

ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT

SIGNAL GOLD INC.

- and -

NEXGOLD MINING CORP.

October 9, 2024

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ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of October 9, 2024

BETWEEN

NEXGOLD MINING CORP.,

a corporation existing under the laws of British Columbia (the “**Purchaser**”)

- and -

SIGNAL GOLD INC.,

a corporation existing under the laws of Ontario (the “**Company**”).

WHEREAS the Purchaser proposes to acquire all of the outstanding securities of the Company pursuant to the Arrangement (as defined herein), as provided in this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the Company Board (as defined herein) has evaluated the Arrangement with Company’s management and the Company Fairness Opinion Provider and has unanimously determined that the Arrangement is fair to the Company Shareholders (as defined herein) and that the Arrangement is in the best interests of the Company and its stakeholders and has unanimously resolved, subject to the terms of this Agreement, to recommend that the Company Shareholders (as defined herein) vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution (as defined herein);

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and the covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 **INTERPRETATION**

1.1 **Definitions**

In this Agreement, unless otherwise defined or expressly stated herein or something in the subject matter or the context is inconsistent therewith:

“**Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement**” means a confidentiality agreement between the Company and a third party other than the Purchaser: (a) that is entered into in accordance with Section 5.1(c) hereof; (b) that contains confidentiality and standstill restrictions that are no less restrictive than those set out in the Confidentiality Agreement; (c) that does not permit the sharing of confidential information with potential co-bidders; (d) that does not preclude or limit the ability of the Company to disclose information relating to such agreement or the negotiations contemplated thereby, to the Purchaser;

“**Acceptable Purchaser Confidentiality Agreement**” means a confidentiality agreement between the Purchaser and a third party other than the Company: (a) that is entered into in accordance with Section 5.2(c) hereof; (b) that contains confidentiality and standstill restrictions that are no less

restrictive than those set out in the Confidentiality Agreement; (c) that does not permit the sharing of confidential information with potential co-bidders; (d) that does not preclude or limit the ability of the Purchaser to disclose information relating to such agreement or the negotiations contemplated thereby, to the Company;

“**Acquisition Agreement**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.1(e);

“**Acquisition Proposal**” means, whether or not in writing, other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, any (a) proposal with respect to: (i) any direct or indirect acquisition by take-over bid, tender offer, exchange offer, treasury issuance or other transaction that, if consummated, would result in any person or group of persons acting jointly or in concert (as such term is defined in NI 62-104, or in the case of a parent to parent transaction, their shareholders) (other than the Purchaser and its affiliates) beneficially owning Company Shares (or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Company Shares) representing 20% or more of the Company Shares then outstanding; (ii) any plan of arrangement, amalgamation, merger, share exchange, share issuance, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, business combination or other similar transaction in respect of the Company or its subsidiaries that, individually or in the aggregate, constitutes 20% or more of the consolidated assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or which contribute 20% or more of the consolidated revenue of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in each case, determined based on the consolidated financial statements of the Company for most recently filed prior to such time as part of the Company Public Disclosure Record; or (iii) any direct or indirect acquisition by any person or group of persons (other than the Purchaser and its affiliates) of any assets of the Company and/or any interest in its subsidiaries (including shares or other equity interest of its subsidiaries) that are or that hold the Company Material Property or individually or in the aggregate contribute 20% or more of the consolidated revenue of the Company and its subsidiaries or constitute or hold 20% or more of the fair market value of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in each case based on the consolidated financial statements of the Company most recently filed prior to such time as part of the Company Public Disclosure Record (or any sale, disposition, lease, license, earn-in, stream, royalty, alliance or joint venture, long-term supply agreement or other arrangement having a similar economic effect), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions; (b) transaction or series of transactions that would have the same effect to those referred to in (a); (c) inquiry, expression or other indication of interest or offer to, or public announcement of or of an intention to do any of the foregoing, or variation, amendment or modification or proposed variation, amendment or modification of any such proposal, inquiry, expression or indication of interest or offer (including, for greater certainty, variations, amendments or modifications after the date of this Agreement to any proposal, expression of interest or inquiry or offer that was made before the date of this Agreement); (d) any public announcement of an intention to do any of the foregoing; or (e) any other transaction or agreement which could reasonably be expected to materially impede or delay the completion of the Arrangement;

“**affiliate**” and “**associate**” have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto under the Securities Act;

“**Agreement**” means this arrangement agreement (including the Schedules attached hereto), as the same may be amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof;

“**Arrangement**” means the arrangement of the Company under Section 182 of the OBCA on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Plan of Arrangement, subject to any amendments or variations thereto made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement or made at the direction of the Court in the Final Order with the prior written consent of the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably;

“**Arrangement Resolution**” means the special resolution to be considered and, if thought fit, passed by the Company Shareholders at the Company Meeting to approve the Arrangement, to be substantially in the form and content of Schedule B hereto;

“**BCBCA**” means the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and the regulations made thereunder, as promulgated or amended from time to time;

“**Blackwolf Arrangement**” means the plan of arrangement carried out in accordance with Section 288 of the BCBCA, pursuant to which the Purchaser acquired all of the issued and outstanding securities of Blackwolf Copper and Gold Ltd., which became effective on July 3, 2024;

“**Business Day**” means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or any other day on which commercial banking institutions in Toronto, Ontario or in Vancouver, British Columbia are authorized or required by applicable Law to be closed;

“**Change of Recommendation**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 6.1(c)(i);

“**Code of Ethics**” means the Code of Conduct and Business Ethics Policy of the Company;

“**commercially reasonable efforts**” with respect to any Party means the cooperation of such Party and the use by such Party of its reasonable efforts consistent with reasonable commercial practice without payment or incurrence of any material liability or obligation;

“**Company**” means Signal Gold Inc., a corporation existing under the OBCA;

“**Company Annual Financial Statements**” means the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at, and for the years ended, December 31, 2023 and 2022 including the notes thereto and the auditor’s report thereon;

“**Company Board**” means the board of directors of the Company;

“**Company Board Recommendation**” means the unanimous determination of the Company Board, after consultation with its legal and financial advisors, that the Arrangement is in the best interests of the Company and the unanimous recommendation of the Company Board to Company Shareholders that they vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution;

“**Company Circular**” means the notice of meeting and accompanying management information circular (including all schedules, appendices and exhibits thereto) to be sent to the Company

Shareholders in connection with the Company Meeting, including any amendments or supplements thereto;

“**Company Facility Agreement**” means the credit agreement dated February 16, 2023, as amended June 29, 2023 and November 6, 2023, among the Company, as borrower, Goldboro Gold Mines Inc. and Point Rousse Mining Inc., as guarantors, and Nebari Natural Resources Credit Fund I, LP, Nebari Natural Resources Credit Fund II, LP and Nebari Gold Fund 1, LP, as lenders, and Nebari Collateral Agent, LLC, as administration agent and collateral agent, as may be amended from time to time;

“**Company Diligence Information**” means the documents provided or made available to the Purchaser by the Company prior to the execution of this Agreement for the purposes of its due diligence in connection with the Arrangement, including all documents included in the Company Public Disclosure Record and in any electronic data room to which the Purchaser has been provided access as of the date of this Agreement;

“**Company Disclosure Letter**” means the disclosure letter dated the date hereof regarding this Agreement that has been executed by the Company and delivered to the Purchaser concurrently with the execution of this Agreement;

“**Company Fairness Opinion**” means the opinion of the Company Fairness Opinion Provider to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and based upon and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth therein, the Consideration to be received by the Company Shareholders under the Arrangement is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Company Shareholders;

“**Company Fairness Opinion Provider**” means BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.;

“**Company Financial Statements**” means, collectively, the Company Annual Financial Statements and the Company Interim Financial Statements;

“**Company Incentive Plans**” means the Company Option Plan and the Company Share Unit Plan;

“**Company Interim Financial Statements**” means the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Company as at, and for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2024, including the related notes thereto;

“**Company Material Property**” means the Company’s Goldboro Project located in Nova Scotia, all as described in Section 3.1(v)(i) of the Company Disclosure Letter;

“**Company Meeting**” means the special meeting of the Company Shareholders, including any adjournment or postponement thereof, to be called and held in accordance with the Interim Order for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Arrangement Resolution;

“**Company Option In-The-Money Amount**” in respect of a Company Option means the amount, if any, by which the total fair market value (determined immediately before the Effective Time) of the Company Shares that a holder is entitled to acquire on exercise of the Company Option

immediately before the Effective Time exceeds the aggregate exercise price to acquire such Company Shares;

“**Company Optionholder**” means a holder of Company Options;

“**Company Option Plan**” means the stock option plan of the Company last approved by Company Shareholders on May 24, 2023;

“**Company Options**” means options to acquire Company Shares granted pursuant to or otherwise subject to the Company Option Plan;

“**Company Properties**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(v)(i);

“**Company Public Disclosure Record**” means all documents filed by or on behalf of the Company on SEDAR+ since January 1, 2021 and prior to the date hereof that are publicly available on the date hereof;

“**Company Securities**” means the Company Shares, Company Share Units, Company Options and Company Warrants;

“**Company Senior Management**” means the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, and the Company’s Chief Financial Officer;

“**Company Shareholder**” means a holder of one or more Company Shares;

“**Company Share Unit Plan**” means the share unit plan of the Company last approved by Company Shareholders on May 24, 2023;

“**Company Share Units**” means share units to acquire Company Shares granted pursuant to or otherwise subject to the Company Share Unit Plan;

“**Company Share Unitholder**” means a holder of Company Share Units;

“**Company Shares**” means the common shares without par value in the capital of the Company;

“**Company Support Agreements**” means the voting and support agreements dated as of the date hereof between the Purchaser and the Supporting Company Shareholders and other voting and support agreements that may be entered into after the date hereof by the Purchaser and other shareholders of the Company, which agreements provide that such shareholders shall, among other things, vote all Company Shares of which they are the registered or beneficial holder or over which they have control or direction, in favour of the Arrangement and not dispose of their Company Shares;

“**Company Technical Report**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(y)(ii);

“**Company Warrantholder**” means a holder of Company Warrants;

“**Company Warrants**” means the issued and outstanding warrants to purchase Company Shares as set forth in the Company Disclosure Letter;

“**Competition Act**” means the *Competition Act* (Canada), R.S.C. 1985, c. C-34, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

“**Concurrent Financing**” means an offering for gross proceeds of a minimum of US\$5,000,000 to be completed by the Company and/or the Purchaser in connection with the completion of the Arrangement and on terms acceptable to the Parties, each acting reasonably;

“**Confidentiality Agreement**” means the confidentiality agreement between the Company and the Purchaser dated August 9, 2024;

“**Consideration**” means the consideration to be received by Company Shareholders pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement in consideration for their Company Shares consisting of 0.1244 of a Purchaser Share for each Company Share;

“**Consideration Shares**” means the Purchaser Shares to be issued as Consideration pursuant to the Arrangement;

“**Continuing Company Share Unitholders**” means each of the holders of Company Share Units who are anticipated to continue as an employee, director or officer with the Purchaser, the Company or an Affiliate of the Company or the Purchaser following completion of the Arrangement;

“**Contract**” means any contract, agreement, license, franchise, lease, arrangement, commitment, understanding, Joint Venture, partnership, note, instrument, or other right or obligation (whether written or oral) to which a Party, or any of its subsidiaries, is a party or by which a Party, or any of its subsidiaries, is bound or affected or to which any of their respective properties or assets is subject;

“**Court**” means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (*Commercial List*);

“**Depository**” means any trust company, bank or other financial institution agreed to in writing by each of the Parties for the purpose of, among other things, exchanging certificates representing Company Shares for the Consideration in connection with the Arrangement;

“**Dissent Rights**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 1.1 of the Plan of Arrangement;

“**Dissenting Shareholder**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 1.1 of the Plan of Arrangement;

“**Effective Date**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 1.1 of the Plan of Arrangement;

“**Effective Time**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 1.1 of the Plan of Arrangement;

“**Employee Plans**” means all benefit, bonus, incentive, pension, retirement, savings, stock purchase, profit sharing, stock option, stock appreciation, phantom stock, termination, change of control, life insurance, medical, health, welfare, hospital, dental, vision care, drug, sick leave, disability, and similar plans, programmes, arrangements or practices (whether insured or self-insured and whether oral or written) relating to any current or former director, officer or employee

of the Company or its subsidiaries other than benefit plans which the Company or its subsidiaries are required to comply with or participate in pursuant to statute;

“Environment” means the natural environment (including soil, land surface or subsurface strata, surface water, groundwater, sediment, ambient air (including all layers of the atmosphere), organic and inorganic matter and living organisms, including human health, and any other environmental medium or natural resource);

“Environmental Approvals” means all permits, certificates, licences, authorizations, consents, orders, grants, instructions, registrations, directions, approvals, rulings, decisions, decrees, conditions, notifications, orders, demands or other authorizations, whether or not having the force of law, issued or required by any Governmental Authority pursuant to any Environmental Law;

“Environmental Laws” means Laws aimed at or relating to, or imposing liability or standards of conduct for or relating to, development, operation, reclamation or restoration of properties; abatement of pollution; protection of the Environment; protection of wildlife, including endangered species; management, treatment, storage, disposal or control of, or exposure to, Hazardous Substances; releases or threatened releases of pollutants, contaminants, chemicals or industrial, toxic or Hazardous Substances; and all other Laws relating to the manufacturing, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, handling or transport of pollutants, contaminants, chemicals or industrial, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes;

“Exchange Ratio” means 0.1244 of a Purchaser Share for each Company Share;

“Final Order” means the final order of the Court approving the Arrangement pursuant to Section 182(5) of the OBCA, after being informed of the intention to rely upon the exemption from registration under Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act with respect to the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued pursuant to the Arrangement, and after a hearing upon the procedural and substantive fairness of the terms and conditions of the Arrangement, in a form acceptable to the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably, as such order may be amended by the Court (with the consent of both the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably) at any time prior to the Effective Date or, if appealed, then, unless such appeal is withdrawn or denied, as affirmed or as amended (provided that any such amendment is acceptable to both the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably) on appeal;

“First Nations Claims” means any and all claims (whether or not proven) by any person to or in respect of:

- (a) rights, title or interests of any First Nations Group by virtue of its status as a First Nations Group;
- (b) treaty rights;
- (c) Métis rights, title or interests; or
- (d) specific or comprehensive claims being considered by the Government of Canada,

and includes any alleged or proven failure of the Crown to satisfy any of its duties to any claimant of any of the foregoing, whether such failure is in respect of matters before, on or after the Effective Time;

“First Nations Group” means any Indian or Indian band (as those terms are defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada)), First Nation person or people, Métis person or people, Native Americans or Alaska Natives in the United States, or aboriginal person or people, native person or people, indigenous person or people, or any person or group asserting or otherwise claiming an aboriginal right (including aboriginal title), treaty right or any other aboriginal or Métis interest, and any person or group representing, or purporting to represent, any of the foregoing;

“First Nations Information” means any and all written documents or electronic and other communications and any oral communications respecting First Nations Claims, the issuance of any Permit that involve First Nations Claims and the duty to consult a First Nations Group;

“Governmental Authority” means (a) any multinational, federal, provincial, territorial, state, regional, municipal, local or other government or governmental body and any division, agent, official, agency, commission, board or authority of any government, governmental body, quasi-governmental or private body exercising any statutory, regulatory, expropriation or taxing authority under the authority of any of the foregoing, (b) any domestic, foreign or international judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative court, tribunal, commission, board, panel or arbitrator acting under the authority of any of the foregoing, and (c) any stock exchange, including the TSX and the TSXV;

“Hazardous Substances” means any waste or other substance that is prohibited, listed, defined, designated or classified as dangerous, hazardous, radioactive, corrosive, explosive, infectious, carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic or a pollutant or a contaminant under or pursuant to, or that could result in liability under, any applicable Environmental Laws including petroleum and all derivatives thereof or synthetic substitutes therefor, hydrogen sulphide, arsenic, cyanide, cadmium, lead, mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCBs”), PCB-containing equipment and material, mould, asbestos, asbestos-containing material, urea-formaldehyde, urea-formaldehyde-containing material and any other material or substance that may impair the natural environment, the health of any individual, property or plant or animal life;

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards as incorporated in the CPA Canada Handbook, at the relevant time applied on a consistent basis;

“Interim Order” means the interim order of the Court pursuant to Section 182(5) of the OBCA, after being informed of the intention to rely upon the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act with respect to the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued pursuant to the Arrangement, in form and substance acceptable to both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, providing for, among other things, the calling and holding of the Company Meeting, as such order may be amended, modified, supplemented or varied by the Court (provided that any such amendment, modification, supplement or variation is acceptable to both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably);

“**Investment Canada Act**” means the *Investment Canada Act* (Canada), R.S.C. 1985, c. 28 (1st Supp), as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

“**Joint Venture**” means a joint venture, partnership or other similar arrangement, whether in corporate, partnership, contractual or other legal form, in which the Company or the Purchaser, as applicable, directly or indirectly holds voting shares, equity interests or other rights of participation but which is not a subsidiary of the Company or the Purchaser, as applicable, and any subsidiary of any such entity;

“**Key Employees**” means *[Redacted – Confidential and Commercially Sensitive Information]*;

“**Laws**” means all laws, statutes, codes, ordinances (including zoning), decrees, rules, regulations, by-laws, notices, judicial, arbitral, administrative, ministerial, departmental or regulatory judgments, injunctions, orders, decisions, settlements, writs, assessments, arbitration awards, rulings, determinations or awards, decrees or other requirements of any Governmental Authority having the force of law and any legal requirements arising under the common law or principles of law or equity and the term “applicable” with respect to such Laws and, in the context that refers to any person, means such Laws as are applicable at the relevant time or times to such person or its business, undertaking, property or securities and emanate from a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over such person or its business, undertaking, property or securities;

“**Liens**” means any pledge, claim, lien, charge, option, hypothec, mortgage, security interest, restriction, adverse right, prior assignment, lease, sublease, royalty, levy, right to possession or any other encumbrance, easement, license, right of first refusal, covenant, voting trust or agreement, transfer restriction under any shareholder or similar agreement, right or restriction of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether contingent or absolute, direct or indirect, or any agreement, option, right or privilege (whether by Law, contract or otherwise) capable of becoming any of the foregoing;

“**Litigation**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.1(n);

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means any result, fact, change, effect, event, circumstance, occurrence or development that, taken together with all other results, facts, changes, effects, events, circumstances, occurrences or developments, has or would reasonably be expected to have a material and adverse effect on the business, results of operations, capitalization, assets, liabilities (including any contingent liabilities), obligations (whether absolute, accrued, conditional or otherwise), or financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that any result, fact, change, effect, event, circumstance, occurrence or development that arises out of, relates directly or indirectly to, results directly or indirectly from or is attributable to any of the following shall not be deemed to constitute, and shall not be taken into account in determining whether there has been, a Material Adverse Effect:

- (a) changes, developments or conditions in or relating to general political, economic or financial or capital market conditions in Canada or the United States;
- (b) any change or proposed change in any applicable Laws or the interpretation, application or non-application of any applicable Laws by any Governmental Authority;

- (c) changes or developments affecting the gold mining industry in Canada or the United States in general;
- (d) any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or war or acts of terrorism or any natural disaster or general outbreaks of illness (including COVID-19);
- (e) any changes in the price of gold;
- (f) any generally applicable changes in IFRS; or
- (g) a change in the market price or trading volume of the Company Shares as a result of the announcement of the execution of this Agreement or of the transactions contemplated hereby;

provided, however, that each of clauses (a) through (f) above shall not apply to the extent that any of the changes, developments, conditions or occurrences referred to therein relate primarily to (or have the effect of relating primarily to) the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or disproportionately adversely affect the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole in comparison to other gold companies of similar size operating in Canada or the United States and provided further, however, that references in certain sections of this Agreement to dollar amounts are not intended to be, and shall not be deemed to be, illustrative or interpretive for purposes of determining whether a Material Adverse Effect has occurred;

“Material Contract” means any Contract to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is party or by which it or any of its assets, rights or properties are bound, that, if terminated or modified, would have a Material Adverse Effect and shall, without limitation, include the following: (a) any lease, license of occupation, mining claim or option relating to real property or the exploration or extraction of minerals from such subject real property by the Company or its subsidiaries, as tenant, with third parties; (b) any Contract under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is obliged to make payments, or receives payments in excess of \$500,000 in the aggregate in respect of expenditures; (c) any Contract under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is obliged to make payments for a period of more than twelve months without an ability to cancel such Contract after an initial twelve month period has passed; (d) any partnership, limited liability company agreement, joint venture, alliance agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement relating to the formation, creation, operation, management, business or control of any partnership or Joint Venture; (e) any shareholders or stockholders agreements, registration rights agreements, voting trusts, proxies or similar agreements, arrangements or commitments with respect to any shares or other equity interests of the Company or its subsidiaries or any other Contract relating to disposition, voting or dividends with respect to any shares or other equity securities of the Company or its subsidiaries; (f) any Contract under which indebtedness of the Company or its subsidiaries for borrowed money is outstanding or may be incurred or pursuant to which any property or asset of the Company or its subsidiaries is mortgaged, pledged or otherwise subject to a Lien securing indebtedness in excess of \$500,000, any Contract under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries has directly or indirectly guaranteed any liabilities or obligations of any person or any Contract restricting the incurrence of indebtedness by the Company or its subsidiaries or the incurrence of Liens on any properties or securities of the Company or its subsidiaries or restricting the payment of dividends or other distributions; (g) any Contract that

purports to limit in any material respect the right of the Company or its subsidiaries to (A) engage in any line of business, or (B) compete with any person or operate or acquire assets in any location; (h) any agreement or Contract by virtue of which any of the Company Properties were acquired or constructed or are held by the Company or its subsidiaries or pursuant to which the construction, ownership, operation, exploration, exploitation, extraction, development, production, transportation, refining or marketing of such Company Properties are subject or which grant rights which are or may be used in connection therewith; (i) any Contract providing for the sale or exchange of, or option to sell or exchange, the Company Material Property, or any property or asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500,000, or for the purchase or exchange of, or option to purchase or exchange, the Company Material Property or any property or asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500,000, in each case entered into in the past 12 months or in respect of which the applicable transaction has not been consummated; (j) any Contract entered into in the past 12 months or in respect of which the applicable transaction has not yet been consummated for the acquisition or disposition, directly or indirectly (by merger or otherwise), of material assets or shares (or other equity interests) of another person for aggregate consideration in excess of \$500,000, in each case other than in the ordinary course of business; (k) any Contract providing for indemnification by the Company or its subsidiaries, other than Contracts which provide for indemnification obligations of less than \$500,000; (l) any Contract providing for a royalty, streaming or similar arrangement or economically equivalent arrangement in respect of any of the Company Properties; (m) any standstill or similar Contract currently restricting the ability of the Company to offer to purchase or purchase the assets or equity securities of another person; (n) any Contract that is a material agreement with a Governmental Authority or with any First Nations Group; or (o) any other Contract that is or would reasonably be expected to be material to the Company or its subsidiaries;

“**material fact**” has the meaning attributed to such term under the Securities Act;

“**MI 61-101**” means Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions*;

“**misrepresentation**” has the meaning attributed to such term under the Securities Act;

“**Money Laundering Laws**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(o)(iii);

“**Nebari Term Sheets**” means the term sheets dated October 7, 2024 detailing a proposed loan and royalty, the proceeds of which will be partially used to repay the amounts outstanding under the Company Facility Agreement;

“**NI 43-101**” means National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*;

“**NI 62-104**” means National Instrument 62-104 – *Takeover Bids and Issuer Bids*;

“**Niblack Property**” means the Purchaser’s indirect 100% legal and beneficial right, title and interest in the Niblack Project located in southeast Alaska, United States, as described in the technical report prepared for Blackwolf Copper & Gold Inc. entitled “2022 Mineral Resource Update for the Niblack Polymetallic Project, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, USA” dated March 30, 2023, with an effective date of February 14, 2023;

“**ordinary course of business**”, or any similar reference, means, with respect to an action taken or to be taken by any person, that such action is consistent with the past practices of such person and is taken in the ordinary course of the normal day-to-day business and operations of such person and, in any case, is not unreasonable or unusual in the circumstances when considered in the context of the provisions of this Agreement;

“**OBCA**” means the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and the regulations made thereunder, as promulgated or amended from time to time;

“**OTCQB**” means the OTC Markets Group Inc.’s Venture Market trading platform;

“**OTCQX**” means the OTC Markets Group Inc.’s Best Market trading platform;

“**Outside Date**” means December 31, 2024, or such later date as may be agreed to in writing by the Parties;

“**Parties**” means the parties to this Agreement and “**Party**” means any one of them;

“**Permit**” means any lease, license, permit, certificate, consent, order, grant, approval, classification, registration or other authorization of or from any Governmental Authority;

“**Permitted Liens**” means, as of any particular time and in respect of any particular person, each of the following Liens:

- (a) Liens for Taxes which are not delinquent or that are being contested in good faith and that have been adequately reserved on the person’s financial statements;
- (b) undetermined or inchoate Liens of contractors, subcontractors, mechanics, materialmen, carriers, workmen, suppliers, warehousemen, repairmen and similar Liens granted or which arise in the ordinary course of business and which relate to obligations not yet due or delinquent;
- (c) easements, rights-of-way, encroachments, restrictions, covenants, conditions and other similar matters that, individually or in the aggregate, do not materially and adversely impact such person’s and its subsidiaries’ current or contemplated use, occupancy, utility or value of the applicable real property; and
- (d) in the case of the Company, Liens listed in Section 1.1 of the Company Disclosure Letter;

“**person**” includes an individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, body corporate, incorporated or unincorporated association, syndicate or organization, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, unlimited liability company, joint venture, joint stock company, trust, natural person in his or her capacity as trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative, a government or Governmental Authority or other entity, whether or not having legal status;

“**Plan of Arrangement**” means the plan of arrangement substantially in the form and content set out in Schedule A hereto, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance

with this Agreement and Article 6 of the Plan of Arrangement or at the direction of the Court in the Final Order, with the consent of the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably;

“**Pre-Acquisition Reorganization**” has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 4.10;

“**Proceedings**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(r);

“**Purchaser**” means NexGold Mining Corp., a corporation existing under the BCBCA;

“**Purchaser Acquisition Agreement**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.2(e);

“**Purchaser Acquisition Proposal**” means, other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, at any time, whether or not in writing, any (a) proposal with respect to: (i) any direct or indirect acquisition by take-over bid, tender offer, exchange offer, treasury issuance or other transaction that, if consummated, would result in any person or group of persons beneficially owning Purchaser Shares (or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Purchaser Shares) representing 20% or more of the Purchaser Shares then outstanding; (ii) any plan of arrangement, amalgamation, merger, share exchange, share issuance, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, business combination or other similar transaction in respect of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries; or (iii) any direct or indirect acquisition by any person or group of persons of any assets of the Purchaser and/or any interest in one or more of its subsidiaries (including shares or other equity interest of its subsidiaries) that individually or in the aggregate contribute 20% or more of the consolidated revenue of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries or constitute or hold 20% or more of the fair market value of the assets of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries (taken as a whole) in each case based on the consolidated financial statements of the Purchaser most recently filed prior to such time as part of the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record (or any sale, disposition, lease, license, earn-in, royalty, alliance or joint venture, long-term supply agreement or other arrangement having a similar economic effect), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, or (b) inquiry, expression or other indication of interest or offer to, or public announcement of or of an intention to do any of the foregoing, or variation, amendment or modification or proposed variation, amendment or modification of any such proposal, inquiry, expression or indication of interest or offer (including, for greater certainty, variations, amendments or modifications after the date of this Agreement to any proposal, expression of interest or inquiry or offer that was made before the date of this Agreement);

“**Purchaser Board**” means the board of directors of the Purchaser;

“**Purchaser Diligence Information**” means the documents provided or made available to the Company by the Purchaser prior to the execution of this Agreement for the purposes of its due diligence in connection with the Arrangement, including all documents included in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record and in any electronic data room to which the Company has been provided access as of the date of this Agreement and, for greater certainty, including all due diligence materials in which counsel to the Company was provided access in connection with the Blackwolf Arrangement and which the Purchaser has consented to the Company and counsel to the Company accessing for the purposes of its due diligence in connection with the Arrangement;

“Purchaser Facility Agreement” means the amended and restated facility agreement dated July 3, 2024 among the Purchaser, as borrower, and Extract Capital Master Fund Ltd. and Extract Lending LLC, as lenders, and Extract Advisors LLC, as agent, as may be amended from time to time;

“Purchaser Financial Advisor” means Fiore Management & Advisory Corp.;

“Purchaser Financial Advisor Agreement” means the agreement between the Purchaser and the Purchaser Financial Advisor dated October 1, 2024, with effect as of July 1, 2024;

“Purchaser Financial Statements” means the audited consolidated financial statements of the Purchaser as at, and for the years ended, December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 including the notes thereto and the auditor’s report thereon;

“Purchaser Material Adverse Effect” means any result, fact, change, effect, event, circumstance, occurrence or development that, taken together with all other results, facts, changes, effects, events, circumstances, occurrences or developments, has or would reasonably be expected to have a material and adverse effect on the business, results of operations, capitalization, assets, liabilities (including any contingent liabilities), obligations (whether absolute, accrued, conditional or otherwise), or financial condition of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, provided, however, that any result, fact, change, effect, event, circumstance, occurrence or development that arises out of, relates directly or indirectly to, results directly or indirectly from or is attributable to any of the following shall not be deemed to constitute, and shall not be taken into account in determining whether there has been, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect:

- (a) changes, developments or conditions in or relating to general political, economic or financial or capital market conditions in Canada or the United States;
- (b) any change or proposed change in any applicable Laws or the interpretation, application or non-application of any applicable Laws by any Governmental Authority;
- (c) changes or developments affecting the gold mining industry in Canada or the United States in general;
- (d) any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or war or acts of terrorism or any natural disaster or general outbreaks of illness (including COVID-19);
- (e) any changes in the price of gold;
- (f) any generally applicable changes in IFRS;
- (g) a change in the market price or trading volume of the Purchaser Shares as a result of the announcement of the execution of this Agreement or of the transactions contemplated hereby;

provided, however, that each of clauses (a) through (f) above shall not apply to the extent that any of the changes, developments, conditions or occurrences referred to therein relate primarily to (or

have the effect of relating primarily to) the Purchaser and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or disproportionately adversely affect the Purchaser and its subsidiaries taken as a whole in comparison to other gold companies of similar size operating in Canada or the United States and provided further, however, that references in certain sections of this Agreement to dollar amounts are not intended to be, and shall not be deemed to be, illustrative or interpretive for purposes of determining whether a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect has occurred;

“Purchaser Material Contract” means any Contract to which the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is party or by which it or any of its assets, rights or properties are bound, that, if terminated or modified, would have a Material Adverse Effect and shall, without limitation, include the following: (a) any lease, license of occupation, mining claim or option relating to real property or the exploration or extraction of minerals from such subject real property by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, as tenant, with third parties; (b) any Contract under which the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is obliged to make payments, or receives payments in excess of \$500,000 in the aggregate in respect of expenditures; (c) any Contract under which the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is obliged to make payments for a period of more than twelve months without an ability to cancel such Contract after an initial twelve month period has passed; (d) any partnership, limited liability company agreement, joint venture, alliance agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement relating to the formation, creation, operation, management, business or control of any partnership or Joint Venture; (e) any shareholders or stockholders agreements, registration rights agreements, voting trusts, proxies or similar agreements, arrangements or commitments with respect to any shares or other equity interests of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries or any other Contract relating to disposition, voting or dividends with respect to any shares or other equity securities of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries; (f) any Contract under which indebtedness of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries for borrowed money is outstanding or may be incurred or pursuant to which any property or asset of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries is mortgaged, pledged or otherwise subject to a Lien securing indebtedness in excess of \$500,000, any Contract under which the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has directly or indirectly guaranteed any liabilities or obligations of any person or any Contract restricting the incurrence of indebtedness by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries or the incurrence of Liens on any properties or securities of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries or restricting the payment of dividends or other distributions; (g) any Contract that purports to limit in any material respect the right of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries to (A) engage in any line of business, or (B) compete with any person or operate or acquire assets in any location; (h) any agreement or Contract by virtue of which any of the Purchaser Properties were acquired or constructed or are held by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries or pursuant to which the construction, ownership, operation, exploration, exploitation, extraction, development, production, transportation, refining or marketing of such Purchaser Properties are subject or which grant rights which are or may be used in connection therewith; (i) any Contract providing for the sale or exchange of, or option to sell or exchange, the Purchaser Material Property, or any property or asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500,000, or for the purchase or exchange of, or option to purchase or exchange, the Purchaser Material Property or any property or asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500,000, in each case entered into in the past 12 months or in respect of which the applicable transaction has not been consummated; (j) any Contract entered into in the past 12 months or in respect of which the applicable transaction has not yet been consummated for the acquisition or disposition, directly or indirectly (by merger or otherwise), of material assets or shares (or other equity interests) of another person for aggregate consideration in excess of \$500,000, in each case other than in the ordinary course of business; (k) any Contract

providing for indemnification by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, other than Contracts which provide for indemnification obligations of less than \$500,000; (l) any Contract providing for a royalty, streaming or similar arrangement or economically equivalent arrangement in respect of any of the Purchaser Properties; (m) any standstill or similar Contract currently restricting the ability of the Purchaser to offer to purchase or purchase the assets or equity securities of another person; (n) any Contract that is a material agreement with a Governmental Authority or with any First Nations Group; or (o) any other Contract that is or would reasonably be expected to be material to the Purchaser or its subsidiaries;

“Purchaser Material Property” means the Purchaser’s 100% legal and beneficial right, title and interest in the Goliath Gold Complex, located near Dryden, Northwestern Ontario;

“Purchaser Public Disclosure Record” means all documents filed by or on behalf of the Purchaser on SEDAR+ since January 1, 2021 and prior to the date hereof that are publicly available on the date hereof;

“Purchaser Royalty Agreement” means the royalty agreement dated February 11, 2022 between Sprott Private Resource Streaming and Royalty (B) Corp. and the Purchaser, as may be amended from time to time;

“Purchaser Senior Management” means the Purchaser’s Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Financial Officer;

“Purchaser Shares” means common shares in the capital of the Purchaser;

“Purchaser Shareholder” means a holder of one or more Purchaser Shares;

“Purchaser Superior Proposal” means a bona fide Purchaser Acquisition Proposal made in writing on or after the date of this Agreement by a person or persons acting jointly (other than the Company and its affiliates) that did not result from a breach of Article 5 and which or in respect of which:

- (a) is to acquire not less than all of the outstanding Purchaser Shares not owned by the person or persons or all or substantially all of the assets of the Purchaser on a consolidated basis;
- (b) the Purchaser Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal would, taking into account all of the terms and conditions of such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, if consummated in accordance with its terms (but not assuming away any risk of non-completion), result in a transaction which (i) is in the best interest of the Purchaser; and (ii) is superior to the Purchaser Shareholders from a financial point of view than the Arrangement (taking into account any amendments to this Agreement and the Arrangement proposed by the Company pursuant to Section 5.2(h));

- (c) in the case of a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal that relates to the acquisition of all of the outstanding Purchaser Shares, is made available to all of the Purchaser Shareholders on the same terms and conditions;
- (d) is not subject to any financing condition and in respect of which adequate arrangements have been made to ensure that the required funds will be available to effect payment in full;
- (e) is not subject to any due diligence and/or access condition;
- (f) the Purchaser Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, is reasonably capable of being completed in accordance with its terms, without undue delay, taking into account all legal, financial, regulatory and other aspects of such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal and the person making such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal; and
- (g) the Purchaser has sufficient financial resources available to pay or has made arrangements to pay any Purchaser Termination Fee payable pursuant to the terms hereof in accordance with the terms hereof;

“Purchaser Superior Proposal Notice Period” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.2(f)(iii);

“Purchaser Termination Fee” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.3(d);

“Purchaser Termination Fee Event” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.3(b);

“Regulatory Approvals” means sanctions, rulings, consents, orders, exemptions, permits, waivers, early termination authorizations, clearances, written confirmations of no intention to initiate legal proceedings and other approvals (including the lapse, without objection, of a prescribed time under a statute or regulation that states that a transaction may be implemented if a prescribed time lapses following the giving of notice without an objection being made) of Governmental Authorities;

“Release” means any sudden, intermittent or gradual release, spill, leak, pumping, addition, pouring, emission, emptying, discharge, migration, injection, escape, leaching, disposal, dumping, deposit, spraying, burial, abandonment, incineration, seepage, placement or introduction of a Hazardous Substance, whether accidental or intentional, into the Environment;

“Remedial Action” shall mean any investigation, feasibility study, monitoring, testing, sampling, removal (including removal of underground storage tanks), restoration, clean-up, remediation, closure, site restoration, remedial response or remedial work, in each case in relation to environmental matters;

“Replacement Option In-The-Money Amount” in respect of a Replacement Option means the amount, if any, by which the total fair market value (determined immediately after the Effective Time) of the Purchaser Shares that a holder is entitled to acquire on exercise of the Replacement

Option at and from the Effective Time exceeds the aggregate exercise price to acquire such Purchaser Shares;

“**Replacement Option**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.16(a);

“**Representatives**” means, collectively, with respect to a Party, that Party’s officers, directors, employees, consultants, advisors, agents or other representatives (including lawyers, accountants, investment bankers and financial advisors);

“**Returns**” means all returns, reports, declarations, elections, notices, filings, forms, statements, designations and other documents (whether in tangible, electronic or other form) and including any amendments, schedules, attachments, supplements, appendices and exhibits thereto, made, prepared, filed or required to be made, prepared or filed by Law in respect of Taxes;

“**Sanctioned Person**” means (i) any person identified in any Sanctions Law-related list of designated persons maintained by the Government of Canada or other Sanctions Laws authorities, (ii) any person located, incorporated, or resident in a country where investments, dealings, activities, or transactions with Persons in that country are in violation of Sanctions Laws, or (iii) any person directly or indirectly owned or controlled by, or acting for the benefit or on behalf of, a person described in clause (i) or (ii) to the extent the owned or controlled person is itself subject to the restrictions or prohibitions as the person described in clause (i) or (ii);

“**Sanctions Laws**” means economic and financial sanctions Laws administered, enacted or enforced from time to time by the Government of Canada, United States, European Union, United Kingdom, or United Nations Security Council;

“**Securities Act**” means the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and the rules, regulations and published policies made thereunder;

“**Securities Laws**” means the Securities Act and all other applicable Canadian provincial and territorial securities Laws and U.S. Securities Laws;

“**SEDAR+**” means the System for Electronic Document Analysis Retrieval+;

“**subsidiary**” means, with respect to a specified entity, any:

- (a) corporation of which issued and outstanding voting securities of such corporation to which are attached more than 50% of the votes that may be cast to elect directors of the corporation (whether or not shares of any other class or classes will or might be entitled to vote upon the happening of any event or contingency) are owned by such specified entity and the votes attached to those voting securities are sufficient, if exercised, to elect a majority of the directors of such corporation;
- (b) partnership, unlimited liability company, joint venture or other similar entity in which such specified entity has more than 50% of the equity interests and the power to direct the policies, management and affairs thereof; and

- (c) a subsidiary (as defined in clauses (a) and (b) above) of any subsidiary (as so defined) of such specified entity;

“**Superior Proposal**” means a *bona fide* Acquisition Proposal made in writing on or after the date of this Agreement by a person or persons acting jointly (other than the Purchaser and its affiliates) that did not result from a breach of Article 5 and which or in respect of which:

- (a) is to acquire not less than all of the outstanding Company Shares not owned by the person or persons or all or substantially all of the assets of the Company on a consolidated basis;
- (b) the Company Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such Acquisition Proposal would, taking into account all of the terms and conditions of such Acquisition Proposal, if consummated in accordance with its terms (but not assuming away any risk of non-completion), result in a transaction which is (i) in the best interests of the Company; and (ii) is superior to the Company Shareholders from a financial point of view than the Arrangement (taking into account any amendments to this Agreement and the Arrangement proposed by the Purchaser pursuant to Section 5.1(h));
- (c) in the case of an Acquisition Proposal that relates to the acquisition of all of the outstanding Company Shares, is made available to all of the Company Shareholders on the same terms and conditions;
- (d) is not subject to any financing condition and in respect of which adequate arrangements have been made to ensure that the required funds will be available to effect payment in full;
- (e) is not subject to any due diligence and/or access condition;
- (f) the Company Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with financial advisors and outside legal counsel, is reasonably capable of being completed in accordance with its terms, without undue delay, taking into account all legal, financial, regulatory and other aspects of such Acquisition Proposal and the person making such Acquisition Proposal; and
- (g) the Company has sufficient financial resources available to pay or has made arrangements to pay any Termination Fee payable pursuant to and in accordance with the terms hereof;

“**Superior Proposal Notice Period**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.1(f)(iii);

“**Supporting Company Shareholders**” means, collectively, the directors, officers and certain shareholders of the Company, each of whom has entered into a Company Support Agreement;

“**Tax**” or “**Taxes**” means any and all taxes, dues, duties, rates, imposts, fees, levies, other assessments, tariffs, charges or obligations of the same or similar nature, however denominated, imposed, assessed or collected by any Governmental Authority, including (a) all income taxes,

including any tax on or based on net income, gross income, income as specifically defined, earnings, gross receipts, capital gains, profits, business royalty or selected items of income, earnings or profits, (b) any federal, provincial, state, territorial, county, municipal, local or foreign taxes, state profit share taxes, windfall or excess profit taxes, capital taxes, royalty taxes, production taxes, branch taxes, payroll taxes, health taxes, employment taxes, withholding taxes, sales taxes, use taxes, goods and services taxes, harmonized sales taxes, custom duties, value added taxes, ad valorem taxes, excise taxes, alternative or add-on minimum taxes, franchise taxes, gross receipts taxes, licence taxes, occupation taxes, real and personal property taxes, stamp taxes, anti-dumping taxes, countervailing taxes, occupation taxes, environment taxes, transfer taxes, land transfer taxes, (c) employment or unemployment insurance premiums, social insurance premiums and worker's compensation premiums and pension (including Canada Pension Plan) payments, and (d) other taxes, fees, imposts, assessments or charges of any kind whatsoever, together with any interest, penalties, additional taxes, fines and other charges and additions that may become payable in respect thereof, including any interest in respect of such interest, penalties and additional taxes, fines and other charges and additions, whether disputed or not, and any transferee or secondary liability in respect of any of the foregoing;

“**Tax Act**” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);

“**Termination Fee**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.3(c);

“**Termination Fee Event**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.3(a);

“**TSX**” means the Toronto Stock Exchange;

“**TSX Delisting**” means the anticipated delisting of the Company Shares from the TSX as soon as practicable following the Effective Time, subject to the approval of the TSX;

“**TSXV**” means the TSX Venture Exchange;

“**TSXV Listing**” means the anticipated listing of the Consideration Shares on the TSXV as soon as practicable following the Effective Time, subject to the approval of the TSXV;

“**United States**” or “**U.S.**” means, as the context requires, the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States, and the District of Columbia;

“**U.S. Exchange Act**” means the United States *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

“**U.S. Investment Company Act**” means the United States *Investment Company Act of 1940*, as amended;

“**U.S. Securities Act**” means the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

“**U.S. Securities Laws**” means federal and state securities legislation of the United States and all rules, regulations and orders promulgated thereunder;

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

“U.S. Treasury Regulations” means the treasury regulations promulgated under the U.S. Tax Code.

1.2 Currency

Except where otherwise specified, all references to currency herein are to lawful money of Canada and “\$” refers to Canadian dollars.

1.3 Interpretation Not Affected by Headings

The division of this Agreement into Articles and Sections and the insertion of a table of contents and headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. The terms “this Agreement”, “hereof”, “herein”, “hereunder” and similar expressions refer to this Agreement, including the Schedules hereto, and not to any particular Article, Section or other portion hereof. Unless something in the subject matter or context is inconsistent therewith, references herein to an Article, Section or Schedule by number or letter or both are to that Article, Section or Schedule in or to this Agreement.

1.4 Knowledge

Any reference in this Agreement to the “knowledge” of the Company, means to the knowledge and information of the Company Senior Management after making reasonable inquiry regarding the relevant matter. Any reference in this Agreement to the “knowledge” of the Purchaser, means to the knowledge and information of the Purchaser Senior Management after making reasonable inquiry regarding the relevant matter.

1.5 Extended Meanings, Etc.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number only include the plural and vice versa; words importing any gender include all genders. The terms “including” or “includes” and similar terms of inclusion, unless expressly modified by the words “only” or “solely”, mean “including without limiting the generality of the foregoing” and “includes without limiting the generality of the foregoing”. Any Contract, instrument or Law defined or referred to herein means such Contract, instrument or Law as from time to time amended, modified, supplemented or consolidated, including, in the case of Contracts or instruments, by waiver or consent and, in the case of Laws, by succession of comparable successor Laws, and all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein and, in the case of statutory Laws, all rules and regulations made thereunder.

1.6 Date of any Action

In the event that any date on which any action is required to be taken hereunder by any of the Parties is not a Business Day, such action will be required to be taken on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day.

1.7 Accounting Matters

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings attributable thereto under IFRS and all determinations of an accounting nature required to be made shall be made in a manner consistent with IFRS consistently applied.

1.8 Statutes

Any reference to a statute refers to such statute and all rules and regulations made or promulgated under it, as it or they may have been or may from time to time be amended or re-enacted, unless stated otherwise.

1.9 Consent

If any provision requires approval or consent of a Party and such approval or consent is not delivered within the specified time limit, the Party whose consent or approval is required shall be conclusively deemed to have withheld its approval or consent.

1.10 Schedules

The following are the Schedules to this Agreement:

- Schedule A - Form of Plan of Arrangement
- Schedule B - Form of Arrangement Resolution

ARTICLE 2
THE ARRANGEMENT

2.1 The Arrangement and Effective Date

The Company and the Purchaser agree that the Arrangement will be implemented in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement. From and after the Effective Time, the steps to be carried out pursuant to the Arrangement shall become effective in accordance with the Plan of Arrangement. The closing of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Plan of Arrangement will take place electronically at 8:30 a.m. (Toronto time) on the Effective Date, or at such other time on the Effective Date or such other place as may be agreed to by the Parties. The Effective Date shall occur on the date upon which the Company and the Purchaser agree in writing as the Effective Date or, in the absence of such agreement, three (3) Business Days following the satisfaction or waiver (subject to applicable Laws) of the last of the conditions set forth in Article 7 (excluding conditions that by their terms cannot be satisfied until the Effective Date, but subject to the satisfaction or, when permitted, waiver of those conditions as of the Effective Date). The Arrangement shall be effective at the Effective Time on the Effective Date.

2.2 Implementation Steps by the Company

The Company covenants in favour of the Purchaser that, subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Company will:

- (a) subject to compliance with applicable Securities Laws, prior to the next opening of markets in Toronto, Ontario following the execution of this Agreement, issue a news release announcing the entering into of this Agreement and other related matters referred to in Section 4.3(a), which news release shall be satisfactory in form and substance to each of the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, and, thereafter, file such news release and a corresponding material change report in prescribed form in accordance with applicable Securities Laws;
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after the execution of this Agreement, and, subject to the Purchaser's compliance with Section 2.5(e), in any event, not later than November 15, 2024, apply to the Court pursuant to Section 182(5) of the OBCA in a manner and form acceptable to the Purchaser, acting reasonably, and thereafter proceed with such application and diligently pursue obtaining the Interim Order;
- (c) in consultation and coordination with the Purchaser, fix and publish the record date for the Company Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Company Meeting as promptly as practicable;
- (d) lawfully convene and hold the Company Meeting in accordance with the Interim Order, the Company's articles and by-laws and applicable Laws, as soon as reasonably practicable after the Interim Order is issued and, subject to the Purchaser's compliance with Section 2.5(e), in any event, not later than December 13, 2024, for the purpose of having the Company Shareholders consider the Arrangement Resolution and will not, unless the Purchaser otherwise consents in writing, adjourn, postpone or cancel the Company Meeting or propose to do any of the foregoing except:
 - (i) for an adjournment as required for quorum purposes or by applicable Law or a Governmental Authority; or
 - (ii) as required or permitted under Section 5.1(i) or Section 6.3;
- (e) subject to the terms of this Agreement, solicit from the Company Shareholders proxies in favour of the approval of the Arrangement Resolution and against any resolution submitted by any person that is inconsistent with, or which seeks (without the Purchaser's consent) to hinder or delay the Arrangement Resolution and the completion of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement including, using the services of a proxy solicitation agent selected and retained by the Company (the costs and expenses of which shall be borne by the Company), and cooperating with any persons engaged by the Purchaser (at its cost and expense), to solicit proxies in favour of the approval of the Arrangement Resolution, recommend to all Company Shareholders that they vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution, and take all other actions that are reasonably necessary or desirable to obtain the approval of the Arrangement by the Company Shareholders, and (i) permit the Purchaser to assist and participate in all calls and meetings with such proxy solicitation agent, (ii) provide the Purchaser with all material information distributions or updates from the proxy solicitation agent, (iii) consult

with, and consider any suggestions from, the Purchaser with regards to the proxy solicitation agent, and (iv) consult with the Purchaser and keep the Purchaser apprised, with respect to such solicitation and other actions; provided that, the Company shall not be required to solicit from the Company Shareholders proxies in favour of the approval of the Arrangement Resolution, or take any other actions under this Section 2.2(e), if a Change of Recommendation has been made in accordance with Section 5.1(f);

- (f) advise the Purchaser as reasonably requested, and on a daily basis commencing 10 Business Days prior to the Company Meeting, as to the aggregate tally of the proxies and votes received in respect of the Company Meeting and all matters to be considered at the Company Meeting;
- (g) consult with the Purchaser in fixing the date of the Company Meeting, promptly provide the Purchaser with any notice relating to the Company Meeting and allow Representatives of the Purchaser to attend the Company Meeting;
- (h) not change the record date for the Company Shareholders entitled to vote at the Company Meeting in connection with any adjournment or postponement of the Company Meeting unless required by Law or the Company's articles and by-laws (it being understood that a change will not be required where such date has been provided for in the Interim Order); and
- (i) if the Interim Order is obtained, and the Arrangement Resolution is passed at the Company Meeting as provided for in the Interim Order and as required by applicable Law, the Company shall, subject to the terms of this Agreement, as soon as reasonably practicable after the Company Meeting and, in any event, not later than two Business Days thereafter, take all actions necessary or desirable to submit the Arrangement to the Court and diligently pursue an application for the Final Order pursuant to Section 182(5) of the OBCA in a manner and form acceptable to the Purchaser, acting reasonably, and, if at any time after the issuance of the Final Order and on or before the Effective Date, the Company is required by the terms of the Final Order or by Law to return to the Court with respect to the Final Order, it will do so after prior notice to, and in consultation and cooperation with, the Purchaser.

2.3 Implementation Steps by the Purchaser

The Purchaser covenants in favour of the Company that, subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Purchaser will:

- (a) subject to compliance with applicable Securities Laws, prior to the next opening of markets in Toronto, Ontario following the execution of this Agreement issue a news release announcing the entering into of this Agreement and other related matters referred to in Section 4.5(a), which news release shall be satisfactory in form and substance to each of the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably, and,

thereafter, file such news release and a corresponding material change report in prescribed form in accordance with applicable Securities Laws; and

- (b) cooperate with, assist and consent to the Company seeking the Interim Order and the Final Order and, subject to the Company obtaining the Final Order and to the satisfaction or waiver (subject to applicable Laws) of each of the conditions set forth in Article 7 (excluding conditions that by their terms cannot be satisfied until the Effective Date, but subject to the satisfaction or, when permitted, waiver of those conditions as of the Effective Date), as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, take all steps and actions including, if applicable, making all filings with Governmental Authorities necessary to give effect to the Arrangement and carry out the terms of the Plan of Arrangement applicable to each of them prior to the Outside Date.

2.4 Interim Order

The application referred to in Section 2.2(b) shall, unless the Company and the Purchaser otherwise agree, include a request that the Interim Order shall provide, among other things:

- (a) for the class of persons to whom notice is to be provided in respect of the Arrangement and the Company Meeting and for the manner in which such notice is to be provided;
- (b) confirmation of the record date for the purposes of determining the Company Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Company Meeting (which date shall be fixed and published by the Company in consultation with the Purchaser);
- (c) that the Company Meeting may be adjourned or postponed from time to time by the Company in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or as otherwise agreed by the Parties without the need for additional approval by the Court and without the necessity of first convening the Company Meeting or first obtaining any vote of the Company Shareholders respecting the adjournment or postponement, and notice of any such adjournment(s) or postponement(s) shall be given by such method as the Company Board may determine is appropriate in the circumstance;
- (d) that the requisite and sole approval of the Arrangement Resolution shall be: (i) 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the votes cast on the Arrangement Resolution by the Company Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Company Meeting; and (ii) a simple majority of the votes cast on the Arrangement Resolution by Company Shareholders, excluding for this purpose the votes for Company Shares held or controlled by persons described in items (a) through (d) of Section 8.1(2) of MI 61-101;
- (e) that in all other respects, the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Company's constating documents, including quorum requirements and other matters shall apply with respect to the Company Meeting;

- (f) for the grant of Dissent Rights to the Company Shareholders who are registered holders of Company Shares as contemplated in the Plan of Arrangement;
- (g) for the notice requirements with respect to the presentation of the application to the Court for the Final Order;
- (h) that each Company Shareholder and any other affected person shall have the right to appear before the Court at the hearing of the Court to approve the application for the Final Order so long as they enter a notice of appearance by the time stipulated in the Interim Order; and
- (i) for such other matters as the Purchaser may reasonably require, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Company, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

2.5 Company Circular

(a) Subject to the Purchaser complying with Section 2.5(e), the Company will, in consultation with the Purchaser:

- (i) as soon as reasonably practicable after the execution of this Agreement, promptly prepare the Company Circular together with any other documents required by the OBCA and other applicable Laws in connection with the approval of the Arrangement Resolution by the Company Shareholders at the Company Meeting; and
- (ii) as soon as reasonably practicable after the issuance of the Interim Order, cause the Company Circular to be sent to the Company Shareholders in compliance with the accelerated timing contemplated by National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* and filed as required by the Interim Order and applicable Laws.

(b) The Company shall ensure that the Company Circular complies in all material respects with applicable Laws, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, that the Company Circular (including with respect to any information incorporated therein by reference) will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading in light of the circumstances in which they are made (other than in each case with respect to any information furnished by the Purchaser) and will provide the Company Shareholders with information in sufficient detail to permit them to form a reasoned judgement concerning the matters to be placed before them at the Company Meeting.

(c) The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any necessary consents from its auditor and any other experts or advisors to the use of any financial, technical or other expert information required to be included in the Company Circular and to the identification in the Company Circular of each such advisor.

(d) The Company and the Purchaser will cooperate in the preparation, filing and mailing of the Company Circular. The Company will provide the Purchaser and its legal counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on all drafts of the Company Circular and other documents related thereto prior to filing the Company Circular with applicable Governmental Authorities and printing and mailing the Company Circular to the Company Shareholders, and will give reasonable consideration to such comments. All information relating solely to the Purchaser included in the Company Circular shall be provided by the Purchaser in accordance with Section 2.5(e) and shall be in form and content satisfactory to the Purchaser, acting reasonably, and the Company Circular will include: (i) a statement that the Company Board has unanimously, after consulting with management of the Company and legal and financial advisors in evaluating the Arrangement, determined that the Arrangement is fair to the Company Shareholders and it is in the best interests of the Company; (ii) the unanimous recommendation of the Company Board that the Company Shareholders vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution and the rationale for that recommendation; (iii) a copy of the Company Fairness Opinion; (iv) a statement that each of the Supporting Company Shareholders has signed a Company Support Agreement, pursuant to which, and subject to the terms thereof, they have agreed to, among other things, vote their Company Shares in favour of the Arrangement Resolution; and (v) information in sufficient detail to allow the Purchaser to rely upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof with respect to the issuance of Consideration Shares and Replacement Options pursuant to the Arrangement.

(e) The Purchaser will, in a timely manner, furnish the Company with all such information regarding the Purchaser as may reasonably be required to be included in the Company Circular pursuant to applicable Laws and any other documents related thereto, and shall ensure that such information does not contain any misrepresentation.

(f) The Company shall keep the Purchaser fully informed in a timely manner of any requests or comments made by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and/or the TSX in connection with the Company Circular.

(g) The Company and the Purchaser will each promptly notify the other if at any time before the Effective Date it becomes aware (in the case of the Company only with respect to the Company and in the case of the Purchaser only with respect to the Purchaser) that the Company Circular or any other document referred to in Section 2.5(e) contains any misrepresentation or otherwise requires any amendment or supplement and promptly deliver written notice to the other Party setting out full particulars thereof. In any such event, the Company and the Purchaser will cooperate with each other in the preparation, filing and dissemination of any required supplement or amendment to the Company Circular or such other document, as the case may be, and any related news release or other document necessary or desirable in connection therewith.

2.6 Final Order

If (i) the Interim Order is obtained; and (ii) the Arrangement Resolution is approved by Company Shareholders at the Company Meeting as provided for in the Interim Order and as required by applicable Law, subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall take all actions necessary or desirable to submit the Arrangement to the Court and diligently pursue an application for the Final Order pursuant to Section 182 of the OBCA, as soon as reasonably

practicable after the Company Meeting, and in any event no later than two Business Days thereafter, and, if at any time after the issuance of the Final Order and on or before the Effective Date, the Company is required by the terms of the Final Order or by Law to return to the Court with respect to the Final Order, it will only do so after prior notice to the Purchaser, and affording the Purchaser a reasonable opportunity to consult with the Company regarding the same.

2.7 Court Proceedings

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Parties will cooperate in seeking the Interim Order and the Final Order. The Company will provide the Purchaser and its legal counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment upon drafts of all materials to be filed with the Court in connection with the Arrangement prior to the service and filing of such materials and shall give reasonable consideration to such comments. The Company will ensure that all materials filed with the Court in connection with the Arrangement are consistent in all material respects with the terms of this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement. Subject to applicable Law, the Company will not file any material with the Court in connection with the Arrangement or serve any such material, and will not agree to modify or amend materials so filed or served, except as contemplated by this Section 2.7 or with the Purchaser's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, provided, however, that nothing herein shall require the Purchaser to agree or consent to any increase or change in the Consideration payable under the terms of the Plan of Arrangement or any modification or amendment to such filed or served materials that expands or increases the Purchaser's obligations set forth in any such filed or served materials or under this Agreement or the Arrangement. In addition, the Company will not object to legal counsel to the Purchaser making such submissions on the hearing of the motion for the Interim Order and the application for the Final Order as such counsel considers appropriate, provided that the Company or its legal counsel is advised of the nature of any submissions prior to the hearing and such submissions are consistent in all material respects with the terms of this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement. The Company will also provide the Purchaser on a timely basis with copies of any notice of appearance and evidence or other documents served on the Company or its legal counsel in respect of the application for the Interim Order or the Final Order or any appeal therefrom and of any notice, whether or not in writing, received by the Company or its legal counsel indicating any intention to oppose the granting of the Interim Order or the Final Order or to appeal the Interim Order or the Final Order.

2.8 Dissenting Shareholders

The Company will give the Purchaser prompt notice of receipt of any written communication from any Company Shareholder in opposition to the Arrangement, written notice of dissent or purported exercise by any Company Shareholder of Dissent Rights received by the Company in relation to the Arrangement and any withdrawal of Dissent Rights received by the Company, and any written communications sent by or on behalf of the Company to any Company Shareholder exercising or purporting to exercise Dissent Rights in relation to the Arrangement. The Company shall not make any payment or settlement offer, or agree to any such settlement, or conduct any negotiations prior to the Effective Time with respect to any such dissent, notice or instrument without the prior written consent of the Purchaser.

2.9 List of Securityholders

Upon the reasonable request from time to time of the Purchaser, the Company will provide the Purchaser with lists (in electronic form) of: (i) the registered Company Shareholders, together with their addresses and respective holdings of Company Shares; (ii) the names and addresses and holdings of all persons having rights (including Company Optionholders, Company Share Unitholders and Company Warrantholders) issued or granted by the Company to acquire Company Shares; and (iii) non-objecting beneficial owners of Company Shares and participants in book-based nominee registers (such as CDS & Co.), together with their addresses and respective holdings of Company Shares. The Company will from time to time require that its registrar and transfer agent furnish the Purchaser with such additional information, including updated or additional lists of Company Shareholders, Company Optionholders, Company Share Unitholders and Company Warrantholders, information regarding beneficial ownership of Company Securities and lists of holdings and other assistance as the Purchaser may reasonably request.

2.10 Securityholder Communications

The Company and the Purchaser agree to cooperate in the preparation of presentations, if any, to any Company Shareholders or other securityholders of the Company or the Purchaser or the analyst community regarding the Arrangement. The Company and the Purchaser agree to consult with each other in connection with any communications or meeting with Company Shareholders or other securityholders of the Company or the Purchaser or analysts that it may have, provided, however, that the foregoing shall be subject to each of the Company and the Purchaser's respective overriding obligation to make any disclosure or filing required by applicable Laws or stock exchange rules and if the Company or the Purchaser is required to make any such disclosure or filing, it shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to give prior oral or written notice to the other Party and a reasonable opportunity to review and comment thereon prior to its dissemination or filing. The Party making such disclosure shall give reasonable consideration to any comments made by the other Party or its counsel, and if such prior notice is not possible, to give such notice immediately following the making of such disclosure or filing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions set forth in this Section 2.10 will not apply to any release or public statement (a) made or proposed to be made by the Company in connection with a Change of Recommendation or any action taken pursuant thereto; or (b) in connection with any dispute between the Parties regarding this Agreement, the Arrangement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

2.11 Payment of Consideration

The Purchaser will, following receipt by the Company of the Final Order and the Regulatory Approvals listed in Section 7.1(c) and immediately prior to the Effective Time, deposit in escrow with the Depositary (the terms and conditions of such escrow to be satisfactory to the Parties, acting reasonably) sufficient Purchaser Shares to satisfy the aggregate Consideration payable pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement to Company Shareholders.

2.12 U.S. Securities Law Matters

The Consideration Shares and Replacement Options, and the Purchaser Shares issuable after the Effective Time upon exercise of any Replacement Options, Company Warrants or Company Share Units, have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws. The Parties agree that the Arrangement will be carried out with the intention that, and will use their commercially reasonable best efforts to ensure that, all Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued pursuant to Arrangement will be issued by the Purchaser in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof. In order to ensure the availability of the exemption under Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act and to facilitate the Company's compliance with other U.S. Securities Laws, the Parties agree that the Arrangement will be carried out on the following basis:

- (a) the Arrangement will be subject to the approval of the Court;
- (b) the Court will be advised prior to the hearing to approve the Interim Order that the Purchaser intends to rely on the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act with respect to the issuance of all Consideration Shares and Replacement Options, respectively, pursuant to the Court's approval of the Arrangement and determination that the Court has satisfied itself as to the procedural and substantive fairness of the terms and conditions of the Arrangement to all Company Shareholders and Company Optionholders who are entitled to receive Consideration Shares and Replacement Options, respectively;
- (c) prior to the issuance of the Interim Order, the Company will file with the Court a draft of the proposed text of the Company Circular together with any other documents required by applicable Law in connection with the Company Meeting;
- (d) the Company will ensure that each person entitled to receive the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options pursuant to the Arrangement will be given adequate and appropriate notice advising them of their right to attend the Final Order hearing of the Court and providing them with sufficient information necessary for them to exercise that right;
- (e) each person entitled to receive the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options will be advised that the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued pursuant to the Arrangement have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any U.S. securities laws of any state in the U.S. and will be issued by the Purchaser in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act and shall be without trading restrictions under the U.S. Securities Act other than persons who are, or have been within 90 days prior to the Effective Date, affiliates (as defined in Rule 144 of the U.S. Securities Act) of the Purchaser;
- (f) the Final Order approving the terms and conditions of the Arrangement will expressly state that the Arrangement serves as a basis of a claim to the exemption

under Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act from the registration requirements otherwise imposed by the U.S. Securities Act regarding the distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement and is approved by the Court as being substantively and procedurally fair to the Company Shareholders and Company Optionholders;

- (g) the Interim Order will specify that each Company Shareholder will have the right to appear before the Final Order hearing of the Court so long as they enter a notice of appearance in accordance with the requirements of the Interim Order;
- (h) each Company Optionholder entitled to receive Replacement Options pursuant to the Arrangement will be advised that the exemption provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act does not exempt the issuance of securities upon the exercise of such Replacement Options and, therefore, any securities of the Purchaser issuable upon exercise of the Replacement Options cannot be issued in the United States or to a person in the United States in reliance on the exemption provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act and the Replacement Options may only be exercised pursuant to a then-available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable securities laws of any state of the United States; and
- (i) the Final Order shall include a statement to substantially the following effect: “This Order will serve as a basis of a claim to an exemption, pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, from the registration requirements otherwise imposed by that act, regarding the distribution of securities of the Purchaser pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement.”

2.13 U.S. Tax Matters

The Arrangement is intended to qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code, and this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement are intended to constitute a “plan of reorganization” within the meaning of the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 368 of the U.S. Tax Code for purposes of Sections 354 and 361 of the U.S. Tax Code, and the Parties will cooperate on a reasonable basis consistent with the Parties’ intention that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code. Provided the Arrangement satisfies the applicable requirements of a tax-deferred “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code, each Party hereto shall treat the Arrangement as a tax-deferred “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code and shall treat this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement as a “plan of reorganization” within the meaning of the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 368 of the U.S. Tax Code, for all U.S. federal income tax purposes, and shall not take any position on any Return or otherwise take any Tax reporting position inconsistent with such treatment, unless otherwise required by a “determination” within the meaning of Section 1313 of the U.S. Tax Code that such treatment is not correct. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement and in the Plan of Arrangement, each Party hereto shall act in a manner that is consistent with the Parties’ intention that the Arrangement be treated as a tax-deferred

reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code for all U.S. federal income tax purposes, and shall not take any action, or knowingly fail to take any action, if such action or failure to act would prevent the Arrangement from qualifying as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Party makes any representation, warranty or covenant to the other Party or to any Company Shareholder, Purchaser Shareholder or other holder of Company Securities or Purchaser securities (including, without limitation, stock options, warrants, debt instruments or other similar rights or instruments) regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the Arrangement, including, but not limited to, whether the Arrangement will qualify as a tax-deferred reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code. Provided the Arrangement satisfies the applicable requirements of a tax-deferred “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code, Purchaser agrees to, and shall, report the Arrangement as a tax-deferred reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes on a properly completed and filed IRS Form 8937 within forty-five days of the Effective Date.

2.14 Adjustment to Consideration Regarding Distributions

If on or after the date hereof, the Company declares, sets aside or pays any dividend or other distribution to the Company Shareholders of record as of a time prior to the Effective Time, the Purchaser shall make such adjustments to the Consideration as it determines acting in good faith to be necessary to provide to the Company and the Purchaser and their respective shareholders the same economic effect as contemplated by this Agreement and the Arrangement prior to such action and as so adjusted shall, from and after the date of such event, be the Consideration to be paid per Company Share. For greater certainty, if the Company takes any of the actions referred to the above, the aggregate Consideration to be paid by the Purchaser shall be decreased by an equivalent amount.

2.15 Withholding Taxes

The Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary and their respective agents, as applicable, shall be entitled to deduct or withhold from any consideration otherwise payable to any Company Shareholder or any other securityholder of the Company under the Plan of Arrangement or this Agreement (including any payment to Dissenting Shareholders) such Taxes or other amounts as the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary or their respective agents, as the case may be, is required to deduct or withhold with respect to such payment under the Tax Act, the U.S. Tax Code or any provision of any federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign Tax Law. For the purposes hereof and of the Plan of Arrangement, all such deducted or withheld amounts shall be treated as having been paid to the person in respect of which such deduction or withholding was made on account of the obligation to make payment to such person hereunder, provided that such deducted or withheld amounts are actually remitted to the appropriate Governmental Authority by or on behalf of the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary or their respective agents, as the case may be. Each of the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary and their respective agents, as applicable, is hereby authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of, on behalf of such person in respect of which a deduction or withholding was made, such portion of any Consideration Shares or other security deliverable to such person as is necessary to provide sufficient funds to the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary or their respective agents, as the case may be, to enable it to comply with such deduction or withholding requirement and the Company, the Purchaser, the

Depository or their respective agents shall notify such person and remit the applicable portion of the net proceeds of such sale (after deduction of all reasonable fees, commissions or costs in respect of such sale) to the appropriate Governmental Authority and, if applicable, any portion of such net proceeds that is not required to be so remitted shall be paid to such person. Any such sale will be made at prevailing market prices and none of the Company, the Purchaser, the Depository or their respective agents, as the case may be, shall be under any obligation to obtain a particular price, or indemnify any Company Shareholder or other securityholder in respect of a particular price, for the portion of the Consideration or other Purchaser securities, as applicable, so sold.

2.16 Company Options, Company Share Units and Company Warrants

- (a) Pursuant to the Arrangement, each Company Option outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, whether vested or unvested, shall immediately vest to the fullest extent, will cease to represent an option or other right to acquire Company Shares and shall be exchanged at the Effective Time for a fully vested option (a “**Replacement Option**”) to purchase from the Purchaser such number of Purchaser Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) equal to: (A) the Exchange Ratio, multiplied by (B) the number of Company Shares subject to such Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, at an exercise price per Purchaser Share (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to (M) the exercise price per Company Share otherwise purchasable pursuant to such Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, divided by (N) the Exchange Ratio, exercisable until the original expiry date of such Company Option. Except as set out above, all other terms and conditions of such Replacement Option, including the conditions to and manner of exercising, will be the same as the Company Option so exchanged, and shall be governed by the terms of the Company Option Plan, and any document evidencing a Company Option shall thereafter evidence and be deemed to evidence such Replacement Option and no certificates evidencing Replacement Options shall be issued. It is intended that the provisions of subsection 7(1.4) of the Tax Act will apply to any such exchange. Therefore, in the event that the Replacement Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of a Replacement Option exceeds the Company Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of the Company Option exchanged therefor, the exercise price per Purchaser Share of such Replacement Option will be increased accordingly with effect at and from the Effective Time by the minimum amount necessary to ensure that the Replacement Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of the Replacement Option does not exceed the Company Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of the Company Option exchanged therefor.
- (b) In accordance with the terms of each of the Company Warrants and as confirmed and determined by the Company Board, as applicable, each holder of Company Warrants shall be entitled to receive (and such holder shall accept) upon the exercise of such holder’s Company Warrants, in lieu of Company Shares to which such holder was theretofore entitled upon such exercise, and for the same aggregate consideration payable therefor, the number of Purchaser Shares which the holder would have been entitled to receive as a result of the transactions contemplated by the Arrangement if, immediately prior to the Effective Date, such holder had been

the registered holder of the number of Company Shares to which such holder would have been entitled if such holder had exercised such holder's Company Warrants immediately prior to the Effective Time. Each Company Warrant shall continue to be governed by and be subject to the terms of the applicable Company Warrant certificate, subject to any supplemental exercise documents issued by the Purchaser to Company Warrantholders to facilitate the exercise of the Company Warrants and the payment of the corresponding portion of the exercise price thereof. Company Warrantholders will be advised that securities issuable upon the exercise of the Company Warrants, if any, have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws, and may be issued only pursuant to a then available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. securities laws, if any, and prior to the issuance of any such securities, the Purchaser might require evidence (which may include an opinion of counsel) reasonably satisfactory to the Purchaser to the effect that the issuance of such Purchaser Shares does not require registration under the U.S. Securities Act or applicable securities laws.

- (c) In accordance with the terms of the Company Share Unit Plan, after giving effect to the amendments contemplated herein, and the agreements representing the Company Share Units held by Continuing Company Share Unitholders, following the Effective Time, each Continuing Company Share Unitholder shall be entitled to receive (and such holder shall accept) upon the vesting of such holder's Company Share Units following the Effective Time, in lieu of Company Shares to which such holder was theretofore entitled upon such vesting, the number of Purchaser Shares which the holder would have been entitled to receive as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Arrangement if, immediately prior to the Effective Date, such holder had been the registered holder of the number of Company Shares to which such holder would have been entitled if such holder's Company Share Units had vested immediately prior to the Effective Time on the Effective Date. Each Company Share Unit held by Continuing Company Share Unitholders shall continue to be governed by and be subject to the terms of the Company Share Unit Plan, after giving effect to the amendments contemplated herein, and the applicable agreement representing the Company Share Units. Continuing Company Share Unitholders will be advised that securities issuable upon the vesting of the Company Share Units, if any, have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws, and may be issued only pursuant to a then available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. securities laws, if any, and prior to the issuance of any such securities, the Purchaser might require evidence (which may include an opinion of counsel) reasonably satisfactory to the Purchaser to the effect that the issuance of such Purchaser Shares does not require registration under the U.S. Securities Act or applicable securities laws.

ARTICLE 3
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

3.1 Representations and Warranties of the Company

Except as specifically disclosed in the Company Disclosure Letter (which shall make reference to the applicable section in respect of which such qualification is being made), the Company represents and warrants to and in favour of the Purchaser as follows and acknowledges that the Purchaser is relying upon such representations and warranties in entering into this Agreement:

(a) Organization and Qualification.

- (i) The Company has been duly incorporated and validly exists and is in good standing under the OBCA, and has the requisite corporate and legal power and capacity to own its assets as now owned and to carry on its business as it is now being carried on. The Company is duly qualified to carry on business in each jurisdiction in which the nature or character of its properties and assets, owned, leased or operated by it, or the nature of its business or activities, makes such qualification necessary. The Company Diligence Information includes, in all material respects, complete and correct copies of the constating documents of the Company, as amended to the date of this Agreement, and the Company has not taken any action to amend or supersede such documents.
- (ii) The Company Diligence Information includes, in all material respects, complete and correct copies of the resolutions or minutes (or, in the case of draft minutes, the most recent drafts thereof) of all meetings of the Company Shareholders, the Company Board and each committee of the Company Board, excluding any minutes (or portion thereof) of the Company Board in relation to this Agreement and the Company has not taken any action to amend or supersede such documents.

(b) Subsidiaries.

- (i) Section 3.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a complete and accurate list of subsidiaries of the Company, each of which is duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the jurisdictions indicated and each of which has the requisite corporate and legal power and capacity to own its assets as now owned and to carry on its business as it is now being carried on.
- (ii) Each of the Company's subsidiaries is duly qualified to carry on business in each jurisdiction in which the nature or character of its properties and assets, owned, leased or operated by it, or the nature or character of the properties and assets owned, leased or operated by its, or the nature of its business or activities, makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be

so qualified would not be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

- (iii) The Company is, directly or indirectly, the legal, beneficial and registered owner of all of the issued shares of its subsidiaries and none of its subsidiaries has any outstanding agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment (nor has any of the Company's subsidiaries granted any right or privilege capable of becoming an agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment) obligating it to issue or sell any of its shares, including any security or obligation of any kind convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares or other securities of the subsidiaries. All of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of each of the Company's subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully-paid and non-assessable, and all such shares are, except pursuant to restrictions on transfer contained in constating documents or by-laws and except as set out in Section 3.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter, owned free and clear of all Liens of any kind or nature whatsoever and are free of any other restrictions including any restrictions on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of such shares or other equity interests.
 - (iv) Other than as disclosed in the Company Public Disclosure Record, except for the shares owned by the Company in its subsidiaries, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries owns, beneficially, any shares in the capital of any corporation, and neither the Company nor its subsidiaries holds any securities or obligations of any kind convertible into or exchangeable for shares in the capital of any corporation. Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries is a party to any agreement to acquire any shares in the capital of any corporation.
 - (v) The Company Diligence Information includes, in all material respects, complete and correct copies of the constating documents of each of the Company's material subsidiaries, as amended to the date of this Agreement, and complete and correct copies of the resolutions or minutes (or, in the case of draft minutes, the most recent drafts thereof) of all meetings of the shareholders of each of the Company's material subsidiaries, the board of directors of each of the Company's material subsidiaries and each committee thereof, excluding any minutes (or portion thereof) in relation to this Agreement.
- (c) Authority Relative to this Agreement. The Company has the requisite corporate power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement and (subject to obtaining the approval of the Company Shareholders of the Arrangement Resolution, the Interim Order and the Final Order as contemplated in Section 2.2) to perform its obligations hereunder and to complete the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and the completion by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly authorized by the Company Board and no other corporate proceedings on the part of the Company

are necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by it of this Agreement or, subject to obtaining the approval of the Company Shareholders of the Arrangement Resolution and the Interim Order and the Final Order as contemplated in Section 2.2, the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, the completion of the Arrangement or the completion by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer, moratorium and other Laws relating to or affecting the availability of equitable remedies and the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity and public policy and to the qualification that equitable remedies such as specific performance and injunction may be granted only in the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (d) Required Approvals. No material authorization, licence, Permit, certificate, registration, consent or approval of, or filing with, or notification to, any Governmental Authority is required to be obtained or made by or with respect to the Company for the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, or the completion by the Company of the Arrangement, other than:
- (i) the Interim Order and any filings required in order to obtain, and approvals required under, the Interim Order;
 - (ii) the Final Order, and any filings required in order to obtain the Final Order;
 - (iii) such filings and other actions required under applicable Securities Laws and the rules and policies of the TSX as are contemplated by this Agreement;
 - (iv) third party consents, approvals and notices set out in Section 3.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter; and
 - (v) any other authorizations, licences, permits, certificates, registrations, consents, approvals and filings and notifications with respect to which the failure to obtain or make same would not reasonably be expected to prevent or significantly impede or materially delay the completion of the Arrangement.
- (e) No Violation. Subject to obtaining the authorizations, consents and approvals and making the filings referred to in Section 3.1(d), and the third party consents, approvals and notices set out in Section 3.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter, the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement, the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and the completion by the Company of the Arrangement do not and will not (nor will they with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both):
- (i) conflict with, result in a violation or breach of, constitute a default or require any consent (other than such as has already been obtained), to be obtained

under, or give rise to any termination rights or payment obligations under, any provision of:

- (A) any Law applicable to it, any of its subsidiaries or any of its properties or assets;
 - (B) the articles or by-laws of the Company or those of its subsidiaries or any other agreement or understanding with any party holding an ownership interest in the Company; or
 - (C) any licence or registration or any agreement, contract or commitment, written or oral, which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party to or bound by or subject to;
- (ii) result in a conflict, contravention, breach or default under or termination of, or acceleration or permit the acceleration of the performance required by, or loss of any benefit under, or require any consent or approval under, any Material Contract or material Permit or license to which it is a party or by which it is bound or to which the Company Material Property or any of its material assets are subject or give to any person any interest, benefit or right, including any right of purchase, termination, suspension, alteration, payment, modification, reimbursement, cancellation or acceleration, under any such contracts, permits or licenses;
 - (iii) give rise to any rights of first refusal, rights of first offer or other similar third party rights, trigger any change in control or influence provisions or any restriction or limitation under any such agreement, Contract, indenture, authorization, deed of trust, mortgage, bond, instrument, licence, option or Permit; or
 - (iv) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon the Company Material Property or any of the Company's assets or the assets of any of its subsidiaries, or restrict, hinder, impair or limit its or its subsidiaries' ability to carry on their respective business as and where it is now being carried on.
- (f) Capitalization.
 - (i) The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Company Shares. As at the date hereof, there are 255,065,455 Company Shares issued and outstanding. As at the date hereof, there are Company Options outstanding providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 4,115,999 Company Shares upon the exercise thereof; there are Company Share Units outstanding providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 9,721,599 Company Shares upon the vesting or settlement thereof; and Company Warrants outstanding providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 60,745,728 Company Shares upon the exercise thereof. All outstanding Company Shares have been, and all Company Shares issuable pursuant to, or upon the exercise of, the Company Options and Company Warrants, and vesting of the Company Share

Units, all in accordance with their terms have been duly authorized and, upon issuance, will be, validly issued as fully paid and non-assessable shares of the Company, and such Company Shares are not and will not be, as applicable, subject to or issued in violation of, any pre-emptive rights.

- (ii) Section 3.1(f)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a schedule, as of the date hereof and to the extent applicable, all outstanding Company Options, Company Share Units and Company Warrants and, as applicable, the number, exercise price, date of grant, expiration dates, vesting schedules and performance criteria thereof, and the names of the holders of such Company Securities. Except as set out in Section 3.1(f)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Company has no other outstanding agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment or other right or privilege (whether by law, pre-emptive or contractual), nor has it granted any right or privilege capable of becoming an agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment, obligating it to issue or sell any Company Shares or other equity or voting securities, including any security or obligation of any kind convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any Company Shares or other equity or voting security of Company.
- (iii) There are no outstanding contractual obligations of the Company to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any such Company Shares.
- (iv) Other than the Company Incentive Plans, the Company does not have any share or stock appreciation right, phantom equity, restricted share unit, deferred share unit or similar right, agreement, arrangement or commitment based on the book value, Company Share price, income or any other attribute of or related to the Company.
- (v) The Company Shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSX and quoted on the OTCQB and, except for such listing and trading, no securities of the Company are listed or quoted for trading on any other stock or securities exchange or market or registered under any securities Laws.
- (vi) No holder of securities issued by the Company or any of its subsidiaries has any right to compel the Company or any of its subsidiaries to register or otherwise qualify securities for public sale in Canada, the United States, or elsewhere.
- (g) Shareholder and Similar Agreements. The Company is not party to any shareholder, pooling, voting trust or other similar agreement relating to the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.
- (h) Reporting Issuer Status and Securities Laws Matters. The Company is a “reporting issuer” within the meaning of applicable Securities Laws in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,

Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador and is not on the list of reporting issuers in default under applicable Securities Laws, and no securities commission or similar regulatory authority has issued any order preventing or suspending trading of any securities of the Company, and the Company is not in default of any material provision of applicable Securities Laws or the rules or regulations of the TSX. Trading in the Company Shares on the TSX is not currently halted or suspended. No delisting, suspension of trading or cease trading order with respect to any securities of the Company is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened. No inquiry, review or investigation (formal or informal) of the Company by any securities commission or similar regulatory authority under applicable Securities Laws, U.S. Securities Laws or the TSX is in effect or ongoing or expected to be implemented or undertaken. The Company has not taken any action to cease to be a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada nor has the Company received notification from any securities commission or similar regulatory authority seeking to revoke the reporting issuer status of the Company. Except as set forth in this Section 3.1(h) and Section 3.1(i), the Company is not subject to continuous disclosure or other public reporting requirements under any Securities Laws or the securities Laws of any other jurisdiction. The Company's subsidiaries are not subject to continuous disclosure or other disclosure requirements under any Securities Laws or the securities Laws of any other jurisdiction. The documents and information comprising the Company Public Disclosure Record, as at the respective dates they were filed, were in compliance in all material respects with applicable Securities Laws, and, where applicable, the rules and policies of the TSX and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Company has publicly disclosed in the Company Public Disclosure Record all information regarding any event, circumstance or action taken or failed to be taken which could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company is up to date in all forms, reports, statements and documents, including financial statements and management's discussion and analysis, required to be filed by the Company under applicable Securities Laws, and the rules and policies of the TSX. The Company has not filed any confidential material change report that at the date hereof remains confidential. There are no outstanding or unresolved comments in comments letters from any securities commission or similar regulatory authority with respect to any of the Company Public Disclosure Record and neither the Company nor any of the Company Public Disclosure Record is, to its knowledge, subject of an ongoing audit, review, comment or investigation by any securities commission or similar regulatory authority or the TSX.

(i) U.S. Securities Laws and other Matters.

- (i) The Company is a "foreign private issuer" within the meaning of Rule 405 under the U.S. Securities Act.

- (ii) The Company is not registered, and is not required to be registered, as an “investment company” pursuant to the U.S. Investment Company Act.
- (iii) No securities of the Company are registered or required to be registered under Section 12 of the U.S. Exchange Act, the Company is not required to file reports under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the U.S. Exchange Act, and the Company is not subject to any proceedings under or any order issued pursuant to section 12(j) of the U.S. Exchange Act.
- (j) Competition Act. Neither the aggregate value of the assets in Canada of the Company and any entities it controls, nor the aggregate value of their annual gross revenues from sales in, from or into Canada, exceeds C\$93 million, in each case as determined in accordance with the Competition Act.
- (k) Company Financial Statements.
 - (i) The Company Financial Statements have been, and all financial statements of the Company which are publicly disseminated by the Company in respect of any subsequent periods prior to the Effective Date will be, prepared in accordance with IFRS applied on a basis consistent with those of previous periods (except (i) as otherwise indicated in such financial statements and the notes thereto or, in the case of audited statements, in the related report of the Company’s independent auditors, or (ii) in the case of unaudited interim statements, to the extent they are subject to normal year-end adjustments) and in accordance with applicable Laws. The Company Financial Statements, together with the related management’s discussion and analysis, present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities (whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise) and financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, as at the respective dates thereof and the losses, comprehensive losses, results of operations, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows of the Company for the periods covered thereby (subject, in the case of any unaudited interim financial statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments) and reflect appropriate and adequate reserves in respect of contingent liabilities, if any. The Company does not intend to correct or restate, nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is there any basis for any correction or restatement of, any aspect of any of the Company Financial Statements.
 - (ii) Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any off-balance sheet transaction, arrangement, obligation or other relationship or any similar Contract (including any Contract relating to any transaction or relationship between or among the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or person, on the other hand) where the result, purpose or effect of such transaction, arrangement, obligation, relationship or contract is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, the Company or its subsidiaries, in the Company Public Disclosure Record.

- (iii) Since December 31, 2023, neither the Company, its subsidiaries nor any Representative of the Company or its subsidiaries has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any complaint, allegation, assertion, or claim, whether written or oral, regarding the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods of the Company or its subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls, including any complaint, allegation, assertion, or claim that the Company or its subsidiaries has engaged in questionable accounting or auditing practices, which has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the audit committee of the Company Board.
- (iv) There are no outstanding loans made by the Company to any director or officer of the Company.
- (l) Undisclosed Liabilities. Except (i) for liabilities and obligations that are specifically presented on the audited balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2023 or disclosed in the notes thereto; (ii) for liabilities and obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since December 31, 2023; and (iii) pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries has incurred any material liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether or not accrued, contingent or otherwise and are not party to or bound by any suretyship, guarantee, indemnification or assumption agreement, or endorsement of, or any other similar contract with respect to the obligations, liabilities or indebtedness of any person.
- (m) Auditors. The Company's auditors are independent with respect to the Company within the meaning of the rules of professional conduct applicable to auditors in Canada and there has never been a "reportable event" (within the meaning of Section 4.11 of National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*) with the Company's auditors.
- (n) Absence of Certain Changes. Since December 31, 2023, except as specifically contemplated by this Agreement, disclosed in the Company Public Disclosure Record or disclosed in Section 3.1(n) of the Company Disclosure Letter:
 - (i) the Company and its subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses only in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, except for the Arrangement contemplated hereby;
 - (ii) there has not been any event, occurrence, development or state of circumstances or facts that has had or would be reasonably expected to require the filing of a material change report under applicable Securities Laws or have a Material Adverse Effect;
 - (iii) there has not been any write-down by the Company of any of the material assets of the Company;
 - (iv) there has not been any expenditure or commitment to expend by the Company with respect to capital expenses in excess of \$250,000;

- (v) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has approved or entered into any agreement in respect of any acquisition or sale, lease, license or other disposition by the Company of any interest in any of the Company Properties or any other material assets whether by asset sale, transfer of property, shares or otherwise;
- (vi) there has not been any incurrence, assumption or guarantee by the Company of any material debt for borrowed money, any creation or assumption by the Company of any Lien, or any making by the Company of any loan, advance or capital contribution to or material investment in any other person;
- (vii) there has not been any satisfaction or settlement of any material claim, liability or obligation of the Company;
- (viii) none of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of the directors, officers, employees, consultants or auditors, thereof has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any fraud or complaint, allegation, assertion or Claim, whether written or oral, regarding fraud or the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls;
- (ix) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has effected any change in its accounting policies, principles, methods, practices or procedures;
- (x) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has suffered any casualty, damage, destruction or loss to any of its properties or assets;
- (xi) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into, or amended, any Material Contract;
- (xii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has declared, set aside or paid any dividends or made any distribution or payment or return of capital in respect of the Company Shares or any other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (xiii) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has effected or passed any resolution to approve a split, division, consolidation, combination or reclassification of the Company Shares or any other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (xiv) there has not been any increase in or modification of the compensation payable to or to become payable by the Company to any of its directors, officers, employees or consultants or any grant to any such director, officer, employee or consultant of any increase in severance or termination pay or any increase or modification of any bonus, pension, insurance or benefit arrangement to, for or with any of such directors, officers, employees or consultants;

- (xv) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has adopted, or amended, any collective bargaining agreement, bonus, pension, profit sharing, stock purchase, stock option or other benefit plan; and
 - (xvi) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has agreed, announced, resolved or committed to do any of the foregoing.
- (o) Compliance with Laws.
- (i) The business of the Company and subsidiaries has been and is currently being conducted in compliance in all material respects with applicable Laws and neither the Company nor its subsidiaries have received any notice of any alleged violation of any such Laws other than violations which have not had and would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company does not have any knowledge of any future or potential changes in any Law that may impact the business, operations, financial condition, prospects or otherwise of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all issued and outstanding Company Shares have been issued in compliance with all applicable Securities Laws.
 - (ii) Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries and, to the Company's knowledge, none of their respective directors, officers, supervisors, managers, employees, or agents has: (A) violated any applicable anti-corruption, anti-bribery, export control, and economic sanctions Laws, including the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* (Canada) and the *United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act*, (B) made or authorized any direct or indirect contribution, payment or gift of funds, property or anything else of value to any official, employee or agent of any Governmental Authority, authority or instrumentality in Canada, other jurisdictions in which the Company or its subsidiaries has assets or any other jurisdiction other than in accordance with applicable Laws, (C) used any corporate funds, or made any direct or indirect unlawful payment from corporate funds, to any foreign or domestic government official or employee or for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; or (D) violated or is in violation of any provision of the *Criminal Code* (Canada) relating to foreign corrupt practices, including making any contribution to any candidate for public office, in either case, where either the payment or gift or the purpose of such contribution payment or gift was or is prohibited under the foregoing or any other applicable Law of any locality.
 - (iii) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements of the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any Governmental Authority (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**") and

no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court of governmental authority or any arbitrator non-Governmental Authority involving the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

- (iv) To the knowledge of the Company, there have been no material violations or contraventions of its Code of Ethics by any officer, director, employee, consultant, contractor or agent of the Company or its subsidiaries. No variation, exception, waiver or management override from compliance with the Code of Ethics has been granted, in writing or otherwise, to any person.
- (p) Sanctions. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries (i) has assets located in a jurisdiction in violation of Sanctions Laws, or otherwise directly or indirectly derives revenues from or engages in, investments, dealings, activities, or transactions which violate Sanctions Laws; or (ii) directly or indirectly derives revenues from or engaged in investments, dealings, activities, or transactions with, any Sanctioned Person.
- (q) Permits.
 - (i) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has identified, obtained, acquired or entered into, and are in compliance with all Permits required by applicable Laws necessary to conduct its current businesses as it is now being conducted or proposed to be conducted (as described in the Company Public Disclosure Record).The Company Diligence Information contains a complete and accurate list of all such Permits (whether governmental, regulatory or similar type), and there are no other material Permits necessary to carry on its business as presently carried on or to own or lease any of the property or the assets utilized by the Company or its subsidiaries.
 - (ii) Any and all of the Permits pursuant to which the Company or its subsidiaries holds or will hold an interest in its properties and assets (including any interest in, or right to earn an interest in, any mineral property) are valid and subsisting permits, certificates, agreements, leases, licenses, documents or instruments in full force and effect, enforceable in accordance with terms thereof. All Permits are in good standing and there has been no default under any such Permit.
 - (iii) There are no actions, proceedings or investigations, pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, against the Company or any of its subsidiaries that, if successful, could reasonably be expected to result in the suspension, loss or revocation of any such Permits.
 - (iv) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are in material compliance with all Permits and there are no other Permits necessary to conduct their current business as it is now being conducted (as described in the Company Public Disclosure Record).

- (r) Litigation. Except as set out in Section 3.1(r) of the Company Disclosure Letter, there is no court, administrative, regulatory or similar proceeding (whether civil, quasi-criminal or criminal), arbitration or other dispute settlement procedure, investigation or inquiry before or by any Governmental Authority, or any claim, action, suit, demand, arbitration, charge, indictment, hearing, demand letter or other similar civil, quasi-criminal or criminal, administrative or investigative matter or proceeding, including by any third party whatsoever (collectively, “**Proceedings**”) against or involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or affecting any of their property or assets (whether in progress or, to the knowledge of the Company, currently threatened) other than Proceedings which would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no judgment, writ, decree, injunction, rule, award or order of any Governmental Authority outstanding against the Company or any of its subsidiaries in respect of its businesses, properties or assets.
- (s) Insolvency. No act or proceeding has been taken by or against the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, winding up, bankruptcy, reorganization, compromise or arrangement of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or for the appointment of a trustee, receiver, manager or other administrator of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its properties or assets nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is any such act or proceeding threatened. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sought protection under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada), the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) or similar legislation. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor any of their respective properties or assets is subject to any outstanding judgment, order, writ, injunction or decree that involves or may involve, or restricts or may restrict, the right or ability of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to conduct their respective businesses in all material respects as it has been carried on prior to the date hereof, or that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect or would reasonably be expected to prevent or significantly impede or materially delay the completion of the Arrangement.
- (t) Operational Matters. All rentals, royalties (whether statutory or contractual), overriding royalty interests, production payments, net profits, earn-outs, streaming agreements, metal pre-payment or similar agreements, interest burdens, payments and obligations due and payable, or performable, as the case may be, on or prior to the date hereof under, with respect to, or on account of, any direct or indirect assets of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, have been: (i) duly paid; (ii) duly performed; or (iii) provided for prior to the date hereof.
- (u) Costs, Expenses and Liabilities. All costs, expenses and liabilities payable on or prior to the date hereof under the terms of any Contracts and agreements to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries and affiliates is directly or indirectly bound have been properly and timely paid, except for such expenses that are being currently paid prior to delinquency in the ordinary course of business.

(v) Interest in Properties.

- (i) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries is the sole legal and beneficial owner, and has valid and sufficient right, title and interest free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens): (A) to its Permits, concessions, claims, leases, licences, options of any nature whatsoever and all other rights relating in any manner whatsoever to the interest in, or exploration for minerals on the Company Properties, all of which have been accurately and completely set out in the Company Diligence Information in all material respects and, in each case, as are necessary to perform the operations of the Company and each of its subsidiaries businesses as presently owned and conducted and as contemplated to be conducted; (B) to its real property interests of any nature whatsoever including fee simple estate of and in real property, licences (from landowners and authorities permitting the use of land by the Company or any of its subsidiaries), leases, options, rights of way, occupancy rights, surface rights, mineral rights, easements, water rights, water permits, well permits, ditch rights, pipeline easements and rights of way and all other real property interests, all of which have been identified completely and accurately in the Company Diligence Information in all material respects and, in each case, as are necessary to perform the operations of its business as presently owned and conducted and contemplated to be conducted; and (C) to, or is entitled to the benefits of, all of its properties and assets of any nature whatsoever and to all benefits derived therefrom and surface and mineral rights including all the properties (including, without limitation, the Company Material Property) and assets reflected in the balance sheet forming part of the Company Public Disclosure Record (collectively, the “**Company Properties**”).
- (ii) All mineral rights and mineral property claims in which the Company or any of its subsidiaries has an interest or right, including the Company Properties, have been validly located, staked, monumented, recorded and maintained in accordance with all Laws and are valid and subsisting. The Company timely performed all work and paid all maintenance fees and royalties required by the Governmental Authorities in the jurisdictions where the Company Properties are located. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has all necessary surface rights, access rights and other rights and interests relating to its mineral properties, granting the Company or its subsidiaries the right and ability to explore for minerals, ore and metals for development purposes, with only such exceptions as do not interfere with the use made by the Company or its subsidiaries of the rights or interests so held, and each of the property interests or rights and each of the documents, agreements, instruments and obligations relating thereto and referred to above is currently in good standing in the name of the Company or its subsidiaries and free and clear of all material encumbrances and no third party or group holds any such rights that would be required by the Company to so develop the Company Properties.
- (iii) The Company and each of its subsidiaries has duly and timely satisfied all of the obligations required to be satisfied, performed and observed by it under,

and there exists no default or event of default or event, occurrence, condition or act which, with the giving of notice, the lapse of time or the happening of any other event or condition, would become a default or event of default by the Company or its subsidiaries under any agreement pertaining to their respective Company Properties and each such lease, contract, option or other agreement is enforceable and in full force and effect.

- (iv) Other than as set out in Section 3.1(v)(iv) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (A) the Company and each of its subsidiaries have the exclusive right to deal with the Company Properties in all material respects; (B) no person or entity of any nature whatsoever other than the Company or its subsidiaries has any interest in the Company Properties or the production or profits therefrom or any right to acquire or otherwise obtain any such interest; (C) there are no options, back-in rights, earn-in rights, rights of first refusal, off-take rights or obligations, royalty rights, streaming rights, or other rights of any nature whatsoever which would affect the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' interests in the Company Properties, and no such rights are, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened; (D) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice, whether written or oral, from any Governmental Authority or any other person of any revocation or intention to revoke, diminish or challenge its interest in the Company Properties; and (E) the Company Properties are in good standing under and comply with all Laws in all material respects and all work required to be performed has been performed and all taxes, fees, expenditures and all other payments in respect thereof have been paid or incurred and all filings in respect thereof have been made.
- (v) There are no adverse claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings that have been commenced or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, that are threatened, affecting or which could affect the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' right, title or interest in the Company Properties or the ability of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to explore or develop the Company Properties, including the title to or ownership by the Company or its subsidiaries of the foregoing, or which might involve the possibility of any judgement or liability affecting the Company Properties.
- (vi) None of the directors or officers of the Company holds any right, title or interest in, nor has taken any action to obtain, directly or indirectly, any right, title and interest in any of Company Properties or in any Permit, claim, concession, lease, licence, option or other right to explore for, exploit, develop, mine or produce minerals from or in any manner in relation to the Company Properties and any other properties located within 20 kilometres of any of the Company Properties.
- (vii) No person has any written or verbal agreement or option or any right or privilege capable of becoming an agreement or option for the purchase from the Company or any of its subsidiaries of any of the assets of the Company.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is obligated under any prepayment contract or other prepayment arrangement to deliver mineral products at some future time without then receiving full payment therefor.

- (w) Expropriation. No Company Property or any other property or asset of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been expropriated, seized, levied upon, taken or subject to a lien or assessment of any Governmental Authority nor has any actual or constructive notice or proceeding in respect thereof been given or commenced nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is there any intent or proposal to give any such notice or to commence any such proceeding.
- (x) Cultural Heritage. None of the areas covered by the Company Properties (including any construction, remains or similar elements located on them) have been declared as a cultural heritage site by any Governmental Authority.
- (y) Technical Matters.
 - (i) The Company Material Property is the only material property of the Company for the purposes of NI 43-101.
 - (ii) The technical report prepared for the Company entitled “NI 43-101 Technical Report and Feasibility Study for the Goldboro Gold Project, Eastern Goldfields District, Nova Scotia” dated January 11, 2022, with an effective date of December 16, 2021, prepared by Glen Kuntz, P. Geo., Joanne Robinson, P.Eng., João Paulo dos Santos, MAusIMM (CP), Tommaso Raponi, P.Eng., Timo Kirchner, P.Geo. Steve Pumphrey, P.Eng., Reagan McIsaac, Ph.D., P.Eng., Andrew Betts, P.Eng., Harold Harkonen, P.Eng., and Jeff Parks, P. Geo of Nordmin Engineering Ltd (the “**Company Technical Report**”) complied in all material respects with the requirements of NI 43-101 at the time of filing thereof and reasonably presented the quantity of mineral resources attributable to the properties evaluated therein as at the date stated therein based upon information available at the time the Company Technical Report was prepared.
 - (iii) The Company has made available to the authors of the Company Technical Report, prior to the issuance thereof, for the purpose of preparing such report, all information requested by them, and none of such information contained any misrepresentation at the time such information was so provided.
 - (iv) All of the assumptions underlying the mineral resource estimates in the Technical Report and in the Company Public Disclosure Record are reasonable and appropriate and were prepared in all material respects in accordance with sound mining, engineering, geoscience and other applicable industry standards and practices, and in all material respects in accordance with all applicable Laws, including the requirements of NI 43-101. There has been no material reduction in the aggregate amount of estimated mineral resources of the Company, taken as a whole, from the amounts set forth in the Company Public

Disclosure Record, other than as a result of operations in the ordinary course of business.

- (v) The scientific and technical information set forth in the Company Public Disclosure Record relating to mineral resources required to be disclosed therein pursuant to NI 43-101 has been prepared by the Company and its consultants in accordance with methods generally applied in the mining industry and conforms, in all material respects, to the requirements of NI 43-101 and Securities Laws.
- (vi) The Company is in compliance in all material respects with the provisions of NI 43-101, has filed all technical reports required thereby, and there has been no change of which the Company is or should be aware that would disaffirm or change any aspect of the Company Technical Report or that would require the filing of a new technical report under NI 43-101.
- (vii) The Company has delivered to the Purchaser, or provided the Purchaser with access to, all scientific and technical information in its possession or under its control relating to the Company Properties, whether in writing, graphic, machine readable, electronic or physical form, including (i) geological, geophysical, geochemical, sampling, drilling, trenching, analytical testing, assaying, mineralogical, metallurgical and other similar information, including maps, charts and surveys, (ii) scoping, pre-feasibility, feasibility, engineering and other technical studies, exploration plans, development plans, mine plans or similar studies or analyses, (iii) plans, blueprints, process flow sheets, equipment and parts lists, instructions, manuals, and equipment records and procedures, and (iv) exploration, development, operations, production and other technical records, data and reports. At the date hereof, there are no outstanding unresolved comments of any Governmental Authority or any stock exchange in respect of the technical disclosure made in the Company Public Disclosure Record.
- (z) Work Programs. The Company has not entered into any Joint Venture, work program or made any other commitment or undertaking of any nature for which the Company will be required to pay greater than \$250,000 over the next three months that has not be disclosed in the Company Public Disclosure Record.
- (aa) First Nations Claims.
 - (i) The Company has not received any First Nations Claim which affects the Company or any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, has any First Nations Claim been threatened which relates to any of the Company Properties, any Permits or the operation by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of their respective businesses in the areas in which such operations are carried on or in which any of the Company Properties are located.

- (ii) Other than as set out in Section 3.1(aa)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Company and its subsidiaries have no outstanding agreements or similar arrangements with any First Nations Group.
 - (iii) No First Nations Group blockade, occupation, illegal action or on-site protest has occurred or, to the knowledge of the Company, has been threatened in connection with the activities on the Company Properties.
 - (iv) No First Nations Information has been received by the Company or any of its subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Company or the Company Properties.
- (bb) NGOs and Community Groups. No dispute between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and any non-governmental organization, community, or community group exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is threatened or imminent with respect to any of the Company Properties or operations. The Company has provided the Purchaser and its Representatives with full and complete access to all material correspondence received by the Company, its subsidiaries or their Representatives from any non-governmental organization, community, community group or First Nations Group.
- (cc) Taxes.
- (i) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has filed all Returns required to be filed by it with any Governmental Authority, and except as set out in Section 3.1(cc) of the Company Disclosure Letter, each such Return was complete and correct in all material respects at the time of filing. Except as set out in Section 3.1(cc) of the Company Disclosure Letter, each of the Company and its subsidiaries has paid or caused to be paid to the appropriate Governmental Authority on a timely basis all material Taxes which are due and payable, other than those which are being or have been contested in good faith pursuant to applicable Laws, and in respect of which adequate reserves or accruals in accordance with IFRS have been provided in the Company Financial Statements. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has made full and adequate provision in the books and records of the Company or such subsidiary, as applicable, and the Company Interim Financial Statements, for all Taxes which are not yet due and payable. Except as set out in Section 3.1(cc) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (A) no audit, action, investigation, deficiencies, litigation or proposed adjustments have been asserted or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to Taxes of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and neither the Company nor or any of its subsidiaries is a party to any action or proceeding for assessment or collection of Taxes and no such event has been asserted or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, and (B) no Return of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is under investigation, review, audit or examination by any Governmental Authority with respect to any Taxes, and no written notice of any investigation, review, audit or examination by any Governmental Authority has been

received by the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to any Taxes. No Lien for Taxes has been filed or exists with respect to any assets or properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than for Taxes not yet due and payable or Liens for Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and in respect of which adequate reserves or accruals in accordance with IFRS have been provided in the Company Financial Statements. There are no currently effective elections, agreements or waivers extending the statutory period or providing for an extension of time with respect to the assessment or reassessment of any Taxes, the filing of any Return (other than, to the extent applicable, automatic six-month extensions for U.S. federal and applicable state income Tax Returns) or any payment of Taxes by the Company or its subsidiaries. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has made, prepared and/or filed any elections, designations or similar filings relating to Taxes or entered into any agreement or other arrangement in respect of Taxes or Returns that could, in and of itself, require a material amount to be included in the income of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for any period commencing on or after the Effective Date.

- (ii) All deficiencies for Taxes asserted or assessed against the Company or any of its subsidiaries have been paid in full, accrued on the books of the Company or finally settled.
- (iii) All material Taxes that the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been required to withhold or deduct have been duly withheld or deducted and have been duly and timely paid to the proper Governmental Authority. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has remitted all Canada Pension Plan contributions, provincial pension plan contributions, employment insurance premiums, employer health taxes, payroll taxes and other Taxes payable by it in respect of its employees, directors, agents and consultants, as applicable, and has remitted such amounts to the appropriate Governmental Authority within the time required under applicable Laws. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries has, to the extent required under applicable Laws, duly charged, collected and remitted on a timely basis all Taxes on any sale, supply or delivery whatsoever, made by them. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries, if legally required to do so, is duly registered under subdivision (d) of Division V of Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) with respect to the goods and services tax and harmonized sales tax.
- (iv) There are no rulings or closing agreements relating to the Company or any of its subsidiaries which may affect the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' liability for Taxes for any taxable period commencing on or after the Effective Date.
- (v) The Company has never been in default of any of its legal obligations in respect of any "flow-through share" financings previously undertaken by the Company.

- (vi) For any transactions between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and any person who is not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act with whom the Company or such subsidiary was not dealing at arm's length for purposes of the Tax Act, the Company or such subsidiary has made or obtained records or documents that meet the requirements of paragraphs 247(4)(a) to (c) of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation).
- (vii) No circumstances exist or may reasonably be expected to arise as a result of matters existing before the Effective Date that may result in the Company or any of its subsidiaries being subject to the application of section 159 or section 160 of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation).
- (viii) None of sections 78, 79 or 80 to 80.04 of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation) have applied to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and there are no circumstances existing which could reasonably be expected to result in the application of sections 78, 79 or 80 to 80.04 of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation) to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
- (ix) There are no circumstances which exist and would result in, or which have existed and resulted in, section 17 of the Tax Act applying to the Company or to any of its subsidiaries. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is obligated to make any payments or is a party to any agreement under which it could be obligated to make any payment that will not be deductible in computing its income under the Tax Act by virtue of section 67 of the Tax Act.
- (x) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party to any agreement, understanding or arrangement relating to the allocation or sharing of Taxes (excluding customary commercial agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business the primary subject of which is not Taxes).
- (xi) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has any liability under U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law), or liability as a successor or transferee, by contract or otherwise, for Taxes of any person other than the Company or its subsidiaries, excluding any agreement or arrangement where the inclusion of a Tax indemnification or allocation provision is customary or incidental to an agreement the primary nature of which is not Tax sharing or indemnification.
- (xii) The Company and each of its subsidiaries is classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, but is not classified as a surrogate foreign corporation within the meaning of Section 7874(a) of the U.S. Tax Code or a U.S. domestic corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes under Section 7874(b) of the U.S. Tax Code.

- (xiii) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has participated in a “listed transaction” within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b)(2).
- (xiv) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is or has been a party to any “reportable transaction” as defined in Section 6707A(c)(1) of the U.S. Tax Code and U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b).
- (xv) None of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has made an election pursuant to Section 897(i) of the U.S. Tax Code.
- (xvi) During the last two years, none of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been a party to any transaction (other than a transaction described in Section 355(e)(2)(C) of the U.S. Tax Code) treated by the parties thereto as one to which Section 355 of the U.S. Tax Code (or any similar provision of state, local, or non-U.S. Law) applied.
- (xvii) The Company was classified as a “passive foreign investment company” within the meaning of Section 1297 of the U.S. Tax Code (“**PFIC**”) for its most recently completed Tax year and, based upon current business plans and financial expectations, the Company believes it will be a PFIC for its current tax year or future tax years.
- (xviii) The Company has not taken or agreed to take any action that would prevent the Arrangement from constituting a reorganization qualifying under Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code.
- (xix) The Company is not aware of any agreement, plan or other circumstance that would prevent the Arrangement from qualifying as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code.
- (xx) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any joint venture, partnership or other arrangement or contract that is treated as a partnership for income tax purposes in any jurisdiction.
- (xxi) No claim has ever been made by a Governmental Authority in respect of Taxes in a jurisdiction where neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries files Returns that the Company or such subsidiary is or may be subject to Tax by that jurisdiction. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries carries on business in a jurisdiction in which it does not file a Return.
- (xxii) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has applied for any subsidies to which it was not entitled under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program, Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program or Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, in each case as provided for under section 125.7 of the Tax Act, or any analogous or similar COVID-19 relief measures enacted by any Governmental Authority.

- (xxiii) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any “reportable transaction”, as defined in subsection 237.3(1) of the Tax Act, or any “notifiable transaction”, as defined in subsection 237.4(1) of the Tax Act.
 - (xxiv) The Company is a “taxable Canadian corporation” as defined in subsection 89(1) of the Tax Act.
- (dd) Contracts.
- (i) Set out in Section 3.1(dd) of the Company Disclosure Letter is a list of each Material Contract as of the date hereof. True and complete copies of all Material Contracts have been provided to the Purchaser as part of Company Diligence Information and, as of the date hereof, no such Material Contract has been modified, rescinded or terminated.
 - (ii) Each Material Contract is in full force and effect and is a valid and binding obligation of the Company or its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company without any inquiry, the other parties thereto and is enforceable by the Company or its subsidiaries in accordance with its respective terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency and other Laws affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally and subject to the qualification that equitable remedies may only be granted in the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (iii) The Company or its subsidiaries, as applicable, has performed all respective obligations required to be performed by it to date under the Material Contracts and none of the Company or its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, the other parties thereto, is in breach or violation of or in default under (in each case, with or without notice or lapse of time or both) any Material Contract. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received or given any notice of default under any Material Contract which remains uncured, and there exists no state of facts which after notice or lapse of time or both would constitute a default under or material breach of any Material Contract or result in the inability of a party to any Material Contract to perform its obligations thereunder
 - (iv) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any written notice or, to the knowledge of the Company, other notice that any party to a Material Contract intends to cancel, terminate or otherwise modify or not renew its relationship with the Company or with its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, no such action has been threatened.
- (ee) Employment Matters.
- (i) The Company Diligence Information includes details of all material employees of the Company and its subsidiaries, whether actively at work or not, including position, work location, number of years of service, term of contract (if fixed), compensation (including but not limited to salary, bonus and commissions),

eligibility to participate in short-term and long-term incentive plans, current status (full time or part-time, active or non-active (and if non-active, the reason for leave and expected return date, if known)), any accrued vacation, overtime or sick day entitlement, and whether they are unionized or subject to a written employment Contract as well as a list of all former employees of the Company and its subsidiaries to whom the Company or any of its subsidiaries has or may have any outstanding obligations, indicating the nature and the value of such obligations. Other than as disclosed in the Company Diligence Information, no employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries has any agreement as to length of notice or severance payment required to terminate his or her employment, other than such as results by Law from the employment of an employee without an agreement as to notice or severance. All written Contracts in relation to the material employees of the Company have been provided to the Purchaser as part of the Company Diligence Information.

- (ii) The Company Diligence Information includes details of each material independent contractor currently engaged by the Company or any of its subsidiaries including their consulting fees, any other forms of compensation or benefits to which they are entitled and whether they are subject to a written Contract. Current and complete copies of all such independent contractor Contracts that provide for base fees, bonus or any other incentive in excess of \$250,000 in aggregate per annum have been provided to the Purchaser. Each independent contractor of the Company and its subsidiaries has been properly classified as an independent contractor and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice from any Governmental Authority disputing such classification.
- (iii) Except as set out in Section 3.1(ee)(iii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to or bound or governed by, or subject to:
 - (A) any employment, consulting, retention or change of control agreement with, or any written or, to the knowledge of the Company, oral agreement, arrangement or understanding providing for retention, severance or termination payments, change of control, golden parachute, or any other obligation to, any officer, employee or consultant of the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the termination of their position or their employment as a direct result of a change in control of the Company (including as a result of the Arrangement);
 - (B) any application for certification, collective bargaining, voluntary recognition or any other labour or union agreement, or any actual or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened application for certification or bargaining rights in respect of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

- (C) any current, pending, or to the Company's knowledge, threatened labour dispute, strike, lock-out, work slowdown or stoppage relating to or involving any employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and no such event has occurred; or
- (D) any actual or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened claim against the Company or any of its subsidiaries arising out of or in connection with employment or consulting relationship or the termination thereof.

Complete and correct copies of any written agreements, arrangements and understandings referred to in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this Section 3.1(ee) are included in the Company Diligence Information.

- (iv) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has engaged in any unfair labour practice and no unfair labour practice complaint, grievance or arbitration proceeding is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
 - (v) To the Company's knowledge, no senior employee, consultant, or independent contractor intends to terminate his or her relationship with the Company nor any of its subsidiaries for any reason (including as a result of the Arrangement).
 - (vi) All accruals for unpaid vacation pay, sick pay and overtime, premiums for employment insurance, Employee Plan premiums, Canada Pension Plan premiums, accrued wages, salaries and incentive payments have been reflected in the Company's books and records.
- (ff) Health and Safety.
- (i) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries have operated in all material respects in accordance with all applicable Laws with respect to employment and labour, including employment and labour standards, occupational health and safety, employment equity, pay equity, workers' compensation, human rights and harassment and discrimination prevention, labour relations, immigration and privacy, and there are no current, pending, or to the knowledge of the Company, threatened proceedings before any Governmental Authority with respect to any such matters.
 - (ii) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received any demand or notice with respect to a breach of any applicable health and safety Laws, the effect of which would be reasonably expected to affect operations relating to the Company Properties.
 - (iii) There are no outstanding assessments, penalties, fines, liens, charges, surcharges, or other amounts due or owing pursuant to any workplace safety and insurance legislation and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has been reassessed in any material respect under such legislation during the

past three years and, no audit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently being performed pursuant to any applicable workplace safety and insurance legislation. There are no claims, investigations or inquiries pending against the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or naming the Company or any of its subsidiaries as a potentially responsible party) based on non-compliance with any applicable health and safety Laws at any of the operations relating to the Company Properties.

(gg) Acceleration of Benefits. All material employment agreements of the Company have been disclosed in the Company Diligence Information, and other than pursuant to such employment agreements and/or the Company Incentive Plans, no person in a position that is material to the Company could, as a result of any of the transactions contemplated herein or in the Plan of Arrangement, become entitled to, (i) any retirement, severance, bonus or other similar payment from the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) the acceleration of the vesting or the time to exercise of any outstanding stock option or employee or director awards of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (iii) the forgiveness or postponement of payment of any indebtedness owing by such person to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (iv) receive any additional payments or compensation under or in respect of any employee or director benefits or incentive or other compensation plans or arrangements from the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(hh) Pension and Employee Benefits.

- (i) Other than the Company Incentive Plans and all other Employee Plans set out in Section 3.1(hh) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any pension or retirement income plans or other employee compensation or benefit plans, agreements, policies, programs, arrangements or practices, whether written or oral, which are maintained by or binding upon the Company.
- (ii) All Employee Plans are set out in Section 3.1(hh) of the Company Disclosure Letter. The Company has provided as part of Company Diligence Information true, correct and complete copies of all the Employee Plans as amended as of the date hereof, together with all related documentation including, without limitation, funding and investment management agreements, summary plan descriptions, the most recent actuarial reports (including, for greater certainty, actuarial valuations in respect of any multi-employer pension plan), financial statements, asset statements, and all opinions and memoranda (whether externally or internally prepared) and correspondence with all regulatory authorities or other relevant persons.
- (iii) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries have complied in all material respects with all of the terms of the Employee Plans, and all applicable Laws in respect of employee compensation and benefit obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries. All contributions, and premiums owing under the Employee Plans have been paid when due in accordance with the terms of the

Employee Plans and applicable Laws. The Company and/or its subsidiaries, as the case may be, have paid in full all contributions under the Employee Plans up to the date hereof.

- (iv) No Employee Plan is a “registered pension plan”, a “retirement compensation arrangement”, or a “registered retirement savings plan,” as such terms are defined in the Tax Act or provides benefits following the retirement or (except where required by statute) termination of employment of any employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
- (v) There are no claims (other than routine claims for benefits by employees and their beneficiaries or dependents arising in the normal course of operation of the Employee Plan) pending or, to the Company’s knowledge, threatened with respect to any Employee Plan or any fiduciary or sponsor of an Employee Plan with respect to their duties under such Employee Plan or the assets of any trust under such Employee Plan.
- (vi) No insurance policy or any other agreement affecting any Employee Plan requires or permits a retroactive increase in contributions, premiums or other payments. The level of insurance reserves under each Employee Plan that provides group benefits and contemplates the holding of reserves is reasonable and sufficient to provide for all incurred but unreported claims.
- (vii) No provision in any Employee Plan or of any agreement, and no act or omission of the sponsor of an Employee Plan limits, impairs, modifies, or otherwise affects the right of the sponsor of the Employee Plan to unilaterally amend or terminate any Employee Plan, and no commitments to improve or otherwise amend any Employee Plan have been made.
- (viii) The sponsor of each Employee Plan is in possession of all documents and employee data necessary to administer each Employee Plan in accordance with its terms and applicable Law. Such data is complete, correct, and in a form that is sufficient for the proper administration of each Employee Plan.
- (ix) No liability exists in connection with any former Employee Plan relating to current or former employees (or any beneficiary or dependent).
- (ii) Employee Matters. Any individual who performs services for the Company’s or any of its subsidiaries’ business and who is not treated as an employee is not an employee under applicable Law or for any purpose including, without limitation, for Tax withholding purposes or benefit plan purposes. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has any liability by reason of an individual who performs or performed services for the Company’s or any of its subsidiaries’ business in any capacity being improperly excluded from participating in a benefit plan.
- (jj) Employment Withholdings. The Company has withheld from each payment made to any of its present or former employees, officers or directors, or to other persons, all amounts required by Law or administrative practice to be withheld by it on

account of income taxes, pension plan contributions, employment insurance premiums, employer health taxes and similar taxes and levies, and has remitted such withheld amounts within the required time to the appropriate Governmental Authority.

- (kk) Intellectual Property. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries owns or possesses any intellectual property rights including any patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, service marks or trade names which are, individually or in the aggregate, material to the business and operations of the Company and its subsidiaries as a whole as currently conducted.
- (ll) Environment.
- (i) The Company and its subsidiaries have carried on and are currently carrying on their operations in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and the Company Properties and assets comply with all applicable Environmental Laws, in each case in all material respects.
 - (ii) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries have obtained from the relevant Governmental Authorities, and are in compliance with, any Environmental Approvals required to conduct their previous and current businesses and such Environmental Approvals remain valid and in good standing on the date hereof.
 - (iii) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any contingent or other liability relating to (A) the restoration or rehabilitation of land, water or any other part of the environment, (B) mine closure, reclamation, remediation or other post operational requirements, or (C) non-compliance with Environmental Laws, except for those required by their Environmental Approvals.
 - (iv) The Company Properties have not been used to generate, manufacture, refine, treat, recycle, transport, store, handle, dispose of, discharge, release, transfer, produce or process Hazardous Substances, except in material compliance with all Environmental Laws. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has caused or permitted the Release of any Hazardous Substances at, in, on, under or from any Company Property, except in material compliance with all Environmental Laws. All Hazardous Substances handled, recycled, disposed of, discharged, released, treated or stored on or off site of the Company Properties by the Company or any of its subsidiaries have been handled, recycled, disposed of, discharged, released, treated and stored in material compliance with all Environmental Laws. There are no Hazardous Substances at, in, on, under or migrating from any Company Property, except in material compliance with all Environmental Laws.
 - (v) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has treated, disposed of, discharged, released, or arranged for the treatment, disposal, discharge or

release of, any Hazardous Substances at any location: (A) listed on any list of hazardous sites or sites requiring Remedial Action issued by any Governmental Authority; (B) proposed for listing on any list issued by any Governmental Authority of hazardous sites or sites requiring Remedial Action, or any similar federal, state or provincial lists; or (C) which is the subject of enforcement actions by any Governmental Authority that creates the reasonable potential for any proceeding, action, or other claim against the Company or any of its subsidiaries. No site or facility now or previously owned, operated or leased by the Company or any of its subsidiaries is listed or, to the knowledge of the Company, is proposed for listing on any list issued by any Governmental Authority of hazardous sites or sites requiring Remedial Action or is the subject of Remedial Action.

- (vi) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has caused or permitted the Release of any Hazardous Substances on or to any Company Property in such a manner as: (A) would reasonably be expected to impose liability for cleanup, natural resource damages, loss of life, personal injury, nuisance or damage to other property, except to the extent that such liability would not be material to the Company and its subsidiaries; or (B) would be reasonably expected to result in imposition of a lien, charge or other encumbrance or the expropriation of any Company Property or any of the assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
- (vii) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received from any person or Governmental Authority any notice, formal or informal, of any proceeding, action or other claim, liability or potential liability arising under any Environmental Law that is pending as of the date of this Agreement. To the knowledge of the Company, there are no facts or circumstances that reasonably could be expected to give rise to any such notice, action or other claim, liability or potential liability.
- (mm) Insurance. Except as set out in Section 3.1(mm) of the Company Disclosure Letter, each of the Company and its subsidiaries has in place reasonable and prudent insurance policies appropriate for its size, nature and stage of development. All insurance policies of the Company and its subsidiaries are disclosed in Section 3.1(mm) of the Company Disclosure Letter and are in full force and effect. All premiums due and payable under all such policies have been paid and the Company and its subsidiaries are otherwise in compliance with the terms of such policies. The Company has not received any notice of cancellation or termination with respect to any such policy. There has been no denial of claims nor claims disputed by the Company's and its subsidiaries' insurers. All proceedings covered by any insurance policy of the Company and its subsidiaries have been properly reported to and accepted by the applicable insurer.
- (nn) Books and Records. The corporate records and minute books of the Company and its subsidiaries have been maintained in accordance with all applicable Laws and such corporate records and minute books are complete and accurate in all material

respects. The financial books and records and accounts of the Company have been maintained in accordance with good business practices and in accordance with IFRS or the accounting principles generally accepted in the country of domicile of each such entity on a basis consistent with prior years.

- (oo) Non-Arm's Length Transactions. Other than as disclosed in Section 3.1(oo) of the Company Disclosure Letter or the Company Public Disclosure Record and other than employment or compensation agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, as of the date hereof there are no current contracts, commitments, agreements, arrangements or other transactions between the Company or its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any (i) officer or director of the Company or its subsidiaries, (ii) any holder of record of 5% or more of the outstanding Company Shares or any person that, to the knowledge of the Company, beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding Company Shares, or (iii) any affiliate or associate or any such officer, director or Company Shareholder, on the other hand.
- (pp) Financial Advisors or Brokers. Except as disclosed in the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has incurred any obligation or liability, contingent or otherwise, or agreed to pay or reimburse any broker, finder, financial adviser or investment banker, for any brokerage, finder's, advisory or other fee or commission, or for the reimbursement of expenses, in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or any alternative transaction in relation to the Company, other than with respect to the Company Fairness Opinion Provider. The Company has provided to the Purchaser correct and complete copies of the agreements under which the Company Fairness Opinion Provider have agreed to provide services to the Company. Section 3.1(pp) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets out the aggregate dollar amount to be payable to and as agreed upon with the Company Fairness Opinion Provider in the event the Arrangement is completed.
- (qq) Company Fairness Opinion. The Company Board has received the Company Fairness Opinion, which opinion, as of the date of this Agreement, has not been modified, amended, qualified or withdrawn. The Company has been authorized by the Company Fairness Opinion Provider to permit inclusion of a copy of the Company Fairness Opinion in the Company Circular.
- (rr) Company Board Approval. The Company Board, at a meeting duly called and held, after consultation with management of the Company and legal and financial advisors, has unanimously determined that this Agreement and the Arrangement are fair to the Company Shareholders and are in the best interests of the Company, have unanimously approved the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and have unanimously resolved to recommend that the Company Shareholders vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution. No action has been taken to amend, or supersede such determinations, resolutions or authorizations of the Company Board.

- (ss) Ownership of Purchaser Shares or Other Securities. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates own any Purchaser Shares or any other securities of the Purchaser.
- (tt) Collateral Benefits. Other than as disclosed in Section 3.1(tt) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as of the date hereof, to the knowledge of the Company, no related party of the Company (within the meaning of MI 61-101) together with its associated entities, beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over 1% or more of the outstanding Company Shares, except for related parties who will not receive a “collateral benefit” (within the meaning of MI 61-101) as a consequence of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (uu) Restrictions on Business Activities. There is no agreement, judgment, injunction, order or decree binding upon the Company or any of its subsidiaries that has or could reasonably be expected to have the effect of prohibiting, restricting or impairing, any business practice of the Company, its subsidiaries or any of its affiliates, any acquisition of property by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of its affiliates, or the conduct of business by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of its affiliates, as currently conducted (including following the transactions contemplated by this Agreement).
- (vv) Funds Available. The Company has sufficient funds available to pay, prior to the Effective Time, all transaction costs, all payments required pursuant to change of control provisions, all additional remaining accounts payable and current liabilities of the Company and any of its subsidiaries, net of current assets, as determined in accordance with IFRS at the Effective Time, other than any material amounts which may be or become due and payable under or in connection with the Company Facility Agreement.
- (ww) Indemnification Agreements. There are no agreements to which the Company, on the one hand, and any one or more of the current officers and directors of the Company, on the other hand, are parties that contain rights to indemnification in favour of the current officers and directors of the Company.
- (xx) Employment, Severance and Change of Control Agreements. The Company Diligence Information contains correct and complete copies of all employment, consulting, change of control and severance agreements to which the Company is a party providing for severance payments in excess of the amount that would result by Law from the employment of an employee without an agreement as to notice or severance.
- (yy) Confidentiality Agreements. All agreements entered into by the Company or its subsidiaries with persons regarding the confidentiality of information provided to such person or reviewed by such persons with respect to any transaction in the nature described in the definition of Acquisition Proposal, each contain customary provisions, including standstill provisions, have not been waived or released with respect to the applicability of any such “standstill” or other provisions of such

confidentiality agreements, except to the extent such agreements contain provisions that provide for automatic exemptions as a result of the Arrangement.

3.2 Representations and Warranties of the Purchaser

The Purchaser represents and warrants to and in favour of the Company as follows and acknowledges that the Company is relying upon such representations and warranties in entering into this Agreement:

(a) Organization and Qualification.

- (i) The Purchaser has been duly formed, and validly exists and is in good standing under the BCBCA, and has the requisite corporate and legal power and capacity to own its assets as now owned and to carry on its business as it is now being carried on. The Purchaser is duly qualified to carry on business in each jurisdiction in which the nature or character of its properties and assets, owned, leased or operated by it, or the nature of its business or activities, makes such qualification necessary. The Purchaser Diligence Information includes, in all material respects, complete and correct copies of the constating documents of the Purchaser, as amended to the date of this Agreement, and the Purchaser has not taken any action to amend or supersede such documents.
- (ii) The Purchaser Diligence Information includes, in all material respects, complete and correct copies of the resolutions or minutes (or, in the case of draft minutes, the most recent drafts thereof) of all meetings of the Purchaser Shareholders, the Purchaser Board and each committee of the Purchaser Board, excluding any minutes (or portion thereof) of the Purchaser Board in relation to this Agreement and the Purchaser has not taken any action to amend or supersede such documents.

(b) Subsidiaries.

- (i) The Purchaser Diligence Information includes a complete and accurate list of subsidiaries of the Purchaser, each of which is duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the jurisdictions indicated and each of which has the requisite corporate and legal power and capacity to own its assets as now owned and to carry on its business as it is now being carried on.
- (ii) Each of the subsidiaries of the Purchaser is duly qualified to carry on business in each jurisdiction in which the nature or character of its properties and assets, owned, leased or operated by it, or the nature or character of the properties and assets owned, leased or operated by its, or the nature of its business or activities, makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified would not be reasonably expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect.
- (iii) Other than pursuant to the Purchaser Facility Agreement, the Purchaser is, directly or indirectly, the legal, beneficial and registered owner of all of the

issued shares or other equity interests of each of its subsidiaries and none of the wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Purchaser has any outstanding agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment (nor has any of the Purchaser's subsidiaries granted any right or privilege capable of becoming an agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment) obligating it to issue or sell any of its shares or other equity interests, including any security or obligation of any kind convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any shares or other securities of any such subsidiaries. All of the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of each of the Purchaser's subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully-paid and non-assessable, and all such shares are, except pursuant to restrictions on transfer contained in constating documents or bylaws, owned free and clear of all Liens of any kind or nature whatsoever and are free of any other restrictions including any restrictions on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of such shares or other equity interests.

- (iv) Other than as disclosed in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, except for the shares owned by the Purchaser in its subsidiaries, neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries owns, beneficially, any shares in the capital of any corporation, and neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries holds any securities or obligations of any kind convertible into or exchangeable for shares in the capital of any corporation. Neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries is a party to any agreement to acquire any shares in the capital of any corporation.
 - (v) The Purchaser Diligence Information includes, in all material respects, complete and correct copies of the constating documents of each of the Purchaser's material subsidiaries, as amended to the date of this Agreement, and complete and correct copies of the resolutions or minutes (or, in the case of draft minutes, the most recent drafts thereof) of all meetings of the shareholders of each of the Purchaser's subsidiaries, the board of directors of each of the Purchaser's material subsidiaries and each committee thereof, excluding any minutes (or portion thereof) in relation to this Agreement.
- (c) Authority Relative to this Agreement. The Purchaser has the requisite corporate power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder and to complete the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder and the completion by the Purchaser of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly authorized by the Purchaser Board and no other corporate proceedings on the part of the Purchaser are necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by it of this Agreement or the performance by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder or the completion of the Arrangement or the completion by the Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Purchaser and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Purchaser enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer, moratorium and other Laws relating

to or affecting the availability of equitable remedies and the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity and public policy and to the qualification that equitable remedies such as specific performance and injunction may be granted only in the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (d) Required Approvals. No material authorization, licence, Permit, certificate, registration, consent or approval of, or filing with, or notification to, any Governmental Authority is required to be obtained or made by or with respect to the Purchaser for the execution and delivery of this Agreement or, the performance by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder or the completion by the Purchaser of the Arrangement, other than:
- (i) the Interim Order and any filings required in order to obtain, and approvals required under, the Interim Order;
 - (ii) the Final Order, and any filings required in order to obtain the Final Order;
 - (iii) such filings and other actions required under applicable Securities Laws and the rules and policies of the TSX and the TSXV as are contemplated by this Agreement; and
 - (iv) any other authorizations, licences, permits, certificates, registrations, consents, approvals and filings and notifications with respect to which the failure to obtain or make same would not reasonably be expected to prevent or significantly impede or materially delay the completion of the Arrangement.
- (e) No Violation. Subject to obtaining the authorizations, consents and approvals and making the filings referred to in Section 3.2(d), the execution and delivery by the Purchaser of this Agreement, the performance by the Purchaser of its obligations hereunder and the completion by the Purchaser of the Arrangement do not and will not (nor will they with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both):
- (i) conflict with, result in a violation or breach of, constitute a default or require any consent (other than such as has already been obtained), to be obtained under, or give rise to any termination rights or payment obligations under, any provision of:
 - (A) any Law applicable to it, any of its subsidiaries or any of its properties or assets;
 - (B) the notice of articles or articles of the Purchaser or those of its subsidiaries or any other agreement or understanding with any party holding an ownership interest in the Purchaser; or
 - (C) any licence or registration or any agreement, contract or commitment, written or oral, which the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is a party to or bound by or subject to;

- (ii) other than in connection with the Purchaser Facility Agreement and the Purchaser Royalty Agreement, result in a conflict, contravention, breach or default under or termination of, or acceleration or permit the acceleration of the performance required by, or loss of any benefit under, or require any consent or approval under, any Purchaser Material Contract or material Permit or license to which it is a party or by which it is bound or to which the Purchaser Material Property or any of its material assets are subject or give to any person any interest, benefit or right, including any right of purchase, termination, suspension, alteration, payment, modification, reimbursement, cancellation or acceleration, under any such contracts, permits or licenses;
 - (iii) give rise to any rights of first refusal, rights of first offer or other similar third party rights, trigger any change in control or influence provisions or any restriction or limitation under any such agreement, Contract, indenture, authorization, deed of trust, mortgage, bond, instrument, licence, option or Permit; or
 - (iv) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon the Purchaser Material Property or any of the Purchaser's assets or the assets of any of its subsidiaries, or restrict, hinder, impair or limit its or its subsidiaries' ability to carry on their respective business as and where it is now being carried on.
- (f) Capitalization.
- (i) The authorized capital of the Purchaser consists of an unlimited number of Purchaser Shares. As at the date of this Agreement, there were 76,210,419 Purchaser Shares issued and outstanding. As at the date of this Agreement, there were stock options outstanding providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 2,619,936 Purchaser Shares upon the exercise thereof; restricted share units outstanding providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 3,572,176 Purchaser Shares upon the vesting thereof; and common share purchase warrants outstanding providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 15,585,930 Purchaser Shares upon the exercise thereof. Except (i) as set forth in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, (ii) pursuant to the Purchaser Facility Agreement, (iii) pursuant to the Purchaser Financial Advisor Agreement, and (iv) the stock options, restricted share units and common share purchase warrants described in the preceding sentence and as disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information, the Purchaser has no other outstanding agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment or other right or privilege (whether by law, pre-emptive or contractual), nor has it granted any right or privilege capable of becoming an agreement, subscription, warrant, option, right or commitment, obligating it to issue or sell any Purchaser Shares or other voting or equity securities, including any security or obligation of any kind convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any Purchaser Shares or other voting or equity security. All outstanding Purchaser Shares have been, and all Purchaser Shares issuable upon the exercise or vesting of rights under stock options, restricted share units and warrants in accordance with their

terms have been duly authorized and, upon issuance, will be, validly issued as fully paid and non-assessable shares of the Purchaser and are not and will not be, as applicable, subject to or issued in violation of, any pre-emptive rights.

- (ii) The Purchaser Diligence Information includes a schedule, as of the date hereof and to the extent applicable, all outstanding stock options, restricted share units, warrants and other convertible securities of the Purchaser and, as applicable, the number, exercise price, date of grant, expiration dates, vesting schedules and performance criteria thereof, and the names of the holders of such securities of the Purchaser.
- (iii) There are no outstanding contractual obligations of the Purchaser to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any Purchaser Shares.
- (iv) Other than as set forth in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, the Purchaser does not have any share or stock appreciation right, phantom equity, restricted share unit, deferred share unit or similar right, agreement, arrangement or commitment based on the book value, Purchaser Share price, income or any other attribute of or related to the Purchaser.
- (v) The Purchaser Shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSXV and quoted on the OTCQX and, except for such listings and trading, no securities of the Purchaser are listed or quoted for trading on any other stock or securities exchange or market or registered under any securities Laws.
- (g) Consideration Shares. All Consideration Shares will, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Arrangement, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable Purchaser Shares.
- (h) Shareholder and Similar Agreements. Except as set forth in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, the Purchaser is not party to any shareholder, pooling, voting trust or other similar agreement relating to the issued and outstanding shares in the capital of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries.
- (i) Reporting Issuer Status and Securities Laws Matters. The Purchaser is a “reporting issuer” within the meaning of applicable Securities Laws in Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario and is not on the list of reporting issuers in default under applicable Securities Laws, and no securities commission or similar regulatory authority has issued any order preventing or suspending trading of any securities of the Purchaser, and the Purchaser is not in default of any material provision of applicable Securities Laws or the applicable rules or regulations of the TSXV. Trading in the Purchaser Shares on the TSXV are not currently halted or suspended. No delisting, suspension of trading or cease trading order with respect to any securities of the Purchaser is pending or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened. No inquiry, review or investigation (formal or informal) of the Purchaser by any securities commission or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, similar regulatory authority under applicable Securities Laws, or the TSXV is in

effect or ongoing or expected to be implemented or undertaken. The Purchaser has not taken any action to cease to be a reporting issuer in any province or territory of Canada nor has the Purchaser received notification from any securities commission or similar regulatory authority seeking to revoke the reporting issuer status of the Purchaser. Except as set forth in this Section 3.2(i), the Purchaser is not subject to continuous disclosure or other public reporting requirements under any Securities Laws, U.S. Securities Laws or any other securities Laws. The documents and information comprising the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, as at the respective dates they were filed, were in compliance in all material respects with applicable Securities Laws, and, where applicable, the rules and policies of the TSXV and did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Purchaser has publicly disclosed in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record all information regarding any event, circumstance or action taken or failed to be taken which could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect. The Purchaser is up to date in all forms, reports, statements and documents, including financial statements and management's discussion and analysis, required to be filed by the Purchaser under applicable Securities Laws, and the rules and policies of the TSXV. The Purchaser has not filed any confidential material change report that at the date hereof remains confidential. There are no outstanding or unresolved comments in comments letters from any securities commission or similar regulatory authority with respect to any of the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record and, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, neither the Purchaser nor any of the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record is subject of an ongoing audit, review, comment or investigation by any securities commission or similar regulatory authority or the TSXV.

(j) Purchaser Financial Statements.

- (i) The Purchaser Financial Statements have been, and all financial statements of the Purchaser which are publicly disseminated by the Purchaser in respect of any subsequent periods prior to the Effective Date will be, prepared in accordance with IFRS applied on a basis consistent with those of previous periods (except (i) as otherwise indicated in such financial statements and the notes thereto or, in the case of audited statements, in the related report of the Purchaser's independent auditors, or (ii) in the case of unaudited interim statements, to the extent they are subject to normal year-end adjustments) and in accordance with applicable Laws. The Purchaser Financial Statements, together with the related management's discussion and analysis, present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities (whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise) and financial condition of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, as at the respective dates thereof and the losses, comprehensive losses, results of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Purchaser for the periods covered thereby (subject, in the case of any unaudited interim financial statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments) and reflect appropriate and adequate reserves in respect of

contingent liabilities, if any. The Purchaser does not intend to correct or restate, nor, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, is there any basis for any correction or restatement of, any aspect of any of the Purchaser Financial Statements.

- (ii) Neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any off-balance sheet transaction, arrangement, obligation or other relationship or any similar Contract (including any Contract relating to any transaction or relationship between or among the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or person, on the other hand) where the result, purpose or effect of such transaction, arrangement, obligation, relationship or contract is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record.
- (iii) Since December 31, 2023, neither the Purchaser, its subsidiaries nor any Representative of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any complaint, allegation, assertion, or claim, whether written or oral, regarding the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls, including any complaint, allegation, assertion, or claim that the Purchaser or its subsidiaries is engaged in questionable accounting or auditing practices, which has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the audit committee of the Purchaser Board.
- (iv) There are no outstanding loans made by the Purchaser to any director or officer of the Purchaser.
- (k) Undisclosed Liabilities. Except: (i) liabilities and obligations that are specifically presented on the audited balance sheet of the Purchaser as of December 31, 2023 or disclosed in the notes thereto; (ii) liabilities and obligations incurred: (A) in connection with and arising from the Blackwolf Arrangement; and (B) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since December 31, 2023; and (iii) pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries has incurred any material liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether or not accrued, contingent or otherwise and are not party to or bound by any suretyship, guarantee, indemnification or assumption agreement, or endorsement of, or any other similar contract with respect to the obligations, liabilities or indebtedness of any person.
- (l) Auditors. The Purchaser's auditors are independent with respect to the Purchaser within the meaning of the rules of professional conduct applicable to auditors in Canada and there has never been a "reportable event" (within the meaning of Section 4.11 of National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*) with the Purchaser's auditors.

- (m) Absence of Certain Changes. Since December 31, 2023, except as set forth in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record:
- (i) the Purchaser and its subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses only in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice, except for the Arrangement contemplated hereby;
 - (ii) there has not been any event, occurrence, development or state of circumstances or facts that has had or would be reasonably expected to require the filing of a material change report under applicable Securities Laws or have a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect;
 - (iii) there has not been any write-down by the Purchaser of any of the material assets of the Purchaser;
 - (iv) there has not been any expenditure or commitment to expend by the Purchaser with respect to capital expenses in excess of \$250,000;
 - (v) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has approved or entered into any agreement in respect of any acquisition or sale, lease, license or other disposition of any interest in any of their respective material properties or assets, whether by asset sale, transfer of property, shares or otherwise;
 - (vi) there has not been any incurrence, assumption or guarantee by the Purchaser of any material debt for borrowed money, any creation or assumption by the Purchaser of any Lien, or any making by the Purchaser of any loan, advance or capital contribution to or material investment in any other person;
 - (vii) there has not been any satisfaction or settlement of any material claim, liability or obligation of the Purchaser;
 - (viii) none of the Purchaser, any of its subsidiaries or any of the directors, officers, employees, consultants or auditors, thereof has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any fraud or complaint, allegation, assertion or Claim, whether written or oral, regarding fraud or the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls;
 - (ix) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has effected any change in its accounting policies, principles, methods, practices or procedures;
 - (x) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has suffered any casualty, damage, destruction or loss to any of its properties or assets;
 - (xi) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into, or amended, any Purchaser Material Contract;

- (xii) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has declared, set aside or paid any dividends or made any distribution or payment or return of capital in respect of the Purchaser Shares or any other securities of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries;
 - (xiii) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has effected or passed any resolution to approve a split, division, consolidation, combination or reclassification of the Purchaser Shares or any other securities of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries;
 - (xiv) there has not been any increase in or modification of the compensation payable to or to become payable by the Purchaser to any of its directors, officers, employees or consultants or any grant to any such director, officer, employee or consultant of any increase in severance or termination pay or any increase or modification of any bonus, pension, insurance or benefit arrangement to, for or with any of such directors, officers, employees or consultants;
 - (xv) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has adopted, or amended, any collective bargaining agreement, bonus, pension, profit sharing, stock purchase, stock option or other benefit plan; and
 - (xvi) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has agreed, announced, resolved or committed to do any of the foregoing.
- (n) No Material Adverse Effect. Since December 31, 2023 and to the date hereof, there has not been a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect.
- (o) Compliance with Laws.
- (i) The business of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has been and is currently being conducted in compliance in all material respects with applicable Laws and neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries have received any written notice of any alleged violation of any such Laws other than violations which have not had and would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect. The Purchaser does not have any knowledge of any future or potential changes in any Law that may impact the business, operations, financial condition, prospects or otherwise of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all issued and outstanding Purchaser Shares have been issued in compliance with all applicable Securities Laws.
 - (ii) Neither the Purchaser nor its subsidiaries and, to the Purchaser's knowledge, none of their respective directors, officers, supervisors, managers, employees, or agents has: (A) violated any applicable anti-corruption, anti-bribery, export control, and economic sanctions Laws, including the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* (Canada) and the *United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act*, (B) made or authorized any direct or indirect contribution, payment or gift of funds, property or anything else of value to any official, employee or agent

of any Governmental Authority, authority or instrumentality in Canada, other jurisdictions in which the Purchaser or its subsidiaries has assets or any other jurisdiction other than in accordance with applicable Laws, (C) used any corporate funds, or made any direct or indirect unlawful payment from corporate funds, to any foreign or domestic government official or employee or for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expense relating to political activity; or (D) violated or is in violation of any provision of the *Criminal Code* (Canada) relating to foreign corrupt practices, including making any contribution to any candidate for public office, in either case, where either the payment or gift or the purpose of such contribution payment or gift was or is prohibited under the foregoing or any other applicable Law of any locality.

- (iii) The operations of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable Money Laundering Laws and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court of governmental authority or any arbitrator non-Governmental Authority involving the Purchaser or its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened.
- (p) Litigation. There is no Proceeding against or involving the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, or affecting any of their property or assets (whether in progress or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, currently threatened) other than proceedings which would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect. There is no judgment, writ, decree, injunction, rule, award or order of any Governmental Authority outstanding against the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries in respect of its businesses, properties or assets.
- (q) Insolvency. No act or proceeding has been taken by or against the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the dissolution, liquidation, winding up, bankruptcy, reorganization, compromise or arrangement of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries or for the appointment of a trustee, receiver, manager or other administrator of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries or any of its properties or assets nor, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, is any such act or proceeding threatened. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has sought protection under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada), the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) or similar legislation. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries nor any of their respective properties or assets is subject to any outstanding judgment, order, writ, injunction or decree that involves or may involve, or restricts or may restrict, the right or ability of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries to conduct their respective businesses in all material respects as it has been carried on prior to the date hereof, or that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect or would reasonably be expected to prevent or significantly impede or materially delay the completion of the Arrangement.

- (r) Financial Advisors or Brokers. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has incurred any obligation or liability, contingent or otherwise, or agreed to pay or reimburse any broker, finder, financial adviser or investment banker, for any brokerage, finder's, advisory or other fee or commission, or for the reimbursement of expenses, in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or any alternative transaction in relation to the Purchaser, other than with respect to the Purchaser Financial Advisor Agreement. The Purchaser has provided to the Company correct and complete copies of the agreements under which the Purchaser Financial Advisor have agreed to provide services to the Purchaser.
- (s) Arrangements with Securityholders. Other than the Company Support Agreements, this Agreement or as set forth in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, the Purchaser does not have any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether written or oral) with respect to the Company or any of its securities, businesses or operations, with any shareholder of the Company, any interested party of the Company or any related party of any interested party of the Company, or any joint actor with any such persons (and for this purpose, the terms "interested party", "related party" and "joint actor" shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in MI 61-101).
- (t) Certain Securities Law Matters. The Consideration Shares to be issued in connection with the transactions contemplated herein will not be subject to any statutory hold or restricted period under the securities legislation of any province or territory of Canada and, subject to restrictions contained in Section 2.6(3) of National Instrument 45-102 – *Resale of Securities*, will be freely tradable within Canada by the holders thereof.
- (u) Ownership of Company Shares or Other Securities. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates own any Company Shares or any other securities of the Company.
- (v) Permits.
 - (i) Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has identified, obtained, acquired or entered into, and are in compliance with all material Permits required by applicable Laws necessary to conduct its current businesses as it is now being conducted or proposed to be conducted (as described in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record). There are no other Permits necessary to carry on its business as presently carried on or to own or lease any of the property or the assets utilized by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries.
 - (ii) Any and all of the Permits pursuant to which the Purchaser or its subsidiaries holds or will hold an interest in its properties and assets (including any interest in, or right to earn an interest in, any mineral property) are valid and subsisting permits, certificates, agreements, leases, licenses, documents or instruments in full force and effect, enforceable in accordance with terms thereof. All

Permits are in good standing and there has been no material default under any such Permit.

- (iii) There are no actions, proceedings or investigations, pending or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened, against the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries that, if successful, could reasonably be expected to result in the suspension, loss or revocation of any such Permits.
- (iv) The Purchaser and each of its subsidiaries are in material compliance with all Permits disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information and there are no other Permits necessary to conduct their current business as it is now being conducted (as described in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record).
- (w) Interest in Properties.
 - (i) Except as disclosed in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record, each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries is the sole legal and beneficial owner, and has valid and sufficient right, title and interest free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens): (A) to its Permits, concessions, claims, leases, licences, options of any nature whatsoever and all other rights relating in any manner whatsoever to the interest in, or exploration for minerals on the Purchaser Properties and, in each case, as are necessary to perform the operations of the Purchaser and each of its subsidiaries businesses as presently owned and conducted and as contemplated to be conducted; (B) to its real property interests of any nature whatsoever including fee simple estate of and in real property, licences (from landowners and authorities permitting the use of land by the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries), leases, options, rights of way, occupancy rights, surface rights, mineral rights, easements, water rights, water permits, well permits, ditch rights, pipeline easements and rights of way and all other real property interests, and, in each case, as are necessary to perform the operations of its business as presently owned and conducted and contemplated to be conducted; and (C) to, or is entitled to the benefits of, all of its properties and assets of any nature whatsoever and to all benefits derived therefrom and surface and mineral rights including all the properties (including, without limitation, the Purchaser Material Property) and assets reflected in the balance sheet forming part of the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record (collectively, the “**Purchaser Properties**”).
 - (ii) All mineral rights and mineral property claims in which the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has an interest or right, including the Purchaser Properties, have been validly located, staked, monumented, recorded and maintained in accordance with all Laws and are valid and subsisting. The Purchaser timely performed all work and paid all maintenance fees and royalties required by the Governmental Authorities in the jurisdictions where the Purchaser Properties are located. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has all necessary surface rights, access rights and other rights and interests relating to its mineral properties, granting the Purchaser or its subsidiaries the right and ability to

explore for minerals, ore and metals for development purposes, with only such exceptions as do not interfere with the use made by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries of the rights or interests so held, and each of the property interests or rights and each of the documents, agreements, instruments and obligations relating thereto and referred to above is currently in good standing and, except as disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information, in the name of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries and free and clear of all material encumbrances and no third party or group holds any such rights that would be required by the Purchaser to so develop the Purchaser Properties.

- (iii) The Purchaser and each of its subsidiaries has duly and timely satisfied all of the obligations required to be satisfied, performed and observed by it under, and there exists no default or event of default or event, occurrence, condition or act which, with the giving of notice, the lapse of time or the happening of any other event or condition, would become a default or event of default by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries under any agreement pertaining to their respective Purchaser Properties and each such lease, contract, option or other agreement is enforceable and in full force and effect.
- (iv) Except as disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information, (A) the Purchaser and each of its subsidiaries have the exclusive right to deal with the Purchaser Properties; (B) no person or entity of any nature whatsoever other than the Purchaser or its subsidiaries has any interest in the Purchaser Properties or the production or profits therefrom or any right to acquire or otherwise obtain any such interest; (C) there are no options, back-in rights, earn-in rights, rights of first refusal, off-take rights or obligations, royalty rights, streaming rights, or other rights of any nature whatsoever which would affect the Purchaser's or any of its subsidiaries' interests in the Purchaser Properties, and no such rights are, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened; (D) neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice, whether written or oral, from any Governmental Authority or any other person of any revocation or intention to revoke, diminish or challenge its interest in the Purchaser Properties; and (E) the Purchaser Properties are in good standing under and, except as disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information with respect to non-compliance with certain Permits relating to the Niblack Property, comply with all Laws and all work required to be performed has been performed and all taxes, fees, expenditures and all other payments in respect thereof have been paid or incurred and all filings in respect thereof have been made.
- (v) There are no adverse claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings that have been commenced or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, that are threatened, affecting or which could affect the Purchaser's or any of its subsidiaries' right, title or interest in the Purchaser Properties or the ability of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries to explore or develop the Purchaser Properties, including the title to or ownership by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries of the foregoing, or which might involve the possibility of any judgement or liability affecting the Purchaser Properties.

- (vi) None of the directors or officers of the Purchaser holds any right, title or interest in, nor has taken any action to obtain, directly or indirectly, any right, title and interest in any of Purchaser Properties or in any Permit, claim, concession, lease, licence, option or other right to explore for, exploit, develop, mine or produce minerals from or in any manner in relation to the Purchaser Properties and any other properties located within 20 kilometres of any of the Purchaser Properties.
- (vii) No person has any written or verbal agreement or option or any right or privilege capable of becoming an agreement or option for the purchase from the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries of any of the assets of the Purchaser. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries is obligated under any prepayment contract or other prepayment arrangement to deliver mineral products at some future time without then receiving full payment therefor.
- (x) Expropriation. No Purchaser Property or any other property or asset of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has been expropriated, seized, levied upon, taken or subject to a lien or assessment of any Governmental Authority nor has any actual or constructive notice or proceeding in respect thereof been given or commenced nor, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, is there any intent or proposal to give any such notice or to commence any such proceeding.
- (y) First Nations Claims.
 - (i) The Purchaser has not received any material First Nations Claim which affects the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, has any First Nations Claim been threatened which relates to any of the Purchaser Properties, any Permits or the operation by the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries of their respective businesses in the areas in which such operations are carried on or in which any of the Purchaser Properties are located.
 - (ii) Except as disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information, the Purchaser and its subsidiaries have no outstanding agreements, memorandums of understanding or similar arrangements with any First Nations Group.
 - (iii) Since January 1, 2012, no First Nations Group blockade, occupation, illegal action or on-site protest has occurred or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, has been threatened in connection with the activities on the Purchaser Properties.
 - (iv) No First Nations Information has been received by the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect on the Purchaser or the Purchaser Properties.
- (z) NGOs and Community Groups. No dispute between the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries and any non-governmental organization, community, or community group exists or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, is threatened or imminent with

respect to any of the Purchaser Properties or operations. The Purchaser has provided the Purchaser and its Representatives with full and complete access to all material correspondence received by the Purchaser, its subsidiaries or their Representatives from any non-governmental organization, community, community group or First Nations Group.

(aa) Taxes.

- (i) Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has timely filed all Returns required to be filed by it with any Governmental Authority on or before the applicable due date and each such Return was complete and correct in all material respects at the time of filing. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has paid or caused to be paid to the appropriate Governmental Authority on a timely basis all material Taxes which are due and payable, all assessments and reassessments and all other Taxes as are due and payable by it, other than those which are being or have been contested in good faith pursuant to applicable Laws, and in respect of which adequate reserves or accruals in accordance with IFRS have been provided in the Purchaser Financial Statements. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has made full and adequate provision in the books and records of the Purchaser or such subsidiary, as applicable, and the Purchaser Interim Financial Statements, for all Taxes which are not yet due and payable. Other than as disclosed in the Purchaser Financial Statements, no audit, action, investigation, deficiencies, litigation or proposed adjustments have been asserted or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened with respect to Taxes of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries, and neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any action or proceeding for assessment or collection of Taxes and no such event has been asserted or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened. No Return of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is under investigation, review, audit or examination by any Governmental Authority with respect to any Taxes, and no written notice of any investigation, review, audit or examination by any Governmental Authority has been received by the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries with respect to any Taxes. No Lien for Taxes has been filed or exists with respect to any assets or properties of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries other than for Taxes not yet due and payable or Liens for Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and in respect of which adequate reserves or accruals in accordance with IFRS have been provided in the Purchaser Financial Statements. There are no currently effective elections, agreements or waivers extending the statutory period or providing for an extension of time with respect to the assessment or reassessment of any Taxes, the filing of any Return (other than, to the extent applicable, automatic six-month extensions for U.S. federal and applicable state income Tax Returns) or any payment of Taxes by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries.
- (ii) All deficiencies for Taxes asserted or assessed against the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries have been paid in full, accrued on the books of the Purchaser or finally settled.

- (iii) All material Taxes that the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has been required to withhold or deduct have been duly withheld or deducted and have been duly and timely paid to the proper Governmental Authority. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has remitted all Canada Pension Plan contributions, provincial pension plan contributions, employment insurance premiums, employer health taxes, payroll taxes and other Taxes payable by it in respect of its employees, directors, agents and consultants, as applicable, and has remitted such amounts to the appropriate Governmental Authority within the time required under applicable Laws. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has, to the extent required under applicable Laws, duly charged, collected and remitted on a timely basis all Taxes on any sale, supply or delivery whatsoever, made by them. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries, if legally required to do so, is duly registered under subdivision (d) of Division V of Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) with respect to the goods and services tax and harmonized sales tax.
- (iv) There are no rulings or closing agreements relating to the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries which may affect the Purchaser's or any of its subsidiaries' liability for Taxes for any taxable period commencing on or after the Effective Date.
- (v) Other than as disclosed in the Purchaser Financial Statements, the Purchaser has never been in default of any of its legal obligations in respect of any "flow-through share" financings previously undertaken by the Purchaser.
- (vi) For any transactions between the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries and any person who is not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act with whom the Purchaser or such subsidiary was not dealing at arm's length for purposes of the Tax Act, the Purchaser or such subsidiary has made or obtained records or documents that meet the requirements of paragraphs 247(4)(a) to (c) of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation).
- (vii) No circumstances exist or may reasonably be expected to arise as a result of matters existing before the Effective Date that may result in the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries being subject to the application of section 159 or section 160 of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation).
- (viii) None of sections 15, 78, 79 or 80 to 80.04 of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation) have applied to the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries, and there are no circumstances existing which could reasonably be expected to result in the application of sections 15, 78, 79 or 80 to 80.04 of the Tax Act (or comparable provisions of any other applicable legislation) to the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries.
- (ix) There are no circumstances which exist and would result in, or which have existed and resulted in, section 17 of the Tax Act applying to the Purchaser or

to any of its subsidiaries. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries is obligated to make any payments or is a party to any agreement under which it could be obligated to make any payment that will not be deductible in computing its income under the Tax Act by virtue of section 67 of the Tax Act.

- (x) None of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is a party to any agreement, understanding or arrangement relating to the allocation or sharing of Taxes (excluding customary commercial agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business the primary subject of which is not Taxes).
- (xi) None of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has any liability under U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. Law), or liability as a successor or transferee, by contract or otherwise, for Taxes of any person other than the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, excluding any agreement or arrangement where the inclusion of a Tax indemnification or allocation provision is customary or incidental to an agreement the primary nature of which is not Tax sharing or indemnification.
- (xii) None of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has participated in a “listed transaction” within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b)(2).
- (xiii) None of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is or has been a party to any “reportable transaction” as defined in Section 6707A(c)(1) of the U.S. Tax Code and U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b).
- (xiv) None of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has made an election pursuant to Section 897(i) of the U.S. Tax Code.
- (xv) During the last two years, none of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries has been a party to any transaction (other than a transaction described in Section 355(e)(2)(C) of the U.S. Tax Code) treated by the parties thereto as one to which Section 355 of the U.S. Tax Code (or any similar provision of state, local, or non-U.S. Law) applied.
- (xvi) Purchaser is classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, but is not classified as a surrogate foreign corporation within the meaning of Section 7874(a) or a U.S. domestic corporation under Section 7874(b) of the U.S. Tax Code.
- (xvii) Purchaser was classified as a PFIC for its most recently completed Tax year and, based upon current business plans and financial expectations, Purchaser believes it will be a PFIC for its current tax year or future tax years.
- (xviii) The Purchaser has not taken or agreed to take any action that would prevent the Arrangement from constituting a reorganization qualifying under Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code.

- (xix) The Purchaser is not aware of any agreement, plan or other circumstance that would prevent the Arrangement from qualifying as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code.
 - (xx) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any joint venture, partnership or other arrangement or contract that is treated as a partnership for income tax purposes in any jurisdiction.
 - (xxi) No claim has ever been made by a Governmental Authority in respect of Taxes in a jurisdiction where neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries files Returns that the Purchaser or such subsidiary is or may be subject to Tax by that jurisdiction. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries carries on business in a jurisdiction in which it does not file a Return.
 - (xxii) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has applied for any subsidies to which it was not entitled under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program, Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program or Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, in each case as provided for under section 125.7 of the Tax Act, or any analogous or similar COVID-19 relief measures enacted by any Governmental Authority.
 - (xxiii) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has entered into any “reportable transaction”, as defined in subsection 237.3(1) of the Tax Act, or any “notifiable transaction”, as defined in subsection 237.4(1) of the Tax Act.
 - (xxiv) The Purchaser is a “taxable Canadian corporation” as defined in subsection 89(1) of the Tax Act.
- (bb) Contracts.
- (i) True and complete copies of all Purchaser Material Contracts have been provided to the Company as part of Purchaser Diligence Information and, as of the date hereof, no such Purchaser Material Contract has been modified, rescinded or terminated.
 - (ii) Each Purchaser Material Contract is in full force and effect and is a valid and binding obligation of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Purchaser without any inquiry, the other parties thereto and is enforceable by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries in accordance with its respective terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency and other Laws affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally and subject to the qualification that equitable remedies may only be granted in the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (iii) The Purchaser or its subsidiaries, as applicable, has performed all respective obligations required to be performed by it to date under the Purchaser Material Contracts and none of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, the other parties thereto, is in breach or violation of or in default

under (in each case, with or without notice or lapse of time or both) any Purchaser Material Contract. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has received or given any notice of default under any Purchaser Material Contract which remains uncured, and there exists no state of facts which after notice or lapse of time or both would constitute a default under or material breach of any Purchaser Material Contract or result in the inability of a party to any Purchaser Material Contract to perform its obligations thereunder.

- (iv) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has received any written notice or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, other notice that any party to a Purchaser Material Contract intends to cancel, terminate or otherwise modify or not renew its relationship with the Purchaser or with its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, no such action has been threatened.

(cc) Environment.

- (i) Except as disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information with respect to non-compliance with certain Permits relating to the Niblack Property, the Purchaser and its subsidiaries have carried on and are currently carrying on their operations in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and the Purchaser Properties and assets comply with all applicable Environmental Laws, in each case in all material respects.
- (ii) Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries have obtained from the relevant Governmental Authorities, and are in compliance with, any Environmental Approvals required to conduct their previous and current businesses and such Environmental Approvals remain valid and in good standing on the date hereof.
- (iii) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries is subject to any contingent or other liability relating to (A) the restoration or rehabilitation of land, water or any other part of the environment, (B) mine closure, reclamation, remediation or other post operational requirements, or (C) non-compliance with Environmental Laws, except for those required by their Environmental Approvals.
- (iv) The Purchaser Properties have not been used to generate, manufacture, refine, treat, recycle, transport, store, handle, dispose of, discharge, release, transfer, produce or process Hazardous Substances, except in material compliance with all Environmental Laws. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has caused or permitted the Release of any Hazardous Substances at, in, on, under or from any Purchaser Property, except in material compliance with all Environmental Laws. All Hazardous Substances handled, recycled, disposed of, discharged, released, treated or stored on or off site of the Purchaser Properties by the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries have been handled, recycled, disposed of, discharged, released, treated and stored in material compliance with all Environmental Laws. There are no Hazardous Substances

at, in, on, under or migrating from any Purchaser Property, except in material compliance with all Environmental Laws.

- (v) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has treated, disposed of, discharged, released, or arranged for the treatment, disposal, discharge or release of, any Hazardous Substances at any location: (A) listed on any list of hazardous sites or sites requiring Remedial Action issued by any Governmental Authority; (B) proposed for listing on any list issued by any Governmental Authority of hazardous sites or sites requiring Remedial Action, or any similar federal, state or provincial lists; or (C) which is the subject of enforcement actions by any Governmental Authority that creates the reasonable potential for any proceeding, action, or other claim against the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries. No site or facility now or previously owned, operated or leased by the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries is listed or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, is proposed for listing on any list issued by any Governmental Authority of hazardous sites or sites requiring Remedial Action or is the subject of Remedial Action.
- (vi) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has caused or permitted the Release of any Hazardous Substances on or to any Purchaser Property in such a manner as: (A) would reasonably be expected to impose liability for cleanup, natural resource damages, loss of life, personal injury, nuisance or damage to other property, except to the extent that such liability would not be material to the Purchaser and its subsidiaries; or (B) would be reasonably expected to result in imposition of a lien, charge or other encumbrance or the expropriation of any Purchaser Property or any of the assets of the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries.
- (vii) Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries has received from any person or Governmental Authority any notice, formal or informal, of any proceeding, action or other claim, liability or potential liability arising under any Environmental Law that is pending as of the date of this Agreement. To the knowledge of the Purchaser, there are no facts or circumstances that reasonably could be expected to give rise to any such notice, action or other claim, liability or potential liability.
- (dd) Intellectual Property. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its subsidiaries owns or possesses any intellectual property rights including any patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, service marks or trade names which are, individually or in the aggregate, material to the business and operations of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries as a whole as currently conducted.
- (ee) Insurance. Each of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries has in place reasonable and prudent insurance policies appropriate for its size, nature and stage of development. All insurance policies of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries are disclosed in the Purchaser Diligence Information and are in full force and effect. All premiums due and payable under all such policies have been paid and the Purchaser and its

subsidiaries are otherwise in compliance with the terms of such policies. The Purchaser has not received any notice of cancellation or termination with respect to any such policy. There has been no denial of claims nor claims disputed by the Purchaser's and its subsidiaries' insurers. All proceedings covered by any insurance policy of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries have been properly reported to and accepted by the applicable insurer.

- (ff) Books and Records. The corporate records and minute books of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries have been maintained in accordance with all applicable Laws and such corporate records and minute books are complete and accurate in all material respects. The financial books and records and accounts of the Purchaser have been maintained in accordance with good business practices and in accordance with IFRS or the accounting principles generally accepted in the country of domicile of each such entity on a basis consistent with prior years.
- (gg) Non-Arm's Length Transactions. Other than as disclosed in the Purchaser Public Disclosure Record and other than employment or compensation agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, as of the date hereof there are no current contracts, commitments, agreements, arrangements or other transactions between the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any (i) officer or director of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, (ii) any holder of record of 5% or more of the outstanding Purchaser Shares or any person that, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding Purchaser Shares, or (iii) any affiliate or associate or any such officer, director or shareholder of the Purchaser, on the other hand.
- (hh) Restrictions on Business Activities. There is no agreement, judgment, injunction, order or decree binding upon the Purchaser or any of its subsidiaries that has or could reasonably be expected to have the effect of prohibiting, restricting or impairing, any business practice of the Purchaser, its subsidiaries or any of its affiliates, any acquisition of property by the Purchaser, its subsidiaries or any of its affiliates, or the conduct of business by the Purchaser, its subsidiaries or any of its affiliates, as currently conducted (including following the transactions contemplated by this Agreement).
- (ii) Confidentiality Agreements. All agreements entered into by the Purchaser or its subsidiaries with persons regarding the confidentiality of information provided to such person or reviewed by such persons with respect to any transaction in the nature described in the definition of Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, each contain customary provisions, including standstill provisions, have not been waived or released with respect to the applicability of any such "standstill" or other provisions of such confidentiality agreements, except to the extent such agreements contain provisions that provide for automatic exemptions as a result of the Arrangement.
- (jj) Investment Canada Act. The Purchaser is not a non-Canadian within the meaning of the Investment Canada Act.

3.3 Survival of Representations and Warranties

No investigation by or on behalf of either Party prior to the execution of this Agreement will mitigate, diminish or affect the representations and warranties made by the other Party. The representations and warranties of the Parties contained in this Agreement will not survive the completion of the Arrangement and will expire and be terminated on the earlier of the Effective Time and the date on which this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms. This Section 3.3 will not limit any covenant or agreement of any of the Parties, which, by its terms, contemplates performance after the Effective Time or the date on which this Agreement is terminated, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 4 **COVENANTS**

4.1 Covenants of the Company Regarding the Conduct of Business

The Company covenants and agrees that, during the period from the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the Effective Time and the time that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, except (i) with the Purchaser's consent in writing (to the extent that such consent is permitted by applicable Law), which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, (ii) as expressly permitted or specifically contemplated by this Agreement, (iii) as set out in the Company Disclosure Letter, or (iv) as is otherwise required by applicable Law or any Governmental Authority:

- (a) the businesses of the Company and its subsidiaries will be conducted only in the ordinary course of business consistent in all respects with past practice, in accordance with applicable Laws, and the Company and its subsidiaries will comply with the terms of all Material Contracts and will use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve intact its and their business organizations, assets, properties, rights, Permits, goodwill and business relationships and keep available the services of the officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries as a group;
- (b) the Company will fully cooperate and consult through meetings with the Purchaser, as the Purchaser may reasonably request, to allow the Purchaser to monitor, and provide input with respect to the direction and control of, any activities relating to the operation of the Company Properties and will not make any capital expenditures or other financial commitments in excess of \$250,000 in the aggregate;
- (c) without limiting the generality of Section 4.1(a) above, the Company will not, directly or indirectly:
 - (i) alter or amend the articles, by-laws or other constating documents of the Company or its subsidiaries;
 - (ii) declare, set aside or pay any dividend on or make any distribution or payment or return of capital in respect of any equity securities of the Company or its

subsidiaries (other than dividends, distributions, payments or return of capital made to the Company by its subsidiaries);

- (iii) split, divide, consolidate, combine or reclassify the Company Shares or any other securities of the Company or its subsidiaries;
- (iv) issue, sell, grant, award, pledge, dispose of or otherwise encumber or agree to issue, sell, grant, award, pledge, dispose of or otherwise encumber any Company Shares or other equity or voting interests or any options, stock appreciation rights, warrants, calls, conversion or exchange privileges or rights of any kind to acquire (whether on exchange, exercise, conversion or otherwise) any Company Shares or other equity or voting interests or other securities or any shares of its subsidiaries (including, for greater certainty, Company Options, Company Share Units or any other equity based awards, or Company Warrants), other than the exercise, vesting or settlement of Company Options, Company Share Units and Company Warrants that are outstanding as of the date of this Agreement in accordance with their terms;
- (v) redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire or subject to any Lien, any of its outstanding Company Shares or other securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Company Shares or any such other securities or any shares or other securities of its subsidiaries;
- (vi) amend the terms of any securities of the Company or its subsidiaries;
- (vii) adopt a plan of liquidation or pass any resolution providing for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company or its subsidiaries;
- (viii) reorganize, amalgamate or merge the Company with any other person and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to reorganize, amalgamate or merge with any other person;
- (ix) reduce the stated capital of the shares of the Company or its subsidiaries;
- (x) create any subsidiary or enter into any Contracts or other arrangements regarding the control or management of the operations, or the appointment of governing bodies or enter into any Joint Ventures;
- (xi) make any material changes to any of its accounting policies, principles, methods, practices or procedures (including by adopting any material new accounting policies, principles, methods, practices or procedures), except as disclosed in the Company Public Disclosure Record, as required by applicable Laws or under IFRS; or
- (xii) enter into, modify or terminate any Contract with respect to any of the foregoing;

- (d) the Company will immediately notify the Purchaser orally and then promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of (i) any “material change” (as defined in the Securities Act) in relation to the Company or its subsidiaries, (ii) any event, circumstance or development that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, (iii) any breach of this Agreement by the Company, or (iv) any event occurring after the date of this Agreement that would render a representation or warranty, if made on that date or the Effective Date, inaccurate such that the conditions in Section 7.3(b) would not be satisfied;
- (e) the Company will not, and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, except in connection with this Agreement:
 - (i) sell, pledge, lease, licence, dispose of, mortgage or encumber or otherwise transfer any assets or properties of the Company or its subsidiaries, including without limitation with respect to the Company Properties;
 - (ii) acquire (by merger, amalgamation, consolidation, arrangement or acquisition of shares or other equity securities or interests or assets or otherwise) or agree to acquire, directly or indirectly, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, any corporation, partnership, association or other business organization or division thereof or any property or asset, or make any investment, directly or indirectly, in one transaction or in a series of related transactions, by the purchase of securities, contribution of capital, property transfer, or purchase of any property or assets of any other person;
 - (iii) incur any capital expenditures, enter into any agreement obligating the Company or its subsidiaries to provide for future capital expenditures, in excess of \$250,000 in the aggregate or incur any indebtedness (including the making of any payments in respect thereof, including any premiums or penalties thereon or fees in respect thereof) or issue any debt securities, or assume, guarantee, endorse or otherwise as an accommodation become responsible for the obligations of any other person, or make any loans or advances other than pursuant to a Material Contract in existence on the date hereof;
 - (iv) pay, discharge or satisfy any claim, liability or obligation prior to the same being due, other than the payment, discharge or satisfaction, in the ordinary course of business, of liabilities reflected or reserved against in the Company Financial Statements, or voluntarily waive, release, assign, settle or compromise any Proceeding;
 - (v) engage in any new business, enterprise or other activity that is inconsistent with the existing businesses of the Company in the manner such existing businesses generally have been carried on or (as disclosed in the Company Public Disclosure Record) planned or proposed to be carried on prior to the date of this Agreement;

- (vi) enter into or terminate any interest rate, currency, equity or commodity swaps, hedges, derivatives, forward sales contracts or other financial instruments or like transaction; or
 - (vii) authorize any of the foregoing, or enter into or modify any Contract to do any of the foregoing;
- (f) the Company will not, and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, except in the ordinary course of business:
- (i) terminate, fail to renew, cancel, waive, release, grant or transfer any rights that are material to the Company;
 - (ii) except in connection with matters otherwise permitted under this Section 4.1, enter into any Contract that, if entered into prior to the date hereof, would be a Material Contract, or terminate, cancel, extend, renew or amend, modify or change any Material Contract or waive, release, or assign any material rights or claims thereto or thereunder;
 - (iii) enter into any lease or sublease of real property (whether as a lessor, sublessor, lessee or sublessee), or modify, amend or exercise any right to renew any lease or sublease of real property or acquire any interest in real property; or
 - (iv) enter into any Contract containing any provision restricting or triggered by the transactions contemplated herein;
- (g) neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries will, except in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to any existing Contracts or employment, pension, supplemental pension, termination or compensation arrangements or policies or plans in effect on the date hereof, and except as is necessary to comply with applicable Laws:
- (i) grant to any officer, director, employee or consultant of the Company or its subsidiaries an increase in compensation in any form;
 - (ii) grant any general salary or fee increase, pay any fee, bonus, award (equity or otherwise) or other material compensation to the directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or its subsidiaries other than the payment of salaries, fees and bonuses in the ordinary course of business;
 - (iii) take any action with respect to the grant, acceleration or increase of any severance, change of control, retirement, retention or termination pay or amend any existing arrangement relating to the foregoing;
 - (iv) enter into or modify any employment or consulting agreement with any officer or director of the Company or its subsidiaries;

- (v) enter into or modify any employment or consulting agreement with any employee or consultant that provides for base salary, fees, bonus or any other incentive in excess of \$50,000 in aggregate;
 - (vi) terminate the employment or consulting arrangement of any senior management (including the Company Senior Management);
 - (vii) increase any benefits payable under its current severance or termination pay policies;
 - (viii) increase the coverage, contributions, funding requirements or benefits available under any Employee Plan or create any new plan which would be considered to be an Employee Plan once created;
 - (ix) make any material determination under any Employee Plan that is not in the ordinary course of business;
 - (x) amend the Company Incentive Plans, or adopt or make any contribution to or any award under any new share unit plan or other bonus, profit sharing, option, pension, retirement, deferred compensation, insurance, incentive compensation, compensation or other similar plan, agreement, trust, fund or arrangement for the benefit of directors or senior officers or former directors or senior officers of the Company or its subsidiaries;
 - (xi) take any action to accelerate the time of payment of any compensation or benefits, amend or waive any performance, vesting or settlement criteria or accelerate vesting or settlement under the Company Incentive Plans; or
 - (xii) establish, adopt, enter into, amend or terminate any collective bargaining agreement;
- (h) neither the Company nor its subsidiaries will make any loan to any officer, director, employee or consultant of the Company or its subsidiaries;
- (i) the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the current insurance (or re-insurance) policies maintained by the Company and its subsidiaries, including directors' and officers' insurance, not to be cancelled, terminated, amended or modified and to prevent any of the coverage thereunder from lapsing, unless at the time of such termination, cancellation or lapse, replacement policies underwritten by insurance or re-insurance companies of nationally recognized standing having comparable deductions and providing coverage comparable to or greater than the coverage under the cancelled, terminated or lapsed policies for substantially similar premiums are in full force and effect, provided, however, that, except as contemplated by Section 4.9(a), the Company will not obtain or renew any insurance (or re-insurance) policy for a term exceeding 12 months;

- (j) the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to retain the services of its and its subsidiaries' existing employees and consultants (including the Company Senior Management) until the Effective Time, and will promptly provide written notice to the Purchaser of the resignation or termination of any of its employees or consultants (including the Company Senior Management);
- (k) neither the Company nor its subsidiaries will make an application to amend, terminate, allow to expire or lapse or otherwise modify any of its Permits or take any action or fail to take any action which action or failure to act would result in the material loss, expiration or surrender of, or the loss of any material benefit under, or reasonably be expected to cause any Governmental Authority to institute proceedings for the suspension, revocation or limitation of rights under, any material Permit necessary to conduct its businesses as now being conducted;
- (l) the Company and its subsidiaries will (i) duly and timely file all Returns required to be filed by it on or after the date hereof and all such Returns will be true, complete and correct in all material respects (ii) timely withhold, collect, remit and pay all Taxes which are to be withheld, collected, remitted or paid by it to the extent due and payable except for any Taxes contested in good faith pursuant to applicable Laws and in respect of which adequate reserves or accruals in accordance with IFRS have been provided in the Company Financial Statements; and (iii) keep the Purchaser reasonably informed, on a current basis, of any events, discussions, notices or changes with respect to any Tax investigation (other than ordinary course communications which could not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company or its subsidiaries);
- (m) the Company will not (i) change its tax accounting methods, principles or practices, except insofar as may have been required by a change in IFRS or applicable Law, (ii) amend any Return or change any of its methods of reporting income, deductions for Tax purposes from those employed in the preparation of its Returns for the taxation year ended December 31, 2023, except as may be required by applicable Law, (iii) make, change or revoke any material election relating to Taxes, (iv) settle, compromise or agree to the entry of judgment with respect to any action, claim or other Proceeding relating to Taxes, (other than the payment, discharge or satisfaction of liabilities reflected or reserved against in the Company Financial Statements), (v) enter into any tax sharing, tax allocation or tax indemnification agreement, (vi) make a request for a tax ruling to any Governmental Authority, or (vii) agree to any extension or waiver of the limitation period relating to any material Tax claim or assessment or reassessment;
- (n) the Company will not, and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to, settle or compromise any action, claim or other Proceeding (i) brought against it for damages or providing for the grant of injunctive relief or other non-monetary remedy (“**Litigation**”), or (ii) brought by any present, former or purported holder of its securities in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Arrangement;

- (o) the Company will not, and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to, commence any Litigation (other than litigation in connection with the collection of accounts receivable, to enforce the terms of this Agreement or the Company Confidentiality Agreement, to enforce other obligations of the Purchaser or as a result of litigation commenced against the Company);
- (p) the Company will not, and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to, enter into or renew any Contract (i) containing (A) any limitation or restriction on the ability of the Company or its subsidiaries or, following completion of the transactions contemplated hereby, the ability of the Purchaser or any of its affiliates, to engage in any type of activity or business, (B) any limitation or restriction on the manner in which, or the localities in which, all or any portion of the business of the Company or its subsidiaries or, following consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, all or any portion of the business of the Purchaser or any of its affiliates, is or would be conducted, (C) any limit or restriction on the ability of the Company or its subsidiaries or, following completion of the transactions contemplated hereby, the ability of the Purchaser or any of its affiliates, to solicit customers or employees, or (D) containing any provision restricting or triggered by the transactions contemplated herein; or (ii) that would reasonably be expected to prevent or significantly impede or materially delay the completion of the Arrangement;
- (q) the Company will not, and will not cause or permit any of its subsidiaries to, take any action which would render any representation or warranty made by the Company in this Agreement untrue or inaccurate in any material respect (disregarding for this purpose all materiality or Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein) at any time prior to the Effective Date if then made; and
- (r) as is applicable, the Company will not, and will not cause or permit its subsidiaries to, agree, announce, resolve, authorize or commit to do any of the foregoing, except as permitted above.

4.2 Access to Information

Subject to compliance with applicable Laws and the terms of any existing Contracts, each Party (the “**Providing Party**”) will afford to the other Party and its Representatives (the “**Accessing Party**”) until the earlier of the Effective Time or the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, continuing access to the Company Diligence Information or Purchaser Diligence Information, as applicable, and reasonable access during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice, to the Providing Party’s and its subsidiaries’ businesses, properties, books and records and such other data and information as the Accessing Party may reasonably request, as well as to its management personnel, provided however that (a) such access shall not unduly interfere with the ordinary conduct of the businesses of the Providing Party, and (b) other than in circumstances where access to or disclosure of any information or documents would not result in the loss of attorney-client privilege, the Providing Party shall not have any obligation in response to a request by the Accessing Party to provide access to or otherwise disclose

any information or documents subject to attorney-client privilege. Subject to compliance with applicable Laws and such requests not materially and unduly interfering with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company, the Company and its subsidiaries will also make available to the Purchaser and its Representatives information reasonably requested by the Purchaser for the purposes of preparing, considering and implementing integration and strategic plans for the combined businesses of the Purchaser and the Company and its affiliates following completion of the Arrangement. Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement, the Purchaser and the Company each acknowledge that all information provided to it under this Section 4.2, or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, is subject to the Confidentiality Agreement, which will remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any termination of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement otherwise conflicts or is inconsistent with any provision of the Confidentiality Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement will supersede those of the Confidentiality Agreement but only to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency and all other provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement will remain in full force and effect. Investigations made by or on behalf of a Party, whether under this Section 4.2 or otherwise, will not waive, diminish the scope of, or otherwise affect any representation or warranty made by the other Party in this Agreement.

4.3 Covenants of the Company Regarding the Arrangement

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company shall and shall cause its subsidiaries to perform all obligations required to be performed by the Company under this Agreement, cooperate with the Purchaser in connection therewith, and use commercially reasonable efforts to do such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to complete the Arrangement and the other transactions contemplated hereby, including (without limiting the obligations of the Company in Article 2):

- (i) subject to the Purchaser's prior review and approval as contemplated by Section 2.2(a), publicly announcing the execution of this Agreement, the support of the Company Board of the Arrangement (including the voting intentions of each Supporting Company Shareholder referred to in Section 2.5(d)) and the Company Board Recommendation;
- (ii) using its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary waivers, consents and approvals required to be obtained by the Company and its subsidiaries from other parties to any Material Contracts in order to complete the Arrangement as set out in Section 4.3(a)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter;
- (iii) as soon as practicable following execution of this Agreement, and in any event, prior to the Effective Time, amending the vesting provisions contained in the Company Share Unit Plan so that the Company Share Units held by Continuing Company Share Unitholders do not vest as a result of the change of control of the Company arising as a result of the Arrangement;

- (iv) refraining from taking any action, or not failing to take any action, in either case that would prevent the Arrangement from qualifying as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code;
- (v) using its commercially reasonable efforts to carry out all actions necessary to ensure the availability of the exemption from registration under Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act and exemptions under U.S. state securities laws in respect of the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options; and
- (vi) upon reasonable consultation with the Purchaser, using commercially reasonable efforts to oppose, or seek to lift or rescind any injunction, restraining or other order, decree or ruling seeking to restrain, enjoin or otherwise prohibit or adversely affect the consummation of the Arrangement and defend all lawsuits or other legal, regulatory or other Proceedings against the Company challenging or affecting this Agreement or the completion of the Arrangement.

4.4 Covenants of the Purchaser Regarding the Conduct of Business

The Purchaser covenants and agrees that, during the period from the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the Effective Time and the time that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, except (i) with the Company's consent in writing (to the extent that such consent is permitted by applicable Law), which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, (ii) as expressly permitted or specifically contemplated by this Agreement, or (iii) as is otherwise required by applicable Law or any Governmental Authority:

- (a) the businesses of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries will be conducted only in the ordinary course of business consistent in all respects with past practice, in accordance with applicable Laws, the Purchaser and its subsidiaries will comply with the terms of all Purchaser Material Contracts and will use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve intact its and their business organizations, assets, properties, rights, Permits, goodwill and business relationships and keep available the services of the officers, employees and consultants of the Purchaser and its subsidiaries as a group;
- (b) the Purchaser will immediately notify the Company orally and then promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of (i) any "material change" (as defined in the Securities Act) in relation to the Purchaser or its subsidiaries, (ii) any event, circumstance or development that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect, (iii) any breach of this Agreement by the Purchaser, or (iv) any event occurring after the date of this Agreement that would render a representation or warranty, if made on that date or the Effective Date, inaccurate such that the conditions in Section 7.2(b) would not be satisfied; and

- (c) the Purchaser will not, and will not cause or permit any of its subsidiaries to, take any action which would render any representation or warranty made by the Purchaser in this Agreement untrue or inaccurate in any material respect (disregarding for this purpose all materiality or Purchaser Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein) at any time prior to the Effective Date if then made.

4.5 Covenants of the Purchaser Regarding the Performance of Obligations

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Purchaser will perform all obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement, cooperate with the Company in connection therewith, and use commercially reasonable efforts to do such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable in order to complete the Arrangement and other transactions contemplated hereby, including (without limiting the obligations of the Purchaser in Article 2):

- (a) subject to the Company's prior review and approval as contemplated by Section 2.3(a), publicly announcing the execution of this Agreement;
- (b) cooperating with the Company in connection with, and using its commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Company in obtaining the waivers, consents and approvals referred to in Section 4.3(a)(ii), provided, however, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in connection with obtaining any waiver, consent or approval from any person (other than a Governmental Authority) with respect to any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, the Purchaser will not be required to pay or commit to pay to such person whose waiver, consent or approval is being solicited any cash or other consideration, make any commitment or incur any liability or other obligation;
- (c) using its commercially reasonable efforts to effect all necessary registrations, filings and submissions of information required by Governmental Authorities from the Purchaser relating to the Arrangement required to be completed prior to the Effective Time;
- (d) using its commercially reasonable efforts to carry out all actions necessary to ensure the availability of the exemption from registration under Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act and exemptions under U.S. state securities laws in respect of the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options;
- (e) upon reasonable consultation with the Company, using commercially reasonable efforts to oppose or seek to lift or rescind any injunction, restraining or other order, decree or ruling seeking to restrain, enjoin or otherwise prohibit or adversely affect the consummation of the Arrangement and defend all lawsuits or other legal, regulatory or other Proceedings against or relating to the Purchaser challenging or affecting this Agreement or the completion of the Arrangement;
- (f) forthwith carrying out the terms of the Interim Order and Final Order to the extent applicable to it and taking all necessary actions to give effect to the transactions contemplated herein and the Plan of Arrangement;

- (g) applying for and using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain conditional approval of the listing and posting for trading on the TSXV of the Consideration Shares and the TSX Delisting, subject only to the satisfaction by the Purchaser of customary conditions of the TSX and the TSXV, as applicable; and
- (h) refraining from taking any action, or not failing to take any action, in either case that would prevent the Arrangement from qualifying as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the U.S. Tax Code;
- (i) at or prior to the Effective Time, allotting and reserving for issuance a sufficient number of Purchaser Shares to meet the obligations of Purchaser under the Plan of Arrangement.

4.6 Mutual Covenants

Each of the Parties covenants and agrees that, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until the earlier of the Effective Time and the time that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms:

- (a) it will use commercially reasonable efforts to satisfy (or cause the satisfaction of) the conditions precedent to its obligations hereunder as set forth in Article 7 to the extent the same is within its control and to take, or cause to be taken, all other action and to do, or cause to be done, all other things necessary and commercially reasonable to permit the completion of the Arrangement in accordance with its obligations under this Agreement, the Plan of Arrangement and applicable Laws and cooperate with the other Parties in connection therewith, including using its commercially reasonable efforts to (i) obtain all Regulatory Approvals required to be obtained by it, (ii) effect or cause to be effected all necessary registrations, filings and submissions of information requested by Governmental Authorities required to be effected by it in connection with the Arrangement, (iii) oppose, lift or rescind any injunction or restraining order against it or other order, decree, ruling or action against it seeking to stop, or otherwise adversely affecting its ability to make and complete, the Arrangement, and (iv) cooperate with the other Parties in connection with the performance by it of its obligations hereunder;
- (b) it will use commercially reasonable efforts not to take or cause to be taken any action, or refrain from taking any commercially reasonable action, which is inconsistent with this Agreement or which would reasonably be expected to prevent or significantly impede or materially delay the completion of the Arrangement;
- (c) it will use commercially reasonable efforts to complete the Concurrent Financing;
- (d) promptly notify the other Party of:
 - (i) any communication from any person alleging that the consent of such person (or another person) is or may be required in connection with the Arrangement (and the response thereto from such Party, its subsidiaries or its representatives);

- (ii) any communication from any Governmental Authority in connection with the Arrangement (and the response thereto from such Party, its subsidiaries or its representatives); and
- (iii) any litigation threatened or commenced against or otherwise affecting such Party or any of its subsidiaries that is related to the Arrangement; and
- (e) it will use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and do all acts, further deeds, things and assurances as may be required in the reasonable opinion of the other Parties' legal counsel to permit the completion of the Arrangement.

4.7 Covenants Related to Regulatory Approvals

Each Party, as applicable to that Party, covenants and agrees with respect to obtaining all Regulatory Approvals required for the completion of the Arrangement that, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until the earlier of the Effective Time and the time that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms:

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable, each Party, or where appropriate, both Parties jointly, shall make all notifications, filings, applications and submissions with Governmental Authorities required or advisable, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all required Regulatory Approvals and shall cooperate with the other Party in connection with all Regulatory Approvals sought by the other Party;
- (b) no Party shall extend or consent to any extension or refuse to consent to any extension of any applicable waiting or review period or enter into any agreement with a Governmental Authority not to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except upon the prior written consent of the other Party (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed);
- (c) all filing fees (including any Taxes thereon) in respect of any filing made to any Governmental Authority in respect of any Regulatory Approvals shall be paid by the Purchaser;
- (d) each Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to respond promptly to any request or notice from any Governmental Authority requiring that Party to supply additional information that is relevant to the review of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in respect of obtaining or concluding the Regulatory Approvals sought by either Party, and each Party shall cooperate with the other Party and shall furnish to the other Party such information and assistance as a Party may reasonably request in connection with preparing any submission or responding to such request or notice from a Governmental Authority;
- (e) each Party shall permit the other Party an opportunity to review in advance any proposed applications, notices, filings, submissions, undertakings, correspondence, communications or other documents (including responses to requests for information and inquiries from any Governmental Authority) in respect of

obtaining or concluding all required Regulatory Approvals, and shall provide the other Party with a reasonable opportunity to comment thereon and agree to consider those comments in good faith, and each Party shall provide the other Party with any applications, notices, filings, submissions, undertakings, correspondence, communications or other documents provided to a Governmental Authority, or any communications received from a Governmental Authority, in respect of obtaining or concluding the required Regulatory Approvals;

- (f) each Party shall keep the other Party reasonably informed on a timely basis of the status of discussions relating to obtaining or concluding the required Regulatory Approvals sought by such Party and, for greater certainty, unless participation by a Party is prohibited by applicable Law or by such Governmental Authority, no Party shall participate in any meeting (whether in person, by telephone or otherwise) with a Governmental Authority in respect of obtaining or concluding the required Regulatory Approvals unless it advises the other Party in advance and gives such other Party an opportunity to attend, provided, however, that this obligation shall not extend where competitively sensitive information may be discussed or communicated, in which case the other Party's external legal counsel shall be provided with any such communications or information related to any such meeting on an external counsel-only basis and, unless participation by a Party's external legal counsel is prohibited by applicable Law or by such Governmental Authority, shall have the right to participate in any such meetings on an external counsel-only basis; and
- (g) with respect to Section 4.7(f) above, where a Party (in this Section 4.7 only, the "**Disclosing Party**") provides any applications, notices, filings, submissions, undertakings, correspondence, communications or other documents to the other Party (the "**Receiving Party**") on an external counsel-only basis, the Disclosing Party shall also provide the Receiving Party with a redacted version of any such applications, notices, filings, submissions, undertakings, correspondence, communications or other documents.

4.8 Employment Matters

(a) Prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause, and to cause its subsidiaries to cause, all directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries whose employment is not being continued by the Purchaser to provide resignations and releases of all claims against the Company or at the written request of the Purchaser shall terminate such officers effective as at the Effective Time.

(b) The Purchaser agrees that it shall cause the Company, its subsidiaries and any successor to the Company to honour and comply with the terms of all of the severance payment obligations of the Company or its subsidiaries under the existing employment, consulting, change of control and severance agreements of the Company or its subsidiaries, including those that are disclosed in Section 4.8(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter, in exchange for the execution of full and final releases of the Company and its subsidiaries from all liability and obligations including in respect of the change of control entitlements in favour of the Company and in form

and substance satisfactory to the Purchaser, acting reasonably, provided that such releases are contemplated and in accordance with the terms of such employment, consulting, change of control or severance agreement.

(c) The Company shall be exclusively responsible for and shall pay any Taxes required to be withheld with respect to any payments contemplated in this Section 4.8 under the Tax Act or any provision of any federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign Tax Law.

4.9 Insurance

(a) Prior to the Effective Time, notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Company shall purchase customary “tail” or “run off” policies of directors’ and officers’ liability insurance providing protection no less favourable in the aggregate than the protection provided by the policies maintained by the Company and its subsidiaries which are in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date and providing protection in respect of claims arising from facts or events which occurred on or prior to the Effective Date and the Purchaser will, or will cause the Company and its subsidiaries to maintain such tail policies in effect without any reduction in scope or coverage for six years following the Effective Date; provided that the cost of such policies shall not exceed 200% of the current annual premium for policies currently maintained by the Company or its subsidiaries.

(b) The provisions of this Section 4.9 are intended for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, each insured or indemnified person, his or her heirs and his or her legal representatives and, for such purpose, the Company hereby confirms that it is acting as agent and trustee on their behalf. Furthermore, this Section 4.9 shall survive the termination of this Agreement as a result of the occurrence of the Effective Date for a period of six years.

4.10 Pre-Acquisition Reorganization

(a) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect such reorganization of its business, operations, subsidiaries and assets or such other transactions (each, a “**Pre-Acquisition Reorganization**”) as the Purchaser may reasonably request prior to the Effective Date, and the Plan of Arrangement, if required, shall be modified accordingly; provided, however, that the Company need not effect a Pre-Acquisition Reorganization which in the opinion of the Company, acting reasonably: (i) would require the Company to obtain the prior approval of the Company Shareholders in respect of such Pre-Acquisition Reorganization; (ii) would materially impede, delay or prevent the consummation of the Arrangement (including giving rise to litigation by third parties); or (iii) could be prejudicial to the Company or Company Shareholders, as a whole, in any respect.

(b) Without limiting the foregoing and other than as set forth in clause (a) above, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals or waivers from any persons to effect each Pre-Acquisition Reorganization, and the Company shall cooperate with the Purchaser in structuring, planning and implementing any such Pre-Acquisition Reorganization. The Purchaser shall provide written notice to the Company of any proposed Pre-Acquisition Reorganization at least twenty Business Days prior to the Effective Date. In addition:

- (i) the Purchaser agrees that it will be responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses associated with any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization to be carried out at its request and shall indemnify and save harmless the Company, its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives from and against any and all liabilities, losses, Taxes, damages, claims, costs, reasonable expenses (including actual out-of-pocket costs and expenses for filing fees and external counsel), interest awards, judgments and penalties suffered or incurred by any of them in connection with or as a result of any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization if, after participating in any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization, the Arrangement is not completed (other than due to a breach by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or in circumstances that would give rise to the payment of Termination Fee by the Company to the Purchaser) or as a result of the reversal of all or any part of the Pre-Acquisition Reorganization steps that was effected at the Purchaser's request prior to termination of this Agreement, in the event the Arrangement does not proceed. If the Arrangement is not completed, Purchaser shall reimburse Company forthwith for all reasonable fees and expenses (including any professional fees and expenses and Taxes) incurred by the Company in considering or effecting all or any part of the Pre-Acquisition Reorganization;
- (ii) unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing, acting reasonably, the Parties shall seek to have any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization made effective as of the last moment of the day ending immediately prior to the Effective Date but after the Purchaser shall have confirmed in writing the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions in its favour in Section 7.1 and Section 7.3 and shall have confirmed in writing that it is prepared to promptly without condition proceed to effect the Arrangement. The completion of the Pre-Acquisition Reorganizations, if any, shall not be a condition of the completion of the Arrangement;
- (iii) any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization shall not unreasonably interfere with the Company's material operations prior to the Effective Time;
- (iv) any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization shall not require the Company to contravene any applicable Laws, its organizational documents or any Material Contract;
- (v) any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization shall not impair the ability of the Company to consummate, and shall not prevent or materially delay the consummation of, the Arrangement, and would not reasonably be expected to prevent any Person from making a Superior Proposal;
- (vi) the Company shall not be obligated to take any action that could result in any Taxes being imposed on, or any adverse Tax or other consequences to, any Company Shareholder incrementally greater than the Taxes or other consequences to such party in connection with the consummation of the Arrangement in the absence of any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization; and

- (vii) such cooperation does not require the directors, officers or employees of the Company to take any action in any capacity other than as a director, officer or employee, as applicable.
- (b) The Purchaser must provide written notice to the Company of any proposed Pre-Acquisition Reorganization in reasonable written detail at least twenty Business Days prior to the Effective Date. Upon receipt of such notice, the Purchaser and the Company shall work cooperatively and use their best efforts to prepare prior to the Effective Time all documentation necessary and do such other acts and things as are necessary to give effect to such Pre-Acquisition Reorganization, including any amendment to this Agreement or the Plan of Arrangement, and shall seek to have any such Pre-Acquisition Reorganization made effective not later than the last moment of the Business Day ending immediately prior to the Effective Date (but after the Purchaser has waived or confirmed that all of the conditions set out in Section 7.1 and Section 7.3 have been satisfied, other than any such conditions that by their terms can only be satisfied on the Effective Date).
- (c) The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that any planning for and implementation of any Pre-Acquisition Reorganization shall not be considered a breach of any covenant under this Agreement and shall not be considered in determining whether a representation or warranty of the Company hereunder has been breached.

4.11 Filings

The Parties will cooperate reasonably and in good faith to determine whether the transactions set out in this Agreement, the Plan of Arrangement and any related transactions are required to be reported to any applicable Governmental Authority pursuant to sections 237.3 or 237.4 of the Tax Act (and any analogous provision of provincial income tax law) and, if so, each Party required to so report (a “**Disclosing Party**”) shall submit to the other Party a draft of the applicable information return at least 30 days before the date on which such information return is required by Law to be filed and such other Party shall have the right to make reasonable comments or changes on such draft by communicating such comments or changes in writing to the Disclosing Party at least 15 days before the date on which such information return is required by Law to be filed. The Disclosing Party shall consider in good faith any such comments or changes proposed by such other Party and shall incorporate such comments or changes which the Disclosing Party determines are reasonable and in accordance with Law. The Parties may request reasonable representations and warranties from each other to the extent necessary to establish any factual matters relevant to the determination of whether reporting is required and the content of such reporting. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party if it intends to file, or it becomes aware that any advisor (as defined for purposes of section 237.3 or 237.4 of the Tax Act) to any of the Parties intends to file, such an information return.

4.12 Purchaser Agreements Cooperation

Upon the request of the Purchaser, acting reasonably, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Purchaser in satisfying the conditions and/or covenants under any indebtedness and/or royalty obligations of the Purchaser or its subsidiaries

including, without limitation, in connection with providing any (i) guarantees and/or security of the Company and/or its subsidiaries with respect to the Purchaser Facility Agreement and the Purchaser Royalty Agreement; and (ii) consents, waivers or other concessions required under any indebtedness and/or royalty obligations of the Company or its subsidiaries. The Company shall, and shall cause its subsidiaries to, cooperate in connection therewith, including (i) furnishing the Purchaser with such financial statements, operating information and other pertinent information available or that can practicably be produced in respect the Company and its subsidiaries, (ii) participating in a reasonable number of meetings, discussions or presentations requested by the Purchaser, and (iii) cooperating with the Purchaser in the preparation of information, documents, marketing documents or other materials in connection with any security or guarantees, provided that the Company shall not be required to (or to cause any of its subsidiaries to) cooperate in connection therewith to the extent that the Company believes that doing so would: (A) unduly interfere with the ordinary course conduct of the business of the Company, (B) result in the loss of solicitor-client, work product or other privilege, (C) result in the disclosure of any trade secrets of third parties or violate any obligations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to confidentiality to any third party, or (D) breach, contravene or violate any applicable Law.

4.13 Composition of the Purchaser Board and Executive Officers

(a) At the Effective Time, the Purchaser Board shall be comprised of eight directors, and the Purchaser shall, prior to the Effective Time, take all steps such that, immediately following the Effective Time, the Purchaser Board shall be comprised of two nominees of the Company (to be mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Purchaser), and six nominees of the Purchaser.

(b) The Purchaser shall, prior to the Effective Time, take all steps such that, at the Effective Time, Kevin Bullock shall be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Purchaser (provided that Kevin Bullock is able and willing to act in such capacity).

ARTICLE 5 ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

5.1 Acquisition Proposals

(a) Except as expressly provided in this Article 5 or to the extent that the Purchaser, in its sole and absolute discretion, has otherwise consented to in writing (which consent may be withheld, conditioned or delayed in the Purchaser's sole and absolute discretion), until the earlier of the Effective Time or the date, if any, on which this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 6.1, the Company shall not and shall cause its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives to not, directly or indirectly through any other person:

- (i) make, initiate, solicit, promote, entertain or encourage (including by way of furnishing or affording access to information or any site visit or entering into any form of agreement, arrangement or understanding), or take any other action that facilitates, directly or indirectly, any inquiry or the making of any inquiry, proposal or offer with respect to an Acquisition Proposal or that reasonably could be expected to constitute or lead to an Acquisition Proposal; or

- (ii) participate directly or indirectly in any discussions or negotiations with, furnish information to, or otherwise co-operate in any way with, any person (other than the Purchaser and its subsidiaries) regarding an Acquisition Proposal or any inquiry, proposal or offer that could reasonably be expected to constitute or lead to an Acquisition Proposal; or
- (iii) make or propose publicly to make a Change of Recommendation; or
- (iv) remain neutral with respect to, or agree to, approve, accept, recommend, enter into, or propose publicly to agree to, approve, accept, recommend or enter into, any agreement, understanding or arrangement in respect of an Acquisition Proposal (it being understood that publicly taking no position or a neutral position with respect to an Acquisition Proposal for a period exceeding three Business Days after such Acquisition Proposal has been publicly announced shall be deemed to constitute a violation of this Section 5.1(a)(iv)); or
- (v) make any public announcement or take any other action inconsistent with, or that could reasonably be likely to be regarded as detracting from, the approval, recommendation or declaration of advisability of the Company Board of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Company shall, and shall cause its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives to, immediately cease and terminate any solicitation, encouragement, discussion, negotiation or other activities with any person (other than the Purchaser, its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives) conducted prior to the date hereof by the Company or any of its Representatives or its subsidiaries and their Representatives with respect to any Acquisition Proposal or any inquiry, proposal or offer that could reasonably be expected to constitute or lead to an Acquisition Proposal and, in connection with such termination, the Company will immediately discontinue access to and disclosure of any and all information including its confidential information, and access to any data room, virtual or otherwise, to any person (other than access by the Purchaser and its Representatives) and will as soon as possible, and in any event within two Business Days after the date hereof, request, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to exercise all rights it has (or cause its subsidiaries to exercise any rights that they have) to require the return or destruction of all confidential information regarding the Company or its subsidiaries previously provided in connection therewith to any person (other than the Purchaser and its Representatives) to the extent such confidential information has not already been returned or destroyed and use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that such obligations are fulfilled.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that the Company receives a *bona fide* written Acquisition Proposal from any person after the date hereof and prior to the approval of the Arrangement Resolution by Company Shareholders that did not result from a breach of this Section 5.1, and subject to the Company's compliance with Section 5.1(d), the Company and its Representatives may (i) furnish or provide access to or disclosure of information with respect to it to such person pursuant to an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement, if and only if (x) the Company provides a copy of such Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement to the Purchaser promptly upon its execution, (y) the person making the Acquisition Proposal is provided with access to such information for a maximum period of

five Business Days, and (z) the Company contemporaneously provides to the Purchaser any non-public information concerning the Company that is provided to such person which was not previously provided to the Purchaser or its Representatives, and (ii) engage in or participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding such Acquisition Proposal; provided, however, that, prior to taking any action described in clauses (i) or (ii) above, the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such Acquisition Proposal would, if consummated in accordance with its terms, constitute a Superior Proposal and failure to take such action would violate the fiduciary duties of such directors under applicable Law.

(d) The Company shall promptly (and, in any event, within 24 hours of receipt by the Company) notify the Purchaser, at first orally and thereafter in writing, of any Acquisition Proposal (whether or not in writing) received by the Company, any inquiry received by the Company that could reasonably be expected to constitute or lead to an Acquisition Proposal, or any request received by the Company for non-public information relating to the Company in connection with an Acquisition Proposal or for access to the properties, books or records of the Company by any person that informs the Company that it is considering making an Acquisition Proposal, including a copy of any written Acquisition Proposal, a description of the material terms and conditions of such inquiry or request and the identity of the person making such Acquisition Proposal, inquiry or request, and promptly provide to the Purchaser such other information concerning such Acquisition Proposal, inquiry or request as the Purchaser may reasonably request, including all material or substantive correspondence relating to such Acquisition Proposal. Thereafter, the Company will keep the Purchaser promptly and fully informed of the status, developments and details of any such Acquisition Proposal, inquiry or request, including any material changes, modifications or other amendments thereto.

(e) Except as expressly permitted by this Section 5.1, neither the Company Board, nor any committee thereof shall: (i) make a Change of Recommendation; (ii) accept, approve, endorse or recommend or publicly propose to accept, approve, endorse or recommend any Acquisition Proposal; (iii) permit the Company to accept or enter into, or publicly propose to enter into (or permit any such actions in the case of the Company Board or any committee thereof), any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding or other Contract, agreement in principle, acquisition agreement, merger agreement or similar agreement or understanding (an “**Acquisition Agreement**”) with respect to any Acquisition Proposal; or (iv) permit the Company to accept or enter into any Contract requiring the Company to abandon, terminate or fail to consummate the Arrangement or providing for the payment of any break, termination or other fees or expenses to any person proposing an Acquisition Proposal in the event that the Company completes the transactions contemplated hereby or any other transaction with the Purchaser or any of its affiliates.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 5.1(e), in the event the Company receives a *bona fide* Acquisition Proposal that Company Board has determined is a Superior Proposal from any person after the date hereof and prior to the Company Meeting, then, the Company Board may, prior to the Company Meeting, make a Change of Recommendation or enter into an Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal, but only if:

- (i) the Company did not breach any provision of this Section 5.1 in connection with the preparation or making of such Acquisition Proposal and the Company has complied in all material respects with the other terms of this Section 5.1(f);
- (ii) the Company has given written notice to the Purchaser that it has received such Superior Proposal and that the Company Board has determined that (x) such Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Superior Proposal and (y) the Company Board intends to make a Change of Recommendation and/or enter into an Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal, in each case promptly following the making of such determination, together with a summary of the material terms of any proposed Acquisition Agreement or other agreement relating to such Superior Proposal (together with a copy of such agreement and any ancillary agreements and supporting materials) to be executed with the person making such Superior Proposal, and, if applicable, a written notice from the Company Board regarding the value or range of values in financial terms that the Company Board has, in consultation with financial advisors, determined should be ascribed to any non-cash consideration offered in the Superior Proposal;
- (iii) a period of five Business Days (such period being the “**Superior Proposal Notice Period**”) shall have elapsed from the later of the date the Purchaser received the notice from the Company referred to in Section 5.1(f)(ii) and, if applicable, the notice from the Company Board with respect to any non-cash consideration as contemplated in Section 5.1(f)(ii), and the date on which the Purchaser received the summary of material terms and copies of agreements and supporting materials set out in Section 5.1(f)(ii);
- (iv) if the Purchaser has proposed to amend the terms of the Arrangement in accordance with Section 5.1(g), the Company Board shall have determined in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that (x) the Acquisition Proposal remains a Superior Proposal compared to the Arrangement as proposed to be amended by the Purchaser and has provided the Purchaser with full details of the basis on which such determination was made, and (y) failure to take such action would violate the fiduciary duties of such directors under applicable Law;
- (v) in the event the Company intends to enter into an Acquisition Agreement, the Company concurrently terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) [*Superior Proposal*]; and
- (vi) the Company has previously, or concurrently will have, paid to the Purchaser the Termination Fee pursuant to Section 5.3(c).

(g) For greater certainty, notwithstanding any Change of Recommendation in accordance with Section 5.1(f), unless this Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms, the Company shall cause the Company Meeting to occur and the Arrangement Resolution to be put to the Company Shareholders thereat for consideration in accordance with this

Agreement, and the Company shall not submit to a vote of its shareholders any Acquisition Proposal other than the Arrangement Resolution prior to the termination of this Agreement.

(h) The Company acknowledges and agrees that during the Superior Proposal Notice Period or such longer period as the Company may approve for such purpose, in its sole discretion, the Purchaser shall have the right, but not the obligation, to propose to amend the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement in accordance with this Section 5.1(g). The Company Board will review in good faith any offer made by the Purchaser to amend the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement in order to determine, in consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, whether the proposed amendments would, upon acceptance, result in the Acquisition Proposal that previously constituted a Superior Proposal ceasing to be a Superior Proposal. The Company agrees that, subject to the Company's disclosure obligations under applicable Securities Laws, the fact of the making of, and each of the terms of, any such proposed amendments shall be kept strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person (including without limitation, the person having made the Superior Proposal), other than the Company's Representatives, without the Purchaser's prior written consent. If the Company Board determines that such Acquisition Proposal would cease to be a Superior Proposal as a result of the amendments proposed by the Purchaser, the Company will forthwith so advise the Purchaser and the Parties will amend the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement to reflect such offer made by the Purchaser, and the Parties agree to take such actions and execute such documents as are necessary to give effect to the foregoing. If the Company Board continues to believe in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such Acquisition Proposal remains a Superior Proposal and therefore rejects the Purchaser's offer to amend this Agreement and the Arrangement, if any, the Company may, subject to compliance with the other provisions hereof, make a Change of Recommendation and/or enter into an Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Superior Proposal.

(i) Each successive modification of any Acquisition Proposal shall constitute a new Acquisition Proposal for the purposes of Section 5.1(f) and shall require a new five Business Day Superior Proposal Notice Period from the date described in Section 5.1(f)(iii) with respect to such new Acquisition Proposal. In circumstances where the Company provides the Purchaser with notice of a Superior Proposal and all documentation contemplated by Section 5.1(f)(ii) on a date that is less than 10 Business Days prior to the Company Meeting, the Company may, and upon the request of the Purchaser, the Company shall adjourn or postpone the Company Meeting in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to a date that is not more than 10 days after the scheduled date of such Company Meeting, provided, however, that the Company Meeting shall not be adjourned or postponed to a date later than the tenth Business Day prior to the Outside Date.

(j) The Company Board shall reaffirm the Company Board Recommendation by news release promptly after (i) the Company Board has determined that any Acquisition Proposal is not a Superior Proposal if the Acquisition Proposal has been publicly announced or made; or (ii) the Company Board makes the determination referred to in Section 5.1(g) that an Acquisition Proposal that has been publicly announced or made and which previously constituted a Superior Proposal has ceased to be a Superior Proposal, and the Parties have so amended the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement. The Purchaser and its outside legal counsel shall be given a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the form and content of any such news release and the Company shall give reasonable consideration to all amendments to such press release requested

by the Purchaser and its outside legal counsel. Such news release shall state that the Company Board has determined that such Acquisition Proposal is not a Superior Proposal.

(k) The Company will not become a party to any Contract with any person subsequent to the date hereof that limits or prohibits the Company from (i) providing or making available to the Purchaser and its affiliates and Representatives any information provided or made available to such person or its officers, directors, employees, consultants, advisors, agents or other representatives (including solicitors, accountants, investment bankers and financial advisors) pursuant to an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement described in this Section 5.1 or (ii) providing the Purchaser and its affiliates and Representatives with any other information required to be given to it by the Company under this Section 5.1.

(l) Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Company Board from making any disclosure to the Company Shareholders if the Company Board, acting in good faith and upon the advice of its outside legal and financial advisors, shall have first determined that the failure to make such disclosure would be required under Law; provided that the Company shall provide the Purchaser and its external legal counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the form and content of any disclosure to be made pursuant to this Section 5.1(l) and shall give reasonable consideration to such comments.

(m) The Company represents and warrants that it has not waived or amended any confidentiality, standstill, non-disclosure or similar agreements, restrictions or covenant to which it or any of its subsidiaries is party. The Company agrees (i) not to release any persons from, or terminate, modify, amend or waive the terms of, any confidentiality agreement or standstill agreement or standstill provisions in any such confidentiality agreement that the Company entered into prior to the date hereof (it being acknowledged by the Purchaser that the automatic termination or release of any restrictions of any such agreements as a result of entering into and announcing this Agreement shall not be a violation of this Section 5.1(m)), (ii) to promptly and diligently enforce all standstill, non-disclosure, non-disturbance, non-solicitation and similar covenants that it has entered into prior to the date hereof or enter into after the date hereof. The Company shall forthwith, if provided for in a confidentiality agreement with such person, request the return or destruction of all information provided to any third party that, has entered into a confidentiality agreement with the Company to the extent that such information has not previously been returned or destroyed, and shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that such requests are honoured.

(n) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company shall ensure that its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives are aware of the provisions of this Section 5.1, and the Company shall be responsible for any breach of this Section 5.1 by any of its subsidiaries or their respective Representatives.

(o) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prohibit the Company Board from responding through a directors' circular or otherwise as required by applicable Securities Laws to an Acquisition Proposal that it determines is not a Superior Proposal if: (i) in the good faith judgment of the Company Board, after consultation with outside legal counsel, failure to make such disclosure would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable Law, (ii) the Company provides the Purchaser and its legal counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review and

comment on the form and content of any such disclosure, including but not limited to the directors' circular or otherwise, and (iii) the Company considers all reasonable amendments to such disclosure as requested by the Purchaser and its legal counsel, acting reasonably.

5.2 Purchaser Acquisition Proposals

(a) Except as expressly provided in this Article 5 or to the extent that the Company, in its sole and absolute discretion, has otherwise consented to in writing (which consent may be withheld, conditioned or delayed in the Company's sole and absolute discretion), until the earlier of the Effective Time or the date, if any, on which this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 6.1, the Purchaser shall not and shall cause its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives to not, directly or indirectly through any other person:

- (i) make, initiate, solicit, promote, entertain or encourage (including by way of furnishing or affording access to information or any site visit or entering into any form of agreement, arrangement or understanding), or take any other action that facilitates, directly or indirectly, any inquiry or the making of any inquiry, proposal or offer with respect to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal or that reasonably could be expected to constitute or lead to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal;
- (ii) participate directly or indirectly in any discussions or negotiations with, furnish information to, or otherwise co-operate in any way with, any person (other than the Company and its subsidiaries) regarding a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal or any inquiry, proposal or offer that could reasonably be expected to constitute or lead to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal;
- (iii) remain neutral with respect to, or agree to, approve, accept, recommend, enter into, or propose publicly to agree to, approve, accept, recommend or enter into, any agreement, understanding or arrangement in respect of a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal (it being understood that publicly taking no position or a neutral position with respect to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal for a period exceeding three Business Days after such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal has been publicly announced shall be deemed to constitute a violation of this Section 5.2(a)(iii)); or
- (iv) make any public announcement or take any other action inconsistent with, or that could reasonably be likely to be regarded as detracting from, the approval, recommendation or declaration of advisability of the Purchaser Board of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Purchaser shall, and shall cause its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives to, immediately cease and terminate any solicitation, encouragement, discussion, negotiation or other activities with any person (other than the Company, its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives) conducted prior to the date hereof by the Purchaser or any of its Representatives or its subsidiaries and their Representatives with respect to any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal or any inquiry, proposal or offer that could reasonably be expected to

constitute or lead to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal and, in connection with such termination, the Purchaser will immediately discontinue access to and disclosure of any and all information including its confidential information, and access to any data room, virtual or otherwise, to any person (other than access by the Company and its Representatives) and will as soon as possible, and in any event within two Business Days after the date hereof, request, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to exercise all rights it has (or cause its subsidiaries to exercise any rights that they have) to require the return or destruction of all confidential information regarding the Purchaser or its subsidiaries previously provided in connection therewith to any person (other than the Company and its Representatives) to the extent such confidential information has not already been returned or destroyed and use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that such obligations are fulfilled.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event that the Purchaser receives a *bona fide* written Purchaser Acquisition Proposal from any person after the date hereof and prior to the Company Meeting that did not result from a breach of this Section 5.2, and subject to the Purchaser's compliance with Section 5.2(d), the Purchaser and its Representatives may (i) furnish or provide access to or disclosure of information with respect to it to such person pursuant to an Acceptable Purchaser Confidentiality Agreement, if and only if (x) the Purchaser provides a copy of such Acceptable Purchaser Confidentiality Agreement to the Company promptly upon its execution, (y) the person making the Acquisition Proposal is provided with access to such information for a maximum period of five Business Days, and (z) the Purchaser contemporaneously provides to the Company any non-public information concerning the Purchaser that is provided to such person which was not previously provided to the Company or its Representatives, and (ii) engage in or participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal; provided, however, that, prior to taking any action described in clauses (i) or (ii) above, the Purchaser Board determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal would, if consummated in accordance with its terms, constitute a Purchaser Superior Proposal and failure to take such action would violate the fiduciary duties of such directors under applicable Law.

(d) The Purchaser shall promptly (and, in any event, within 24 hours of receipt by the Purchaser) notify the Company, at first orally and thereafter in writing, of any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal (whether or not in writing) received by the Purchaser, any inquiry received by the Purchaser that could reasonably be expected to constitute or lead to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, or any request received by the Purchaser for non-public information relating to the Purchaser in connection with a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal or for access to the properties, books or records of the Purchaser by any person that informs the Purchaser that it is considering making a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, including a copy of any written Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, a description of the material terms and conditions of such inquiry or request and the identity of the person making such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, inquiry or request, and promptly provide to the Company such other information concerning such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, inquiry or request as the Company may reasonably request. Thereafter, the Purchaser will keep the Company promptly and fully informed of the status, developments and details of any such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, inquiry or request, including any material changes, modifications or other amendments thereto.

(e) Except as expressly permitted by this Section 5.2, neither the Purchaser Board, nor any committee thereof shall: (i) accept, approve, endorse or recommend or publicly propose to accept, approve, endorse or recommend any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal; (ii) permit the Purchaser to accept or enter into, or publicly propose to enter into (or permit any such actions in the case of the Purchaser Board or any committee thereof), any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding or other Contract, agreement in principle, acquisition agreement, merger agreement or similar agreement or understanding (a “**Purchaser Acquisition Agreement**”) with respect to any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal; or (iii) permit the Purchaser to accept or enter into any Contract requiring the Purchaser to abandon, terminate or fail to consummate the Arrangement or providing for the payment of any break, termination or other fees or expenses to any person proposing a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal in the event that the Purchaser completes the transactions contemplated hereby or any other transaction with the Company or any of its affiliates.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 5.2(e), in the event the Purchaser receives a *bona fide* Purchaser Acquisition Proposal that Purchaser Board has determined is a Purchaser Superior Proposal from any person after the date hereof and prior to the Company Meeting, then, the Purchaser Board may, prior to the Company Meeting, enter into a Purchaser Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Purchaser Superior Proposal, but only if:

- (i) the Purchaser did not breach any provision of this Section 5.2 in connection with the preparation or making of such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal and the Purchaser has complied in all material respects with the other terms of this Section 5.2(f);
- (ii) the Purchaser has given written notice to the Company that it has received such Superior Proposal and that the Purchaser Board has determined that (x) such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal constitutes a Purchaser Superior Proposal and (y) the Purchaser Board intends to enter into a Purchaser Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Purchaser Superior Proposal, in each case promptly following the making of such determination together with a summary of the material terms of any proposed Purchaser Acquisition Agreement or other agreement relating to such Purchaser Superior Proposal (together with a copy of such agreement and any ancillary agreements and supporting materials) to be executed with the person making such Purchaser Superior Proposal, and, if applicable, a written notice from the Purchaser Board regarding the value or range of values in financial terms that the Purchaser Board has, in consultation with financial advisors, determined should be ascribed to any non-cash consideration offered in the Purchaser Superior Proposal;
- (iii) a period of five Business Days (such period being the “**Purchaser Superior Proposal Notice Period**”) shall have elapsed from the later of the date the Company received the notice from the Purchaser referred to in Section 5.2(f)(ii) and, if applicable, the notice from the Purchaser Board with respect to any non-cash consideration as contemplated in Section 5.2(f)(ii), and the date on which the Company received the summary of material terms and copies of agreements and supporting materials set out in Section 5.2(f)(ii);

- (iv) if the Company has proposed to amend the terms of the Arrangement in accordance with Section 5.2(g), the Purchaser Board shall have determined in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that (x) the Purchaser Acquisition Proposal remains a Purchaser Superior Proposal compared to the Arrangement as proposed to be amended by the Company and has provided the Company with full details of the basis on which such determination was made, and (y) failure to take such action would violate the fiduciary duties of such directors under applicable Law;
- (v) in the event the Purchaser intends to enter into a Purchaser Acquisition Agreement, the Purchaser concurrently terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(ii) [*Purchaser Superior Proposal*]; and
- (vi) the Purchaser has previously, or concurrently will have, paid to the Company the Purchaser Termination Fee pursuant to Section 5.3(d).

(g) The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that during the Purchaser Superior Proposal Notice Period or such longer period as the Purchaser may approve for such purpose, in its sole discretion, the Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to propose to amend the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement in accordance with this Section 5.2(g). The Purchaser Board will review in good faith any offer made by the Company to amend the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement in order to determine, in consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, whether the proposed amendments would, upon acceptance, result in the Purchaser Acquisition Proposal that previously constituted a Purchaser Superior Proposal ceasing to be a Purchaser Superior Proposal. The Purchaser agrees that, subject to the Purchaser's disclosure obligations under applicable Securities Laws, the fact of the making of, and each of the terms of, any such proposed amendments shall be kept strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person (including without limitation, the person having made the Purchaser Superior Proposal), other than the Purchaser's Representatives, without the Company's prior written consent. If the Purchaser Board determines that such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal would cease to be a Purchaser Superior Proposal as a result of the amendments proposed by the Company, the Purchaser will forthwith so advise the Company and the Parties will amend the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement to reflect such offer made by the Company, and the Parties agree to take such actions and execute such documents as are necessary to give effect to the foregoing. If the Purchaser Board continues to believe in good faith, after consultation with its financial advisors and outside legal counsel, that such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal remains a Purchaser Superior Proposal and therefore rejects the Company's offer to amend this Agreement and the Arrangement, if any, the Purchaser may, subject to compliance with the other provisions hereof, enter into a Purchaser Acquisition Agreement with respect to such Purchaser Superior Proposal.

(h) Each successive modification of any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal shall constitute a new Purchaser Acquisition Proposal for the purposes of Section 5.2(f) and shall require a new five Business Day Superior Proposal Notice Period from the date described in Section 5.2(f)(iii) with respect to such new Purchaser Acquisition Proposal. In circumstances where the Purchaser provides the Company with notice of a Purchaser Superior Proposal and all documentation contemplated by Section 5.2(f)(ii) on a date that is less than 10 Business Days prior to the Company Meeting, the Company may, and upon the request of the Purchaser, the Company

shall, adjourn or postpone the Company Meeting in accordance with the terms of this Agreement to a date that is not more than 10 days after the scheduled date of such Company Meeting, provided, however, that the Company Meeting shall not be adjourned or postponed to a date later than the tenth Business Day prior to the Outside Date.

(i) The Purchaser Board shall issue a news release promptly after (i) the Purchaser Board has determined that any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal is not a Purchaser Superior Proposal if the Purchaser Acquisition Proposal has been publicly announced or made; or (ii) the Purchaser Board makes the determination referred to in Section 5.2(g) that a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal that has been publicly announced or made and which previously constituted a Purchaser Superior Proposal has ceased to be a Purchaser Superior Proposal, and the Parties have so amended the terms of this Agreement and the Arrangement. The Company and its outside legal counsel shall be given a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the form and content of any such news release and the Purchaser shall give reasonable consideration to all amendments to such press release requested by the Company and its outside legal counsel. Such news release shall state that the Purchaser Board has determined that such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal is not a Purchaser Superior Proposal.

(j) The Purchaser will not become a party to any Contract with any person subsequent to the date hereof that limits or prohibits the Purchaser from (i) providing or making available to the Company and its affiliates and Representatives any information provided or made available to such person or its officers, directors, employees, consultants, advisors, agents or other representatives (including solicitors, accountants, investment bankers and financial advisors) pursuant to an Acceptable Purchaser Confidentiality Agreement described in this Section 5.2 or (ii) providing the Company and its affiliates and Representatives with any other information required to be given to it by the Purchaser under this Section 5.2.

(k) Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Purchaser Board from making any disclosure to the Purchaser Shareholders if the Purchaser Board, acting in good faith and upon the advice of its outside legal and financial advisors, shall have first determined that the failure to make such disclosure would be required under Law; provided that the Purchaser shall provide the Company and its external legal counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the form and content of any disclosure to be made pursuant to this Section 5.2(k) and shall give reasonable consideration to such comments.

(l) The Purchaser represents and warrants that it has not waived or amended any confidentiality, standstill, non-disclosure or similar agreements, restrictions or covenant to which it or any of its subsidiaries is party. The Purchaser agrees (i) not to release any persons from, or terminate, modify, amend or waive the terms of, any confidentiality agreement or standstill agreement or standstill provisions in any such confidentiality agreement that the Purchaser entered into prior to the date hereof (it being acknowledged by the Company that the automatic termination or release of any restrictions of any such agreements as a result of entering into and announcing this Agreement shall not be a violation of this Section 5.2(l)), (ii) to promptly and diligently enforce all standstill, non-disclosure, non-disturbance, non-solicitation and similar covenants that it has entered into prior to the date hereof or enter into after the date hereof. The Purchaser shall forthwith, if provided for in a confidentiality agreement with such person, request the return or destruction of all information provided to any third party that, has entered into a confidentiality

agreement with the Purchaser to the extent that such information has not previously been returned or destroyed, and shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that such requests are honoured.

(m) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Purchaser shall ensure that its subsidiaries and their respective Representatives are aware of the provisions of this Section 5.2, and the Purchaser shall be responsible for any breach of this Section 5.2 by any of its subsidiaries or their respective Representatives.

(n) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prohibit the Purchaser Board from responding through a directors' circular or otherwise as required by applicable Securities Laws to a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal that it determines is not a Purchaser Superior Proposal if: (i) in the good faith judgment of the Purchaser Board, after consultation with outside legal counsel, failure to make such disclosure would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable Law, (ii) the Purchaser provides the Company and its legal counsel with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the form and content of any such disclosure, including but not limited to the directors' circular or otherwise; and (iii) the Purchaser considers all reasonable amendments to such disclosure as requested by the Company and its legal counsel, acting reasonably.

5.3 Termination Fee and Purchaser Termination Fee

(a) **“Termination Fee Event”** means any of the following events:

(i) this Agreement shall have been terminated:

- (A) by either the Company or the Purchaser pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(i) [*Occurrence of Outside Date*] or Section 6.1(b)(ii) [*Failure to Obtain Company Shareholder Approval*], or
- (B) by the Purchaser pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(iv) [*Breach of Company Representations, Warranties or Covenants*],

and both: (x) prior to such termination, an Acquisition Proposal shall have been made public or proposed publicly to the Company or the Company Shareholders after the date hereof and not withdrawn at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the Company Meeting; and (y) the Company shall have either (1) completed any Acquisition Proposal within 12 months after this Agreement is terminated, or (2) entered into an Acquisition Agreement in respect of any Acquisition Proposal or the Company Board shall have recommended any Acquisition Proposal, in each case, within 12 months after this Agreement is terminated, and such Acquisition Proposal in either case, as it may be modified or amended, is subsequently completed (whether before or after the expiry of such 12-month period), provided, however, that for the purposes of this Section 5.3(a)(i), all references to “20%” in the definition of Acquisition Proposal shall be changed to “50%”;

- (ii) this Agreement shall have been terminated by the Purchaser pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(i) [*Change of Recommendation*] except where the Change of Recommendation resulted from a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect;
- (iii) this Agreement shall have been terminated by the Purchaser pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(ii) [*Material Breach of Company Non-Solicitation Covenants*];
- (iv) this Agreement shall have been terminated by either the Company or the Purchaser pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) [*Failure to Obtain Company Shareholder Approval*], following a Change of Recommendation; or
- (v) this Agreement shall have been terminated by the Company pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) [*Superior Proposal*].

(b) **“Purchaser Termination Fee Event”** means any of the following events:

- (i) this Agreement shall have been terminated:
 - (A) by either the Purchaser or the Company pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(i) [*Occurrence of Outside Date*], or
 - (B) by the Company pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(iii) [*Breach of Purchaser Representations, Warranties or Covenants*],

and both: (x) prior to such termination, a Purchaser Acquisition Proposal shall have been made public or proposed publicly to the Purchaser or the Purchaser Shareholders after the date hereof and not withdrawn at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the Company Meeting; and (y) the Purchaser shall have either (1) completed any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal within 12 months after this Agreement is terminated, or (2) entered into a Purchaser Acquisition Agreement in respect of any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal or the Purchaser Board shall have recommended any Purchaser Acquisition Proposal, in each case, within 12 months after this Agreement is terminated, and such Purchaser Acquisition Proposal in either case, as it may be modified or amended, is subsequently completed (whether before or after the expiry of such 12-month period), provided, however, that for the purposes of this Section 5.3(b)(i), all references to “20%” in the definition of Purchaser Acquisition Proposal shall be changed to “50%”;

- (ii) this Agreement shall have been terminated by the Company pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(ii) [*Material Breach of Purchaser Non-Solicitation Covenants*];
- (iii) this Agreement shall have been terminated by the Purchaser pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(ii) [*Purchaser Superior Proposal*].

(c) If a Termination Fee Event occurs, the Company shall pay to the Purchaser a termination fee of \$1,750,000 (the “**Termination Fee**”) by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account specified by the Purchaser as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Termination Fee Event referred to in Section 5.3(a)(i), the Company shall pay the Termination Fee to the Purchaser on or prior to completion of the applicable Acquisition Proposal;
- (ii) in the case of a Termination Fee Event referred to in Section 5.3(a)(ii), 5.3(a)(iii) or 5.3(a)(iv), the Company shall pay the Termination Fee to the Purchaser within one Business Day following such termination; or
- (iii) in the case of a Termination Fee Event referred to in Section 5.3(a)(v), the Company shall pay the Termination Fee to the Purchaser concurrently with such termination.

(d) If a Purchaser Termination Fee Event occurs, the Purchaser shall pay to the Company a termination fee of \$1,750,000 (the “**Purchaser Termination Fee**”) by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account specified by the Company as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Purchaser Termination Fee Event referred to in Section 5.3(b)(i), the Purchaser shall pay the Purchaser Termination Fee to the Company on or prior to completion of the applicable Purchaser Acquisition Proposal;
- (ii) in the case of a Purchaser Termination Fee Event referred to in Section 5.3(b)(ii) or 5.3(b)(ii), the Purchaser shall pay the Purchaser Termination Fee to the Company within one Business Day following such termination; or
- (iii) in the case of a Purchaser Termination Fee Event referred to in Section 5.3(b)(iii), the Purchaser shall pay the Purchaser Termination Fee to the Company concurrently with such termination.

(e) Except as otherwise specified herein, each Party will pay its respective legal and accounting costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and all documents and instruments executed pursuant to this Agreement and any other costs, fees and expenses whatsoever and howsoever incurred, and will indemnify and save harmless the other from and against any claim for any broker’s, finder’s or placement fee or commission alleged to have been incurred as a result of any action by it in connection with the transactions hereunder. The Purchaser shall pay all filing fees or similar fees payable to a Governmental Authority and applicable Taxes in connection with a Regulatory Approval.

(f) Each of the parties acknowledges that the agreements contained in this Section 5.3 are an integral part of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement and that without these agreements, the Parties would not enter into this Agreement. Accordingly, if a Party fails to pay any amount due pursuant to this Section 5.3 when such payment is due and, in order to obtain the payment, the other Party commences a suit which results in a judgment against the defaulting party for the payment of any amount due pursuant to this Section 5.3, the defaulting Party shall, in

addition to the payment of any amounts due, pay the other Party its reasonable and documented costs and expenses (including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees) in connection with such suit, together with interest on such amount at the prime rate of Royal Bank of Canada in effect on the date such payment was required to be made to and including the date on which such payment was actually received.

(g) Each Party acknowledges that all of the payment amounts set out in this Section 5.3 are payments in consideration for the disposition of the rights of the Party entitled to receive such payment under this Agreement and represent liquidated damages which are a genuine pre-estimate of the damages which the Party entitled to receive such payment under this Agreement will suffer or incur as a result of the event giving rise to such payment and the resultant termination of this Agreement and are not penalties. Each Party irrevocably waives any right that it may have to raise as a defence that any such liquidated damages are excessive or punitive. For greater certainty, the Parties agree that the payment of an amount pursuant to this Section 5.3 in the manner provided herein is the sole and exclusive remedy of the Party entitled to receive such payment in respect of the event giving rise to such payment, provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section 5.3, and no payment of any such amount, shall relieve or have the effect of relieving a Party in any way from liability for damages incurred or suffered by the other Party as a result of an intentional or wilful breach of this Agreement, including the intentional or wilful making of a misrepresentation in this Agreement and nothing contained in this Section 5.3 shall preclude a Party from seeking injunctive relief in accordance with Section 8.14 to restrain the breach or threatened breach of the covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement or the Confidentiality Agreement or otherwise to obtain specific performance of any of such acts, covenants or agreements, without the necessity of posting a bond or security in connection therewith.

ARTICLE 6 **TERMINATION**

6.1 Termination

(a) Termination by Mutual Consent. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Effective Time by mutual written consent of the Company and the Purchaser.

(b) Termination by either the Company or the Purchaser. This Agreement may be terminated by either the Company or the Purchaser at any time prior to the Effective Time, if:

- (i) the Effective Time does not occur on or before the Outside Date, except that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 6.1(b)(i) shall not be available to any Party whose failure to fulfil any of its obligations or breach of any of its representations and warranties under this Agreement has been a principal cause of, or resulted in, the failure of the Effective Time to occur by the Outside Date;
- (ii) the Company Meeting is held and the Arrangement Resolution is not approved by the Company Shareholders in accordance with applicable Laws and the Interim Order, except that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 6.1(b)(ii) shall not be available to any Party whose failure to fulfil any

of its obligations or breach of any of its representations and warranties under this Agreement has been a principal cause of, or resulted in, the failure to receive approval of the Arrangement Resolution by the Company Shareholders;

- (iii) after the date hereof, any Law is enacted or made that remains in effect and that makes the completion of the Arrangement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement illegal or otherwise prohibited, and such Law has become final and non-appealable, except that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 6.1(b)(iii) shall not be available to any Party unless such Party has used its commercially reasonable efforts to, as applicable, appeal or overturn such Law or otherwise have it lifted or rendered non-applicable in respect of the Arrangement.

(c) Termination by the Purchaser. This Agreement may be terminated by the Purchaser at any time prior to the Effective Time, if:

- (i) either (A) the Company Board or any committee thereof fails to publicly make a recommendation that the Company Shareholders vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution as contemplated in Section 2.2(e), Section 2.5(d) and Section 5.1(j) or the Company or the Company Board, or any committee thereof, withdraws, modifies, qualifies or changes in a manner adverse to the Purchaser, the Company Board Recommendation (it being understood that publicly taking no position or a neutral position by the Company and/or the Company Board with respect to an Acquisition Proposal for a period exceeding three Business Days after an Acquisition Proposal has been publicly announced (or beyond the date which is one day prior to the Company Meeting, if sooner) shall be deemed to constitute such a withdrawal, modification, qualification or change, (B) the Purchaser requests that the Company Board reaffirm its recommendation that the Company Shareholders vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution and the Company Board shall not have done so by the earlier of (x) the third Business Day following receipt of such request and (y) the Company Meeting, or (C) the Company and/or the Company Board, or any committee thereof, accepts, approves, endorses or recommends any Acquisition Proposal or proposes publicly to accept, approve, endorse or recommend any Acquisition Proposal (each of the foregoing a **“Change of Recommendation”**);
- (ii) at any time prior to the approval of the Arrangement Resolution, the Purchaser Board authorizes the Purchaser to enter into a Purchaser Acquisition Agreement (other than an Acceptable Purchaser Confidentiality Agreement) with respect to a Purchaser Superior Proposal in accordance with Section 5.2(f), provided that concurrently with such termination, the Purchaser pays the Purchaser Termination Fee payable pursuant to Section 5.3;
- (iii) the Company breaches Section 5.1 in any material respect;

- (iv) subject to compliance with Section 6.3, the Company breaches any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach would cause any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.3 not to be satisfied and such breach is incapable of being cured or is not cured in accordance with the terms of Section 6.3, provided, however, that any wilful breach shall be deemed incapable of being cured and the Purchaser is not then in breach of this Agreement so as to cause any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.2 not to be satisfied; or
- (v) the Purchaser shall have determined that a Material Adverse Effect has occurred with respect to the Company after the date of this Agreement.

(d) Termination by the Company. This Agreement may be terminated by the Company at any time prior to the Effective Time, if:

- (i) at any time prior to the approval of the Arrangement Resolution, the Company Board authorizes the Company to enter into an Acquisition Agreement (other than an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement) with respect to a Superior Proposal in accordance with Section 5.1(f), provided that concurrently with such termination, the Company pays the Termination Fee payable pursuant to Section 5.3;
- (ii) the Purchaser breaches Section 5.2 in any material respect;
- (iii) subject to compliance with Section 6.3, the Purchaser breaches any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach would cause any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.2 not to be satisfied and such breach is incapable of being cured or is not cured in accordance with the terms of Section 6.3, provided, however, that any wilful breach shall be deemed incapable of being cured and the Company is not then in breach of this Agreement so as to cause any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 or Section 7.3 not to be satisfied; or
- (iv) the Company shall have determined that a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect has occurred with respect to the Purchaser after the date of this Agreement.

6.2 Void upon Termination

If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 6.1, this Agreement shall become void and of no force and effect and no Party will have any liability or further obligation to the other Party hereunder, except that (i) any liability of the Company to pay a Termination Fee that is unpaid at the time of termination of this Agreement, (ii) any liability of the Purchaser to pay a Purchaser Termination Fee that is unpaid at the time of termination of this Agreement, and (iii) the provisions of Section 4.2, Section 5.3, this Section 6.2 and Article 8 (other than Section 8.6 and Section 8.9), shall survive any termination hereof pursuant to Section 6.1, provided, however, that neither the termination of this Agreement nor anything contained in Section 5.3 or this

Section 6.2 will relieve any Party from any liability for any intentional or wilful breach by it of this Agreement, including any intentional or wilful making of a misrepresentation in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Confidentiality Agreement shall survive any termination hereof pursuant to Section 6.1.

6.3 Notice and Cure Provisions

If any Party determines at any time prior to the Effective Time that it intends to refuse to complete the transactions contemplated hereby because of any unfilled or unperformed condition contained in this Agreement, such Party will so notify the other Party forthwith upon making such determination in order that the other Party will have the right and opportunity to take such steps, at its own expense, as may be necessary for the purpose of fulfilling or performing such condition within a reasonable period of time, but in no event later than the Outside Date. Neither the Company nor the Purchaser may elect not to complete the transactions contemplated hereby pursuant to the conditions precedent contained in Article 7 or exercise any termination right arising therefrom and no payments will be payable as a result of such election pursuant to Article 7 unless forthwith and in any event prior to the Effective Time the Party intending to rely thereon has given a written notice to the other Party specifying in reasonable detail all breaches of covenants, representations and warranties or other matters which the Party giving such notice is asserting as the basis for the non-fulfillment of the applicable condition precedent or the exercise of the termination right, as the case may be. If any such notice is given, provided that the other Party is proceeding diligently to cure such matter, if such matter is susceptible to being cured, the Party giving such notice may not terminate this Agreement as a result thereof until the earlier of the Outside Date and the expiration of a period of 15 Business Days from such notice, and then only if such matter has not been cured by such date. If such notice has been given prior to the making of the application for the Final Order or the date of the Company Meeting, such application and/or such meetings, unless the Parties otherwise agree, will be postponed or adjourned until the expiry of such period (without causing any breach of any other provision contained herein).

ARTICLE 7 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

7.1 Mutual Conditions Precedent

The respective obligations of the Parties to complete the Arrangement are subject to the satisfaction, or mutual waiver by the Parties, on or before the Effective Date, of each of the following conditions, each of which are for the mutual benefit of the Parties and which may be waived, in whole or in part, by the mutual consent of the Purchaser and the Company at any time:

- (a) the Arrangement Resolution will have been approved by the Company Shareholders at the Company Meeting in accordance with the Interim Order and applicable Laws;
- (b) each of the Interim Order and Final Order will have been obtained in form and substance satisfactory to each of the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, and will not have been set aside or modified in any manner

unacceptable to either the Company or the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, on appeal or otherwise;

- (c) the necessary conditional approvals or equivalent approvals, as the case may be, of the TSX and the TSXV will have been obtained;
- (d) no Law will have been enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced, made, entered, issued or applied and no Proceeding will otherwise have been taken under any Laws or by any Governmental Authority (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that makes the Arrangement illegal or otherwise directly or indirectly cease trades, enjoins, restrains or otherwise prohibits completion of the Arrangement;
- (e) the Consideration Shares and the Replacement Options to be issued pursuant to the Arrangement shall be (i) exempt from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) thereof and applicable U.S. state securities laws, and (ii) freely transferable under the U.S. Securities Act (other than as applicable to persons who at the Effective Time are, or have been within 90 days of the Effective Time, or who after the Effective Time become, "affiliates", as such term is defined in Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act); provided, however, that the Company shall be not entitled to the benefit of the conditions in this Section 7.1(e), and shall be deemed to have waived such condition in the event that the Company fails to advise the Court prior to the hearing in respect of the Interim Order that the Purchaser intends to rely on the exemption from registration afforded by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act based on the Court's approval of the Arrangement and comply with the requirements set forth in Section 2.12 and the Final Order shall reflect such reliance;
- (f) binding agreements, each in form and substance satisfactory to each of the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably, shall have been entered into, as provided for and in accordance with the terms contemplated by the Nebari Term Sheets;
- (g) the Purchaser shall have obtained all necessary approvals, consents and waivers in respect of the Purchaser Facility Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to each of the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably, with respect to, among other things, the waiver of any mandatory prepayment requirements pursuant to the Purchaser Facility Agreement and the consent to a voluntary prepayment of all amounts outstanding under the Purchaser Facility Agreement;
- (h) the Purchaser shall have entered into a binding agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to each of the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably, to amend the Purchaser Royalty Agreement as contemplated by the Nebari Term Sheets; and
- (i) this Agreement shall not have been terminated in accordance with its terms.

7.2 Additional Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Company

The obligation of the Company to complete the Arrangement will be subject to the satisfaction, or waiver by the Company, on or before the Effective Date, of each of the following conditions, each of which is for the exclusive benefit of the Company and which may be waived by the Company at any time, in whole or in part, in its sole discretion and without prejudice to any other rights that the Company may have:

- (a) the Purchaser shall have complied in all material respects with its obligations, covenants and agreements in this Agreement to be performed and complied with on or before the Effective Date;
- (b) the representations and warranties of the Purchaser in Section 3.2 shall be true and correct (disregarding for this purpose all materiality or Purchaser Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein) as of the Effective Date as if made on and as of such date (except for such representations and warranties which refer to or are made as of another specified date, in which case such representations and warranties will have been true and correct as of that date) except (i) as affected by transactions, changes, conditions, events or circumstances expressly permitted or required by this Agreement, or (ii) for breaches of representations and warranties (other than those contained in Section 3.2(a) [*Organization and Qualification*], Section 3.2(c) [*Authority Relative to this Agreement*], Section 3.2(f) [*Capitalization*], Section 3.2(m)(ii) [*No MAE*] and Section 3.2(x) [*Interest in Properties*]) which have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect, it being understood that it is a separate condition precedent to the obligations of the Company hereunder that the representations and warranties made by the Purchaser in Section 3.2(a) [*Organization and Qualification*], Section 3.2(c) [*Authority Relative to this Agreement*], Section 3.2(f) [*Capitalization*] (other than *de minimis* inaccuracies or adjustments resulting from the issuance of Purchaser Shares pursuant to the terms of existing Purchaser stock options or Purchaser share purchase warrants), Section 3.2(m)(ii) [*No MAE*] and Section 3.2(x) [*Interest in Properties*]) must be accurate in all respects when made and as of the Effective Date;
- (c) the Company shall have received a certificate of the Purchaser signed by a senior officer of the Purchaser and dated the Effective Date certifying that the conditions set out in Sections 7.2(a) and 7.2(b) have been satisfied, which certificate will cease to have any force and effect after the Effective Time;
- (d) since the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred, or have been disclosed to the public (if previously undisclosed to the public) a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect; and
- (e) the Purchaser shall have complied with its obligations under Section 2.11 and the Depository shall have confirmed receipt of the Consideration; and

- (f) all actions shall have been taken such that, upon the occurrence of the Effective Time, (i) the Purchaser Board shall be comprised of two nominees of the Company and six nominees of the Purchaser, and (ii) Kevin Bullock shall be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Purchaser, all as contemplated in, and subject to, Section 4.13.

7.3 Additional Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Purchaser

The obligation of the Purchaser to complete the Arrangement will be subject to the satisfaction, or waiver by the Purchaser, on or before the Effective Date, of each of the following conditions, each of which is for the exclusive benefit of the Purchaser and which may be waived by the Purchaser at any time, in whole or in part, in its sole discretion and without prejudice to any other rights that the Purchaser may have:

- (a) the Company shall have complied in all material respects with its obligations, covenants and agreements in this Agreement to be performed and complied with on or before the Effective Date;
- (b) the representations and warranties of the Company in Section 3.1 shall be true and correct (disregarding for this purpose all materiality or Material Adverse Effect qualifications contained therein) as of the Effective Date as if made on and as of such date (except for such representations and warranties which refer to or are made as of another specified date, in which case such representations and warranties will have been true and correct as of that date) except (i) as affected by transactions, changes, conditions, events or circumstances expressly permitted or required by this Agreement or (ii) for breaches of representations and warranties (other than those contained in Section 3.1(a)(i) [*Organization and Qualification*], Section 3.1(c) [*Authority Relative to this Agreement*], Section 3.1(f)(i) [*Capitalization*], Section 3.1(n)(ii) [*No MAE*] and Section 3.1(v) [*Interest in Properties*]) which have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, it being understood that it is a separate condition precedent to the obligations of the Purchaser hereunder that the representations and warranties made by the Company in Section 3.1(a)(i) [*Organization and Qualification*], Section 3.1(c) [*Authority Relative to this Agreement*], Section 3.1(f)(i) [*Capitalization*] (other than *de minimis* inaccuracies or adjustments resulting from the issuance of Company Shares pursuant to the terms of the Company Options, Company Share Units or Company Warrants), Section 3.1(n)(ii) [*No MAE*] and Section 3.1(v) [*Interest in Properties*] must be accurate in all respects when made and as of the Effective Date;
- (c) Company Shareholders shall not have exercised Dissent Rights, or have instituted proceedings to exercise Dissent Rights, in connection with the Arrangement (other than Company Shareholders representing not more than 5% of the Company Shares then outstanding);

- (d) since the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred, or have been disclosed to the public (if previously undisclosed to the public) a Material Adverse Effect;
- (e) the Key Employees shall have: (A)(i) entered into employment or consulting agreements; (ii) amended their existing employment or consulting agreements; or (iii) otherwise confirmed in writing their continuing employment, in each case on terms and conditions that are substantially similar to the terms and conditions of the employment or consulting agreements in effect for such Key Employees as of the date of this Agreement; and (B) waived all severance, change of control or similar payment entitlements in connection with the Arrangement, in each case in form and substance satisfactory to the Purchaser, acting reasonably;
- (f) the Purchaser shall have received a certificate of the Company signed by a senior officer of the Company and dated the Effective Date certifying that the conditions set out in Sections 7.3(a), 7.3(b), 7.3(c) and 7.3(d) have been satisfied, which certificate will cease to have any force and effect after the Effective Time;
- (g) the Purchaser shall have received evidence satisfactory to the Purchaser, acting reasonably, that the vesting provisions contained in the Company Share Unit Plan have been amended such that Company Share Units held by Continuing Company Share Unitholders shall not vest as a result of the change of control of the Company arising as a result of the Arrangement;
- (h) all waivers, consents, permits, approvals, releases, licences or authorizations under or pursuant to any Material Contract which the Purchaser has determined are necessary in connection with the completion of the Arrangement, will have been obtained on terms which are satisfactory to the Purchaser, acting reasonably; and
- (i) there shall not be pending or threatened in writing any Proceeding by any Governmental Authority or any other person that is reasonably likely to result in any:
 - (i) prohibition or restriction on the acquisition by the Purchaser of any Company Shares or the completion of the Arrangement or any person obtaining from any of the Parties any material damages directly in connection with the Arrangement;
 - (ii) prohibition or material limit on the ownership by the Purchaser of the Company or any material portion of their respective businesses; or
 - (iii) imposition of limitations on the ability of the Purchaser to acquire or hold, or exercise full rights of ownership of, any Company Shares, including the right to vote such Company Shares.

ARTICLE 8
GENERAL

8.1 **Notices**

Any demand, notice or other communication to be given in connection with this Agreement must be given in writing and will be given by personal delivery or by electronic mail addressed to the recipient as follows:

- (a) if to the Purchaser as follows:

NexGold Mining Corp.
15 Toronto St., Suite 401
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 2E3

Attention: Morgan Lekstrom
E-mail: *[Redacted – Confidential Information]*

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

DuMoulin Black LLP
1111 West Hastings Street, 15th Floor
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6E 2J3

Attention: Jason Sutherland
E-mail: jsutherland@dumoulinblack.com

- (b) if to the Company:

Signal Gold Inc.
Suite 401 – 20 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 2T6

Attention: Kevin Bullock
E-mail: *[Redacted – Confidential Information]*

with a copy (which will not constitute notice) to:

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
Suite 3200, Bay Adelaide Centre – North Tower
40 Temperance Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 0B4

Attention: Alex Pizale
Email: apizale@cassels.com

or to such other street address, individual or electronic communication number or address as may be designated by notice given by either Party to the other. Any demand, notice or other communication given by personal delivery will be conclusively deemed to have been given on the day of actual delivery thereof and, if given by electronic mail, on the day of transmittal thereof if given during the normal business hours of the recipient and on the next Business Day if not given during such hours on any day.

8.2 Assignment

The Company agrees that the Purchaser may assign all or any part of its rights under this Agreement to, and its obligations under this Agreement may be assumed by, a wholly-owned direct or indirect subsidiary of the Purchaser, provided that the Purchaser shall continue to be liable jointly and severally with such subsidiary for all obligations hereunder. Subject to the foregoing, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder may be assigned by any Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

8.3 Benefit of Agreement

This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors (including any successor by reason of amalgamation or statutory arrangement) and permitted assigns of the Parties.

8.4 Third Party Beneficiaries

Except as provided in Section 4.9 which, without limiting its terms, is intended for the benefit of the present and former directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, as and to the extent applicable in accordance with its terms (collectively, the “**Third-Party Beneficiaries**”), the Parties intend that this Agreement will not benefit or create any right or cause of action in favour of any person, other than the Parties and that no person, other than the Parties, shall be entitled to rely on the provisions of this Agreement in any action, suit, proceeding, hearing or other forum. The Parties acknowledge to each of the Third-Party Beneficiaries their direct rights against the applicable Party under Section 4.9, which are intended for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, each Third-Party Beneficiary, his or her heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives, and for such purpose, the Company shall hold the rights and benefits of Section 4.9 in trust for and on behalf of the Third-Party Beneficiaries and the Company hereby accepts such trust and agrees to hold the benefit of and enforce performance of such covenants on behalf of the Third-Party Beneficiaries.

8.5 Time of Essence

Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

8.6 Public Announcements

No Party shall issue any press release or otherwise make written public statements with respect to the Arrangement or this Agreement without the consent of the other Party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). The Company shall not make any filing with any Governmental Authority with respect to the Arrangement or the transactions contemplated hereby without prior consultation with the Purchaser, and the Purchaser shall not make any filing with any Governmental Authority with respect to the Arrangement or the transactions contemplated hereby without prior consultation with the Company; provided, however, that the foregoing shall be subject to each Party's overriding obligation to make any disclosure or filing required under applicable Laws or stock exchange rules, and the Party making the disclosure shall use commercially reasonable efforts to give prior oral or written notice to the other Party and reasonable opportunity for the other Party to review or comment on the disclosure or filing (other than with respect to confidential information contained in such disclosure or filing). The Party making such disclosure shall give reasonable consideration to any comments made by the other Party or its counsel, and if such prior notice is not possible, to give notice immediately following the making of any such disclosure or filing, and provided further, however, that, except as otherwise required by Section 5.1, (i) the Company shall have no obligation to obtain the consent of or consult with the Purchaser prior to any press release, public statement, disclosure or filing by the Company with regard to an Acquisition Proposal, a Change of Recommendation or in connection with any dispute between the Parties regarding this Agreement, the Arrangement and the transactions contemplated hereby, and (ii) the Purchaser shall have no obligation to obtain the consent of or consult with the Company prior to any press release, public statement, disclosure or filing by the Purchaser in connection with any dispute between the Parties regarding this Agreement, the Arrangement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

8.7 Governing Law; Attornment; Service of Process

This Agreement shall be governed, including as to validity, interpretation and effect, by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein. Each of the Parties hereby irrevocably attorns to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario in respect of all matters arising under and in relation to this Agreement or the Arrangement and waives, to the fullest extent possible, the defence of an inconvenient forum or any similar defence to the maintenance of proceedings in such courts.

8.8 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes, together with the Confidentiality Agreement, the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. There are no representations, warranties, terms, conditions, undertakings or collateral agreements, express, implied or statutory, between the Parties with respect thereto except as expressly set forth in this Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement.

8.9 Amendment

(a) Subject to the terms of the Interim Order, the Plan of Arrangement and applicable Laws, this Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement may, at any time and from time to time before

or after the holding of the Company Meeting but not later than the Effective Time, be amended by written agreement of the Parties without, subject to applicable Laws, further notice to or authorization on the part of the Company Shareholders, and any such amendment may, without limitation:

- (i) change the time for performance of any of the obligations or acts of the Parties;
- (ii) waive any inaccuracies or modify any representation, term or provision contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant hereto; or
- (iii) waive compliance with or modify any of the conditions precedent referred to in Article 7 or any of the covenants herein contained or waive or modify performance of any of the obligations of the Parties,

provided, however, that no such amendment may reduce or materially affect the Consideration to be received by the Company Shareholders under the Arrangement without their approval at the Company Meeting or, following the Company Meeting, without their approval given in the same manner as required by applicable Laws for the approval of the Arrangement as may be required by the Court.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan of Arrangement may only be supplemented or amended in accordance with the provisions thereof.

8.10 Waiver and Modifications

Any Party may (a) waive, in whole or in part, any inaccuracy of, or consent to the modification of, any representation or warranty made to it hereunder or in any document to be delivered pursuant hereto, (b) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or acts of the other Party (c) waive or consent to the modification of any of the covenants herein contained for its benefit or waive or consent to the modification of any of the obligations of the other Party hereto or (d) waive the fulfillment of any condition to its own obligations contained herein. No waiver or consent to the modifications of any of the provisions of this Agreement will be effective or binding unless made in writing and signed by the Party purporting to give the same and, unless otherwise provided, will be limited to the specific breach or condition waived. The rights and remedies of the Parties hereunder are cumulative and are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other rights and remedies available at law or in equity or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by a Party of any right or remedy precludes or otherwise affects any further exercise of such right or remedy or the exercise of any other right or remedy to which that Party may be entitled. No waiver or partial waiver of any nature, in any one or more instances, will be deemed or construed a continued waiver of any condition or breach of any other term, representation or warranty in this Agreement.

8.11 Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be severed from this Agreement and the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced,

the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the fullest extent possible.

8.12 Mutual Interest

Notwithstanding the fact that any part of this Agreement has been drafted or prepared by or on behalf of one of the Parties, all Parties confirm that they and their respective counsel have reviewed and negotiated this Agreement and that the Parties have adopted this Agreement as the joint agreement and understanding of the Parties, and the language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the Parties to express their mutual intent, and the Parties waive the application of any Laws or rules of construction providing that ambiguities in any agreement or other document will be construed against the Party drafting such agreement or other document and agree that no rule of construction providing that a provision is to be interpreted in favour of the person who contracted the obligation and against the person who stipulated it will be applied against any Party.

8.13 Further Assurances

Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties will, from time to time, do all acts and things and execute and deliver all such further documents and instruments, as the other Parties may, either before or after the Effective Date, reasonably require to effectively carry out or better evidence or perfect the full intent and meaning of this Agreement and, in the event the Arrangement becomes effective, to document or evidence any of the transactions or events set out in the Plan of Arrangement.

8.14 Injunctive Relief

Subject to Section 5.3(g), the Parties agree that irreparable harm would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached for which money damages would not be an adequate remedy at law. It is accordingly agreed that the Parties will be entitled to an injunction or injunctions, specific performance and other equitable relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement, any requirement for the securing or posting of any bond in connection with the obtaining of any such injunctive or other equitable relief hereby being waived, this being in addition to any other remedy to which a Party may be entitled at law or in equity.

8.15 No Personal Liability

(a) No director, officer or employee of the Purchaser will have any personal liability to the Company under this Agreement or any other document delivered in connection with this Agreement or the Arrangement on behalf of the Purchaser.

(b) No director, officer or employee of the Company will have any personal liability to the Purchaser under this Agreement or any other document delivered in connection with this Agreement or the Arrangement on behalf of the Company.

8.16 **Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts (including by facsimile or electronic transmission), each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together will be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

NEXGOLD MINING CORP.

By: (signed) "Morgan Lekstrom"
Name: Morgan Lekstrom
Title: President

SIGNAL GOLD INC.

By: (signed) "Kevin Bullock"
Name: Kevin Bullock
Title: President and Chief
Executive Officer

SCHEDULE A
FORM OF PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT
PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT
UNDER THE *BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT* (ONTARIO)

ARTICLE 1
INTERPRETATION

Section 1.1 Definitions

In this Plan of Arrangement, unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set out below and grammatical variations of those terms shall have corresponding meanings:

“**Arrangement**” means the arrangement under the provisions of Section 182 of the OBCA, on the terms and conditions set out in this Plan of Arrangement, subject to any amendments or variations thereto made in accordance with Section 8.9 of the Arrangement Agreement or Article 6 of this Plan of Arrangement or made at the direction of the Court in the Final Order with the consent of the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably;

“**Arrangement Agreement**” means the arrangement agreement made as of October 9, 2024 between the Company and the Purchaser, including the schedules thereto, as the same may be, amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with its terms;

“**Arrangement Resolution**” means the special resolution approving the Arrangement to be considered at the Company Meeting, to be substantially in the form set forth in Schedule B to the Arrangement Agreement, subject to any amendments or variations thereto made in accordance with the terms of the Arrangement Agreement or made at the direction of the Court in the Interim Order with the consent of Company and Purchaser, each acting reasonably;

“**BCBCA**” means the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and the regulations made thereunder, as promulgated or amended from time to time;

“**Business Day**” means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or any other day on which commercial banking institutions in Toronto, Ontario or in Vancouver, British Columbia are authorized or required by applicable law to be closed;

“Certificate of Arrangement” means the certificate of arrangement to be issued by the Director pursuant to subsection 183(2) of the OBCA in respect of the Articles of Arrangement;

“Company” means Signal Gold Inc., a corporation existing under the OBCA;

“Company Incentive Plans” means the Company Option Plan and the Company Share Unit Plan;

“Company Meeting” means the special meeting of the Company Shareholders, including any adjournment or postponement thereof, to be called and held in accordance with the Interim Order for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Arrangement Resolution;

“Company Option In-The-Money Amount” in respect of a Company Option means the amount, if any, by which the total fair market value (determined immediately before the Effective Time) of the Company Shares that a holder is entitled to acquire on exercise of the Company Option immediately before the Effective Time exceeds the aggregate exercise price to acquire such Company Shares at such time;

“Company Optionholder” means a holder of Company Options;

“Company Options” means options to acquire Company Shares granted pursuant to or otherwise subject to the Company Option Plan;

“Company Option Plan” means the stock option plan of the Company last approved by Company Shareholders on May 24, 2023;

“Company Share Unit Plan” means the share unit plan of the Company last approved by Company Shareholders on May 24, 2023;

“Company Share Units” means share units to acquire Company Shares granted pursuant to or otherwise subject to the Company Share Unit Plan;

“Company Share Unitholder” means a holder of Company Share Units;

“Company Shareholder” means a holder of one or more Company Shares;

“Company Shares” means the common shares without par value in the capital of the Company;

“Company Warrantholder” means a holder of Company Warrants;

“Company Warrants” means the issued and outstanding warrants to purchase Company Shares;

“Consideration” means the consideration to be received by Company Shareholders pursuant to the Arrangement in consideration for their Company Shares, consisting of 0.1244 of a Purchaser Share for each Company Share;

“Consideration Shares” means the Purchaser Shares to be issued as Consideration pursuant to the Arrangement;

“Continuing Company Share Unitholders” means each of the holders of Company Share Units who are anticipated to continue as an employee, director or officer with the Purchaser, the Company or an Affiliate of the Company or the Purchaser following completion of the Arrangement;

“Court” means the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (*Commercial List*);

“Depositary” means any trust company, bank or other financial institution agreed to in writing by each of the Parties for the purpose of, among other things, exchanging certificates representing Company Shares for the Consideration in connection with the Arrangement;

“Director” means the Director appointed pursuant to section 278 of the OBCA;

“Dissent Rights” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.1;

“Dissenting Shares” means the Company Shares held by Dissenting Shareholders in respect of which such Dissenting Shareholders have given Notice of Dissent;

“Dissenting Shareholder” means a registered Company Shareholder who has duly and validly exercised the Dissent Rights in respect of the Arrangement Resolution in strict compliance with the Dissent Rights and who has not withdrawn or been deemed to have withdrawn such exercise of Dissent Rights;

“Effective Date” means the date shown in the Certificate of Arrangement, which will be a date following satisfaction or waiver of all of the conditions to the completion of the Arrangement as set forth in the Arrangement Agreement and the delivery of all documents agreed to be delivered to the satisfaction of the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably;

“Effective Time” means 12:01 a.m. (Toronto time) or such other time as the Company and the Purchaser may agree upon in writing before the Effective Date;

“Exchange Ratio” means 0.1244 of a Purchaser Share for each Company Share;

“Final Order” means the order of the Court pursuant to Section 182(5) of the OBCA, after being informed of the intention of the Purchaser to rely upon the exemption from registration pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act with respect to the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued pursuant to the Arrangement in form and substance acceptable to both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, and after a hearing upon the procedural and substantive fairness of the terms and conditions of the Arrangement, approving the Arrangement, as such order may be affirmed, amended, modified, supplemented or varied by the Court (with the consent of both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably) at any time prior to the Effective Date or, if appealed, unless such appeal is withdrawn, abandoned or denied, as affirmed or amended on appeal (provided that any such amendment, modification or variation is acceptable to both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably);

“Former Shareholders” means the Company Shareholders immediately prior to the Effective Time;

“Governmental Authority” means (a) any multinational, federal, provincial, territorial, state, regional, municipal, local or other government or governmental body and any division, agent, official, agency, commission, board or authority of any government, governmental body, quasi-governmental or private body exercising any statutory, regulatory, expropriation or taxing authority under the authority of any of the foregoing, (b) any domestic, foreign or international judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative court, tribunal, commission, board, panel or arbitrator acting under the authority of any of the foregoing, and (c) any stock exchange, including the TSX and the TSXV;

“holder”, when used with reference to any securities of the Company, means the holder of such securities shown from time to time in the central securities register maintained by or on behalf of the Company in respect of such securities;

“Interim Order” means the interim order of the Court pursuant to Section 182(5) of the OBCA following the application as contemplated by Section 2.2(b) of the Arrangement Agreement and after being informed of the intention to rely upon the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act with respect to the Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued pursuant to the Arrangement, in form and substance acceptable to both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, providing for, among other things, the calling and holding of the Company Meeting, as such order may be amended, modified, supplemented or varied by the Court (provided that any such amendment, modification, supplement or variation is acceptable to both the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably);

“Letter of Transmittal” means the letter of transmittal to be sent to the Company Shareholders for use in connection with the Arrangement;

“Liens” means any pledge, claim, lien, charge, option, hypothec, mortgage, security interest, restriction, adverse right, prior assignment, lease, sublease, royalty, levy, right to possession or any other encumbrance, easement, license, right of first refusal, covenant, voting trust or agreement, transfer restriction under any shareholder or similar agreement, right or restriction of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether contingent or absolute, direct or indirect, or any agreement, option, right or privilege (whether by law, contract or otherwise) capable of becoming any of the foregoing;

“Notice of Dissent” means a notice of dissent duly and validly given by a registered Shareholder exercising Dissent Rights as contemplated in the Interim Order and as described in Article 4;

“Plan of Arrangement” means this plan of arrangement as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with Article 6, Section 8.9 of the Arrangement Agreement, or at the direction of the Court in the Final Order, with the consent of the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably;

“Purchaser” means NexGold Mining Corp., a corporation existing under the BCBCA;

“Purchaser Shares” means common shares in the capital of the Purchaser;

“Replacement Option” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1(c);

“Replacement Option In-The-Money Amount” in respect of a Replacement Option means the amount, if any, by which the total fair market value (determined immediately after the Effective Time) of the Purchaser Shares that a holder is entitled to acquire on exercise of the Replacement Option at and from the Effective Time exceeds the aggregate exercise price to acquire such Purchaser Shares at such time;

“Tax Act” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);

“TSX” means the Toronto Stock Exchange;

“TSXV” means the TSX Venture Exchange;

“U.S. Securities Act” means the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

“**United States**” or “**U.S.**” means, as the context requires, the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States, and/or the District of Columbia.

Any capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Arrangement Agreement. In addition, words and phrases used herein and defined in the OBCA and not otherwise defined herein or in the Arrangement Agreement shall have the same meaning herein as in the OBCA unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 1.2 Interpretation Not Affected by Headings, etc.

The division of this Plan of Arrangement into Articles, Sections, paragraphs and other portions and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to an “Article”, “Section” or “paragraph” followed by a number and/or a letter refer to the specified Article, Section or paragraph of this Plan of Arrangement.

Section 1.3 Number

In this Plan of Arrangement, unless the context otherwise requires, words used herein importing the singular include the plural and *vice versa*.

Section 1.4 Date of Any Action

In the event that any date on which any action is required to be taken hereunder by any of the Parties is not a Business Day, such action shall be required to be taken on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day.

Section 1.5 Time

Time shall be of the essence in every matter or action contemplated hereunder. All times expressed herein or in any letter of transmittal contemplated herein are local time (Toronto, Ontario) unless otherwise stipulated herein or therein.

Section 1.6 Currency

Unless otherwise stated, all references in this Plan of Arrangement to sums of money are expressed in lawful money of Canada.

Section 1.7 Statutes

Any reference to a statute refers to such statute and all rules, resolutions and regulations made under it, as it or they may have been or may from time to time be amended or re-enacted, unless stated otherwise.

Section 1.8 Governing Law

This Plan of Arrangement shall be governed, including as to validity, interpretation and effect, by the law of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

ARTICLE 2 EFFECT OF THE ARRANGEMENT

Section 2.1 Arrangement Agreement

This Plan of Arrangement is made pursuant to, is subject to the provisions of, and forms a part of the Arrangement Agreement, except in respect of the sequence of the steps comprising the Arrangement, which shall occur in the order set forth herein. If there is any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Plan of Arrangement and the provisions of the Arrangement Agreement, the provisions of this Plan of Arrangement shall govern.

Section 2.2 Binding Effect

This Plan of Arrangement and the Arrangement will become effective, and be binding upon the Purchaser, the Company, the Company Shareholders (including Dissenting Shareholders), the Company Optionholders, the Company Share Unitholders, the Company Warrantholders, the register and transfer agent of the Company, the Depositary and all other Persons, at and after, the Effective Time on the Effective Date without any further act or formality required on the part of any Person.

ARTICLE 3 ARRANGEMENT

Section 3.1 The Arrangement

Commencing at the Effective Time on the Effective Date, each of the events set out below shall occur and be deemed to occur in the following sequence, in each case, unless stated otherwise, effective as at one minute intervals starting at the Effective Time, without any further authorization, act or formality of or by the Company, the Purchaser or any other person:

- (a) each of the Company Shares held by Dissenting Shareholders in respect of which Dissent Rights have been validly exercised shall be deemed to have been transferred, without any further act or formality to the Company, and:

- (i) such Dissenting Shareholders shall cease to be the holders of such Company Shares and to have any rights as holders of such Company Shares other than the right to be paid fair value by the Company (to the extent available with Company funds not directly or indirectly provided by the Purchaser and its affiliates) for such Company Shares as set out in Section 4.1;
 - (ii) such Dissenting Shareholders' names shall be removed as the holders of such Company Shares from the register of Company Shares maintained by or on behalf of the Company; and
 - (iii) the Company shall be deemed to be the transferee of such Company Shares free and clear of all Liens, and shall be entered in the register of Company Shares maintained by or on behalf of the Company and such Dissenting Shares shall be cancelled and returned to treasury of the Company;
- (b) each outstanding Company Share (other than Company Shares held by any Dissenting Shareholders and the Purchaser, and including for greater certainty the Company Shares issued prior to the Effective Time upon vesting of Company Share Units) will, without further act or formality by or on behalf of a Company Shareholder, be irrevocably assigned and transferred by the holder thereof to the Purchaser (free and clear of all Liens) in exchange for the Consideration, and
- (i) the holders of such Company Shares shall cease to be the holders thereof and to have any rights as holders of such Company Shares other than the right to receive the Consideration from the Purchaser in accordance with this Plan of Arrangement;
 - (ii) such holders' names shall be removed from the register of the Company Shares maintained by or on behalf of the Company;
 - (iii) the Purchaser shall be deemed to be the transferee and the legal and beneficial holder of such Company Shares (free and clear of all Liens) and shall be entered as the registered holder of such Company Shares in the register of the Company Shares maintained by or on behalf of the Company; and
 - (iv) the Purchaser shall cause to be issued and delivered the Consideration issuable and deliverable to such Company Shareholder (other than Company Shares held by any Dissenting Shareholders and the Purchaser) and such Company Shareholder's name shall be added to the applicable

register of holders of Purchaser Shares maintained by or on behalf of the Purchaser in respect of such Purchaser Shares; and

- (c) each outstanding Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, whether vested or unvested, shall be deemed to be vested to the fullest extent, will cease to represent an option or other right to acquire Company Shares and shall be exchanged for a fully vested option (a “**Replacement Option**”) to purchase from the Purchaser such number of Purchaser Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) equal to: (A) the Exchange Ratio, multiplied by (B) the number of Company Shares subject to such Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, at an exercise price per Purchaser Share (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to (M) the exercise price per Company Share otherwise purchasable pursuant to such Company Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, divided by (N) the Exchange Ratio, exercisable until the original expiry date of such Company Option. Except as set out above, all other terms and conditions of such Replacement Option, including the conditions to and manner of exercising, will be the same as the Company Option so exchanged, and shall be governed by the terms of the Company Incentive Plan, and any document evidencing a Company Option shall thereafter evidence and be deemed to evidence such Replacement Option and no certificates evidencing Replacement Options shall be issued. It is intended that the provisions of subsection 7(1.4) of the Tax Act will apply to any such exchange. Therefore, in the event that the Replacement Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of a Replacement Option exceeds the Company Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of the Company Option exchanged therefor, the exercise price per Purchaser Share of such Replacement Option will be increased accordingly with effect at and from the Effective Time by the minimum amount necessary to ensure that the Replacement Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of the Replacement Option does not exceed the Company Option In-The-Money Amount in respect of the Company Option exchanged therefor.

Section 3.2 Company Warrants

In accordance with the terms of each of the Company Warrants and as determined by the Company Board, as applicable, each Company Warrantholder shall be entitled to receive (and such holder shall accept) upon the exercise of such holder’s Company Warrants, in lieu of Company Shares to which such holder was theretofore entitled upon such exercise, and for the same aggregate consideration payable therefor, the number of Purchaser Shares which the holder would have been entitled to receive as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Arrangement if, immediately prior to the Effective Date, such holder had been the registered holder of the number of Company Shares to which such holder would have been entitled if such holder had exercised such holder’s Company Warrants immediately prior to the Effective Time on the Effective Date.

Each Company Warrant shall continue to be governed by and be subject to the terms of the applicable warrant certificate, subject to any supplemental exercise documents issued by the Purchaser to holders of Company Warrants to facilitate the exercise of the Company Warrants and the payment of the corresponding portion of the exercise price thereof.

Section 3.3 Company Share Units

In accordance with the terms of the Company Share Unit Plan, as amended in accordance with the Arrangement Agreement, and the agreements representing the Company Share Units held by Continuing Company Share Unitholders, following the Effective Time, each Continuing Company Share Unitholder shall be entitled to receive (and such holder shall accept) upon the vesting of such holder's Company Share Units following the Effective Time, in lieu of Company Shares to which such holder was theretofore entitled upon such exercise, and for the same aggregate consideration payable therefor, the number of Purchaser Shares which the holder would have been entitled to receive as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Arrangement if, immediately prior to the Effective Date, such holder had been the registered holder of the number of Company Shares to which such holder would have been entitled if such holder's Company Share Units had vested immediately prior to the Effective Time on the Effective Date. Each Company Share Unit held by Continuing Company Share Unitholders shall continue to be governed by and be subject to the terms of the Company Share Unit Plan and the applicable agreement representing the Company Share Units.

Section 3.4 Post Effective Time Procedures

- (1) Following the receipt of the Final Order and prior to the Effective Date, the Purchaser shall deliver or arrange to be delivered to the Depository the Purchaser Shares required to be issued to Former Shareholders (other than with respect to Company Shares held by any Dissenting Shareholders and the Purchaser), in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.1(b) hereof, which Purchaser Shares shall be held by the Depository as agent and nominee for such Former Shareholders for distribution to such Former Shareholders (or, for greater certainty, to give effect to any withholding or remittance obligations in respect of taxes pursuant to Section 5.3 hereof) in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 hereof.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of Article 5 hereof, and upon return of a properly completed Letter of Transmittal by a registered Former Shareholder together with certificates representing Company Shares (or, if such Company Shares are held in book-entry or other uncertificated form, upon the entry through a book-entry transfer agent of the surrender of such Company Shares on a book-entry account statement, it being understood that any reference herein to "certificates" shall be deemed to include references to book-entry account statements relating to the ownership of Company Shares) and such other documents as the Depository

may require, Former Shareholders shall be entitled to receive delivery of the certificates representing the Purchaser Shares to which they are entitled pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof.

Section 3.5 No Fractional Shares

In no event shall any holder of Company Shares, Company Options, Company Share Units or Company Warrants be entitled to a fractional Purchaser Share. Where the aggregate number of Purchaser Shares to be issued to a person as consideration under or as a result of this Arrangement would result in a fraction of a Purchaser Share being issuable, the number of Purchaser Shares to be received by such securityholder shall be rounded down to the nearest whole Purchaser Share and no person will be entitled to any compensation in respect of a fractional Purchaser Share. In calculating fractional interests, all Company Shares, Company Options, Company Share Units or Company Warrants, as the case may be, registered in the name of or beneficially held by a securityholder of the Company or its nominee shall be aggregated. All calculations and determinations made by the Company, the Purchaser or the Depository, as applicable, for the purposes of this Plan of Arrangement shall be conclusive, final, and binding.

Section 3.6 U.S. Securities Act Exemption

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Company and the Purchaser each agree that the Plan of Arrangement will be carried out with the intention that and they will use their commercially reasonable best efforts to ensure that, all Consideration Shares and Replacement Options issued under the Arrangement will be issued and exchanged in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act as provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof and in reliance on exemptions from the registration requirements of applicable securities laws of any state of the United States, and pursuant to the terms, conditions and procedures set forth in the Arrangement Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 DISSENT RIGHTS

Section 4.1 Rights of Dissent

Registered Company Shareholders may exercise dissent rights with respect to the Company Shares held by such holders (“**Dissent Rights**”) in connection with the Arrangement pursuant to and in the manner set forth in Sections 185 of the OBCA, as modified by the Interim Order and this Section 4.1, provided that, notwithstanding subsection 185(6) of the OBCA, the written notice setting forth the objection of such registered Shareholder to the Arrangement Resolution and exercise of Dissent Rights must be received by the Company no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the Business Day that is two (2) Business Days before the Company Meeting (as it may be adjourned or postponed from time to time). Dissenting Shareholders who duly exercise their

Dissent Rights shall be deemed to have transferred the Company Shares held by them and in respect of which Dissent Rights have been validly exercised to the Company free and clear of all Liens, as provided in Section 3.1(a) and if they:

- (a) ultimately are entitled to be paid fair value for such Company Shares: (i) shall be deemed not to have participated in the transactions in Article 3 (other than Section 3.1(a)); (ii) will be entitled to be paid the fair value of such Company Shares, which fair value, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the OBCA, shall be determined as of the close of business on the day before the Arrangement Resolution was adopted; and (iii) will not be entitled to any other payment or consideration, including any payment that would be payable under the Arrangement had such holders not exercised their Dissent Rights in respect of such Company Shares; or
- (b) ultimately are not entitled, for any reason, to be paid fair value for such Company Shares, shall be deemed to have participated in the Arrangement on the same basis as a non-dissenting holder of Company Shares, notwithstanding the provisions of the OBCA.

Section 4.2 Recognition of Dissenting Shareholders

- (a) In no circumstances shall the Purchaser or the Company or any other Person be required to recognize a Person exercising Dissent Rights unless such Person is the registered holder of those Company Shares in respect of which such rights are sought to be exercised.
- (b) For greater certainty, in no case shall the Purchaser or the Company or any other Person be required to recognize Dissenting Shareholders as holders of Company Shares in respect of which Dissent Rights have been validly exercised after the completion of the transfer under Section 3.1(a), and the names of such Dissenting Shareholders shall be removed from the registers of holders of the Company Shares in respect of which Dissent Rights have been validly exercised at the same time as the event described in Section 3.1(a) occurs.
- (c) For greater certainty, in addition to any other restrictions under Section 185 of the OBCA, (i) no person who has voted in favour of the Arrangement Resolution or instructed a proxyholder to vote in favour of the Arrangement Resolution shall be entitled to exercise Dissent Rights, and (ii) no holder of Company Options, Company Share Units or Company Warrants shall be entitled to exercise Dissent Rights.

ARTICLE 5
CERTIFICATES AND PAYMENTS

Section 5.1 Payment of Consideration

- (1) As soon as practicable following the later of the Effective Date and the surrender to the Depository for cancellation of a certificate that immediately prior to the Effective Time represented outstanding Company Shares (other than Company Shares in respect of which Dissent Rights have been validly exercised and not withdrawn), together with a duly completed and executed Letter of Transmittal and such additional documents and instruments as the Depository may reasonably require, the Former Shareholders represented by such surrendered certificate shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor, and the Depository shall deliver to such holder following the Effective Time on the Effective Date, or make available for pick up at its offices during normal business hours, a certificate representing the Purchaser Shares that such holder is entitled to receive in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof, less any amounts withheld, if any, pursuant to Section 5.3, and any certificate so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled.
- (2) Until surrendered as contemplated by this Section 5.1, each certificate which immediately prior to the Effective Time on the Effective Date represented Company Shares (other than Company Shares in respect of which Dissent Rights have been validly exercised and not withdrawn) will be deemed after the Effective Time on the Effective Date to represent only the right to receive from the Depository upon such surrender a certificate representing the Purchaser Shares that the holder of such certificate is entitled to receive in accordance with Section 3.1 hereof, less any amounts withheld, if any, pursuant to Section 5.3. Any such certificate formerly representing Company Shares not duly surrendered on or before the sixth anniversary of the Effective Date shall cease to represent a claim by or interest of any former holder of Company Shares of any kind or nature against or in the Company or the Purchaser. On such date, all certificates representing the Company Shares shall be deemed to have been surrendered to the Company and consideration to which such former holder was entitled, together with any entitlements to dividends, distributions and interest thereon, shall be deemed to have been surrendered to the Company or any successor thereof for no consideration.
- (3) Following the Effective Time, no holder of Company Shares, Company Options, Company Share Units or Company Warrants, shall be entitled to receive any consideration or entitlement with respect to such Company Shares, Company Options, Company Share Units or Company Warrants, other than any consideration or entitlement to which such holder is entitled to receive in accordance with Section 3.1, Section 3.2 and this Section 5.1 and the other terms of this Plan of Arrangement, in each case subject to Section 5.3 hereof, and, for greater certainty, no such holder will be entitled to receive any interest,

dividends, premium or other payment in connection therewith, other than any declared but unpaid dividends.

- (4) Neither the Company nor the Purchaser, or any of their respective successors, will be liable to any person in respect of any Consideration (including any consideration previously held by the Depository in trust for any such Former Company Shareholder) which is forfeited to the Company or the Purchaser or delivered to any public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar law.

Section 5.2 Loss of Certificates

In the event any certificate which immediately prior to the Effective Time represented any outstanding Company Shares which were exchanged or transferred in accordance with Section 3.1 has been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the former holder of such Company Shares, the Depository will deliver to such person or make available for pick up at its offices in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, a certificate representing the Purchaser Shares which the former holder of such Company Shares is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof in accordance with such holder's Letter of Transmittal. When authorizing such payment in relation to any lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, the former holder of such Company Shares will, as a condition precedent to the delivery of such Consideration, give a bond satisfactory to the Company, the Purchaser and the Depository (each acting reasonably) in such sum as the Purchaser and the Depository may direct or otherwise indemnify the Company and the Purchaser in a manner satisfactory to the Company and the Purchaser against any claim that may be made against the Company or the Purchaser with respect to the certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Section 5.3 Withholding Rights

The Company, the Purchaser the Depository and their respective agents, as applicable, shall be entitled to deduct or withhold from any consideration or amount otherwise payable or deliverable to any Company Shareholder or any other securityholder of the Company under this Plan of Arrangement or the Arrangement Agreement (including any payment to Dissenting Shareholders) such Taxes or amounts as the Company, the Purchaser the Depository and their respective agents, as the case may be, is required to be deducted or withheld with respect to such payment under the Tax Act, the U.S. Tax Code or any provision of any federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign Tax law. For the purposes hereof and of the Arrangement Agreement, all such deducted or withheld amounts shall be treated as having been paid to the person in respect of which such deduction or withholding was made on account of the obligation to make payment to such person hereunder, provided that such deducted or withheld amounts are actually remitted to the appropriate Governmental Authority by or on behalf of the Company, the Purchaser, the Depository or their respective agents, as the case may be. Each of the Company, the

Purchaser, the Depositary and their respective agents, as applicable, is hereby authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of, on behalf of such person in respect of which a deduction or withholding was made, such portion of any Consideration Shares or other security deliverable to such person as is necessary to provide sufficient funds to the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary or their respective agents, as the case may be, to enable it to comply with such deduction or withholding requirement, and the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary or their respective agents shall notify such person and remit the applicable portion of the net proceeds of such sale (after deduction of all reasonable fees, commissions or costs in respect of such sale) to the appropriate Governmental Authority and, if applicable, any portion of such net proceeds that is not required to be so remitted shall be paid to such person. Any such sale will be made at prevailing market prices and none of the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary or their respective agents, as the case may be, shall be under any obligation to obtain a particular price, or indemnify any Company Shareholder or other securityholder in respect of a particular price, for the portion of the Consideration or other Purchaser securities, as applicable, so sold.

Section 5.4 No Liens

Any exchange or transfer of securities pursuant to this Plan of Arrangement shall be free and clear of any Liens or other claims of third parties of any kind.

Section 5.5 Paramountcy

From and after the Effective Time on the Effective Date: (a) this Plan of Arrangement shall take precedence and priority over any and all Company Shares, Company Options, Company Share Units and Company Warrants issued or outstanding prior to the Effective Time on the Effective Date, (b) the rights and obligations of the Company Shareholders, the Company Optionholders, Company Share Unitholders and the Company Warrantholders, the Company, the Purchaser, the Depositary and any transfer agent or other depository therefor in relation thereto, shall be solely as provided for in this Plan of Arrangement, and (c) all actions, causes of action, claims or proceedings (actual or contingent and whether or not previously asserted) based on or in any way relating to any Company Shares, Company Options, Company Share Units and Company Warrants shall be deemed to have been settled, compromised, released and determined without liability except as set forth in this Plan of Arrangement.

ARTICLE 6 AMENDMENTS

Section 6.1 Amendments to Plan of Arrangement

- (1) The Parties may amend, modify and/or supplement this Plan of Arrangement at any time and from time to time prior to the Effective Time, provided that each such amendment,

modification and/or supplement must (i) be set out in writing, (ii) be approved by the Company and the Purchaser, each acting reasonably, (iii) be filed with the Court and, if made following the Company Meeting, approved by the Court, and (iv) be communicated to Company Shareholders if and as required by the Court.

- (2) Any amendment, modification or supplement to this Plan of Arrangement may be proposed by the Company or the Purchaser at any time prior to the Company Meeting (provided that the Company or the Purchaser, as applicable, shall have consented thereto) with or without any other prior notice or communication, and if so proposed and accepted by the persons voting at the Company Meeting (other than as may be required under the Interim Order), shall become part of this Plan of Arrangement for all purposes.
- (3) Any amendment, modification or supplement to this Plan of Arrangement that is approved or directed by the Court following the Company Meeting shall be effective only if (i) it is consented to in writing by each of the Company and the Purchaser (in each case, acting reasonably), and (ii) if required by the Court, it is consented to by some or all of the Company Shareholders voting in the manner directed by the Court.
- (4) Any amendment, modification or supplement to this Plan of Arrangement may be made following the Effective Date unilaterally by the Purchaser, provided that (a) it concerns a matter which, in the reasonable opinion of the Purchaser, is of an administrative nature required to better give effect to the implementation of this Plan of Arrangement and is not adverse to the financial or economic interest of any Former Shareholder or any former Company Optionholder, former Company Share Unitholders, or former Company Warrantholder.
- (5) This Plan of Arrangement may be withdrawn prior to the Effective Time in accordance with the terms of the Arrangement Agreement.

ARTICLE 7 FURTHER ASSURANCES

Section 7.1 Further Assurances

Notwithstanding that the transactions and events set out herein will occur and be deemed to occur in the order set out in this Plan of Arrangement without any further act or formality, each of the Company and the Purchaser will make, do and execute, or cause to be made, done and executed, any such further acts, deeds, agreements, transfers, assurances, instruments or documents as may reasonably be required by any of them in order to further document or evidence any of the transactions or events set out herein.

SCHEDULE B
ARRANGEMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

- A. The arrangement (as it may be modified or amended, the “**Arrangement**”) under Section 182 of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) involving Signal Gold Inc. (the “**Company**”), its shareholders and NexGold Mining Corp. (the “**Purchaser**”), all as more particularly described and set forth in the plan of arrangement (as it may be modified or amended, the “**Plan of Arrangement**”) attached as Appendix [●] to the Management Information Circular of the Company dated [●], 2024 (the “**Information Circular**”), and all transactions contemplated thereby, are hereby authorized, approved and adopted.
- B. The arrangement agreement dated as of October 9, 2024 between the Company and the Purchaser, as it may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (the “**Arrangement Agreement**”), and the transactions contemplated therein, the actions of the directors of the Company in approving the Arrangement and the Arrangement Agreement and the actions of the directors and officers of the Company in executing and delivering the Arrangement Agreement and causing the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder are hereby confirmed, ratified, authorized and approved.
- C. The Company is hereby authorized to apply for a final order from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (*Commercial List*) (the “**Court**”) to approve the Arrangement on the terms set forth in the Arrangement Agreement and the Plan of Arrangement.
- D. Notwithstanding that this resolution has been passed (and the Arrangement approved and agreed to) by securityholders of the Company or that the Arrangement has been approved by the Court, the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered without further notice to or approval of any securityholders of the Company (i) to amend the Arrangement Agreement or the Plan of Arrangement to the extent permitted by the Arrangement Agreement or Plan of Arrangement, and (ii) not to proceed with the Arrangement at any time prior to the Effective Time (as defined in the Arrangement Agreement).
- E. Any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed, acting for, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other documents and to do or to cause to be done all such other acts and things as in such person’s opinion may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the intent of the foregoing paragraphs of these resolutions and the matters authorized thereby, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such document or the doing of such act or thing.