and the Trustees may either take appropriate steps, or appoint an agent to take appropriate steps, to contact such Unitholders (deducting all expenses thereby incurred from the amounts to which such Unitholders are entitled as aforesaid) or, in the discretion of the Trustees or the Manager, may pay such amounts into court, and/or deposit such amounts in an account in a chartered bank or similar institution in Canada in the name of such Unitholder for delivery against receipt of Units for cancellation, and the Trust, the Trustees and any representative thereof shall thereupon be released from any and all further liability with respect to such property and thereafter the Unitholder shall have no rights as against the Trust, the Trustees or any representative thereof in respect of such property or an accounting therefor.

Section 15.8 Responsibility of the Trustees after Sale and Conversion.

The Trustees shall be under no obligation to invest the proceeds of any sale of holdings or other assets or cash forming part of the Trust Assets after the date referred to in Section 15.3 and, after such sale, the sole obligation of the Trustees under this Declaration of Trust shall be to hold such proceeds or assets in trust for distribution under Section 15.6 or Section 15.7.

ARTICLE 16
SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 16.1 Provision for Supplemental Indentures for Certain Purposes.

The Trustees may, without approval of the Unitholders and subject to the provisions hereof, and they shall, when so directed in accordance with the provisions hereof, execute and deliver indentures or instruments supplemental hereto which thereafter shall form part hereof, for any one or more or all of the following purposes:

- (a) modifying or amending any provisions of this Declaration of Trust in the circumstances set forth in Section 10.1 where the Trustees may do so without the consent, approval or ratification of the Unitholders; and
- (b) modifying or amending any provisions of this Declaration of Trust where the modification or amendment has been approved by Unitholders.

ARTICLE 17
GENERAL

Section 17.1 Notices.

- (1) Any notice or other document required to be given or sent to Unitholders under this Declaration of Trust and any and all other communications to Unitholders shall be deemed to have been duly given if sent through ordinary post addressed to each Unitholder at his or her address of record on the Register or by electronic communication as permitted by applicable Securities Legislation or by such other method designed to give reasonable general notice thereof as is determined by the Trustees, which may include publication in a newspaper having circulation in Toronto, Canada. Any notice so given shall be deemed to have been given on the day following that on which the notice or other communication was posted or, in the case of notice being given by another method determined by the Trustees, on the day specified by the Trustees. In proving notice was posted, it shall be sufficient to prove that such letter or circular was properly addressed, stamped and posted.
- (2) Any notice, direction or other communication to be given or sent to the Trust shall be in writing and given by delivering or sending it by facsimile to the head office of the Trust or in such other manner as the Trustees may direct. Any such communication shall be deemed to have been validly and effectively given: (i) if personally delivered, on the date of delivery; (ii) if mailed, five days from the date of mailing; (iii) if transmitted by facsimile, on the Business Day following the date of transmission; and (iv) if sent by some other manner as directed by the Trustees upon receipt by the Trust. If any such notice or communication shall have been mailed and if regular mail service shall be interrupted by strikes or other irregularities, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been received 48 hours after 12:01 a.m. on the day following the resumption of normal mail service.

Section 17.2 Failure to Give Notice.

The failure by the Trustees, by accident or omission or otherwise unintentionally, to give any Unitholder any notice provided for herein shall not affect the validity, effect or taking effect of any action referred to in such notice, and the Trustees shall not be liable to any Unitholder for any such failure.

Section 17.3 Joint Holders.

Service of a notice or document on any one of several joint holders of Units shall be deemed effective service on the other joint holders.

Section 17.4 Service of Notice.

Any notice or document sent by post to, or left at the address of, a Unitholder pursuant to this Article shall, notwithstanding the death, disability or bankruptcy of such Unitholder, and whether or not the Trustees have notice of such death, disability or bankruptcy, be deemed to have been fully served and such service shall be deemed sufficient service on all persons having an interest in the Units concerned.

Section 17.5 Information Available to Unitholders.

- (a) Each Unitholder shall have the right to obtain, on demand and without fee, from the head office of the Trust a copy of this Declaration of Trust and any amendments thereto, and shall be entitled to examine a list of registered Unitholders.
- (b) Unitholders and other securityholders of the Trust and their respective personal representatives, on payment of a reasonable fee therefor and on sending to the Trust or its agent an affidavit or statutory declaration stating the name and address of such Person and that the list will not be used except in connection with: (a) an effort to influence the voting of the holders of the Units; (b) an offer to acquire Units; or (c) any other matter relating to the Units or the affairs of the Trust, may require the Trust or its agent to furnish within 10 days after receipt of the affidavit a list (in this section referred to as the “**basic list**”) made up to date not more than ten days before the receipt of the affidavit setting out the names of the registered Unitholders, the number of Units held by each such Unitholder and the address of each such Unitholder as shown in the records of the Trust.
- (c) A Person requiring the Trust to furnish a basic list may, by stating in the affidavit referred to in subsection (a) that they require supplemental lists, require the Trust or its agent on payment of a reasonable fee to furnish supplemental lists setting out any changes from the basic list in the names or addresses of the registered Unitholders and the number of Units owned by each such Unitholder for each business day following the date the basic list is made up to.
- (d) The Trust or its agent shall furnish a supplemental list required under subsection (b):

