

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

December 16, 2025
Southern Silver Exploration Corp.
1199 West Hastings Street, Suite 1100
Vancouver, BC V6E 3T5

Attention: Lawrence Page
President & Director

Dear Mr. Page:

Re: Bought Deal Private Placement of Common Shares

Red Cloud Securities Inc. (“**Red Cloud**” or the “**Underwriter**”), as sole underwriter and bookrunner, understands that Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (the “**Corporation**”) proposes to issue and sell, and the Underwriter hereby offers to purchase, on a “bought deal” private placement basis, or find Substituted Purchasers (as defined below) to purchase on their behalf, 10,000,000 Common Shares (as defined below) of the Corporation (the “**Offered Shares**”) at a price of \$0.50 per Offered Share (the “**Purchase Price**”), for aggregate gross proceeds of \$5,000,000, subject to the terms and conditions set out below (the “**Offering**”).

In addition, the Corporation has granted the Underwriter an over-allotment option (the “**Over-allotment Option**”), exercisable in whole or in part at any time up to 48 hours prior to Closing, to purchase for resale an additional 2,000,000 Common Shares (the “**Over-allotment Shares**”), for additional gross proceeds of up to \$1,000,000. All references herein to the “**Offering**” shall be deemed to include the Over-allotment Option and all references to the “**Offered Shares**” herein shall be deemed to include the Over-allotment Shares.

The Underwriter shall have the right to solicit orders and obtain substituted purchasers (the “**Substituted Purchasers**”) in place of the Underwriter in which case (a) the Corporation will sell such Offered Shares (or part thereof) to such Substituted Purchasers; and (b) the obligation of the Underwriter to purchase the Offered Shares from the Corporation shall be reduced by the number of Offered Shares purchased by the Substituted Purchasers. It is understood that the Underwriter agrees to purchase or cause to be purchased the Offered Shares, and that this commitment is not subject to the Underwriter being able to arrange Substituted Purchasers. Any reference in this Agreement hereafter to “**Purchasers**” shall be taken to be a reference to the Substituted Purchasers, if any, and the Underwriter, as the initial committed Purchaser.

The Offered Shares will be distributed to the Underwriter or to the Substituted Purchasers on a private placement basis. To the extent that Substituted Purchasers purchase the Offered Shares, the Underwriter shall not be obligated to purchase the Offered Shares so purchased by such Substituted Purchaser. For greater certainty, to the extent that the Underwriter arranges for Substituted Purchasers to purchase the Offered Shares, and such Offered Shares are so purchased, the Underwriter will be acting as the Corporation’s exclusive agent to offer the Offered Shares and to the extent that Substituted Purchasers acquire any of the Offered Shares, the Underwriter shall not be deemed to have acquired (at any time) or have any obligation to acquire any of such Offered Shares, but in respect of which, the Commission (as defined below) shall be payable.

The Offered Shares to be sold under the Offering will be distributed pursuant the “listed issuer financing exemption” as such prospectus exemption is described in Part 5A: Listed Issuer Financing Exemption of NI 45-106 (as defined below) as amended and supplemented by Order 45-935 (as defined below) (collectively, the “**LIFE**”) and the LIFE Offering Document (as defined below) in the manner contemplated by this underwriting agreement (the “**Agreement**”). Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the

Underwriter, acting through its U.S. Affiliate (as defined below) in accordance with this Agreement, may offer (i) and sell the Offered Shares in the United States to Qualified Institutional Buyers (as defined below) in compliance with Rule 144A; and (ii) the Offered Shares for sale by the Corporation in the United States to U.S. Accredited Investors in compliance with Rule 506(b) of Regulation D, and, in each case, in compliance with applicable state Securities Laws and the provisions of Schedule "A" attached hereto. It is understood that the sale of the Offered Shares to the Purchasers may take place only in the Offering Jurisdictions (as defined below).

Capitalized terms used but not defined above have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 1.1 of this Agreement.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Where used in this Agreement, or in any amendment hereto, the following terms have the following meanings, respectively:

“**1933 Act**” means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

“**Affiliate**” has the meaning given to such term in NI 45-106;

“**Agreement**”, “**hereto**”, “**herein**”, “**hereby**”, “**hereunder**”, “**hereof**” and similar expressions refer to this underwriting agreement and not to any particular section, subsection, clause, subdivision or other portion hereof and include any and every instrument supplemental or ancillary hereto;

“**Auditor**” means Smythe LLP, or such other firm of chartered professional accountants as the Corporation may have appointed or may from time to time appoint as auditor of the Corporation;

“**BCBCA**” means the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia);

“**Business Day**” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in the Province of Ontario and the Province of British Columbia are not open for business during normal business hours;

“**Canadian Offering Jurisdictions**” means each of the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan;

“**Canadian Securities Laws**” means Securities Laws applicable in the Canadian Offering Jurisdictions;

“**CDS**” means CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., or its nominee;

“**Cerro Las Minitas**” means the Corporation’s only material mineral property, being a silver-lead-zinc property that consists of twenty-five mineral concessions located in Durango State, Mexico, and as further described in the Disclosure Documents and Due Diligence Responses;

“**Change of Control**” means (a) any event as a result of or following which any Person, or group of Persons “acting jointly or in concert” within the meaning of Canadian Securities Laws, beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over an aggregate of more than 50% of the then outstanding voting rights of the Corporation, unless the holders of voting securities of the Corporation immediately prior to such event beneficially own or exercise control or direction over securities representing 50% or more of the voting control or direction of the Corporation upon completion of the event; (b) the Corporation’s amalgamation, consolidation or merger with or into any other Person, any merger of another Person into the Corporation, unless the holders of voting securities of the Corporation immediately prior to such amalgamation, consolidation or merger hold securities representing 50% or more of the voting control or direction in the Corporation or the successor entity upon completion of the amalgamation, consolidation or merger; or

(c) the direct or indirect sale or other transfer of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Corporation to a third party;

“**Claims**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 13.1;

“**Closing**” means the completion of the transaction of purchase and sale by the Corporation of the Offered Shares pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Closing Date**” means the date of the Closing to occur on December 16, 2025, or such other date as the Underwriter and the Corporation may agree in writing;

“**Closing Time**” means 8:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the Closing Date, or any other time on the Closing Date as may be agreed to by the Corporation and the Underwriter;

“**Common Shares**” means the common shares in the capital of the Corporation;

“**Compensation Shares**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 3.1;

“**Compensation Warrant**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 3.1;

“**Compensation Warrant Certificates**” means the certificates representing the Compensation Warrants;

“**Constating Documents**” means the Corporation’s notice of articles and articles;

“**Corporation**” has the meaning given to such term in the first paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Corporation’s Canadian Counsel**” means Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP;

“**Disclosure Documents**” means, collectively, all of the documentation which has been filed by or on behalf of the Corporation with the relevant securities regulatory authorities pursuant to the requirements of applicable Securities Laws and publicly available on SEDAR+;

“**distribution**” means “distribution” or “distribution to the public”, which terms have the meanings attributed thereto under the Canadian Securities Laws;

“**Due Diligence Responses**” means the written and verbal responses provided by the Corporation together with all materials provided to the Underwriter and the Underwriter’s Counsel during or in connection with a Due Diligence Session, as given by any director or senior officer of the Corporation, at or in connection with a Due Diligence Session;

“**Due Diligence Session**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 5;

“**Encumbrance**” means any mortgage, charge, pledge, hypothecation, security interest, assignment, lien (statutory or otherwise), title retention agreement or arrangement, restrictive covenant or other encumbrance of any nature, or any other arrangement or condition creating an interest in property which, in substance, secures payment or performance of an obligation;

“**Enforceability Qualifications**” means: (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, arrangement, winding-up and other laws relating to or affecting the rights of creditors generally; (b) the application of equitable principles when equitable remedies are sought, including the remedies of specific performance and injunctive relief; and (c) applicable laws limiting rights to indemnity, contribution, waiver, and the ability to sever unenforceable terms;

“**Engagement Letter**” means the engagement letter entered into between the Corporation and Red Cloud dated December 2, 2025;

“**Environmental Laws**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 7.1(bbb);

“**Exchange**” means the TSX Venture Exchange or such other stock exchange on which the Common Shares are then trading;

“**Exchange Hold Period**” has the meaning given to such term in Exchange Policy 1.1 – *Interpretation*;

“**Financial Statements**” means, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the financial years ended April 30, 2025 and 2024, together with the report of the Auditor thereon, and the notes thereto and the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of the Corporation for the three months ended July 31, 2025 and 2024;

“**Governmental Authority**” means any government, parliament, legislature, or any regulatory authority, agency, commission or board of any government, parliament or legislature, or any court or (without limitation to the foregoing) any other Law, regulation or rule-making entity (including, without limitation, any stock exchange, securities regulatory authority, central bank, fiscal or monetary authority or authority regulating banks), having jurisdiction in the relevant circumstances;

“**GST**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 3.2;

“**IFRS**” means IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board;

“**Indemnified Parties**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 13.1;

“**Indemnitor**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 13.1;

“**Knowledge of the Corporation**” and similar phrases means the actual knowledge of Lawrence Page, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and Killian Ruby, Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, after due inquiry.

“**Law**” means any and all applicable laws, including all federal, provincial, state and local statutes, codes, ordinances, decrees, rules, regulations and municipal by-laws and all judicial, arbitral, administrative, ministerial, or regulatory judgments, orders, directives, decisions, rulings or awards of any government, parliament, legislature, or any regulatory authority, agency, commission or board of any government, parliament or legislature, or any court, all having the force of law, binding on or affecting the Person referred to in the context in which the term is used;

“**Liens**” means any Encumbrance or title defect of whatever kind or nature, regardless of form, whether or not registered or registrable and whether or not consensual or arising by Law (statutory or otherwise), including any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge or security interest, whether fixed or floating, or any assignment, lease, option, right of pre-emption, privilege, Encumbrance, easement, servitude, right of way, restrictive covenant, right of use or any other right or claim of any kind or nature whatever which affects ownership or possession of, or title to, any interest in, or the right to use or occupy such property or assets;

“**LIFE Offering Document**” means the listed issuer financing exemption offering document of the Corporation dated December 2, 2025, prepared in accordance with Form 45-106F19 - *Listed Issuer Financing Document* and Order 45-935, that can be accessed under the Corporation’s profile at www.sedarplus.ca/ and at the Corporation’s website at <https://southernsilverexploration.com/>;

“**LIFE**” has the meaning given to such term in the fifth paragraph of this Agreement;

“**losses**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 13.1;

“**Material Adverse Effect**” or “**Material Adverse Change**” means any effect on, or change to, the business of the Corporation, that alone or in conjunction with any other effects or changes: (a) is or is reasonably likely to be materially adverse to the results of operations, condition (financial or otherwise), business, assets, properties (including, without limitation, the Material Property), capital, liabilities (contingent or otherwise), cash flow, income or business operations of the Corporation, on a consolidated basis, or to the completion of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; or (b) would result in the Offering Documents or any amendments thereto containing a misrepresentation;

“**Material Agreement**” means any mortgage (or other form of material indebtedness), note, indenture, contract, agreement (written or oral), instrument, lease or other document to which the Corporation is a party and which is material to the Corporation or by which a material portion of the assets of the Corporation is bound;

“**material change**”, “**material fact**” and “**misrepresentation**” have the meanings given to such terms under Canadian Securities Laws;

“**Material Property**” means Cerro Las Minitas;

“**Material Subsidiaries**” means the following direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Corporation: (i) Southern Silver Holdings Limited, a corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the British Virgin islands; and (ii) Minera Plata del Sur, S.A. de C.V., a corporation organized pursuant to the laws of Mexico;

“**Money Laundering Laws**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 7.1(jjj);

“**NI 43-101**” means National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as amended from time to time;

“**NI 45-102**” means National Instrument 45-102 – *Resale of Securities* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as amended from time to time;

“**NI 45-106**” means National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as amended from time to time;

“**NI 51-102**” means National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as amended from time to time;

“**NI 52-110**” means National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as amended from time to time;

“**Offered Shares**” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term on the first page of this Agreement.

“**Offering**” has the meaning given to such term in the first paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Offering Documents**” means collectively, the Purchaser Questionnaires, the LIFE Offering Document, the U.S. Placement Memorandum and such other information or documentation as may be approved by the Corporation for distribution or provision to the Purchasers;

“**Offering Jurisdictions**” means the Canadian Offering Jurisdictions and such other foreign jurisdictions as may be agreed upon by the Underwriter and the Corporation, provided it is understood that no prospectus filing, registration statement or comparable obligation arises in such other jurisdictions;

“**Offering Release Date**” means December 2, 2025;

“**Operative Documents**” means this Agreement, the Purchaser Questionnaires, and the Compensation Warrant Certificates;

“**Order 45-935**” means Coordinated Blanket Order 45-935 *Exemptions from Certain Conditions of the Listed Issuer Financing Exemption*;

“**Over-allotment Option**” has the meaning given to such term in the second paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Over-allotment Shares**” has the meaning given to such term in the second paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Person**” means any individual, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, syndicate, sole proprietorship, company or corporation with or without share capital, unincorporated association, trust, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal personal representative, regulatory body or agency, government or governmental agency, authority or entity however designated or constituted;

“**Post-Closing Filings**” means the filing by the Corporation with the Securities Commissions in the Canadian Offering Jurisdictions, within 10 days from the date of the sale of the Offered Shares, of a Form 45-106F1 prepared and executed in accordance with applicable Securities Laws in the Canadian Offering Jurisdictions and accompanied by the prescribed fees and fee checklist form, and such other filings as may be required in the Offering Jurisdictions in which the Offered Shares are sold;

“**President’s List Purchasers**” means those Purchasers participating in the Offering for an aggregate amount of up to 2,000,000 Offered Shares and representing gross proceeds of up to \$1,000,000 that have been pre-identified by the Corporation and agreed to by the Underwriter;

“**Purchase Price**” has the meaning given to such term in the first paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Purchaser Questionnaires**” means collectively, the Purchaser questionnaire in the form(s) agreed upon by the Underwriter and the Corporation, to be completed by each Purchaser participating in the Offering, which includes certain information about and the deemed representations of such Purchasers and shall include, for certainty, all schedules and exhibits thereto;

“**Purchasers**” means the Persons (which may include the Underwriter) who, as purchasers, acquire the Offered Shares by duly completing, executing and delivering a Purchaser Questionnaire or U.S. Placement Memorandum, as applicable, which is accepted by the Corporation and any other required documentation and the permitted assignees or transferees of such Persons from time to time;

“**Qualified Institutional Buyer**” means a “qualified institutional buyer” as defined in Rule 144A;

“**Red Cloud**” has the meaning given to such term in the first paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Registered Plan**” means a trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan, registered retirement income fund, registered education savings plan, first home savings account, registered disability savings plan, tax-free savings account or deferred profit sharing plan, in each case for purposes of the Tax Act.