- (i) on the date the basic list is furnished, where the information relates to changes that took place prior to that date; and
 - (ii) on the Business Day following the day to which the supplemental list relates, where the information relates to changes that take place on or after the date the basic list is furnished.
- (e) A Person requiring the Trust to furnish a basic list or a supplemental list may also require the Trust to include in that list the name and address of any holder of an option or right to acquire Units known to the Trust.

Section 17.6 Records of the Trust

- (a) The Trustees shall cause the Trust to prepare and maintain, at its principal office or its agent's office or at any other place in Canada designated by the Trustees, records containing:
- (i) this Declaration of Trust and any amendments hereto;
 - (ii) minutes of meetings and resolutions of Unitholders; and
 - (iii) a securities register which records the Units and any other securities issued by the Trust in registered form, showing with respect to each class of securities:
 - (A) the names, alphabetically arranged, and the latest known address of each Person who is or has been a security holder;
 - (B) the number of securities held by each security holder; and
 - (C) the date and particulars of the issue and transfer of each security.
- (b) Unitholders and other securityholders of the Trust and their respective personal representatives may examine the records described in subsection (a) during normal business hours, and take extracts from the records, free of charge.
- (c) Any Person described in subsection (b) who wishes to examine the securities register of the Trust must first make a request to Trust or its agent, accompanied by an affidavit or statutory declaration stating the name and address of such Person and that the information will not be used except in connection with: (a) an effort to influence the voting of the holders of the Units; (b) an offer to acquire the Units; or (c) any other matter relating to the Units or the affairs of the Trust. On receipt of the affidavit, the Trust or its agent shall allow the applicant access to the securities register during normal business hours, and, on payment of a reasonable fee, provide the applicant with an extract from the securities register.
- (d) The Trustees shall cause the Trust to prepare an alphabetical list of Unitholders entitled to receive notice of a meeting, showing the number of Units held by each Unitholder, no later than ten days after the record date for receiving notice and for voting. A Unitholder may examine the list during normal business hours at the

principal office of the Trust or at the place where its central securities register is maintained, and at the meeting of Unitholders for which the list was prepared.

Section 17.7 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Trust shall end on December 31 of each year.

Section 17.8 Financial Disclosure.

The Trust will send (or make available if sending is not required by law) to Unitholders:

- (a) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Trust (or such lesser period as may be prescribed by applicable Securities Legislation), the annual financial statements of the Trust for such fiscal year ended immediately prior to such annual meeting, together with comparative financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, if any, the report of the Auditors thereon referred to in Section 18.4 and such other reports as may be required by applicable law; and
- (b) within 60 days after June 30 of each year (or such lesser period as may be prescribed by applicable Securities Legislation), the interim financial statements of the Trust for such fiscal period, together with comparative financial statements for the same fiscal period in the preceding year, if any, and such other reports as may be required by applicable law.

Such financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards provided such statements and the obligations to deliver such statements may vary from such principles to the extent required to comply with applicable Securities Legislation or to the extent permitted by applicable securities regulatory authorities.

Section 17.9 Unitholder Meeting Information.

Prior to each meeting of Unitholders, the Trust shall provide to each registered Unitholder, together with the notice of the meeting:

- (a) a form of proxy which can be used by a Unitholder to appoint a proxy, who need not be a Unitholder, to attend and act at the meeting on behalf of the Unitholder, in the manner and to the extent authorized by the proxy; and
- (b) all information required by applicable law.

Section 17.10 Taxation Information.

On or before March 15 in each year, the Trust will provide to Unitholders who received distributions from the Trust in the prior calendar year such information regarding the Trust as is required by Canadian federal and provincial law to be submitted to Unitholders for Canadian income tax purposes to enable Unitholders to complete their Canadian tax returns in respect of the prior calendar year.

ARTICLE 18 AUDITOR

Section 18.1 Qualification of Auditor.

The Auditor shall be an independent recognized firm of chartered accountants which has an office in Canada.

Section 18.2 Appointment of Initial Auditor.

Ernst & Young LLP were appointed as the initial Auditor of the Trust, to hold such office until the first annual meeting of the Unitholders and have been reappointed to date. The Auditor will be selected at each succeeding annual meeting of Unitholders. The Auditor will be entitled to receive such remuneration as may be approved by the Trustees.

Section 18.3 Change of Auditor.