“**Regulation D**” means Regulation D under the 1933 Act;

“**Regulation S**” means Regulation S as promulgated by the SEC under the 1933 Act;

“**Reporting Jurisdictions**” has the meaning given to such term in section 7.1(f) of this Agreement;

“**Rule 144A**” means Rule 144A under the 1933 Act;

“**SEC**” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;

“**Securities Commissions**” means the securities commissions or similar securities regulatory authorities in each of the Offering Jurisdictions or, as the context requires, any one or more of the Offering Jurisdictions;

“**Securities Laws**” means, collectively, all securities laws in each of the Offering Jurisdictions applicable in connection with the Offering and the respective rules and regulations made thereunder, together with applicable multilateral or national instruments, orders, blanket rulings, rules and other regulatory instruments issued or adopted by each of the Securities Commissions;

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

“**Selling Firm**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.4;

“**Shareholder Rights Plan**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 7.1(e);

“**Substituted Purchasers**” has the meaning given to such term in the third paragraph of this Agreement;

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

“**Transfer Agent**” means Computershare Investor Services Inc., in its capacity as transfer agent and registrar of the Common Shares at its principal office in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia;

“**U.S. Accredited Investor**” means an “accredited investor” within the meaning of Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act;

“**U.S. Affiliate**” means the U.S. registered broker-dealer affiliate or chaperone of the Underwriter;

“**U.S. Person**” means “U.S. person” as defined in Rule 902(k) of Regulation S;

“**U.S. Placement Memorandum**” means the U.S. private placement memorandum, in a form satisfactory to the Underwriter and the Corporation, each acting reasonably, including the LIFE Offering Document, to be delivered to each offeree and Purchaser of the Offered Shares in the United States in accordance with Schedule “A” hereto;

“**U.S. Purchaser**” means, with respect to the purchase of Offered Shares, any Purchaser that is (a) in the United States, (b) who receives or received an offer to acquire the Offered Shares while in the United States or (d) was in the United States at the time such Purchaser’s buy order was made or the U.S. Placement Memorandum pursuant to which such Offered Shares were acquired was executed or delivered;

“**Underwriter**” has the meaning given to such term in the first paragraph of this Agreement;

“**Underwriter’s Counsel**” means Peterson McVicar LLP;

“**Underwriter’s Fee**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 3.1;

“**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; and

1.2 Unless otherwise indicated, all references to monetary amounts in this Agreement are to lawful money of Canada.

1.3 Any reference in this Agreement to a schedule, section, paragraph or clause will refer to a schedule, section, paragraph or clause of this Agreement.

1.4 The schedules hereto are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and are deemed to be a part hereof.

1.5 Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa and words importing gender include all genders and the gender neutral.

2. OFFERING AND SALE OF THE OFFERED SHARES

2.1 Upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Underwriter hereby agrees to purchase from the Corporation, and the Corporation hereby agrees to issue and sell to the Underwriter, all (but not less than all) of the Offered Shares at the Closing Time at a price of \$0.50 per Offered Share, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$5,000,000, subject to the Over-allotment Option.

2.2 The Underwriter will have the right to arrange for Substituted Purchasers to purchase the Offered Shares and to the extent that Substituted Purchasers purchase Offered Shares, the obligation of the Underwriter to do so will be reduced by the number of Offered Shares purchased by the Substituted Purchasers from the Corporation.

2.1 The parties hereto acknowledge that the Offered Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or any U.S. state Securities Laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States, except that the Offered Shares may be offered and sold in the United States to Qualified Institutional Buyers on a substituted purchaser basis or to U.S. Accredited Investors pursuant to transactions that are exempt from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act and the applicable laws of any U.S. state in accordance with the provisions of Schedule "A" hereof, it being understood and agreed that such sales do not trigger: (i) an obligation to prepare and file a prospectus, offering memorandum, registration statement or similar disclosure documents (with the exception of the LIFE Offering Document in the case of the offer of the Offered Shares); or (ii) any registration or other obligation on the part of the Corporation including, but not limited to, any continuing obligation in that jurisdiction.

2.2 The Underwriter may retain one or more registered securities brokers or investment dealers (each a "**Selling Firm**") to act as selling agent in connection with the sale of the Offered Shares and the compensation payable to such Selling Firm shall be the sole responsibility of the Underwriter, and only as permitted by and in compliance with all applicable Securities Laws and the Underwriter will require each such Selling Firm to so agree. The Underwriter shall ensure that the Selling Firm agrees to comply with applicable Securities Laws in connection with the distribution of the Offered Shares and the covenants and obligations given by the Underwriter herein.

2.3 The Corporation undertakes to file, or cause to be filed, all forms or undertakings required to be filed by the Corporation with the Securities Commissions or the Exchange in connection with the purchase and sale of the Offered Shares so that the distribution of the Offered Shares and the Compensation Warrants may lawfully occur without the necessity of filing a prospectus, a registration statement or an offering memorandum in Canada (except for the filing of the LIFE Offering Document). The Corporation shall, at its expense, comply with all applicable regulatory requirements in connection with the Offering, including the filing of any required reports and the payment of applicable fees relating thereto. The Underwriter undertakes to use their best efforts to cause the Purchasers to complete any forms and undertakings required by Securities Laws (including information required in respect of Purchasers for the Post-Closing Filings).

3. UNDERWRITER'S FEE

3.1 Subject to Closing and in consideration of the services rendered and to be rendered by the Underwriter in acting as underwriter and connection with the Offering, including, without limitation:

- (a) acting as underwriter to purchase the Offered Shares under the Offering;
- (b) participating in the preparation of certain of the Operative Documents and other documentation in connection with the Offering; and
- (c) advising the Corporation with respect to the private placement of the Offered Shares;

the Corporation shall pay to the Underwriter a cash fee (the “**Underwriter’s Fee**”) equal to 6.0% of the gross proceeds from the sale of the Offered Shares under the Offering, it being acknowledged and agreed that the Underwriter’s Fee payable on gross proceeds raised from the sale of Offered Shares to President’s List Purchasers shall be reduced to 3.0% of such gross proceeds. In addition, the Corporation, on the Closing Date, shall issue to the Underwriter warrants of the Corporation (the “**Compensation Warrants**”), exercisable for a period of 36 months following the Closing Date, to acquire in aggregate that number of Common Shares (the “**Compensation Shares**”) which is equal to 6.0% of the number of Offered Shares sold under the Offering (it being acknowledged and agreed that the number of Compensation Warrants to be issued with respect to the sale of Offered Shares to President’s List Purchasers shall be reduced to 3.0% of such number of Offered Shares) at an exercise price equal to \$0.50 per Compensation Share.

- 3.2 For greater certainty, the services provided by the Underwriter in connection herewith will not be subject to the Goods and Services Tax (“**GST**”) provided for in the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) and taxable supplies provided will be incidental to the exempt financial services provided. In the event that Canada Revenue Agency determines that GST is exigible on the Underwriter’s Fee, the Corporation agrees to pay the amount of GST forthwith upon the request of the Underwriter.

4. SALE ON EXEMPT BASIS

- 4.1 The Corporation will file or cause to be filed all documents required to be filed by the Corporation, if any, in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement so that the Offering may be effected in a manner exempt from the prospectus and registration requirements of Securities Laws, including, the filing of reports required under Part 6 of NI 45-106 with the applicable Securities Commissions in Canada, together with the applicable fees. The Underwriter shall deliver to the Corporation, as soon as practicable and, in any event, in sufficient time to allow the Corporation to comply with all Securities Laws and other regulatory requirements applicable in the Offering Jurisdictions, information regarding the Purchasers required to be provided in the Post-Closing Filings.
- 4.2 None of the Corporation, the Underwriter nor any of their respective Affiliates shall (a) provide to prospective Purchasers any document or other material that would constitute an offering memorandum or future oriented financial information within the meaning of Canadian Securities Laws (other than the Offering Documents); or (b) engage in any form of general solicitation or general advertising in connection with the Offering, including but not limited to advertising in any newspaper, magazine, printed media or similar medium of general and regular paid circulation, broadcasting over radio or television or by means of the internet and no seminar or meeting relating to the Offering will be conducted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the completion of the Offering, the Underwriter shall be permitted to publish, at their own expense, with consent of the Corporation, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, such advertisements or announcements relating to the performance of services provided hereunder in such newspaper or other publications as the Underwriter consider appropriate, and shall further be permitted to publish such advertisements or announcements on the Underwriter’s website.

5. DUE DILIGENCE

- 5.1 The Corporation shall allow the Underwriter and Underwriter's Counsel, prior to the Closing Time, to conduct all due diligence which the Underwriter may reasonably require in order to: (a) confirm that the information contained in the Offering Documents is accurate, complete and current in all material respects; and (b) fulfill the Underwriter's obligations as registrants under Securities Laws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Corporation shall make available its directors, senior management and chair of the audit committee, and shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to cause its legal counsel to be available, as applicable, to answer any questions which the Underwriter may have and to participate in one or more due diligence sessions to be held prior to the Closing Time (collectively, the "**Due Diligence Session**"). The Underwriter shall distribute a list of written questions to be answered during the Due Diligence Session, and the Corporation shall use its reasonable commercial efforts to have its legal counsel attend the Due Diligence Session; the Due Diligence Responses given to the due diligence questions by the Corporation and its directors and officers to the Underwriter will be true and correct where they relate to matters of fact, and the Corporation and its directors and officers will respond in as thorough and complete a fashion as possible. Where the Due Diligence Responses reflect the opinion or view of the Corporation or its directors or officers, such opinions or views were honestly held at the time they were given.

6. MATERIAL CHANGE

- 6.1 Until the Closing Time and subject to Securities Laws, the Corporation will promptly inform the Underwriter of the full particulars of:
- (a) any material change (actual, anticipated or, to the Knowledge of the Corporation, threatened) in or affecting the business, operations, capital or long-term debt, properties (including, for greater certainty, the Material Property), assets, liabilities or obligations (absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise), condition (financial or otherwise), prospects or results of operations of the Corporation;
 - (b) any change in any material fact contained or referred to in the Offering Documents or in any information regarding the Corporation previously provided to the Underwriter by the Corporation in writing, which has not otherwise been disclosed to the Underwriter;
 - (c) the occurrence or discovery of a fact or event, which, in any such case, is, or may be, of such a nature as to result in a misrepresentation or in a material Securities Law breach in the Offering Documents;
 - (d) the issuance by any Securities Commission or other similar regulatory authority of any order to cease or suspend trading of any securities of the Corporation or, to the extent permitted by Securities Laws, of the institution or threat of institution of any proceedings for that purpose; or
 - (e) the receipt by the Corporation of any order, request or communication of any Securities Commission or other similar regulatory authority or any other competent authority preventing or suspending the use of, or otherwise relating to, the Offering Documents, or preventing or suspending, or otherwise relating to, the Offering.
- 6.2 Until the Closing Time, the Corporation shall in good faith discuss with the Underwriter any change in a fact, events or circumstances (actual, proposed or prospective) which is of such a nature that there is reasonable doubt whether notice need be given to the Underwriter pursuant to this Section 6.

6.3 Until the Closing Time and subject to applicable Law (including the time limits imposed thereunder), the Corporation shall obtain prior approval of the Underwriter acting reasonably, as to the content and form of any press release related to the Offering.

7. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

7.1 The Corporation hereby represents, warrants and covenants to and with the Underwriter, as follows (which representations, warranties and covenants shall be true and correct in all material respects on the date hereof and at the Closing Time with the same force and effect as if they had been made as at the Closing Time and which shall survive the Closing in accordance with Section 18.1), and acknowledges that the Underwriter and the Underwriter's Counsel are relying thereon:

- (a) the Corporation is a duly incorporated company and validly existing and in good standing under the corporate laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and no proceedings have been instituted or, to the Knowledge of the Corporation, are pending for the dissolution or liquidation or winding-up of the Corporation;
- (b) The Corporation's only material subsidiaries are the Material Subsidiaries and, except as disclosed to the Underwriter, all of the securities of the Material Subsidiaries are held directly or indirectly by the Corporation, free and clear of all mortgages, liens, charges, pledges, security interests, Encumbrances, claims and demands, and the Corporation holds full beneficial ownership of all such shares in the Material Subsidiaries. All of such shares in the capital of the Material Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued and are outstanding as fully paid shares and no person, other than the Corporation has any right, agreement or option, present or future, contingent or absolute, or any right capable of becoming a right, agreement or option, for the purchase or acquisition from the Corporation of any interest in any of such shares, or for the issue or allotment of any unissued shares in the capital of the Material Subsidiaries or any other security convertible into or exchangeable for any such shares.
- (c) Each Material Subsidiary: (i) is validly incorporated in its jurisdiction of incorporation and up-to-date in all material corporate filings and in good standing under the laws of such jurisdiction; (ii) has all requisite corporate power and capacity to carry on its business as now conducted and to own, lease and operate its assets; (iii) and has all necessary licences, authorizations, permits and other approvals necessary to permit it to conduct its business and all such licences, authorizations, permits and approvals are in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.
- (d) the Corporation is not party to any agreement, nor is the Corporation aware of any agreement, which in any manner affects the voting control of any of the securities of the Corporation;
- (e) other than the shareholder rights plan agreement between the Corporation and Computershare Investor Services Inc. dated September 4, 2020 (the "**Shareholder Rights Plan**"), the Corporation does not have in place a shareholder rights protection plan, and to the Knowledge of the Corporation, none of its shareholders are a party to any shareholders agreement, pooling agreement, voting trust or other similar type of arrangement in respect of outstanding securities of the Corporation;

- (f) the Corporation: (i) is a “reporting issuer” (within the meaning of applicable Canadian Securities Laws) or the equivalent in the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta (the “**Reporting Jurisdictions**”) and has been for the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the news release announcing the Offering and continuing until the Closing Date; and (ii) is not, and has not been during the previous 12 months, in default of any of the requirements of the applicable Canadian Securities Laws of the Reporting Jurisdictions;
- (g) the Common Shares are listed for trading on the Exchange and the Corporation is not in default of any of the listing requirements of the Exchange applicable to the Corporation including, for avoidance of doubt, any requirement that shareholder approval be obtained for the Offering or the issuance of the Offered Shares;
- (h) the Corporation has not taken any action which would be reasonably expected to result in the delisting or suspension of the Common Shares on or from the Exchange and the Corporation is currently in material compliance with the rules and regulations of the Exchange;
- (i) the Offered Shares and the Compensation Shares issued upon the due exercise of the Compensation Warrants, including payment therefor, will, at the time of issue, be duly allotted, validly issued and outstanding as fully paid and non-assessable Common Shares and will be free of all Liens, charges and Encumbrances, and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Purchaser Questionnaires and the Compensation Warrant Certificates, as applicable;
- (j) the form and terms of the certificates for the Offered Shares, Compensation Warrants and Compensation Shares, have been approved and adopted by the directors of the Corporation at or prior to the Closing Time and will not conflict, at such time, with any applicable Laws, including the BCBCA and the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), or the rules of the Exchange or the Constating Documents;
- (k) as at the date hereof, the authorized capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares, of which 391,053,427 Common Shares are issued and outstanding, each of which has been issued as fully paid and non-assessable;
- (l) other than as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents, no person, firm or corporation has any agreement, option, right or privilege, whether pre-emptive, contractual or otherwise, capable of becoming an agreement for the purchase, acquisition, subscription for or issuance of any of the unissued securities of the Corporation, or other securities convertible, exchangeable or exercisable for shares of the Corporation, and as at the date hereof, an aggregate of 88,018,536 Common Shares were reserved for issue pursuant to outstanding options, warrants, share incentive plans, convertible, exercisable and exchangeable securities and other rights to acquire Common Shares;
- (m) no document forming part of the Disclosure Documents contains any untrue statement of a material fact as at the date thereof nor do they omit to state a material fact which, at the date thereof, was required to have been stated or was necessary to prevent a statement that was made from being false or misleading in the circumstances in which it was made and each such document was prepared in accordance with and complies with applicable Canadian Securities Laws of the Reporting Jurisdictions in all material respects and the Corporation is not in default of its filings under, nor has it failed to file or publish any document required to be filed or published under applicable Canadian Securities Laws of the Reporting Jurisdictions;

- (n) all of the material transactions of the Corporation have been promptly and properly recorded or filed in or with its books or records and its minute book contains, in all material respects all of its material transactions, all records of the meetings and proceedings of its directors, shareholders and other committees, if any, since incorporation;
- (o) the Corporation has the corporate power and capacity to own the assets owned by it and to carry on the business carried on and proposed to be carried on by it, and the Corporation holds all licences and permits that are required for carrying on its business in the manner in which such business has been carried on and is duly qualified to carry on business in all jurisdictions in which it carries on business;
- (p) except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents, the Corporation has good title to its respective material assets, including the Material Property, free and clear of all material Liens, charges and Encumbrances of any kind whatsoever, and the Material Property is the only property or project that the Corporation considers material to its business;
- (q) all material property options, leases, concessions, claims or other, direct or indirect, interests in natural resource properties and surface rights for exploration and exploitation, extraction and other mineral property rights in which the Corporation holds an interest or right, including for greater certainty with respect to the Material Property, (collectively, the “**Property Rights**”) are completely and accurately described in the Disclosure Documents, the Corporation is the legal and beneficial owner of such Property Rights and the Property Rights are in good standing and are valid and enforceable and free and clear of any Liens, charges or Encumbrances and no royalty is payable in respect of any of them except as disclosed;
- (r) no material property rights, easements, rights of way, access rights (including but not limited to any mineral, geothermal and water rights) other than the Property Rights are necessary for the conduct of the business of the Corporation as currently being conducted, or proposed to be conducted as described in the Disclosure Documents, and there are no material restrictions on the ability of the Corporation to use or otherwise exploit any such Property Rights, and there is no claim or basis for a claim that may adversely affect such rights in any material respects; in addition the Corporation has all licences, registrations, qualifications, permits, consents and authorizations necessary for the conduct of the business of the Corporation as currently conducted and as proposed to be conducted as described in the Disclosure Documents and all such licences, registrations, qualifications, permits, consents and authorizations are valid and subsisting and in good standing in all material respects;
- (s) the Corporation and its Material Subsidiaries have obtained all permits necessary to carry on the business of the Corporation and the Material Subsidiaries as currently conducted. The Corporation and the Material Subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such permits except where such non-compliance would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. All of such permits issued to date are valid, subsisting, in good standing and in full force and effect and the Corporation and the Material Subsidiaries have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such permits or any notice advising of the refusal to grant or as to the adverse modification of any permit that has been applied for or is in process of being granted and the Corporation and the Material Subsidiaries anticipate receiving any such permit that has been applied for or is in the process of being granted in the ordinary course of business;

- (t) there are no claims or actions with respect to indigenous rights currently outstanding, or to the knowledge of the Corporation, threatened or pending, with respect to the Material Property of the Corporation or the Material Subsidiaries. There are no land entitlement claims having been asserted or any legal actions relating to indigenous issues having been instituted with respect to the Material Property of the Corporation or the Material Subsidiaries, and no dispute in respect of the Material Property of the Corporation or the Material Subsidiaries with any local or indigenous group exists or, to the knowledge of the Corporation, is threatened or imminent;
- (u) except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents, the Corporation does not have any responsibility or obligation to pay or have paid on its behalf any commission, royalty or similar payment to any person with respect to its Property Rights as of the date hereof;
- (v) the Corporation is in full compliance in all material respects with the provisions of NI 43-101 and has filed all technical reports required thereby and all such reports comply in all material respects with the requirements of NI 43-101 and, except to the extent superseded by subsequently filed technical reports or other than as set out in the Disclosure Documents, remain current as at the date hereof; all scientific and technical information disclosed in the Disclosure Documents: (i) is based upon information prepared, reviewed and verified by or under the supervision of a “qualified person” as defined in NI 43-101; (ii) has been prepared and disclosed in accordance with Canadian industry standards set forth in NI 43-101; and (iii) remains true, complete and accurate in all material respects as at the date hereof;
- (w) the information set forth in the Disclosure Documents and technical reports of the Corporation relating to the estimates by the Corporation of mineral resources or, if applicable, mineral reserves: (i) is based upon information prepared, reviewed and verified by or under the supervision of a “qualified person” as defined in NI 43-101; (ii) has been prepared and disclosed in accordance with Canadian industry standards set forth in NI 43-101; (iii) the method of estimating the minerals resources and, if applicable, mineral reserves has been verified by individuals with mining experience; (iv) the information upon which the estimates of mineral resources and, if applicable, mineral reserves was based was, at the time of delivery thereof, complete and accurate in all material respects; and (v) remains true, complete and accurate in all material respects as at the date hereof;
- (x) the Corporation has conducted and is conducting its business in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws, including rules, policies and regulations of each jurisdiction in which its business is carried on, is in compliance in all material respects with all terms and provisions of all contracts, agreements, indentures, leases, policies, instruments and licences that are material to the conduct of its business and all such contracts, agreements, indentures, leases, policies, instruments and licences are valid and binding in accordance with their terms and in full force and effect, and no material breach or default by the Corporation, or event which, with notice or lapse or both, could constitute a material breach or default by the Corporation, exists with respect thereto;
- (y) the Corporation has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into the Offering Documents and to perform the transactions described herein, and the issuance and sale by the Corporation of the Offered Shares at the Closing Time will have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Corporation, and the Offering Documents have been, or prior to the Closing Time will have been, duly executed and delivered by the Corporation and will upon execution and delivery in accordance with the terms hereof be, valid and binding obligations of the Corporation enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Qualifications;

- (z) the Corporation is not in violation of its Constatng Documents or in default in the performance or observance of any material obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any material contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease, license or other agreement or instrument to which the Corporation is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Corporation, including the Material Property and Property Rights, and which is material to the Corporation (collectively, the “**Material Agreements**”);
- (aa) the execution and delivery of the Offering Documents and the performance of the transactions contemplated hereunder and thereunder, the offering and sale of the Offered Shares and issuance of the Compensation Warrants and the Compensation Shares issued upon the due exercise of the Compensation Warrants does not and will not:
 - (i) require the consent, approval, authorization, registration or qualification of or with any Governmental Authority, stock exchange (including the Exchange), securities regulatory authority (including the Canadian Securities Regulators) or other third party, except such as have been obtained, or will be obtained prior to the Closing Date; or such as may be required following Closing Date as the case may be in order to comply with certain notice filing requirements under applicable Securities Laws, including the rules and policies of the Exchange;
 - (ii) result in a breach of or default under, nor create a state of facts which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would result in a breach of or default under, nor conflict with:
 - (A) any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Constatng Documents or resolutions of the shareholders, directors or any committee of directors of the Corporation; or
 - (B) any statute, rule, regulation or law applicable to the Corporation, including applicable Securities Laws, or any judgment, order or decree of any Governmental Authority, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Corporation; or
 - (C) any Material Agreement; or
 - (iii) give rise to any lien, charge or claim in or with respect to the properties or assets now owned by the Corporation or the acceleration of or the maturity of any debt under any indenture, mortgage, lease, agreement or instrument binding or affecting it or any of its properties;

- (bb) at the Closing Time, the Offered Shares will have been duly authorized for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and the issuance of the Compensation Warrants and the Compensation Shares issued upon the due exercise of the Compensation Warrants will have been duly authorized, and the Offered Shares, when created, issued and delivered by the Corporation pursuant to this Agreement, against payment of the consideration set forth herein, will, at the time of issue, be duly allotted, validly issued and outstanding as fully paid and non-assessable, and the Compensation Warrants and Compensation Shares will, at the time of issue, be duly allotted, validly issued and outstanding, and all such Offered Shares, Compensation Warrants and Compensation Shares will be free of all Liens, charges, and Encumbrances. The Offered Shares, Compensation Warrants and Compensation Shares conform and will conform to all statements relating thereto contained in the Offering Documents and such descriptions conform to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same. The Offered Shares are not subject to the pre-emptive rights of any shareholder of the Corporation and, at the Closing Time, all corporate action required to be taken by the Corporation for the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Offered Shares and the authorization, issuance and delivery of the Compensation Warrants and Compensation Shares, will have been validly taken;
- (cc) on the Closing Date, the Offered Shares will be qualified investments under the Tax Act for a trust governed by a Registered Plan provided that, at the time of acquisition, the Common Shares are listed on a “designated stock exchange” as defined in the Tax Act such as the Exchange;
- (dd) at the Closing Time and upon satisfaction of the standard and customary post-closing conditions imposed by the Exchange for the listing of securities in similar circumstances, the Exchange will have conditionally approved the listing of the Offered Shares and the Compensation Shares.
- (ee) the Transfer Agent, at its office in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia has been duly appointed as registrar and transfer agent for the Common Shares;
- (ff) the minute books and records of the Corporation made available to counsel for the Underwriter in connection with its due diligence investigation of the Corporation for the two year period specified are all of the minute books and records of the Corporation for such period and contain copies of all material proceedings (or certified copies thereof or drafts thereof pending approval) of the shareholders, the directors and all committees of directors of the Corporation to the date of review of such corporate records and minute books and there have been no other meetings, resolutions or proceedings of the shareholders, directors or any committees of the directors of the Corporation to the date of this Agreement not reflected in such minute books and other records other than any meetings, resolutions and proceedings in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder;
- (gg) the Financial Statements of the Corporation are true and correct in every material respect and present fairly and accurately the consolidated financial position and results of the operations of the Corporation for the period then ended and such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS applied on a consistent basis;

- (hh) the Corporation maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any difference; (v) material information relating to the Corporation is made known to those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements during the period in which the financial statements have been prepared and that such material information is disclosed to the public within the time periods required by applicable Laws; and (vi) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of such internal controls that could adversely affect any of the Corporation's ability to disclose to the public information required to be disclosed by them in accordance with applicable Law and all fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or employees that have a significant role in the Corporation's internal controls have been disclosed to the audit committee of the Corporation;
- (ii) there has been no change in accounting policies or practices of the Corporation since May 1, 2025;
- (jj) the audit committee of the Corporation is comprised and operates in accordance with the requirements of NI 52-110 that are applicable to the Corporation;
- (kk) the Corporation has established and maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under Securities Laws is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities Laws. Such disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted under Securities Laws is accumulated and communicated to the Corporation's management, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure;
- (ll) the Corporation and each Material Subsidiary is in material compliance with all federal, national, regional, state, provincial and local laws and regulations respecting employment and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment, workers' compensation, occupational health and safety and pay equity and wages. The Corporation and its Material Subsidiaries are not subject to any claims, complaints, outstanding decisions, orders or settlements or pending claims, complaints, decisions, orders or settlements under any human rights legislation, employment standards legislation, workers' compensation legislation, occupational health and safety legislation or similar legislation nor has any event occurred which may give rise to any of the foregoing;
- (mm) the Corporation is not indebted to any of its directors or officers, other than on account of directors fees, salaries, bonus and other employment or consulting compensation or expenses accrued but not paid, or to any of its shareholders;
- (nn) none of the directors or officers of the Corporation nor any of its shareholders is indebted to the Corporation, on any account whatsoever;
- (oo) the Corporation has not guaranteed or agreed to guarantee any debt, liability or other obligation of any kind whatsoever of any person, firm or corporation whatsoever;

- (pp) there are no off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations or liabilities of the Corporation, whether direct, indirect, absolute, contingent or otherwise which are not disclosed or reflected in the Financial Statements except those incurred in the ordinary course of its business since May 1, 2025;
- (qq) since May 1, 2025, there has not been any Material Adverse Change of any kind whatsoever in the financial position or condition of the Corporation or any damage, loss or other change of any kind whatsoever in circumstances materially affecting its business, affairs, capital, prospects or assets, or the right or capacity of the Corporation to carry on its business, such business having been carried on in the ordinary course;
- (rr) the compensation arrangements with respect to the Corporation's Named Executive Officers (as such term is defined in NI 51-102) are as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents and except as disclosed therein, there are no pensions, profit sharing, group insurance or similar plans or other deferred compensation plans of any kind whatsoever affecting the Corporation;
- (ss) to the Knowledge of the Corporation there are no "significant acquisitions" or "significant probable acquisitions" as defined under Canadian Securities Laws that have progressed to the state where a reasonable person would believe that the likelihood of the Corporation completing the acquisition is high;
- (tt) except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents, the Corporation has not approved, entered into any binding agreement in respect of, nor has any knowledge of: (i) the purchase of any property material to the Corporation or material assets or any interest therein or the sale, transfer or other disposition of any material property of the Corporation or material assets or any interest therein currently owned, directly or indirectly, by the Corporation, whether by asset sale, transfer or sale of shares or otherwise; or (ii) the Change of Control (by sale or transfer of shares or sale of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation) of the Corporation;
- (uu) there are no amendments to the Material Agreements that have been, or are required to be, or to the Knowledge of the Corporation, are proposed to be, made;
- (vv) to the Knowledge of the Corporation, none of the directors or officers of the Corporation are now, or have ever been, subject to an order or ruling of any securities regulatory authority or stock exchange prohibiting such individual from acting as a director or officer of a public company or of a company listed on a particular stock exchange;
- (ww) to the Knowledge of the Corporation, there are no proposed or planned disposition of Common Shares by any shareholder who owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the outstanding Common Shares;
- (xx) all tax returns, reports, elections, remittances, filings, withholdings and payments of the Corporation required by applicable Laws to have been filed or made, have been filed or made (as the case may be) and are substantially true, complete and correct and all taxes owing of the Corporation as at April 30, 2025 have been paid or accrued in the Financial Statements;
- (yy) the Corporation has been assessed for all applicable taxes to and including the year ended April 30, 2025 and has received all appropriate refunds, made adequate provision for taxes payable for all subsequent periods and the Corporation is not aware of any material contingent tax liability of the Corporation not adequately reflected in the Financial Statements;

- (zz) no examination of any tax return of the Corporation is currently in progress and there are no material issues or disputes outstanding with any Governmental Authority respecting any taxes that have been paid, or may be payable by the Corporation. There are no agreements, waivers or other arrangements with any taxation authority providing for an extension of time for any assessment or reassessment of taxes with respect to the Corporation;
- (aaa) there are no material actions, suits, judgments, investigations or proceedings of any kind whatsoever outstanding or, to the Knowledge of the Corporation, pending, threatened against or affecting the Corporation, or to the Knowledge of the Corporation, its directors or officers at law or in equity or before or by any federal, provincial, state, municipal or other Governmental Authority, commission, board, bureau or agency of any kind whatsoever and, to the Knowledge of the Corporation, there is no basis therefor;
- (bbb) the Corporation has not been in material violation of, in connection with the ownership, use, maintenance or operation of its property and assets, any applicable federal, provincial, state, municipal or local laws, by-laws, regulations, orders, policies, permits, licences, certificates or approvals having the force of law, domestic or foreign, relating to environmental, health or safety matters or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (collectively, "**Environmental Laws**"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - (i) the Corporation has occupied its properties and has received, handled, used, stored, treated, shipped and disposed of all pollutants, contaminants, hazardous or toxic materials, controlled or dangerous substances or wastes in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and has received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable environmental laws to conduct its business; and
 - (ii) there are no orders, rulings or directives issued against the Corporation and there are no orders, rulings or directives pending or threatened against the Corporation under or pursuant to any environmental laws requiring any work, repairs, construction or capital expenditures with respect to any property or assets of the Corporation;
- (ccc) no notice with respect to any of the matters referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph, including any alleged violations by the Corporation with respect thereto has been received by the Corporation and no writ, injunction, order or judgement is outstanding, and no legal proceeding under or pursuant to any environmental laws or relating to the ownership, use, maintenance or operation of the property and assets of the Corporation is in progress, threatened or, to the best of the Knowledge of the Corporation, pending, which could be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Corporation and there are no grounds or conditions which exist, on or under any property now or previously owned, operated or leased by the Corporation, on which any such legal proceeding might be commenced with any reasonable likelihood of success or with the passage of time, or the giving of notice or both, would give rise;
- (ddd) none of the Corporation, nor to the knowledge of the Corporation any of its directors or officers are in breach of any law, ordinance, statute, regulation, by-law, order or decree of any kind whatsoever where non-compliance would have a Material Adverse Effect on the Corporation;
- (eee) at all relevant times, the Auditor is and has been an independent public accountant as required under applicable Securities Laws and there has never been a "reportable event" (within the meaning of NI 51-102) between the Corporation and the Auditor nor has there been any event which has led the Auditor to threaten to resign as auditor;

- (fff) the Offering Documents, including any and all amendments thereto, contains no untrue statement of a material fact and will not omit to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to prevent a statement that is made from being false or misleading in the circumstances in which it is made and complies with applicable Securities Laws of the Offering Jurisdictions;
- (ggg) the net proceeds of the Offering will be used for the purposes and in the manner specified in the Disclosure Documents;
- (hhh) except as provided herein, other than certain finders' fees related to certain President's List Purchasers and previously disclosed to the Underwriters, there is no person, firm or corporation which has been engaged by the Corporation to act for the Corporation and which is entitled to any brokerage or finder's fee in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereunder;
- (iii) none of the Corporation, nor any of its employees or agents have made any unlawful contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state, provincial or foreign office, or failed to disclose fully any contribution, in violation of any law, or made any payment to any foreign, Canadian, United States or provincial or state governmental officer or official, or other person charged with similar public or quasi-public duties, other than payments required or permitted by applicable Laws, in a manner that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (jjj) the operations of the Corporation are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* (Canada), the *Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act* (United States) and the money laundering statutes in 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 or Governmental Authority or any arbitrator non-governmental authority involving the Corporation with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is to the best knowledge of the Corporation pending or threatened;
- (kkk) no material labour dispute with the employees of the Corporation currently exists or, to the knowledge of the Corporation, is imminent. The Corporation is not a party to any collective bargaining agreement and, to the knowledge of the Corporation, no action has been taken or is contemplated to organize any employees of the Corporation;
- (lll) no filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of any court or Governmental Authority or agency in Canada is necessary or required for the performance by the Corporation of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the Offering in the Offering Jurisdictions, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Offering Documents and Operative Documents, except such as have been already obtained, subject to the Post-Closing Filings, under applicable Securities Laws;
- (mmm) all information and documentation concerning the Corporation (including but not limited to the Property Rights and Material Agreements), the Offered Shares and the Offering, that has been provided to the Underwriter at its request by the Corporation in connection with this Agreement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading and will not omit to state any fact or information which would be material to an agent performing the services contemplated herein;

- (nnn) all offers and sales of Offered Shares to U.S. Purchasers shall be made in compliances with Schedule "A" to this Agreement;
- (ooo) the Offered Shares distributed under the Offering will not be subject to a restricted period or to a statutory hold period under Securities Laws, excluding the 1933 Act, or to any resale restriction under the policies of the Exchange, except (i) if any Offered Shares are purchased by Persons subject to the Exchange Hold Period, then such Offered Shares shall be subject to the Exchange Hold Period and shall not be tradeable for four months and one day from the Closing Date, or (ii) the Offered Shares sold to U.S. Purchasers;
- (ppp) the Corporation's Common Shares are listed on the Exchange and the Corporation is in good standing with the Exchange and is not aware of any circumstances which may materially affect its Common Shares being listed on the Exchange;
- (qqq) the Corporation is eligible to rely on the LIFE in connection with the distribution of the Offered Shares under the Offering;
- (rrr) the LIFE Offering Document has been prepared and filed in accordance with Part 5A of NI 45-106 and Form 45-106F19 - *Listed Issuer Financing Document* and Order 45-935 and has been duly approved and authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Corporation and has been duly executed by and filed on behalf of the Corporation;
- (sss) the LIFE Offering Document complies with applicable Securities Laws, is true and correct in all material respects, does not contain a misrepresentation and contains full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the Offering and the Offered Shares, as required by applicable Securities Laws, and no material fact or information has been omitted therefrom which is required to be stated in such disclosure or is necessary to make the statements or information contained in such disclosure not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made;
- (ttt) the Corporation has had an active business and had its Common Shares listed on the Exchange during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the news release announcing the Offering and continuing to the date hereof, and the Corporation is not, or during the 12 months immediately preceding the Offering Release Date and continuing to the date hereof, the Corporation or any person or company with whom the Corporation completed a restructuring transaction was not, either of the following: (i) an issuer whose operations have ceased; or (ii) an issuer whose principal asset is cash, cash equivalents, or its exchange listing, including, for greater certainty, a capital pool company, a special purpose acquisition company, a growth acquisition corporation or any similar person or company;
- (uuu) the Corporation is not an investment fund;
- (vvv) the Corporation has filed all periodic and timely disclosure documents that it is required to have filed under applicable Securities Laws, and any orders or undertaking issued by the Securities Commissions or other applicable regulatory authority, including the Exchange;
- (www) the Corporation will not allocate any of the available funds as disclosed in Item 9 of the LIFE Offering Document to the following: (i) an acquisition that is a significant acquisition under Part 8 of NI 51-102; (ii) a restructuring transaction; or (iii) any other transaction for which the Corporation seeks approval of any security holder;

- (xxx) the total dollar amount of the distribution of the Offered Shares, combined with the dollar amount of all other distributions made by the Corporation under Section 5A of NI 45-106 during the 12 months immediately before the Offering Release Date, will not, assuming completion of the distribution of the Offering, exceed the greater of the following: (i) \$25,000,000; and (ii) 20% of the aggregate market value of the Common Shares, to a maximum of \$50,000,000;
- (yyy) the distribution of the Offered Shares under the Offering pursuant to the LIFE, combined with all other distributions made by the Corporation under Section 5A of NI 45-106 during the 12 months immediately preceding the Offering Release Date, will not result in an increase of more than 50% to the issued and outstanding Common Shares;
- (zzz) the Corporation reasonably expects that its current funds, when taken with the proceeds of the Offering, will be sufficient to meet the Corporation's business objectives and liquidity requirements over a period of 12 months following Closing;
- (aaaa) before the Corporation solicited or permitted the solicitation of an offer to purchase the Offered Shares, the Corporation had filed the LIFE Offering Document on SEDAR+ and posted the LIFE Offering Document on its website, and the LIFE Offering Document, as of the date hereof and without interruption since it was originally posted, continues to be posted on the Corporation's website and will further remain posted of the Corporation's website until a minimum of eight weeks after the Closing Date;
- (bbbb) in connection with the distribution of the Offered Shares under the Offering, the Corporation has and will continue to take reasonable steps to ensure that prospective purchasers are aware of the means of accessing the LIFE Offering Document, and has and will continue to include the following statement in any initial written communication with a prospective purchaser of the Offered Shares under the Offering: "There is a LIFE Offering Document related to the Offering that can be accessed under the Corporation's profile at www.sedarplus.ca and on the Corporation's website at <https://southernilverexploration.com>. Prospective investors should read this LIFE Offering Document before making an investment decision.";
- (cccc) with respect to forward-looking information contained in the Corporation's publicly available documents and the LIFE Offering Document:
 - (i) the Corporation had a reasonable basis for the forward-looking information at the time the disclosure was made;
 - (ii) all forward-looking information is identified as such, and all such documents caution users of forward-looking information that actual results may vary from the forward-looking information, identify material risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information, and state the material factors or assumptions used to develop the forward-looking information;
 - (iii) the future-oriented financial information or financial outlook contained therein is limited to a period for which the information can be reasonably estimated; and
 - (iv) the Corporation has updated such forward-looking information as required by and in compliance with applicable Securities Laws.

8. UNDERWRITER'S REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 8.1 The Underwriter hereby represents, warrants and covenants to and with the Corporation as follows (which representations, warranties and covenants shall be true and correct in all material respects on the date hereof and at the Closing Time with the same force and effect as if they had been made as at the Closing Time and which shall survive the Closing in accordance with Section 18.1) and acknowledges that the Corporation and its counsel are relying thereon:
- (a) it is duly qualified and registered to carry on business as a dealer in each of the jurisdictions where the sale of the Offered Shares requires such qualification and/or registration in a manner that permits the sale of the Offered Shares on the basis described in this Agreement, or if or where not so registered or licensed, it will act only through members of a Selling Firm who are so registered or licensed;
 - (b) it is duly organized and is in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction and has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into, deliver and carry out its obligations under this Agreement and complete the transactions contemplated under this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth herein;
 - (c) in respect of the offer and sale of the Offered Shares to Purchasers, the Underwriter will comply with all Securities Laws in connection with the Offering and will only offer the Offered Shares for sale by the Corporation to Substituted Purchasers on a "private placement" basis directly and, if deemed appropriate by the Underwriter, through Selling Firms, upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
 - (d) the Underwriter has internal policies and/or procedures in place to verify investor status and has followed such policies and/or procedures;
 - (e) except for the delivery of the Offering Documents to prospective Purchasers, not deliver to any prospective Purchaser any document or material which constitutes an offering memorandum under applicable Securities Laws and it has not and will not, in connection with the Offering, make any representation or warranty to any Purchaser with respect to the Corporation or the Offered Shares except pursuant to the Offering Documents;
 - (f) not solicit offers to purchase or sell the Offered Shares so as to require the Corporation to file a prospectus, registration statement or other disclosure document or become subject to continuing obligations in such jurisdictions, except for the filing and delivery of the Offering Documents and in connection with the distribution of the Offered Shares under the Offering and for the Post-Closing Filings;
 - (g) obtain from each Purchaser an executed Purchaser Questionnaire (including executed exhibits thereto, as applicable), together with all documentation as may be necessary in connection with subscriptions for the Offered Shares, and deliver such Purchaser Questionnaires, and documentation to the Corporation on the Closing Date;
 - (h) refrain from any form of general solicitation or advertising and not make use of any green sheet or other internal marketing document, without the written consent of the Corporation, such consent to be promptly considered and not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
 - (i) comply with and ensure that they and their Selling Firms comply with all applicable Securities Laws and the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

- (j) it will provide the Corporation on the Closing Date with all necessary information in respect of the Underwriter and the Purchasers to allow the Corporation to file with the Securities Commissions reports of the trades of the securities in accordance with Securities Laws and the required time frames;
- (k) Underwriter hereby certifies that it is an “accredited investor” as defined under NI 45-106 or the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as applicable, by virtue of being a company registered under the securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada as an adviser or dealer (other than an exempt market dealer) and is acquiring the Compensation Warrants as principal for its own account and not for the benefit of any other Person;
- (l) it acknowledges, understands, agrees and covenants that (i) it is acquiring the Compensation Warrants for its own account and not for the benefit or account of any other person, (ii) the Compensation Warrants may not be exercised in the United States or by or on behalf of a person in the United States or a U.S. Person except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act, and (iii) it will not engage in any Directed Selling Efforts (as defined in Schedule “A” hereto) with respect to any Compensation Warrant; and
- (m) in connection with the issuance of the Compensation Warrants to the Underwriter, the Underwriter represents and warrants that (i) the Compensation Warrants were not offered to it in the United States, (ii) it is not a U.S. Person, and (iii) it did not execute or deliver this Agreement in the United States.

9. COVENANTS OF THE CORPORATION

9.1 The Corporation hereby covenants to and with the Underwriter (on their own behalf and on behalf of the Purchasers), and acknowledges that each of them is relying on such covenants in connection with the purchase of the Offered Shares, as follows:

- (a) for a period of two years following the Closing Date, use its commercially reasonable efforts to remain a “reporting issuer” under Securities Laws in at least one jurisdiction of Canada not in material default of any requirement of such Securities Laws; provided that this covenant is subject to the obligations of the directors to comply with their fiduciary duties to the Corporation and shall not limit or be construed as limiting, restricting or otherwise preventing the Corporation from completing any consolidation, amalgamation, arrangement, business combination, sale of all or substantially all of the Corporation’s assets, take-over bid, merger or other similar transaction, or any transaction which would result in the Corporation ceasing to be a “reporting issuer” so long as each holder of Offered Shares, Compensation Warrants, and Compensation Shares, receive securities of an entity which is listed on a stock exchange or over-the-counter market or cash or the holders of the Common Shares have approved the transaction in accordance with the requirements of applicable Law or the policies of the Exchange;
- (b) ensure all information and documentation relating to the Corporation and its Affiliates and the Offering provided to the Underwriter, directly or indirectly, orally or in writing, by the Corporation and its Affiliates, in connection with the Underwriter’s engagement hereunder will be true, accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading in any material respects and will not omit to state any fact or information which would be material to the Underwriter performing the services contemplated herein;
- (c) at the reasonable request of the Underwriter and upon adequate notice, make members of its senior management team and certain of its directors available for meetings with potential investors;

- (d) duly execute and deliver the Purchaser Questionnaires on behalf of the Corporation at or prior to the Closing Time, and comply with and satisfy all terms, conditions and covenants therein contained to be complied with or satisfied by the Corporation, as applicable;
- (e) fulfill or cause to be fulfilled, at or prior to the Closing Time, each of the conditions required to be fulfilled by it set out in Sections 10 and 11;
- (f) fulfill all legal requirements to permit the creation and issuance of the Offered Shares and the Compensation Warrants at the Closing Time and the issuance of the Compensation Shares, all as contemplated by the Operative Documents, and file or cause to be filed all forms, notices, documents, applications, undertakings or certificates required to be filed by the Corporation in connection with the Offering so that the distribution of such securities may lawfully occur without the necessity of filing a prospectus in Canada or similar document in any other jurisdiction;
- (g) ensure that, at the Closing Time, the Offered Shares shall be duly and validly authorized and issued and shall have the attributes corresponding in all material respects to the description thereof as set forth in this Agreement, the LIFE Offering Document and the Purchaser Questionnaires;
- (h) ensure that, at the Closing Time, the Compensation Warrants shall be duly and validly created, authorized and issued and shall have the attributes corresponding in all material respects to the description thereof as set forth in this Agreement, the LIFE Offering Document and the Compensation Warrants Certificates;
- (i) ensure that, at all times prior to the expiry of the Compensation Warrants, a sufficient number of Compensation Shares, are allotted and reserved for issuance upon the due exercise of the Compensation Warrants in accordance with their terms including receipt of payment therefor, and when so issued, shall be issued as fully paid and non-assessable Compensation Shares;
- (j) ensure that the Exchange conditional acceptance for the Offering has been obtained on or prior to the Closing Date and, until the expiry of the Compensation Warrants, use its commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the Common Shares remain listed for trading on the Exchange or such other principal stock exchange or over-the-counter market as such shares may be listed or quoted (as the case may be); provided that this covenant is subject to the obligations of the directors to comply with their fiduciary duties to the Corporation and shall not limit or be construed as limiting, restricting or otherwise preventing the Corporation from completing any consolidation, amalgamation, arrangement, business combination, sale of all or substantially all of the Corporation's assets, take-over bid, merger or other similar transaction, or any transaction which would result in the Corporation ceasing to be listed on the Exchange or such other stock exchange or over-the-counter market as the Common Shares may be listed or quoted (as the case may be) so long as each holder of Common Shares, Compensation Warrants, or Compensation Shares receive securities of an entity which is listed on a stock exchange or over-the-counter market or cash or the holders of the Common Shares have approved the transaction in accordance with the requirements of applicable Law or the policies of the Exchange;

- (k) not take any action which would reasonably be expected to result in the delisting or suspension of the Common Shares on or from the Exchange or such other principal stock exchange or over-the-counter market as such shares may be listed or quoted (as the case may be); provided that this covenant is subject to the obligations of the directors to comply with their fiduciary duties to the Corporation and shall not limit or be construed as limiting, restricting or otherwise preventing the Corporation from completing any consolidation, amalgamation, arrangement, business combination, sale of all or substantially all of the Corporation's assets, take-over bid, merger or other similar transaction, or any transaction which would result in the Corporation ceasing to be listed on the Exchange or such other stock exchange or over-the-counter market as the Common Shares may be listed or quoted (as the case may be) so long as each holder of Common Shares, Compensation Warrants or the Compensation Shares, receive securities of an entity which is listed on a stock exchange or over-the-counter market or cash or the holders of the Common Shares have approved the transaction in accordance with the requirements of applicable Law or the policies of the Exchange;
- (l) not, at any time prior to Closing, halt the trading of the Common Shares on the Exchange, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditional;
- (m) in the event any Person acting or purporting to act for the Corporation establishes a claim from the Underwriter for any brokerage or agency fee in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, the Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriter with respect thereto and with respect to all costs reasonably incurred in the defence thereof unless such claim is made by any Selling Firm;
- (n) not, directly or indirectly, issue, negotiate or enter into any agreement to sell or issue or announce the issue of, any Common Shares of the Corporation or other securities convertible into Common Shares, for a period of 60 days after the Closing Date, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned, other than: (i) as contemplated herein; (ii) pursuant to the grant or exercise of options pursuant to the Corporation's stock option plan or other similar share compensation arrangements outstanding on the date hereof; (iii) pursuant to the exercise or conversion, as the case may be, of warrants, convertible debt or securities of the Corporation outstanding on the date hereof; (iv) pursuant to the Shareholder Rights Plan; (v) in connection with any *bona fide* property acquisition, take-over bid or any other similar transaction, including without limitation a merger, arrangement or amalgamation (X) involving a change of control of the Corporation made generally by a third-party to all holders of securities of the Corporation or (Y) that is subject to approval of holders of Common Shares in accordance with the requirements of all applicable Laws; (vi) in respect of existing mineral property agreements; or (vii) in connection with property or share acquisitions in the normal course of business;
- (o) the Corporation intends to use the net proceeds of the Offering in the manner specified in the LIFE Offering Document; provided that the Underwriter hereby acknowledges that there may be circumstances where, for sound business reasons, a re-allocation of funds may be necessary or advisable, and in the case of such circumstances arising, the Corporation may apply the net proceeds of the Offering accordingly;

- (p) execute and file with the Securities Commissions all forms, notices and certificates required to be filed pursuant to the Securities Laws in the time required by the applicable Securities Laws, including, for certainty, all forms, notices and certificates set forth in the opinions delivered to the Underwriter hereunder required to be filed by the Corporation and, for as long as any of the Offered Shares remain outstanding, to comply with all applicable continuous disclosure obligations under the Securities Laws, including but not limited to filing all required financial statements; and
- (q) promptly following the Closing Date, use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the final approval of the Exchange for the listing of the Offered Shares and the Compensation Shares.

10. CLOSING

10.1 The Closing will be completed at the Closing Time and shall be completed virtually or, if necessary, at the offices of Corporation's Canadian Counsel, or at such other place and time as the Underwriter and the Corporation agree upon, each acting reasonably, or by way of exchange of documents and funds on mutually agreeable trust conditions.

10.2 At the Closing Time, and subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the Corporation will deliver to the Underwriter:

- (a) The Offered Shares, by electronic deposit pursuant to the non-certificated issue system maintained by CDS as directed by the Underwriter, or by physical certification or direct registration system, if required;
- (b) certificates representing the Compensation Warrants;
- (c) a written direction of the Corporation directing the Underwriter to deliver the net proceeds from the sale of the Offered Shares to the Corporation in accordance with Section 10.3(c) below; and
- (d) all further documentation as may be contemplated in the Operative Documents, or as Underwriter's Counsel may reasonably require.

10.3 At the Closing Time, and subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the Underwriter will deliver or cause to be delivered to the Corporation:

- (a) the Purchaser Questionnaires duly completed and executed by the subscribers to the Offering;
- (b) a list of all Purchasers with all requisite information therein required for the Corporation to complete its Post-Closing Filings;
- (c) the Purchase Price, payable in cash by wire transfer and net of the Underwriter's Fee and the expenses of the Underwriter as contemplated herein, pursuant to instructions provided by the Corporation to the Underwriter or as the Corporation may otherwise direct; and
- (d) all further documentation to be signed by the Purchasers as may be contemplated in the Operative Documents or as Corporation's Canadian Counsel may reasonably require.

11. CONDITIONS OF CLOSING

11.1 The Underwriter's obligations hereunder shall be subject to the following conditions, which conditions may be waived in writing in whole or in part by the Underwriter:

- (a) the Corporation will have complied in all material respects with all obligations and covenants and satisfied all terms and conditions contained in this Agreement on its part to be complied with or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time;
- (b) the representations and warranties of the Corporation contained in this Agreement: (i) that are qualified by references to materiality, Material Adverse Effect or Material Adverse Change will be true and correct in all respects; and (ii) the representations and warranties not so qualified will be true and correct in all material respects, in each such case, as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing 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);
- (c) the Underwriter shall have received at the Closing Time, a certificate dated the Closing Date signed by each of the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (without personal liability), addressed to the Underwriter and Underwriter's Counsel, with respect to:
 - (i) the Constating Documents;
 - (ii) all resolutions of the board of directors of the Corporation relating to the Offering, this Agreement, the Offering Documents and the Operative Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, as applicable; and
 - (iii) the incumbency and specimen signatures of signing officers of the Corporation relating to the LIFE Offering Document, in the form of a certificate of incumbency and such further certificates and other documentation as may be contemplated in this Agreement or as the Underwriter may reasonably require;
- (d) the Underwriter shall have received satisfactory evidence that all requisite approvals, consents and acceptances of the appropriate regulatory authorities (including, for greater certainty, the Exchange) required to be made or obtained by the Corporation in order to complete the Offering (including the conditional listing and posting for trading on the Exchange of the Offered Shares and Compensation Shares) shall have been made or obtained, subject only to satisfaction by the Corporation of customary post-closing conditions imposed by the Exchange in similar circumstances;
- (e) the Operative Documents shall have been executed, endorsed or authenticated, as applicable, and delivered by the parties thereto in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, on behalf of the Underwriter, and Underwriter's Counsel, each acting reasonably;
- (f) the Underwriter shall have received a certificate dated the Closing Date, as applicable, and signed by each of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation or other officers of the Corporation acceptable to the Underwriter, certifying for and on behalf of the Corporation (and without personal liability), after having made due inquiry that:
 - (i) no order, ruling or determination having the effect of suspending the sale or ceasing the trading in any securities of the Corporation (including the Common Shares) has been issued by any Governmental Authority and is continuing in effect and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the Knowledge of the Corporation, contemplated or threatened by any Governmental Authority;

- (ii) there has been no Material Adverse Change (actual or proposed, whether financial or otherwise), since April 30, 2025 to the date of this Agreement and no transaction has been entered into by the Corporation which constitutes a material change except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents;
 - (iii) no default or event exists and is then continuing under this Agreement or any of the other Operative Documents and no event exists that, but for the giving of notice, lapse of time, or both, or but for the satisfaction of any other condition after that event, would constitute a default or event of default under this Agreement or any of the other Operative Documents;
 - (iv) the Corporation has duly complied with all the terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement on its part to be complied with up to the Closing Time (other than any conditions which have been waived by the Underwriter);
 - (v) the representations and warranties of the Corporation contained in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Time with the same force and effect as if made at and as of the Closing Time after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
 - (vi) the LIFE Offering Document, together with any document filed under Canadian Securities Laws on or after December 2, 2025, contains disclosure of all material facts about the securities being distributed in the Offering and does not contain a misrepresentation;
- (g) the Underwriter shall have received at the Closing Time a favourable legal opinion of the Corporation's Canadian Counsel (who may rely, to the extent appropriate in the circumstances, on the opinions of local counsel acceptable to Underwriter's Counsel as to matters governed by the Laws of jurisdictions other than the provinces in Canada in which they are qualified to practice), addressed to the Underwriter and dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to Underwriter's Counsel, acting reasonably, and based and relying on and subject to customary assumptions and qualifications, with respect to the following matters:
- (i) as to the subsistence of the Corporation under the Laws of British Columbia;
 - (ii) as to the authorized and issued capital of the Corporation;
 - (iii) that the Corporation has all requisite corporate power and authority to carry on its business as presently carried on and to own or lease its properties (including, without limitation, the Material Property) and assets; and to carry out its obligations under each of the Operative Documents, and to issue the Offered Shares, the Compensation Warrants, and the Compensation Shares upon due exercise of the Compensation Warrants;
 - (iv) that none of the execution and delivery of any of the Operative Documents, the performance by the Corporation of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, or the sale or issuance of the Offered Shares, the Compensation Warrants and the Compensation Shares upon due exercise of the Compensation Warrants, will conflict with or result in any breach of: (A) the Constating Documents; or (B) the BCBCA and Canadian Securities Laws;
 - (v) that all necessary action has been taken by the Corporation to authorize the execution and delivery of the Operative Documents and the performance of its obligations

thereunder, including the issuance and delivery of the Offered Shares, Compensation Warrants, and Compensation Shares, and the Operative Documents, have been duly authorized and executed and delivered by the Corporation, and constitutes or will constitute a valid and legally binding obligation of the Corporation enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Qualifications;

- (vi) the Offered Shares have been duly and validly issued as fully-paid and non-assessable Common Shares in the capital of the Corporation;
- (vii) the Compensation Warrants have been duly and validly created and issued;
- (viii) that the Compensation Shares to be issued upon exercise of the Compensation Warrants have been validly allotted and duly authorized and reserved for issuance, and upon payment of the exercise price therefor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Compensation Warrant Certificate, will be validly issued and outstanding as fully-paid and non-assessable Common Shares;
- (ix) the Transfer Agent has been duly appointed as the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares;
- (x) the form and terms of the definitive certificates, if any, representing the Offered Shares and the Compensation Warrants have been approved by the directors of the Corporation and the definitive certificates representing the Offered Shares comply in all material respects with the policies of the Exchange;
- (xi) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Offered Shares by the Corporation to the Purchasers and the issuance of the Compensation Warrants to the Underwriter in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement are exempt from the prospectus requirements of applicable Canadian Securities Laws and that, except for the filing and delivery of the LIFE Offering Document in connection with the distribution of the Offered Shares sold pursuant to the LIFE, no documents are required to be filed, no proceedings are required to be taken and no approvals, permits, consents or authorizations of any securities regulatory authority are required to be obtained by the Corporation under applicable Canadian Securities Laws to permit the distribution of the Offered Shares by the Corporation to the Purchasers, and the issuance and delivery of the Compensation Warrants to the Underwriter; however, where required by Securities Law, the Corporation will be required to file the Post-Closing Filings with the applicable Securities Commissions;
- (xii) the issuance of the Compensation Shares issuable upon due exercise of the Compensation Warrants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the certificates representing the Compensation Warrants, will be exempt from the prospectus and registration requirements of applicable Canadian Securities Laws and no documents are required to be filed (other than specified forms accompanied by requisite filing fees), proceedings taken or approvals, permits, consents or authorizations obtained under the applicable Canadian Securities Laws to permit such issuance and delivery;
- (xiii) the first trade by the Purchasers of the Offered Shares and the first trade by the Underwriter of the Compensation Shares issuable upon due exercise of the Compensation Warrants, is exempt from or is not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable Canadian Securities Laws in the Offering Jurisdictions and, except for the Offering Documents, no filing, proceeding or approval will need to be

made, taken or obtained under such laws in connection with any such trade or resale, provided that the conditions of NI 45-102 are satisfied, as applicable, and, in the case of the offering of the Offered Shares sold pursuant to the LIFE, such Offered Shares are not subject to a restricted period or to a statutory hold period under Securities Laws, excluding the 1933 Act, or to any resale restriction under the policies of the Exchange, except as may be required pursuant to the Exchange Hold Period;

- (xiv) the Corporation is a “reporting issuer”, or its equivalent, in British Columbia and Alberta and it is not listed as in default of any requirement of the Securities Laws of those provinces; and
- (xv) the Exchange has conditionally accepted the Offering (including the listing and posting for trading on the Exchange of the Offered Shares and Compensation Shares);
- (h) the Underwriter shall have a received legal opinion addressed to the Underwriter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, acting reasonably, in respect of each Material Subsidiary dated as of the Closing Date from local counsel with respect to the following matters, and all such opinions may be subject to customary assumptions, reliance's and qualifications:
 - (i) the formation, existence and good standing of the Material Subsidiary under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - (ii) the authorized capital of the Material Subsidiary and the ownership thereof; and
 - (iii) that the Material Subsidiary has all necessary corporate power under the laws of their jurisdiction of incorporation to carry on business as presently carried on and own and lease their properties and assets and to conduct their business;
- (i) the Underwriter shall have received a favourable title opinion dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriter, acting reasonably, summarizing title and ownership interests of the Corporation and each Material Subsidiary in the Material Property;
- (j) the Underwriter shall have received from the Corporation a certificate of the Transfer Agent, which certifies the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of close of business on the date that is one day prior to the Closing Date;
- (k) the Underwriter shall have received a certificate of good standing or similar certificate with respect to the Corporation and each Material Subsidiary;
- (l) the Underwriter shall have received at the Closing Time certificates representing the Offered Shares registered in the name of the Purchasers or confirmations of the electronic deposit of the Offered Shares pursuant to the non-certificated issue system maintained by CDS, on behalf of the Purchasers and in accordance with the register maintained by CDS, to the extent required hereunder, or as otherwise set forth in the Purchaser Questionnaires;
- (m) the Underwriter shall have received at the Closing Time certificates representing the Compensation Warrants registered in the name as the Underwriter directs;
- (n) the Underwriter shall have received fully executed versions of each of the Operative Documents, as applicable;

- (o) the Underwriter not having previously terminated, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, its obligations pursuant to this Agreement;
- (p) the Corporation will use reasonable efforts to have delivered or caused to be delivered to the Underwriter, lock-up agreements in favour of the Underwriter from each of the directors and officers of the Corporation in form and substance satisfactory to Underwriter, acting reasonably, evidencing such director's or officer's agreement not to, without the prior written consent of the Underwriter, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, offer, sell or resell any Common Shares of the Corporation or financial instruments or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Shares of the Corporation held by such director or officer for a period of 60 days following the Closing Date, in each case subject to customary exceptions; and
- (q) if any Offered Shares are offered and sold in the United States pursuant to Schedule "A" attached hereto, the Underwriter shall have received a favourable legal opinion addressed to the Underwriter, dated the Closing Date, from special United States counsel to the Corporation, Nauth LPC, such opinion to be subject to customary qualifications and assumptions, to the effect that no registration of the Offered Shares offered and sold in the United States will be required under the 1933 Act in connection with such offer and sale, provided that the offer and sale of the Offered Shares in the United States is made in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto, and it being understood that no opinion is expressed as to any subsequent resale of the Offered Shares or if any sale or subsequent resale of the Offered Shares would be integrated with the offering of the Offered Shares.

12. RIGHTS OF TERMINATION

12.1 The Underwriter shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement if prior to the Closing Time:

- (a) in the opinion of the Underwriter, acting reasonably, there shall have occurred any material change or change in material fact in relation to the Corporation or there shall be discovered any previously undisclosed material fact, in each case which would be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change in relation to the Corporation, the Corporation's securities, or the Corporation's ability to complete the Offering, or have a Material Adverse Effect on the market price or value of the Offered Shares;
- (b) any inquiry, action, investigation or other proceeding, whether formal or informal, is made, announced or threatened or any order is issued by any federal, provincial, state, municipal or other governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency, regulatory authority or other instrumentality including, without limitation, the Exchange or any securities regulatory authority involving the Corporation's securities, directors or officers (except for any inquiry, action, investigation or other proceeding based upon activities of the Underwriter and not upon activities of the Corporation) or any law or regulation is enacted or changed which, in the opinion of the Underwriter, acting reasonably, prevents or restricts trading in the Offered Shares or the distribution of the Offered Shares or materially and adversely affects or might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the market price or value of the Offered Shares;
- (c) if there should develop, occur or come into effect or existence any event, action, state, condition or major financial occurrence of national or international consequence (including terrorism) or any law or regulation which, in the opinion of the Underwriter, acting reasonably, materially adversely affects or involves, or might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect or involve, the financial markets or the business, operations or affairs of the Corporation, taken as a whole; and

- (d) The Corporation is in breach of any material term, condition or covenant of this Agreement that cannot be cured or any material representation or warranty given by the Corporation in this Agreement becomes false (and cannot be cured).
- 12.2 Any termination by the Underwriter pursuant to Section 12.1 hereof shall be effected by notice in writing delivered by the Underwriter to the Corporation at the address thereof as set out in Section 16 hereof. The rights of termination contained in Section 12.1 are in addition to any other rights or remedies the Underwriter may have in respect of any default, act or failure to act or non-compliance by the Corporation in respect of any of the matters contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise. In the event of any such termination, there shall be no further liability on the part of the Underwriter to the Corporation or on the part of the Corporation to the Underwriter except in respect of any liability which may have arisen prior to or arise after such termination under Sections 13, 14 and 15.

13. INDEMNITY

- 13.1 The Corporation (the “**Indemnitor**”) hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Underwriter and the directors, officers, employees, agents and shareholders of the Underwriter (hereinafter referred to as the “**Personnel**”) harmless from and against any and all expenses, losses (other than loss of profits), claims, actions, damages or liabilities (“**Claims**”), whether joint or several (including the aggregate amount paid in reasonable settlement of any actions, suits, proceedings or claims), and the reasonable fees and expenses of its counsel that may be incurred in advising with respect to and/or defending any Claim that may be made against the Underwriter, to which the Underwriter and/or its Personnel may become subject or otherwise involved in any capacity under any statute or common law or otherwise insofar as such Claims arise out of or are based, directly or indirectly, upon the performance of professional services rendered to the Indemnitor by the Underwriter and its Personnel hereunder or otherwise in connection with the matters referred to in this Agreement, provided, however, that this indemnity shall not apply to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction in a final judgment that has become non-appealable shall determine that:
- (a) the Underwriter or its Personnel have been grossly negligent, engaged in willful misconduct or have committed fraud in the course of such performance; and
 - (b) the Claims, as to which indemnification is claimed, were directly caused by the gross negligence, willful misconduct or fraud referred to in 13.1(a).
- 13.2 If for any reason (other than the occurrence of any of the events in Sections 13.1(a) and 13.1(b) above), the foregoing indemnification is unavailable to the Underwriter or insufficient to hold it harmless, then the Indemnitor shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by the Underwriter as a result of such Claim in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits received by the Indemnitor on the one hand and the Underwriter on the other hand but also the relative fault of the Indemnitor and the Underwriter, as well as any relevant equitable considerations, provided that the Indemnitor shall, in any event, contribute to the amount paid or payable by the Underwriter as a result of such Claim, any excess of such amount over the amount of the fees received by the Underwriter hereunder pursuant to this Agreement.

- 13.3 The Indemnitor agrees that in case any legal proceeding shall be brought against the Indemnitor and/or the Underwriter by any governmental commission or regulatory authority or any stock exchange or other entity having regulatory authority, either domestic or foreign, shall investigate the Indemnitor and/or the Underwriter and any Personnel of the Underwriter shall be required to testify in connection therewith or shall be required to respond to procedures designed to discover information regarding, in connection with, or by reason of the performance of professional services rendered to the Indemnitor by the Underwriter, the Underwriter shall have the right to employ its own counsel in connection therewith, and the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel as well as the reasonable costs (including an amount to reimburse the Underwriter for time spent by its Personnel in connection therewith) and out-of-pocket expenses incurred at competitive rates by its Personnel in connection therewith shall be paid by the Indemnitor as they occur, provided that in no circumstances will the Indemnitor be required to pay the fees and expenses of more than one legal counsel for all of the Underwriter and the Personnel (collectively the “**Indemnified Persons**”), unless:
- (a) the Indemnitor and the Underwriter have mutually agreed to the retention of more than one legal counsel for the Indemnified Persons; or
 - (b) the Indemnified Persons have or any of them has been advised in writing by legal counsel that representation of all of the Indemnified Persons by the same legal counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them.
- 13.4 Promptly after receipt of notice of the commencement of any legal proceeding against the Underwriter or any of their Personnel or after receipt of notice of the commencement of any investigation, which is based, directly or indirectly, upon any matter in respect of which indemnification may be sought from the Indemnitor, the Underwriter will notify the Indemnitor in writing of the commencement thereof and, throughout the course thereof, will provide copies of all relevant documentation to the Indemnitor, will keep the Indemnitor advised of the progress thereof and will discuss with the Indemnitor all significant actions proposed.
- 13.5 The indemnity and contribution obligations of the Indemnitor shall be in addition to any liability which the Indemnitor may otherwise have, shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to the Personnel of the Underwriter and shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of any successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives of the Indemnitor, the Underwriter and any of the Personnel of the Underwriter. The foregoing provisions shall survive the completion of professional services rendered under this Agreement, or any termination of the authorization given by this Agreement.
- 14. CONTRIBUTION**
- 14.1 In order to provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which an indemnity provided in Section 13 would otherwise be available in accordance with its terms but is, for any reason not solely attributable to any one or more of the Indemnified Parties, held to be unavailable under Law or otherwise, or unenforceable by the Indemnified Party, in whole or in part, the Indemnified Party and the Corporation will contribute to the aggregate of all Claims of the nature contemplated in Section 13.1 and suffered or incurred by the Indemnified Parties:

- (a) in such proportions as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Corporation, on the one hand and the Underwriter on the other, from the distribution of the Offered Shares, it being agreed that such proportion is: (i) in respect of the Corporation, the percentage that the gross proceeds to the Corporation from the sale of the Offered Shares minus the fee payable by the Corporation to the Underwriter bears to the total gross proceeds to the Corporation from the sale of the Offered Shares, all as determined pursuant to the provisions hereof; and (ii) in respect of the Underwriter, the percentage that the Underwriter's Fee actually received by the Underwriter bears to the total gross proceeds to the Corporation from the sale of the Offered Shares; or
- (b) if, but only if, the allocation provided in Section 14.1(a) is not permitted by Law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in Section 14.1(a) but also the relative fault of the Corporation, on the one hand, and the Underwriter on the other, in connection with the circumstances which resulted in such Claim (or Claims in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the Corporation, on the one hand, and of the Underwriter on the other, will be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any misrepresentation relates to information supplied by the Corporation or supplied by the Underwriter in connection with the Offering and their relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The amount paid or payable by a Person as a result of the Claims referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject as otherwise provided herein, any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by the Indemnified Party in connection with investigating or defending any Claim.

- 14.2 No Person who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final judgment that has become non-appealable, to have engaged in fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct will be entitled to claim contribution from any Person who has not been so determined to have engaged in such fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- 14.3 The Corporation hereby waives any right it might otherwise have to recover contribution from the Underwriter with respect to the Corporation's liability under the indemnity provided in Section 13 arising by reason of or arising out of any matters of the nature specified in Section 13.1.
- 14.4 The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by any method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 14. In the event that the Corporation may be held to be entitled to contribution from the Underwriter under the provisions of any statute or at Law, the Underwriter shall be limited to contribution in an amount not exceeding the lesser of: (a) the portion of the full amount of the loss or liability giving rise to such contribution for which the Underwriter is responsible, as determined in Section 14.1; and (b) the aggregate fees actually received by the Underwriter from the Corporation under this Agreement.
- 14.5 If an Indemnified Party has reason to believe that a claim for contribution may arise, the Indemnified Party will give the Corporation notice in writing, but failure to so notify will not relieve the Corporation of any obligation which they may have to the Indemnified Party under this Section 14 provided that the Corporation is not materially prejudiced by that failure, and the right of the Corporation to assume the defence of that Indemnified Party will apply as set out in Section 13, *mutatis mutandis*.
- 14.6 The rights to contribution provided in this Section 14 will be in addition to and not in derogation of any other right to contribution which the Indemnified Parties may have by statute or otherwise at Law.

15. EXPENSES

- 15.1 Whether or not the purchase and sale of the Offered Shares shall be completed as contemplated by this Agreement, reasonable expenses of or incidental to the issue, sale and delivery of the Offered Shares and of or incidental to all matters in connection with the transaction herein set out including, without limitation, reasonable expenses and fees incurred by the Underwriter and the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel to the Underwriter, up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$66,000 exclusive of applicable taxes and disbursements shall be borne by the Corporation.

16. NOTICE

- 16.1 Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or sent by facsimile or electronic transmission on a Business Day to the following addresses:

- (a) in the case of the Corporation:

Southern Silver Exploration Corp.
1199 West Hastings Street, Suite 1100
Vancouver, BC V6E 3T5

Attention: Lawrence Page, President and Director
Email: Redacted - Personal Information

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

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
Suite 2200, RBC Place
885 West Georgia St.
Vancouver, BC V6C 3E8

Attention: Jen Hansen, Partner and Jacob Cawker, Partner
Email: Redacted - Personal Information

- (b) in the case of the Underwriter, on behalf of the Underwriter:

Red Cloud Securities Inc.
120 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1400
Toronto, ON M5H 1T1

Attention: Mark Styles
Email: Redacted - Personal Information

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

Peterson McVicar LLP
110 Yonge Street, Suite 1601
Toronto ON M5C 1T4

Attention: Dennis Peterson
Email: Redacted - Personal Information

Any such notice or other communication shall be in writing, and unless delivered to a responsible officer of the addressee, shall be given by facsimile or email transmission, and shall be deemed to have been given on the day on which it was delivered or sent by facsimile or email transmission unless it was facsimile or email transmission outside of the usual business hours in the jurisdiction of the recipient, in which case it shall be deemed given on the next Business Day.

Either the Corporation or the Underwriter may change its address for notice by notice given in the manner aforesaid.

17. CONDITIONS

- 17.1 All of the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement to be satisfied by the Corporation prior to the Closing Time shall be construed as conditions and any breach or failure by the Corporation to comply with any of such terms and conditions in any material respect shall entitle the Underwriter to terminate the obligations thereof to complete the Closing by written notice to that effect given by the Underwriter to the Corporation prior to the Closing Time. It is understood and agreed that the Underwriter may waive in whole or in part, or extend the time for compliance with, any of such terms and conditions without prejudice to the rights thereof in respect of any other such term and condition or any other or subsequent breach or non-compliance; provided that to be binding on the Underwriter any such waiver or extension must be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the Underwriter. If the Underwriter shall elect to terminate the obligations thereof to complete the Closing as aforesaid, whether the reason for such termination is within or beyond the control of the Corporation, the liability of the Corporation hereunder shall be limited to the indemnity referred to in Section 13 hereof, the right to contribution referred to in Section 14 hereof and the payment of expenses referred to in Section 15 hereof.

18. MISCELLANEOUS

- 18.1 All terms, representations, warranties, covenants and agreements herein contained or contained in any documents delivered pursuant to this Agreement and in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or therein shall survive the purchase and sale of the Offered Shares for a period of two (2) years after the Closing Date and continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Corporation, the Underwriter, the U.S. Affiliates and the Purchasers, as the case may be, and shall not be limited or prejudiced by any investigation made by or on behalf of the Underwriter in connection with the purchase and sale of the Offered Shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions contained in this Agreement in any way related to the indemnification or the contribution obligations shall survive and continue in full force and effect, indefinitely, subject only to the limitation requirements of applicable Law.
- 18.2 The Corporation: (a) acknowledges and agrees that the Underwriter has certain statutory obligations as a registered dealer under applicable Canadian Securities Laws and has relationships with their clients; and (b) consents to the Underwriter acting hereunder while continuing to act for their clients. To the extent that the Underwriter's statutory obligations as registered dealers under applicable Canadian Securities Laws or relationships with their clients conflicts with their obligations hereunder, the Underwriter shall be entitled to fulfill their statutory obligations as registered dealers under applicable Canadian Securities Laws and their duties to their clients. The Corporation further acknowledges and agrees: (i) the sale of the Offered Shares contemplated by this Agreement, including the determination of the Purchase Price and any related fees, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Corporation, on the one hand, and the Underwriter, on the other hand; (ii) in connection with the Offering contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction, the Underwriter is not the fiduciary of the Corporation, or its shareholders, creditors, employees or any other party; (iii) the Underwriter has not assumed nor will assume an advisory or fiduciary

responsibility in favour of the Corporation with respect to the Offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Corporation on other matters) and the Underwriter do not have any obligation to the Corporation with respect to the Offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement; (iv) the Underwriter and its Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Corporation; and (v) the Underwriter has not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the Offering contemplated hereby and the Corporation has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate. The Corporation agrees that it is responsible for making its own independent judgments with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and that any opinions or views expressed by the Underwriter regarding such transactions, including, but not limited to, any opinions or views with respect to the price or market for the Corporation's securities, do not constitute advice or recommendations to the Corporation. The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that all written and oral opinions, advice, analysis and materials provided by the Underwriter in connection with this Agreement and their engagement hereunder are intended solely for the Corporation's benefit and the Corporation's internal use only with respect to the Offering and the Corporation agrees that no such opinion, advice, analysis or material will be used for any other purpose whatsoever or reproduced, disseminated, quoted from or referred to in whole or in part at any time, in any manner or for any purpose, without the Underwriter's prior written consent in each specific instance. Any advice or opinions given by the Underwriter in connection with its engagement hereunder will be made subject to, and will be based upon, such assumptions, limitations, qualifications and reservations as the Underwriter, in their sole judgment, deem necessary or prudent in the circumstances. The Underwriter expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility by reason of any unauthorized use, publication, distribution of or reference to any oral or written opinions or advice or materials provided by the Underwriter or any unauthorized reference to the Underwriter or their engagement hereunder.

- 18.3 This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- 18.4 Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement and, following any waiver or indulgence by any party, time will again be of the essence of this Agreement.
- 18.5 If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable in whole or in part, it shall be deemed not to affect or impair the validity of any other provision of this Agreement and such void or unenforceable provision shall be severable from this Agreement.
- 18.6 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Underwriter and the Corporation relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements (including the Engagement Letter) between the parties with respect to their respective rights and obligations in respect of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement, whether verbal or written.
- 18.7 The terms and provisions of this Agreement will be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Corporation, the Underwriter and their respective successors and assigns; provided that, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement will not be assignable by any party without the written consent of the other party and any purported assignment without such consent will be invalid and of no force and effect.

- 18.8 During the period commencing on the date hereof and until completion of the distribution of the Offered Shares, the Corporation will use its commercially reasonable efforts to promptly provide to the Underwriter drafts of any press releases of the Corporation for review by the Underwriter and the Underwriter's Counsel prior to issuance, and will not publish those press releases (unless otherwise required by Securities Laws) except with the prior approval of the Underwriter, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any press release announcing or otherwise referring to the Offering shall be disseminated only outside the United States and shall include an appropriate notation on the face page as follows: "Not for distribution to the U.S. news wire services, or dissemination in the United States." Any such press release shall also contain disclosure substantially in the following form in accordance with Rule 135e under the 1933 Act:

"The securities referred to in this news release have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or any applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful."

Upon the request of the Underwriter, the Corporation will include a reference to the Underwriter and its role in connection with the Offering in any press release or other public communication issued by the Corporation relating to the Offering outside of the United States. If the Offering is successfully completed, the Underwriter will be permitted to publish, solely outside of the United States, at their own expense, subject to the Corporation's prior written approval of the publication and the details and wording of the publication, acting reasonably and not to be unreasonably withheld, such advertisements or announcements relating to the services provided hereunder in such newspaper or other publications as the Underwriter consider appropriate.

- 18.9 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed will be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, will constitute one and the same agreement. Each of the parties to this Agreement will be entitled to rely on delivery of a facsimile or electronic copy of this Agreement and acceptance by each party of any such facsimile or electronic copy will be legally effective to create a valid and binding agreement between the parties to this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 18.10 This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriter and the Corporation, and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any other Person.
- 18.11 The parties hereby acknowledge that they have expressly required this Agreement and all notices, statements of account and other documents required or permitted to be given or entered into pursuant hereto to be drawn up in the English language only. *Les parties reconnaissent avoir expressément demandé que la présente Convention ainsi que tout avis, tout état de compte et tout autre document à être ou pouvant être donné ou conclu en vertu des dispositions des présentes, soient rédigés en langue anglaise seulement.*

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding and is agreed to by you, please signify your acceptance by executing the enclosed copies of this Agreement where indicated below and returning the same to us, upon which this Agreement as so accepted shall constitute an agreement among us.

Yours truly,

RED CLOUD SECURITIES INC.

By: _____ (signed) "*Bruce Tatters*"

Name: Bruce Tatters

Title: Chief Executive Officer

The undersigned hereby accepts and agrees to the foregoing as of the 16th day of December, 2025.

**SOUTHERN SILVER EXPLORATION
CORP.**

By: _____ (signed) "*Lawrence Page*"
Name: Lawrence Page
Title: President and Director

SCHEDULE “A”

OFFERING IN THE UNITED STATES

Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the underwriting agreement dated December 16, 2025 among Southern Silver Exploration Corp. and Red Cloud Securities Inc. (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”) to which this Schedule “A” is annexed.

The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“**Directed Selling Efforts**” means “directed selling efforts” as that term is defined in Rule 902(c) of Regulation S. Without limiting the foregoing, but for greater clarity in this Schedule “A”, it means, subject to the exclusions from the definition of directed selling efforts contained in Regulation S, any activity undertaken for the purpose of, or that could reasonably be expected to have the effect of, conditioning the market in the United States for any of the Offered Shares and includes the placement of any advertisement in a publication with a general circulation in the United States that refers to the offering of the Offered Shares;

“**Foreign Issuer**” means “foreign issuer” as defined in Rule 902(e) of Regulation S;

“**General Solicitation**” and “**General Advertising**” means “general solicitation” or “general advertising”, as those terms are used under Rule 502(c) of Regulation D. Without limiting the foregoing, but for greater clarity in this Schedule “A”, general solicitation or general advertising includes, but is not limited to, any advertisements, articles, notices or other communications published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media, or on the internet, or broadcast over radio, television or the internet, or any seminar or meeting whose attendees had been invited by general solicitation or general advertising;

“**Offered Shares**” means the Common Shares offered pursuant to the Offering;

“**Offshore Transaction**” means an “offshore transaction” as that term is defined in Rule 902(h) of Regulation S;

“**Qualified Institutional Buyer**” means a “qualified institutional buyer” as defined in Rule 144A under the 1933 Act; and

“**U.S. Exchange Act**” means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Substantial U.S. Market Interest**” means “substantial U.S. market interest” as that term is defined in Rule 902(j) of Regulation S.

Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Underwriter

The Underwriter acknowledge that the Offered Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any state of the United States, and the Offered Shares may not be offered or sold in the United States, except in accordance with an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws.

The Underwriter, on behalf of itself and its U.S. Affiliate represents, warrants, covenants and agrees to and with the Corporation, on the date hereof and on the Closing Date, severally, but not jointly, that:

1. It has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, at any time any Offered Shares except offers and/or sales of Offered Shares (a) in Offshore Transactions to non-U.S. Persons in compliance with Rule 903 of Regulation S, and (b) in the United States to U.S. Accredited Investors or Qualified Institutional Buyers, in compliance with the exemption provided by Rule 506(b) of Regulation D and/or Section 4(a)(2)

of the 1933 Act (in the case of U.S. Accredited Investors) and Rule 144A (in the case of Qualified Institutional Buyers) and similar exemptions under all applicable U.S. state securities laws, and as provided in paragraphs 2 through 14 below. Accordingly, none of the Underwriter, its affiliates, its U.S. Affiliate or selling group member appointed by the Underwriter, or any person acting on any of their behalf, has made or will make (except as permitted herein): (i) any offer to sell, or any solicitation of an offer to buy, any Offered Shares in the United States; (ii) any sale of Offered Shares to any Purchaser unless, at the time the buy order was or will have been originated, the Purchaser was outside the United States and not a U.S. Person or the Underwriter, its affiliates, its U.S. Affiliate or selling group member appointed by the Underwriter, or any person acting on any of their behalf, reasonably believed that such Purchaser was outside the United States and not a U.S. Person, or (iii) any Directed Selling Efforts.

2. It has not entered and will not enter into any contractual arrangement with respect to the offer and sale of the Offered Shares except with its U.S. Affiliate, any selling group member or with the prior written consent of the Corporation. The Underwriter shall require its U.S. Affiliate to agree, and each selling group member to agree, for the benefit of the Corporation, to comply with, and shall use its commercially reasonable best efforts to ensure that such U.S. Affiliate and each selling group member complies with, the same provisions of this Schedule "A" as apply to the Underwriter as if such provisions applied to such U.S. Affiliate and such selling group member.

3. All offers of Offered Shares that have been or will be made by it in the United States, have been or will be made through the U.S. Affiliate, and in compliance with all applicable U.S. federal and state broker-dealer requirements. The U.S. Affiliate is duly registered as a broker-dealer pursuant to Section 15(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act and under the securities laws of each state in which such offers and sales were or will be made (unless exempted from the respective state's broker-dealer registration requirements), and a member in good standing with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

4. None of the Underwriter, its affiliates, its U.S. Affiliate or selling group member appointed by the Underwriter, or any person acting on any of their behalf has utilized, and none of such persons will utilize, any form of General Solicitation or General Advertising in connection with the offer and sale of the Offered Shares in the United States, or has offered or will offer any Offered Shares in any manner involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act.

5. Immediately prior to soliciting persons in the United States, the Underwriter, its affiliates, its U.S. Affiliate or selling group member appointed by the Underwriter, and any person acting on any of their behalf had reasonable grounds to believe and did believe that each offeree was either (i) a U.S. Accredited Investor or (ii) a Qualified Institutional Buyer, as applicable, and at the time of completion of each sale by the Underwriter (in the case of Qualified Institutional Buyers) or the Corporation (in the case of U.S. Accredited Investors) in the United States, the Underwriter, its affiliates, its U.S. Affiliate or selling group member appointed by the Underwriter, and any person acting on any of their behalf will have reasonable grounds to believe and will believe, that each such U.S. Purchaser purchasing the Offered Shares from the Corporation or Underwriter, as applicable, is either (i) a U.S. Accredited Investor or (ii) a Qualified Institutional Buyer, as applicable.

6. All offerees of the Offered Shares solicited by it that are in the United States shall be informed that the Offered Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any state of the United States and that the Offered Shares are being offered and sold to such U.S. Purchasers in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act provided by Rule 506(b) of Regulation D and/or Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act (in the case of U.S. Accredited Investors), Rule 144A (in the case of Qualified Institutional Buyers) and similar exemptions under all applicable U.S. state securities laws.

7. It agrees to deliver, through the U.S. Affiliate to each person in the United States to whom it offers to sell or from whom it solicits any offer to buy the Offered Shares the U.S. Placement Memorandum. No

other written material will be used in connection with the offer or sale of the Offered Shares in the United States.

8. Prior to completion of any sale of Offered Shares in the United States each such U.S. Purchaser thereof that is purchasing Offered Shares as a (i) Qualified Institutional Buyer will be required to provide to the Underwriter and the U.S. Affiliate a completed U.S. Placement Memorandum, including the U.S. QIB Agreement attached as Exhibit A thereto; and (ii) U.S. Accredited Investor from the Corporation will be required to provide to the Underwriter and the U.S. Affiliate a completed U.S. Placement Memorandum, including the U.S. Accredited Investor Agreement attached as Exhibit B thereto, and the Underwriter and the U.S. Placement Agent shall provide the Corporation with copies of all such completed and executed agreements for acceptance by the Corporation.

9. None of (i) the Underwriter or its U.S. Affiliate, (ii) the Underwriter's or U.S. Affiliate's general partners or managing members, (iii) any of the Underwriter's or U.S. Affiliate's directors, executive officers or other officers participating in the offering of the Offered Shares, (iv) any of the Underwriter's or U.S. Affiliate's general partners' or managing members' directors, executive officers or other officers participating in the offering of the Offered Shares or (v) any other person associated with any of the above persons, including any selling group member and any such persons related to such selling group member, that has been or will be paid (directly or indirectly) remuneration for solicitation of U.S. Purchasers in connection with the sale of the Offered Shares (each, a **"Dealer Covered Person"** and, collectively, the **"Dealer Covered Persons"**), is subject to any of the "Bad Actor" disqualifications described in Rule 506(d)(1)(i) to (viii) under Regulation D (a **"Disqualification Event"**) except for a Disqualification Event contemplated by Rule 506(d)(2) of the 1933 Act and a description of which has been furnished in writing to the Corporation prior to the date hereof. It will notify the Corporation in writing, prior to the Closing Date of (a) any Disqualification Event relating to any Dealer Covered Person not previously disclosed to the Corporation hereunder, and (b) any event that would, with the passage of time, become a Disqualification Event relating to any Dealer Covered Person.

10. The Underwriter represents that it is not aware of any person (other than any Dealer Covered Persons) that has been or will be paid (directly or indirectly) remuneration for solicitation of Purchasers in connection with the sale of any Offered Shares.

11. At least two Business Days prior to the Closing Date, it will provide the Corporation with a list of all U.S. Purchasers.

12. None of the Underwriter, its affiliates, its U.S. Affiliate or selling group member appointed by the Underwriter, or any person acting on any of their behalf has taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action in violation of Regulation M under the U.S. Exchange Act in connection with the offer and sale of the Offered Shares.

13. At the Closing, the Underwriter will, together with the U.S. Affiliate, provide a certificate, substantially in the form of Exhibit I to this Schedule "A", relating to the manner of the offer and sale of the Offered Shares in the United States. Failure to deliver such a certificate shall constitute a representation by such Underwriter and such U.S. Affiliate, that neither it nor anyone acting on its behalf has offered or sold Offered Shares in the United States.

14. the Underwriter will inform, and cause its U.S. Affiliate to inform, each offeree that is in the United States that: (i) the Offered Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or under any state securities laws; (ii) the Offered Shares are being offered and sold to it without registration under the 1933 Act and in reliance upon exemptions from registration under applicable U.S. state securities laws; (iii) the Offered Shares are, or will when issued be, "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the 1933 Act and can only be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Corporation or pursuant to an applicable exemption or exclusion from registration under the 1933

Act and in compliance with applicable state or local laws and regulations (and in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the U.S. QIB Agreement attached as Exhibit A to the U.S. Placement Memorandum or U.S. Accredited Investor Agreement attached as Exhibit B to the U.S. Placement Memorandum, as applicable).

Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Corporation

The Corporation represents, warrants, covenants and agrees to and with the Underwriter, as at the date hereof and as at the Closing Date, that:

1. The Corporation is, and at the Closing Date will be, a Foreign Issuer with no Substantial U.S. Market Interest in the Common Shares.
2. The Corporation is not, and following the application of the proceeds from the sale of the Offered Shares will not be, registered or required to be registered as an “investment company” as such term is defined in the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, under such act.
3. The offer and sale of the Offered Shares in the United States by the Underwriter through its U.S. Affiliate is not prohibited pursuant to a court order issued pursuant to Section 12(j) of the U.S. Exchange Act and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.
4. Except with respect to offers and sales in the United States to U.S. Accredited Investors and Qualified Institutional Buyers solicited by the Underwriter through its U.S. Affiliate in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act provided by Rule 506(b) of Regulation D and/or Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act (in the case of U.S. Accredited Investors), Rule 144A (in the case of Qualified Institutional Buyers), and similar exemptions under all applicable U.S. state securities laws, none of the Corporation, its affiliates, or any person acting on any of their behalf (other than the Underwriter, the U.S. Affiliate, any selling group members, their respective affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf, in respect of which no representation, warranty, covenant or agreement is made), has made or will make: (a) any offer to sell, or any solicitation of an offer to buy, any Offered Shares in the United States; or (b) any sale of Offered Shares unless, at the time the buy order was or will have been originated, (i) the Purchaser is outside the United States and not a U.S. Person or (ii) the Corporation, its affiliates, and any person acting on any of their behalf reasonably believe that the Purchaser is outside the United States and not a U.S. Person.
5. During the period in which Offered Shares are offered for sale, none of the Corporation, its affiliates, or any person acting on any of their behalf (other than the Underwriter, its U.S. Affiliate, any selling group members, their respective affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf, in respect of which no representation, warranty, covenant or agreement is made) has engaged in or will engage in any Directed Selling Efforts or has taken or will take any action that would cause the exemption afforded by Rule 506(b) of Regulation D and/or Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act and Rule 144A to be unavailable for offers and sales of Offered Shares in the United States or the exclusion from registration afforded by Rule 903 of Regulation S to be unavailable for offers and sales of Offered Shares outside the United States to non-U.S. Persons in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement, including this Schedule “A”.
6. None of the Corporation, its affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf (other than the Underwriter, its U.S. Affiliate, any selling group members, their respective affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf, in respect of which no representation, warranty, covenant or agreement is made) has offered or will offer to sell, or has solicited or will solicit offers to buy, Offered Shares in the United States by means of any form of General Solicitation or General Advertising or has taken or will take any action that would constitute a public offering of the Offered Shares in the United States within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act.

7. None of the Corporation, any of its affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf (other than the Underwriter, its U.S. Affiliate, any selling group members, their respective affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf, in respect of which no representation, warranty, covenant or agreement is made) has offered or sold, or will offer or sell, for a period commencing 30 calendar days prior to the commencement of the Offering and ending 30 calendar days following the Closing Date, any securities in a manner that would be integrated with the offer and sale of the Offered Shares and would cause the exemption from registration provided by Rule 506(b) of Regulation D and/or Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act, Rule 144A or the exclusion from registration afforded by Rule 903 of Regulation S to be unavailable for offers and sales of the Offered Shares outside the United States to non U.S. Persons.

8. None of the Corporation, any of its predecessors, any affiliated issuer, any director, executive officer, other officer of the Corporation participating in the Offering, any beneficial owner (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the 1933 Act) of 20% or more of the Corporation's outstanding voting equity securities, calculated on the basis of voting power, or any promoter (as that term is defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act) connected with the Corporation in any capacity at the time of sale of the Offered Shares (each, an "**Issuer Covered Person**" and together, the "**Issuer Covered Persons**") is subject to any Disqualification Event. The Corporation has exercised reasonable care to determine whether any Issuer Covered Person is subject to a Disqualification Event.

9. The Corporation is not aware of any person (other than any Dealer Covered Persons (as defined above)) that has been or will be paid (directly or indirectly) remuneration for solicitation of U.S. Purchasers in connection with the sale of Offered Shares.

10. The Corporation will notify the Underwriter and its U.S. Affiliate in writing, prior to the Closing Date of (a) any Disqualification Event relating to any Issuer Covered Person and (b) any event that would with the passage of time, become a Disqualification Event relating to any Issuer Covered Person.

11. None of the Corporation or any of its predecessors or affiliates has been subject to any order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction temporarily, preliminarily or permanently enjoining such person for failure to comply with Rule 503 of Regulation D.

12. If required, the Corporation shall duly prepare and file with the SEC a Form D within 15 days after the first sale of Offered Shares in reliance on Rule 506(b) of Regulation D, and will file such notices and other documents as are required to be filed under the state securities or "blue sky" laws of the states in which the Offered Shares are sold to satisfy the requirements of applicable exemptions from registration or qualification of the Offered Shares under such laws.

13. None of the Corporation, its affiliates or any person acting on any of their behalf (other than the Underwriter, its U.S. Affiliate, any selling group members, their respective affiliates, or any person acting on any of their behalf, in respect of which no representation, warranty, covenant or agreement is made) has taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action in violation of Regulation M under the U.S. Exchange Act in connection with the offer and sale of the Offered Shares.

14. the Offered Shares are not, and as of the Closing Time will not be, and no Offered Shares of the same class as the Offered Shares are: (i) listed on a national securities exchange in the United States registered under Section 6 of the U.S. Exchange Act; (ii) quoted in an "automated inter-dealer quotation system", as such term is used in the U.S. Exchange Act; or (iii) convertible or exchangeable at an effective conversion premium (calculated as specified in paragraph (a)(6) of Rule 144A) of less than ten percent for Offered Shares so listed or quoted.

15. for so long as the Offered Shares are outstanding and are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the 1933 Act, and if the Corporation is not exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the U.S. Exchange Act nor subject to and in compliance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the

U.S. Exchange Act, the Corporation shall provide to holders of Offered Shares and any prospective purchasers designated by such holders, upon request of such holders, the information required to be provided pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the U.S. Securities Act (so long as such requirement is necessary in order to permit holders of the Offered Shares to effect resales under Rule 144A).

16. Upon receipt of a written request from a U.S. Purchaser, the Corporation shall make a determination if the Corporation is a “passive foreign investment company” (a “**PFIC**”) within the meaning of section 1297(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”), during any calendar year following the purchase of the Offered Shares by such U.S. Purchaser, and if the Corporation determines that the Corporation is a PFIC during such year, the Corporation will provide to such U.S. Purchaser, upon written request, all information that would be required to permit a United States shareholder to make an election to treat the Corporation as a “qualified electing fund” for the purposes of the Code.

General

The Underwriter (and its U.S. Affiliate) on the one hand and the Corporation on the other hand understand and acknowledge that the other parties hereto will rely on the truth and accuracy of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein.

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Exhibit “I”

CERTIFICATE

In connection with the private placement in the United States of Offered Shares of Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (the “**Corporation**”) pursuant to the underwriting agreement dated December 16, 2025 among the Corporation and the Underwriter named therein (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”), each of the undersigned does hereby certify as follows:

- I. [Name of U.S. broker-dealer Affiliate] is a duly registered broker or dealer under the United States Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is and was a member of and in good standing with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. on the date hereof and on the date of each offer and sale made by it in the United States, and all offers and sales of Offered Shares in the United States have been and will be effected by [Name of U.S. broker-dealer Affiliate] in accordance with all U.S. broker-dealer requirements;
- II. immediately prior to transmitting the form of U.S. Placement Memorandum to offerees that were in the United States we had reasonable grounds to believe and did believe that each such person was a U.S. Accredited Investor or a Qualified Institutional Buyer and we continue to believe that each U.S. Purchaser of Offered Shares that we have arranged is a U.S. Accredited Investor or a Qualified Institutional Buyer, as applicable, on the date hereof
- III. no form of Directed Selling Efforts or General Solicitation or General Advertising (as those terms are used in Rule 502(c) of Regulation D) was used by us in connection with the offer and sale of the Offered Shares, including, without limitation, advertisements, articles, notices or other communications published on the internet or in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or broadcast over radio or television, or any seminar or meeting whose attendees had been invited by general solicitation or general advertising;
- IV. prior to any sale of Offered Shares in the United States, we caused each U.S. Purchaser to execute and deliver either a U.S. QIB Agreement in the form of Exhibit “A” attached to the U.S. Placement Memorandum or a U.S. Accredited Investor Agreement attached as Exhibit “B” to the U.S. Placement Memorandum, as applicable, or in a similar form acceptable to the Corporation;
- V. neither we, nor our affiliates or any person acting on any of our behalf have taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action in violation of Regulation M under the U.S. Exchange Act in connection with the offer and sale of the Offered Shares;
- VI. all purchasers in the United States who were offered the Offered Shares have been informed that the Offered Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act and are being offered and sold to such purchasers without registration in reliance on available exemptions from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws;
- VII. with respect to the Offered Shares to be offered and sold hereunder in reliance upon Rule 506(b) of Regulation D, if any, none of the Dealer Covered Persons is subject to any Disqualification Event except for a Disqualification Event covered by Rule 506(d)(2) of Regulation D and a description of which has been furnished in writing to the Corporation prior to the date hereof, or in the case of a Disqualification Event occurring after the date hereof, prior to the Closing Date, and we have not paid or nor will we pay, nor are we aware of any other person that has paid or will pay, directly or indirectly, any remuneration to any person (other than the Dealer Covered Persons or Corporation Covered Persons) for solicitation of purchasers of the Offered Shares; and
- VIII. the offering of the Offered Shares in the United States has been conducted by us in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, including Schedule “A” attached thereto.

Unless otherwise defined, terms used in this certificate have the meanings given to them in the Underwriting Agreement, including Schedule "A" attached thereto.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2025.

RED CLOUD SECURITIES INC.

[U.S. BROKER-DEALER AFFILIATE]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
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