The Auditor may at any time resign or be removed by the Trustees for good reason or with the approval of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of Unitholders duly called for the purpose and in accordance with applicable Securities Legislation and, upon the resignation or removal as aforesaid, a new Auditor may be appointed by a majority of votes cast at a meeting duly called for the purpose or, in the absence of such meeting, by the Trustees.

Section 18.4 Report of Auditors.

The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Trust, and a report of the Auditor with respect to the annual financial statements of the Trust shall be provided to each Unitholder with the annual financial statements referred to in Section 17.8.

ARTICLE 19 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 19.1 Counterparts.

This Declaration of Trust may be executed in several counterparts (including by facsimile), and all such counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 19.2 Severability.

If any provision of this Declaration of Trust shall be held invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to such provision in such jurisdiction and shall not in any manner affect or render invalid or unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction or any other provision of this Declaration of Trust in any jurisdiction.

Section 19.3 Language.

Les parties aux présentes ont exigés que la présente convention ainsi que tous les documents et avis qui s'y rattachent et/ou qui en découleront soient rédigés en la langue anglaise.

The parties hereto have required that this Declaration of Trust and all documents and notices resulting herefrom be drawn up in English.

Section 19.4 Governing Law.

This Declaration of Trust shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. Each of the parties irrevocably attorns and submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF Purpose Investments Inc. has caused this Declaration of Trust to be executed by its duly authorized officer effective as of the day and year first above written.

PURPOSE INVESTMENTS INC.

By: “Vladimir Tasevski”
Name: Vladimir Tasevski
Title: Head of Asset Management,
Institutions and Investors

By: “Tyler Meyrick”
Name: Tyler Meyrick
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**SCHEDULE A
EXCHANGE REQUEST**

Ticker symbol: SBT

Purpose Silver Bullion Fund

Trade Date: _____

TO: Purpose Investments Inc. as manager of the Purpose Silver Bullion Fund (the “Trust”)

Attention: Client Order Management

Fax No.: _____

Tel No.: _____

FROM: _____ (“CDS Participant”)

Attention:

Fax No.: _____

Tel No.: _____

Email: _____

RE: Exchange of ETF units (“Units”) of Purpose Silver Bullion Fund for Baskets and Cash

The CDS Participant requests exchange and redemption of _____ Units being _____
_____ multiples of the Prescribed Number of Units.

The undersigned represents and warrants that, or, as the case may be, any person on behalf of whom the undersigned is exercising the right to exchange and redeem Units is deemed to represent and warrant that:

- (a) it is the sole beneficial owner of the Units, with good and valid title thereto, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever, and has the exclusive right to possess and dispose of the Units;
- (b) except for the rights described in the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust governing the Trust, no person has any agreement, option or any right or privilege capable of becoming such for the purchase of the Units or any portion thereof; and

- (c) it is not a party to, bound by or subject to any indenture, mortgage, lease, agreement (including, for greater certainty, any repurchase agreement, securities lending agreement or similar arrangement), obligation, instrument, charter, by-law, order, judgment, decree, licence, law or governmental authorization that would be violated, breached by, or under which default would occur or an encumbrance would, or with notice or the passage of time would, be created as a result of the exchange and redemption of the Units.

This is an Exchange Request under the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust governing the Trust.

[Signature of Authorized Signing Officer]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

**SCHEDULE B
CASH REDEMPTION REQUEST**

Ticker symbol: SBT

Purpose Silver Bullion Fund

Trade Date: _____

TO: Purpose Investments Inc. as manager of the Purpose Silver Bullion Fund (the “Trust”)

Attention: Client Order Management

Fax No.: _____

Tel No.: _____

FROM: _____ (“CDS Participant”)

Attention: _____

Fax No.: _____

Tel No.: _____

Email: _____

RE: Redemption of ETF units (“Units”) of Purpose Silver Bullion Fund for Cash

The CDS Participant requests redemption of _____ Units being _____ multiples of the Prescribed Number of Units.

The undersigned represents and warrants that, or, as the case may be, any person on behalf of whom the undersigned is exercising the right to redeem Units is deemed to represent and warrant that:

- (a) it is the sole beneficial owner of the Units, with good and valid title thereto, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever, and has the exclusive right to possess and dispose of the Units;
- (b) except for the rights described in the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust governing the Trust, no person has any agreement, option or any right or privilege capable of becoming such for the purchase of the Units or any portion thereof; and

- (c) it is not a party to, bound by or subject to any indenture, mortgage, lease, agreement (including, for greater certainty, any repurchase agreement, securities lending agreement or similar arrangement), obligation, instrument, charter, by-law, order, judgment, decree, licence, law or governmental authorization that would be violated, breached by, or under which default would occur or an encumbrance would, or with notice or the passage of time would, be created as a result of the redemption of the Units.

This is a Cash Redemption Request under the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust governing the Trust.

[Signature of Authorized Signing Officer]

By: _____
Name:
Title: