



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**TAKE NOTICE** that an Annual General Meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the Shareholders of PRECIPITATE GOLD CORP. (the “**Company**”) will be held in the Boardroom of Owen Bird Law Corporation, 29th Floor, 595 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1J5, on **Monday, May 30, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time), for the following purposes:

1. To receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal period ending November 30, 2021, together with the Auditor's Report thereon.
2. To re-appoint Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to fix the auditor's remuneration.
3. To elect directors of the Company for the ensuing year.
4. To approve by ordinary resolution the Company's new 10% rolling equity incentive plan, as more particularly set out in the accompanying Information Circular.
5. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Accompanying this Notice is an Information Circular dated April 22, 2022, a form of proxy or voting instruction form and a reply card for use by shareholders who wish to receive the Company's interim and/or annual financial statements. The accompanying Information Circular provides information relating to the matters to be addressed at the meeting and is incorporated into this Notice.

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

**Non-registered shareholders who plan to attend the Meeting must follow the instructions set out in the form of proxy or voting instruction form to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting. If you hold your shares in a brokerage account you are not a registered shareholder.**

**DATED** at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

***“Jeffrey R. Wilson”***

Chief Executive Officer and President





## INFORMATION CIRCULAR

### FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2022

This information is given as of April 22, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

#### PERSONS MAKING THE SOLICITATION

This Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Precipitate Gold Corp. (the “Company”) for use at the Annual General Meeting (the “Meeting”) of the shareholders of the Company, to be held on **Monday, May 30, 2022**, at the time and location and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting and at any adjournment thereof.

Except as noted below, the Company has distributed or made available for distribution, copies of the Notice, the Information Circular and form of proxy or voting instruction form (“VIF”) (if applicable) (the “Meeting Materials”) to clearing agencies, securities dealers, banks and trust companies or their nominees (collectively, the “Intermediaries”) for distribution to Beneficial Shareholders (as defined below) whose common shares are held by or in custody of such Intermediaries. Such Intermediaries are required to forward such documents to Beneficial Shareholders unless a Beneficial Shareholder has waived the right to receive them. The Company is sending proxy-related materials directly to NOBOs (as defined below), through the services of its transfer agent and registrar, Computershare Investor Services Inc. The solicitation of proxies from Beneficial Shareholders will be carried out by the Intermediaries or by the Company if the names and addresses of the Beneficial Shareholders are provided by Intermediaries. The Company will pay the permitted fees and costs of Intermediaries incurred in connection with the distribution of the Meeting Materials. The Company is not relying on the notice-and-access provisions of securities laws for delivery of the Meeting Materials to registered shareholders or Beneficial Shareholders.

#### APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company. **A shareholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a shareholder) to attend and act for such shareholder and on his, her or its behalf at the Meeting other than the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy.** Such right may be exercised by inserting in the blank space provided for that purpose the name of the desired person or by completing another proper form of proxy and, in either case, delivering the completed and executed proxy to the Company’s transfer agent and registrar, TSX Trust Company, Proxy Department, 100 Adelaide Street West, Suite 301, Toronto, ON M5H 4H1, or by fax at 416-595-9593, not later than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time fixed for the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, or delivering it to the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof prior to the time of voting. A proxy must be executed by the registered shareholder or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

Proxies given by shareholders for use at the Meeting may be revoked prior to their use:

- (a) by depositing an instrument in writing executed by the shareholder or by such shareholder's attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized indicating the capacity under which such officer or attorney is signing:
  - (i) at the registered office, Suite 2900 – 595 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V7X 1J5, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or if adjourned, any reconvening thereof; or
  - (ii) with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof; or
- (b) in any other manner permitted by law.

### **EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY PROXIES**

The persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will vote the common shares in respect of which they are appointed in accordance with the direction of the shareholders appointing them. The common shares represented by the proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and, if the shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted on, the common shares will be voted accordingly. **In the absence of such direction, where the management nominees are appointed as proxyholder, such common shares will be voted in favour of the passing of the matters set out in the Notice. The form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.** At the time of the printing of this Information Circular, the management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice. **However, if any other matters which at present are not known to the management of the Company should properly come before the Meeting, the proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the named proxies.**

### **ADVICE TO BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

Shareholders should note that only proxies deposited by shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of common shares, or non-objecting beneficial owners (“NOBOs”) whose names has been provided to the Company’s registrar and transfer agent, can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. The information set forth in this section is therefore of significant importance to a substantial number of shareholders who do not hold their common shares in their own name (referred to in this section as “Beneficial Shareholders”). If common shares are listed in an account statement provided to a shareholder by an Intermediary, then in almost all cases those common shares will not be registered in such shareholder’s name on the records of the Company. Such common shares will more likely be registered under the name of the shareholder’s Intermediary or an agent of that Intermediary. In Canada, the vast majority of such common shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co., as nominee for CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., which acts as a depository for many Canadian Intermediaries. Common shares held by Intermediaries or their nominees can only be voted for or against resolutions upon the instructions of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, Intermediaries are prohibited from voting common shares for their clients.

Applicable regulatory policy requires Intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholders’ meetings. Every Intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their common shares are voted at the Meeting. Often the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its Intermediary is identical to the form of proxy provided by the Company to the Intermediaries. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the Intermediary how to vote on behalf

of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of Intermediaries now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (“Broadridge”). Broadridge typically mails the VIFs or proxy forms to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks the Beneficial Shareholders to return the VIFs or proxy forms to Broadridge. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of common shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a proxy or VIF from Broadridge cannot use that proxy to vote common shares directly at the Meeting - the proxy must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the common shares voted.

Although Beneficial Shareholders may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting common shares registered in the name of their Intermediary, a Beneficial Shareholder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the Intermediary and vote their common shares in that capacity.

Should a NOBO wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person, the NOBO must insert his or her name (or the name of the person that the NOBO wants to attend and vote on the NOBO’s behalf) in the space provided on the VIF and return it to the Company or its transfer agent. If the Company receives a written request that the NOBO or its nominee be appointed as proxyholder, if management is holding a proxy with respect to common shares beneficially owned by such NOBO, the Company will arrange, without expense to the NOBO, to appoint the NOBO or its nominee as proxyholder in respect of those common shares. Under NI 54-101, unless corporate law does not allow it, if the NOBO or its nominee is appointed as proxyholder by the Company in this manner, the NOBO or its nominee, as applicable, must be given the authority to attend, vote and otherwise act for and on behalf of management in respect of all matters that come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. If the Company receives such instructions at least one business day before the deadline for submission of proxies, it is required to deposit the proxy within that deadline, in order to appoint the NOBO or its nominee as proxyholder. **If a NOBO requests that the NOBO or its nominee be appointed as proxyholder, the NOBO or its appointed nominee, as applicable, will need to attend the meeting in person in order for the NOBOs vote to be counted.**

**NOBOs that wish to change their vote must in sufficient time in advance of the Meeting contact their Intermediary to arrange to change their vote. NOBOs should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediaries, including those regarding when and where to complete the VIF’s that are to be returned to their Intermediaries.**

Should an objecting beneficial owner (an “OBO”) wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person, the OBO should insert his or her name (or the name of the person the OBO wants to attend and vote on the OBO’s behalf) in the space provided for that purpose on the request for voting instructions form and return it to the OBO’s Intermediary or send the Intermediary another written request that the OBO or its nominee be appointed as proxyholder. The Intermediary is required under NI 54-101 to arrange, without expense to the OBO, to appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxyholder in respect of the OBO’s common shares. Under NI 54-101, unless corporate law does not allow it, if the Intermediary makes an appointment in this manner, the OBO or its nominee, as applicable, must be given authority to attend, vote and otherwise act for and on behalf of the Intermediary (who is the registered shareholder) in respect of all matters that come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. An Intermediary who receives such instructions at least one business day before the deadline for submission of proxies is required to deposit the proxy within that deadline, in order to appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxyholder. **If an OBO requests that an Intermediary appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxyholder, the OBO or its appointed nominee, as applicable, will need to attend the meeting in person in order for the OBOs vote to be counted.**

**OBOs should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the completed request for voting instructions is to be delivered. Only registered shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. OBOs who wish to change their vote must in sufficient time in advance of the Meeting, arrange for their respective intermediaries to change their vote and if necessary revoke their proxy in accordance with the revocation procedures set out above.**

Shareholders with questions respecting the voting of shares held through an Intermediary should contact that Intermediary for assistance.

All references to shareholders in this Information Circular and the accompanying form of proxy and Notice are to shareholders of record unless specifically stated otherwise.

#### **NOTE TO NON-OBJECTING BENEFICIAL OWNERS**

The Meeting Materials are being sent to both registered shareholders and NOBOs. If you are a NOBO, and the Company or its agent has sent the Meeting Materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of common shares have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding on your behalf. By choosing to send the Meeting Materials to you directly, the Company (and not the Intermediary holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering the Meeting Materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions.

#### **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at April 22, 2022, 129,716,808 common shares were issued and outstanding.

The Company has fixed the close of business on April 22, 2022 as the record date (the “Record Date”) for the purposes of determining shareholders entitled to receive the Notice and vote at the Meeting. At a general meeting of the Company, on a show of hands, every shareholder present in person shall have one vote and, on a poll, every shareholder shall have one vote for each common share of which he, she or it is the holder. The Company has no other classes of voting securities.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), the Company will prepare a list of the holders of common shares on the Record Date. Each holder of common shares named on the list will be entitled to vote the common shares shown opposite his, her or its name on the list at the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly or exercises control or direction over, shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding common shares of the Company, save and except for (i) Strategic Metals Ltd. which holds 20,391,827 common shares representing 15.72% of the Company’s outstanding common shares as of the Record Date.

The above information was provided by management of the Company and the Company’s registrar and transfer agent as of the Record Date.

## **VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS RESOLUTIONS**

Under the Company's Articles, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is one person who is, or who represents by proxy, one or more shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued common shares entitled to be voted at the Meeting. A simple majority of the votes of those shareholders who are present and vote either in person or by proxy at the Meeting is required in order to pass an ordinary resolution. A majority of two-thirds of the votes of those shareholders who are present and vote either in person or by proxy at the Meeting is required to pass a special resolution. There are no special resolutions proposed at this Meeting.

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

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this Information Circular, none of the current directors or executive officers, no proposed nominee for election as a director, none of the persons who have been directors or executive officers since the commencement of the last completed financial year and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, save and except for those matters pertaining to the election of directors and the Company's stock option plan.

## **STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### **General**

For the purpose of this Information Circular:

**"Company"** means Precipitate Gold Corp.;

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

**"External Management Company"** includes a subsidiary, affiliate or associate of the external management company;

**"Named Executive Officer"** or **"NEO"** means each of the following individuals:

- a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("**CEO**"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("**CFO**"), including an individual performing functions similar to a chief financial officer;
- c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than CDN\$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V, for that financial year; and
- d) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

During the financial year ended November 30, 2021, the Company had three Named Executive Officers: (i) Jeffrey R. Wilson, CEO and President; (ii) Michael Moore, Vice-President – Exploration (“VP Exploration”); and (iii) Vivien Chuang, CFO.

*All dollar amounts referenced herein are Canadian Dollars unless otherwise specified.*

### **Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation**

Executive compensation is based upon the need to provide a compensation package that will allow the Company to attract and retain qualified and experienced executives, balanced with a pay-for-performance philosophy. The board of directors of the Company (the “Board”) has established a Compensation Committee and has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee. Adrian W. Fleming, Lon Shaver and Alistair Waddell were members of the Compensation Committee during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2021.

There is no written position description for the Chair of the Compensation Committee. However, as a general statement, the Chair is responsible for setting the tone for the work of the Compensation Committee, ensuring that members have the information needed to do their jobs, overseeing the logistics of the Compensation Committee’s operations, reporting to the Board on the committee’s decisions and recommendations and setting the agenda for the meetings of the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for assisting the Board in monitoring, reviewing and approving compensation policies and practices of the Company and its subsidiaries and administering the Company’s existing stock option plan (the “Stock Option Plan”). With regard to the CEO, the Compensation Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to the CEO’s compensation, evaluating the CEO’s performance in light of those goals and objectives and making recommendations to the Board with respect to the CEO’s compensation level based on this evaluation. In consultation with the CEO, the Compensation Committee makes recommendations to the Board on the framework of executive remuneration and its cost and on specific remuneration packages for each of the directors and officers other than the CEO, including recommendations regarding awards under equity compensation plans. The Compensation Committee’s decisions are typically reflected in consent resolutions.

All members of the Compensation Committee have direct experience which is relevant to their responsibilities as Compensation Committee members. All members are or have held senior executive roles within public companies, and therefore have a good understanding of compensation programs. They also have good financial understanding which allows them to assess the costs versus benefits of compensation plans. The members combined experience in the resource sector provides them with the understanding of the Company’s success factors and risks, which is very important when determining metrics for measuring success.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to engage and compensate, at the expense of the Company, any outside advisor that it determines to be necessary to permit it to carry out its duties (including compensation consultants and advisers), but it did not retain any such outside consultants or advisers during the financial year ended November 30, 2021.

### **Director Compensation**

The Company recognizes the contribution that its directors make to the Company and seeks to compensate them accordingly. The Compensation Committee is responsible for making recommendations as to director compensation for the Board’s consideration and ultimate approval.

Each director is entitled to participate in any security-based compensation arrangement or other plan adopted by the Company from time to time with the approval of the Board. The directors are reimbursed

for expenses incurred on the Company’s behalf.

See “Table of Compensation excluding Compensation Securities” below for details of the payments made to the directors and Name Executive Officers for the financial year ended November 30, 2021.

### Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The following table (presented in accordance with National Instrument Form 51-102F6V – *Statement of Executive Compensation – Venture Issuers*) sets forth all annual and long-term compensation for services paid to or earned by each NEO and director for the two most recently completed financial years ended November 30, 2021.

**Table of Compensation excluding Compensation Securities**

Name and position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
<b>Jeffrey Wilson</b> <i>CEO, President and Director</i>	2021	155,000	nil	nil	nil	nil	155,000
	2020	155,000	nil	nil	nil	nil	155,000
<b>Adrian Fleming</b> <i>Director</i>	2021	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	2020	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<b>Lon Shaver</b> <i>Director</i>	2021	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	2020	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<b>Alistair Waddell</b> <i>Director</i>	2021	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	2020	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<b>Quinton Hennigh</b> <sup>1</sup> <i>Former Director</i>	2021	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
	2020	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<b>Vivien Chuang</b> <i>CFO</i>	2021	30,000 <sup>2</sup>	nil	nil	nil	nil	30,000 <sup>2</sup>
	2020	18,000 <sup>2</sup>	nil	nil	nil	nil	18,000 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Michael Moore</b> <i>VP Exploration and Corporate Secretary</i>	2021	145,875	Nil	Nil	nil	nil	145,875
	2020	153,750	nil	nil	nil	nil	153,750

1. Quinton Hennigh resigned as a director of the Company on August 6, 2021.
2. Paid to VC Consulting Corp., a private company controlled by Vivien Chuang, for providing Ms. Chuang’s services as CFO of the Company.

### Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth all compensation securities granted or issued to each Named Executive Officer and director by the Company in the financial year ended November 30, 2021 for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company:

### Compensation Securities

Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities <sup>1</sup> (#)	Date of issue or grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price (\$)	Closing price of underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of underlying security at year end (\$)	Expiry Date
<b>Jeffrey Wilson</b> <i>CEO, President and Director</i>	Stock Options	500,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	500,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26
<b>Adrian Fleming</b> <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	300,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	300,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26
<b>Lon Shaver</b> <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	300,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	300,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26
<b>Alistair Waddell</b> <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	300,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	300,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26
<b>Quinton Hennigh</b> <sup>2</sup> <i>Former Director</i>	Stock Options	300,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	300,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26
<b>Vivien Chuang</b> <i>CFO</i>	Stock Options	40,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	40,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26
<b>Michael Moore</b> <i>VP Exploration and Corporate Secretary</i>	Stock Options	500,000	Jan. 29'21	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.09	Jan. 29'26
	Stock Options	500,000	Oct. 18'21	\$0.095	\$0.09	\$0.09	Oct. 18'26

- Each option entitles the holder to acquire one common share.
- Quinton Hennigh resigned as a director of the Company on August 6, 2021.

The following table discloses each exercise by a director or NEO of compensation securities during the financial year ended November 30, 2021:

### Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs

Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of underlying securities exercised (#)	Exercise price per security (\$)	Date of Exercise	Closing price per security on date of exercise (\$)	Difference between exercise price and closing price on date of exercise (\$)	Total value on exercise date (\$)
<b>Jeffrey Wilson</b> <i>CEO, President and Director</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Adrian Fleming</b> <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Lon Shaver</b> <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Alistair Waddell</b> <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of underlying securities exercised (#)	Exercise price per security (\$)	Date of Exercise	Closing price per security on date of exercise (\$)	Difference between exercise price and closing price on date of exercise (\$)	Total value on exercise date (\$)
<b>Quinton Hennigh</b> <sup>1</sup> <i>Former Director</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Vivien Chuang</b> <i>CFO</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Michael Moore</b> <i>VP Exploration and Corporate Secretary</i>	Stock Options	nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. Quinton Hennigh resigned as a director of the Company on August 6, 2021.

### Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans

During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2021, the only stock option plan or other incentive plan the Company had in place was a 10% “rolling” stock option plan (the “Stock Option Plan”), which authorized the Board to grant options to directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company, from time to time. The underlying purpose of the Stock Option Plan was to attract and motivate the directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and to advance the interests of the Company by affording such persons with the opportunity to acquire an equity interest in the Company through rights granted under the Stock Option Plan.

The Stock Option Plan was accepted for filing by the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”) subsequent to its initial adoption and has been subsequently accepted following each yearly re-approval by the shareholders, as required under the policies of the TSXV.

In April 2022 the Board approved the adoption of a new Equity Incentive Plan to replace the Stock Option Plan. See “*Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon - Approval of New Equity Incentive Plan*” below for details of the new Equity Incentive Plan.

### Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements

Other than as disclosed herein, the Company has not entered into any agreement with an external management company that employs or retains one for more of the NEOs or directors and the Company has not entered into any understanding, arrangement or agreement with any external management company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly, in respect of which any compensation was paid by the Company.

#### *Jeffrey Wilson, CEO and President*

On January 6, 2020, the Company entered into an executive services agreement (the “Wilson Agreement”) with Jeffrey Wilson pursuant to which Mr. Wilson receives the sum of \$155,000 plus applicable taxes per year for providing management services to the Company. In addition, Mr. Wilson is entitled to participate in any security based compensation plan as offered to other senior management personnel from time to time, in the sole discretion of the Board, and is entitled to be reimbursed for all authorized out of pocket expenses, including travel expenses.

The Wilson Agreement contains provisions for payment upon termination or in the event of a Change of Control (as such term is defined therein), whereby if Mr. Wilson is terminated (i) without cause, he is entitled to a payment equal to six months of fees, or (ii) within 12 months following a Change of Control, Mr. Wilson's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or, he resigns with or without cause, then in either case, he will receive as severance an amount equal to 18 months of fees, less lawful deductions.

*Michael Moore, VP Exploration*

On January 6, 2020, the Company entered into an executive services agreement (the "Moore Agreement") with Michael Moore pursuant to which Mr. Moore receives the sum of \$12,500 plus applicable taxes per month as compensation for acting as VP Exploration. In addition, Mr. Moore is entitled to participate in any security based compensation plan as offered to other senior management personnel from time to time, in the sole discretion of the Board, and is entitled to be reimbursed for all authorized out of pocket expenses, including travel expenses.

The Moore Agreement contains provisions for payment upon termination or in the event of a Change of Control (as such term is defined therein), whereby if Mr. Moore is terminated (i) without cause, he is entitled to a payment equal to his six months' fee, or (ii) within 12 months following a Change of Control Mr. Moore's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or, he resigns with or without cause, then in either case, he will receive as severance an amount equal to 18 months of fees, less lawful deductions.

**Pension Disclosure**

The Company does not provide any form of pension to any of its directors or Named Executive Officers.

**SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS**

The following table provides information regarding the number of common shares to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options and the weighted-average exercise price of the outstanding options in connection with the Stock Option Plan as at November 30, 2021:

Plan Category	Number of Common Shares to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options #	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options \$	Number of Common Shares remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans #
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	10,210,000	0.14	496,803 <sup>1</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	nil	nil	nil
<b>Total</b>	10,210,000	0.14	496,803

1. Based on there being 107,068,031 shares outstanding as of November 30, 2021.

**INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

At no time during the last completed financial year was any current director, executive officer or employee or any former director, executive officer or employee of the Company, or any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company:

- (a) indebted to the Company; or

(b) indebted to another entity where such indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company, other than routine indebtedness.

## **INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

To the knowledge of management of the Company, no informed person or nominee for election as a director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of an informed person or proposed director, has or had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or will materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries. The term "informed person" as defined in National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* means a director or executive officer of the Company, or any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of the Company carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Company, other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 224 of the *Business Corporations Act* of British Columbia, the Company is required to have an Audit Committee comprised of at least three directors, the majority of whom must not be officers or employees of the Company.

The Company must also, pursuant to the provisions of National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"), have a written charter, which sets out the duties and responsibilities of its audit committee. In providing the following disclosure, the Company is relying on the exemption provided under NI 52-110, which allows for the short form disclosure of the audit committee procedures of venture issuers.

### **Audit Committee's Charter**

#### *Mandate*

The primary function of the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") is to assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and shareholders, the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting, and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Consistent with this function, the Audit Committee will encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Audit Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control systems and review the Company's financial statements;
- review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors; and
- provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board.

#### *Composition*

The Audit Committee is to be comprised of such number of directors as determined by the Board, the majority of whom must be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would reasonably interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Audit Committee. At least one member of the Audit Committee should have accounting or related financial management

expertise. All members of the Audit Committee that are not financially literate must work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. For the purposes of the Audit Committee's Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can presumably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements. The members of the Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board at its first meeting following the annual shareholders' meeting.

### *Meetings*

The Audit Committee shall meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Audit Committee will meet at least annually with the Chief Financial Officer and the external auditors in separate sessions.

### *Responsibilities and Duties*

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Audit Committee shall:

#### Documents/Reports Review

- (a) Review and update this Charter annually.
- (b) Review the Company's financial statements, MD&A and any annual and interim earnings, press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information and any reports or other financial information (including quarterly financial statements), which are submitted to any governmental body, or to the public, including any certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors.
- (c) Confirm that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements.

#### External Auditors

- (a) Review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board and the Audit Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) Obtain annually, a formal written statement of the external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with the Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
- (c) Review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors.
- (d) Take, or recommend that the full Board take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- (e) Recommend to the Board the selection and compensation and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- (f) At each yearly audit meeting, consult with the external auditors, without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- (g) Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company.

- (h) Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements.
- (i) Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors. The pre-approval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services if:
  - (i) the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of fees paid by the Company to its external auditors during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided;
  - (ii) such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
  - (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee by the Company and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Audit Committee or by one or more members of the Audit Committee who are members of the Board to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Audit Committee. Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Audit Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval, such authority may be delegated by the Audit Committee to one or more independent members of the Audit Committee.

#### *Financial Reporting Processes*

- (a) In consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- (b) Consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- (c) Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- (d) Review significant judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- (e) Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- (f) Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- (g) Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- (h) Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- (i) Review certification process.
- (j) Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### *Other*

Review any related-party transactions.

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

The following were the members of the Company's Audit Committee during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2021:

Lon Shaver (Chair)	Independent <sup>1</sup>	Financially literate <sup>1</sup>
Adrian Fleming	Independent <sup>1</sup>	Financially literate <sup>1</sup>
Jeffrey Wilson	Not Independent <sup>1</sup>	Financially literate <sup>1</sup>

1. As defined by NI 52-110.

### **Relevant Education and Experience**

All of the Audit Committee members are businessmen with experience in financial matters, each has an understanding of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements and varied experience as to general application of such accounting principles, internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting, which has been garnered from working in their individual fields of endeavor.

In addition to each member's general business experience, the education and experience of each Audit Committee member that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member is as follows:

#### ***Lon Shaver (Chair)***

Mr. Shaver has over 25 years of capital markets and corporate finance experience, mostly focused on the Canadian mining sector. Mr. Shaver currently serves as Vice-President of Silvercorp Metals Inc., a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE. His additional corporate experience includes CFO roles with a publicly-listed mining company and a private technology company. Mr. Shaver has also served on the boards of several public companies. He has a B.Comm. degree, with a major in finance, and is a CFA charterholder.

#### ***Adrian W. Fleming***

Mr. Fleming has been a director or officer of a number of public companies in the natural resource sector and as a director has been responsible for approving financial statements. Through his work as a director and senior officer of public companies, Mr. Fleming has gained an understanding of financial reporting requirements respecting financial statements of junior resource exploration companies sufficient to enable him to discharge his duties as an Audit Committee member.

#### ***Jeffrey R. Wilson***

Mr. Wilson has over 25 years of experience in the mineral exploration and mining investment industry. He is currently a director or officer for a number of public companies in the natural resource sector and has served as a member of audit committees and, in such roles, has experience with the review and understanding of the accounting principles relevant to public natural resource companies and interpreting and assessing the financial statements of public natural resource companies.

### **Audit Committee Oversight**

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

## Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described above under the heading "External Auditors".

## External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditors in each of the last two fiscal years for audit fees are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees <sup>1</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>2</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>3</sup>
2021	\$27,633	nil	\$2,835	nil
2020	\$26,317	nil	\$2,750	nil

1. Fees charged for assurance and related services reasonably related to the performance of an audit, and not included under "Audit Fees".
2. Fees charged for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning services.
3. Fees for services other than disclosed in any other column.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate governance relates to the activities of the Board, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the shareholders and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and who are charged with the day-to-day management of the Company. National Policy 58-201 *Corporate Governance Guidelines* establishes corporate governance guidelines which apply to all public companies. These guidelines are not intended to be prescriptive but to be used by issuers in developing their own corporate governance practices. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices, which are both in the interest of its shareholders and contribute to effective and efficient decision making.

Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101") the Company is required to disclose its corporate governance practices, as summarized below. The Board will continue to monitor such practices on an ongoing basis and when necessary implement such additional practices as it deems appropriate.

### Board of Directors

The Board is currently composed of four directors, Messrs. Jeffrey Wilson, Adrian Fleming, Lon Shaver and Alistair Waddell. All of the proposed nominees are current directors of the Company.

NI 58-101 suggests that the board of directors of a public company should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as "independent" directors. An "independent" director is a director who is independent of management and is free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the director's ability to act with a view to the best interests of the Company, other than interests and relationships arising from shareholding. In addition, where a company has a significant shareholder, NP 58-101 suggests that the board of directors

should include a number of directors who do not have interests in either the company or the significant shareholder. Of the proposed nominees of the Company, Adrian Fleming, Lon Shaver and Alistair Waddell are considered by the Board to be “independent” within the meaning of NI 58-101, and Jeffrey Wilson (CEO) is considered to be “non-independent”.

The independent directors exercise their responsibility for independent oversight of management.

Board consideration and approval is required for all material contracts, business transactions and all debt and equity financing proposals. The Board delegates to management, through the CEO, responsibility for meeting defined corporate objectives, evaluating new business opportunities and complying with applicable regulatory requirements. The Board also looks to management to furnish recommendations respecting corporate objectives.

The directors believe that, at this early stage of the Company’s development, the current composition of the Board adequately facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over management. The Board anticipates that as the Company matures as a business enterprise, it will identify additional qualified candidates that have experience relevant to the Company’s needs, who are independent of management applying the guidelines contained in applicable legislation.

Each member of the Board understands that he is entitled, at the cost of the Company, to seek the advice of an independent expert if he reasonably considers it warranted under the circumstances. No director found it necessary to do so during the financial year ended November 30, 2019.

### Directorships

Certain of our directors are also directors of other reporting companies, as follows:

<i>Director</i>	<i>Other Reporting Issuer(s)</i>	<i>Exchange</i>
Jeffrey R. Wilson	Archer Exploration Corp. Aster Acquisition Corp. Riverwalk Acquisition Corp.	Canadian Securities TSX Venture TSX Venture
Adrian W. Fleming	Genesis Metals Corp. Strikepoint Gold Inc. Reunion Gold Corp.	TSX Venture TSX Venture TSX Venture
Lon E. Shaver	Lithoquest Resources Inc. Omai Gold Mines Corp.	TSX Venture TSX Venture
Alistair H. Waddell	Palamina Corp. Headwater Gold Inc. Inflection Resources Ltd. Winshear Gold Corp. North Stawell Minerals Ltd.	TSX Venture Canadian Securities Canadian Securities TSX Venture ASX

### Orientation and Continuing Education

New directors are briefed on the Company’s current property holdings, ongoing exploration programs, overall strategic plans, short, medium and long term corporate objectives, financials status, general business risks and mitigation strategies, and existing company policies. There is no formal orientation for new members of the Board. This is considered to be appropriate, given the Company’s size and current level of operations, the ongoing interaction amongst the directors and the low director turn-over. However, if the growth of the Company’s operations warrants it, it is possible that a formal orientation process would be implemented.

The skills and knowledge of the Board as a whole is such that no formal continuing education process is currently deemed required. The Board is comprised of individuals with varying backgrounds, who have, both collectively and individually, extensive experience in running and managing public companies, particularly in the natural resource sector. Board members are encouraged to communicate with management, auditors and technical consultants to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation, with management's assistance. The directors are advised that, if a director believes that it would be appropriate to attend any continuing education event for corporate directors, the Company will pay for the cost thereof. Board members have full access to the Company's records. Reference is made to the table under the heading "Election of Directors" for a description of the current principal occupations of the members of the Board.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has not adopted a written Code of Ethical Conduct for its directors, officers and employees at this time. The Board monitors the ethical conduct of the Company and ensures that it complies with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, such as those of relevant securities commissions and stock exchanges. The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by governing corporate legislation and the common law, as well as the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on the individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest, have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

In addition, as some of the directors of the Company also serve as directors and officers of other companies engaged in similar business activities, the Board must comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the British Columbia *Business Corporations Act*, as well as the relevant securities regulatory instruments, in order to ensure that directors exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or officer has a material interest. Any interested director would be required to declare the nature and extent of his interest and would not be entitled to vote at meetings of directors which evoke any such conflict.

### **Nomination of Directors**

The Board determines new nominees to the Board, although a formal process has not been adopted. The nominees are generally the result of recruitment efforts by the Board members, including both formal and informal discussions among Board members. The Board is continually in contact with individuals involved in the mineral exploration industry and public sector resource issuers. From these sources the Company has made numerous contacts and in the event that the Company were in a position to nominate any new directors, such individuals would be brought to the attention of the Board. The Company conducts the due diligence, reference and background checks on any suitable candidate. New nominees must have a track record in general business management, special expertise in an area of strategic interest to the Company, the ability to devote the time required and a willingness to serve.

### **Compensation**

The Board has formed a Compensation Committee to monitor and review the salary and benefits of its executive officers, and the Company's general compensation structure, policies and programs in consideration of industry standards and the Company's financial situation. The Compensation Committee is comprised of Adrian Fleming (Chair), Lon Shaver and Alistair Waddell. The Compensation Committee will also be responsible for determining the compensation of the directors.

### **Other Board Committees**

At present, the Company has an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee. The Company has no present intention of creating any other committees, but may do so in the future should its Board of Directors become larger. All Board decisions are made by full board of director meetings or consent resolutions.

### **Assessments**

Neither the Company nor the Board has determined formal means or methods to regularly assess the Board, its committees or the individual directors with respect to their effectiveness and contributions. Effectiveness is subjectively measured by comparing actual corporate results with stated objectives. The contributions of an individual director is informally monitored by the other Board members, having in mind the business strengths of the individual and the purpose of originally nominating the individual to the Board.

## **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Management functions of the Company are generally performed by directors and senior officers of the Company and not, to any substantial degree, by any other person to whom the Company has contracted.

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

### **A. Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended November 30, 2021, the report of the auditor and related management discussion and analysis (together, the “financial statements”) will be placed before the Meeting. No formal action will be taken at the Meeting to approve the financial statements.

### **B. Election of Directors**

The Board presently consists of four directors. The Board has, by resolution, fixed the number of directors for the time being at four, subject to such increases as may be permitted by the articles of the Company. There will therefore be four directors to be elected at the Meeting for the ensuing year.

The directors of the Company are elected annually and hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Shareholders or until their successors are elected or appointed. Management proposes to nominate the persons listed below for election as directors of the Company to serve until their successors are elected or appointed. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, Proxies given pursuant to the solicitation by Management will be voted for the nominees listed in this Information Circular. **Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director.**

The following table sets out the names of the persons to be nominated for election as directors, the positions and offices which they presently hold with the Company, their respective principal occupations or employments during the past five years if such nominee is not presently an elected director and the number of shares of the Company which each beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised as of the date of this Information Circular:

Name, Province/State and Country of Residence and Other Positions, if any, held with the Company	Date First Became a Director	Principal Occupation	Shares Held <sup>1</sup>
<b>JEFFREY R. WILSON<sup>2</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>CEO, President and Director</i>	December 3, 2012	President and CEO of the Company since January 17, 2013; Former CEO and director of Osprey Gold Development Ltd. (now MegumaGold Corp.) from December 2016 to December 2021. Mr. Wilson was also CEO and Director of Mariner Resources Corp. (now Exploits Discoveries Corp.) from May 2018 to July 2020. Mr. Wilson currently serves as a director of one other junior resource company and two capital pool companies - see "Corporate Governance – Directorships" above.	864,553
<b>ADRIAN W. FLEMING<sup>2,3</sup></b> Auckland, New Zealand <i>Chairman and Director</i>	July 20, 2011	Chairman of the Company since December 2, 2011; Geologist, director and owner of Rockworks Limited. Mr. Fleming also serves as a director of three other junior resource companies - see "Corporate Governance – Directorships" above.	40,000
<b>LON E. SHAVER<sup>2,3</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	June 6, 2018	Vice President of Silvercorp Metals Inc. since August 2018; A principal of Brighton Corporate Advisors Inc. (since May 2016) and an Investment Banker, Raymond James Ltd. from April 2005 to May 2016. Mr. Shaver also serves as a director of one other junior resource company - see "Corporate Governance – Directorships" above.	nil
<b>ALISTAIR H. WADDELL<sup>3</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	March 1, 2016	Geologist (MAusIMM); President, CEO and director of Inflection Resources since February 2018 and VP Greenfields Exploration for Kinross Gold Corporation from June 2010 to December 2015. Mr. Waddell also serves as a director of five other junior resource companies - see "Corporate Governance – Directorships" above.	nil

1. Number of common shares of the Company beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly by each proposed director. Information as to voting shares owned or controlled, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective nominees individually.
2. Member of Audit Committee.
3. Member of the Compensation Committee.

The Company does not have an executive committee of its Board.

No proposed director is being elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or company.

#### ***Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions***

No proposed director is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:

- (a) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

For the purposes hereof, the term “order” means:

- (a) a cease trade order;
- (b) an order similar to a cease trade order; or
- (c) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation,

that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

No proposed director:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while such person was acting in such capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver-manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (b) has, within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or has a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

No proposed director has been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

### **C. Appointment of Auditor**

Management proposes to nominate Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company’s auditors for the ensuing year. Davidson & Company LLP was first appointed auditor of the Company on November 28, 2013. Accordingly, unless such authority is withheld, the persons named in the accompanying proxy intend to vote for the re-appointment of Davidson & Company LLP as auditors of the Company for the financial year ending November 30, 2022 and to authorize the directors to fix the auditors’ remuneration.

### **D. Approval of New Equity Incentive Plan**

#### ***Background***

On November 24, 2021 the TSX Venture Exchange (“**TSXV**”) implemented a new Policy 4.4 – *Security Based Compensation*, which among other things, required listed companies to adopt new forms of plans for the issuance of security based compensation or equity compensation. The Company has elected to adopt a “10% rolling security based compensation plan” (the “**Equity Incentive Plan**”) which allows for the issuance of incentive stock options, deferred share units, performance share units, restricted share units,

stock appreciation rights, and share purchase rights (collectively, “**Awards**”). Pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan, a maximum of 10% of the issued shares of the Company, from time to time, may be reserved for issuance pursuant to the exercise of all Awards granted thereunder. Material terms of the Equity Incentive Plan are set out below.

The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan is to attract and retain directors, officers, employees and consultants and to motivate them to advance the interests of the Company by affording them with the opportunity to receive or acquire an equity interest in the Company through Awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan.

***Material Terms of the Equity Incentive Plan***

The Equity Incentive Plan is a 10% “rolling” equity incentive plan pursuant to which the maximum number of shares reserved for issuance, together with all of the Company’s other previously established or proposed stock options, stock option plans, employee stock purchase plans or any other compensation or incentive mechanisms involving the issuance or potential issuance of shares, shall not result in the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Awards exceeding 10% of the issued and outstanding shares as at the date of grant of any Award. Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, in addition to the ability to award options (“**Options**”) to acquire shares of the Company to Participants, the Company has the availability to award restricted share units (“**RSUs**”), deferred share units (“**DSUs**”), and performance share units (“**PSUs**”). A copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is attached as a Schedule hereto, and shareholders are encouraged to review the plan in its entirety. The final form is subject to approval by the TSXV.

The Equity Incentive Plan provides that:

1. All employees and directors, and certain consultants, are eligible to participate. Eligibility to participate does not confer any person any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. The extent to which any person is entitled to receive a grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board or the Compensation Committee.
2. Awards of Options, RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, stock appreciation rights, and share purchase rights may be made under the Plan. All Awards are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, exercise price, vesting, settlement and forfeiture provisions determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board, subject to such limitations provided in the Equity Incentive Plan, and will generally be evidenced by an award agreement. In addition, subject to the limitations of the Equity Incentive Plan and in accordance with applicable law, the Board may accelerate or defer the vesting or payment of Awards, cancel or modify outstanding Awards, and waive any condition imposed with respect to Awards or Shares issued pursuant to Awards.
3. No Awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan or any right thereunder or in respect thereof shall be transferable or assignable (other than upon the death of the Participant).
4. The maximum number of common shares issuable under the Equity Incentive Plan shall not exceed 10% of the number of common shares of the Company issued and outstanding as of each award date, inclusive of all common shares reserved for issuance pursuant to previously granted Awards.
5. Awards will vest as the Board may determine.
6. The exercise price of any Options will be determined by the Board; but will not be less than the Discounted Market Price as of the date of grant (as defined in TSXV policies).
7. Participants may be granted the right to exercise Options on a cashless or net exercise basis.
8. The term of any Options will be fixed by the Board at the time such Options are granted, provided that Options will not be permitted to exceed a term of 10 years.

9. No more than (i) 5% of the issued shares may be granted under Awards to any one individual in any 12 month period; and (ii) 2% of the issued shares may be granted under Awards to a consultant, or an employee performing investor relations activities, in any 12 month period.
10. Disinterested shareholder approval must be obtained for (i) most changes to the Equity Incentive Plan, (ii) exceeding limits under the Plan, and (iii) amending outstanding Awards.
11. Awards will be reclassified or amended in the event of any consolidation, subdivision, conversion or exchange of the Company's Common Shares.

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

The TSXV requires listed companies that have a security based compensation plan like the one adopted by the Company to receive shareholder approval to such plan when adopted, and on a yearly basis thereafter at the Company's annual general meeting. Accordingly, the shareholders of the Company will be asked at the Meeting to approve the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of Precipitate Gold Corp. (the “Company”), that:

1. The Company's Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), as described in the Company's Information Circular dated April 22, 2022, be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved, subject to the acceptance of the Plan by the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”);
2. The board of directors of the Company be authorized in its absolute discretion to administer the Plan and amend or modify the Plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and with the policies of the TSXV; and
3. Any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions, including, without limitation, making any changes to the Plan required by the TSXV or applicable securities regulatory authorities and to complete all transactions in connection with the administration of the Plan.”

The form of the resolutions set forth above is subject to such amendments as management may propose at the Meeting, but which do not materially affect the substance of such resolutions.

The Board considers that the ability to grant incentives is an important component of its compensation strategy and is necessary to enable the Company to attract and retain qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants. **The Board therefore recommends that Shareholders vote “For” the resolution approving the proposed new equity incentive plan.** Unless otherwise instructed, the persons named in the enclosed form of Proxy will vote “IN FAVOUR” of the above resolutions.

Disinterested shareholder approval of the foregoing resolution is not required because the Equity Incentive Plan cannot result at any time in: (i) the number of common shares reserved for issuance under stock options granted to insiders exceeding 10% of the issued common shares; (ii) the grant to insiders, within a 12 month period, of a number of options exceeding 10% of the issued common shares; or (iii) the issuance to any one optionee, within a 12 month period, of a number of common shares exceeding 5% of the issued common shares.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting. Should any other matters properly come before the Meeting, the shares represented by the Proxy solicited hereby will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the persons voting by proxy.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information regarding the Company and its business activities is available on the SEDAR website located at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under “Company Profiles – Precipitate Gold Corp.”. The Company’s consolidated financial statements and management discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) for the financial year ended November 30, 2021 are available for review under the Company’s profile on SEDAR. Shareholders may contact the Company to request copies of the financial statements and MD&A by: (i) mail to Suite 580 – 625 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2T6; or (ii) fax to (604) 648-8105.

**BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved and its mailing authorized by the directors of the Company.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2022.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
OF PRECIPITATE GOLD CORP.**

*“Jeffrey R. Wilson”*

Chief Executive Officer and President

**Schedule "A"**

**EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**



**PRECIPITATE GOLD CORP.**  
(the "Corporation")

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**(10% rolling Security Based Compensation Plan)**

**APRIL 22, 2022**

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**EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**PART 1**  
**PURPOSE**

**1.1 Establishment of the Plan**

The Corporation hereby establishes this Plan to govern the grant, administration and exercise of Security Based Compensation which may be granted to eligible Participants. The maximum number of Shares issuable under this Plan shall not exceed 10% of the number of Issued Shares of the Corporation outstanding as of the date of each grant hereunder, inclusive of all Shares then reserved for issuance pursuant to previously granted stock options or security based compensation plans.

**1.2 Principal Purposes**

The principal purposes of this Plan are to provide the Corporation with the advantages of the incentive inherent in stock ownership on the part of Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants responsible for the continued success of the Corporation; to create in such individuals a proprietary interest in, and a greater concern for, the welfare and success of the Corporation; to encourage such individuals to remain with the Corporation; and to attract new Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants to the Corporation.

**1.3 Available Awards**

Awards that may be granted under this Plan include Options; Deferred Share Units; Restricted Share Units; Performance Share Units; Share Appreciation Rights and Stock Purchase Rights.

**PART 2**  
**INTERPRETATION**

**2.1 Definitions**

“**Affiliate**” has the meaning set forth in the BCA.

“**Applicable Laws**” means all legal requirements relating to the administration of equity compensation plans, if any, under applicable corporate laws, any applicable provincial securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the requirements of the Exchange, and the laws of any foreign jurisdiction applicable to securities granted to residents therein.

“**Associate**” means, where used to indicate a relationship with any Person,

- (a) any relative, including the spouse, son or daughter, of that Person or a relative of that Person’s spouse, if the relative has the same address as that Person,
- (b) any partner, other than a limited partner, of that Person,
- (c) any trust or estate in which such Person has a substantial beneficial interest or as to which such Person serves as trustee or in a similar capacity, or
- (d) any corporation of which such Person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities carrying more than ten percent of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the corporation.

“**Award**” means any right granted under this Plan, including Options, DSUs, RSUs, PSUs, SARs and SP Rights.

“**BCA**” means the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

“**Blackout Period**” means a period in which the trading of Shares or other securities of the Corporation is restricted pursuant to its internal trading policies, which has been formally imposed by the Corporation as a result of the bona

vide existence of undisclosed material information; and which expires following the general disclosure of the undisclosed material information (provided that, for clarity, the automatic extension of a Participant's Awards will not be permitted where the Participant or the Corporation is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under Applicable Laws) in respect of the Corporation's securities).

**"Board"** means the board of directors of the Corporation or a committee of the Board to which a responsibility or power has been delegated pursuant to Section 10.1(b)(iv) hereto.

**"Cashless Exercise Right"** has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9 of this Plan.

**"Change of Control"** means the occurrence and completion of any one or more of the following events:

- (a) the Corporation shall not be the surviving entity in a merger, amalgamation or other reorganization (or survives only as a subsidiary of an entity other than a previously wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation);
- (b) the Corporation shall sell or otherwise transfer, including by way of the grant of a leasehold interest or joint venture interest (or one or more subsidiaries of the Corporation shall sell or otherwise transfer, including without limitation by way of the grant of a leasehold interest or joint venture interest) property or assets (i) aggregating more than 50% of the consolidated assets (measured by either book value or fair market value) of the Corporation and its subsidiaries as at the date of disposition, or (ii) which currently generate or are expected to generate, more than 50% of the consolidated operating income or cash flow of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, to any other person or persons (other than one or more Designated Affiliates of the Corporation), in which case the Change of Control shall be deemed to occur on the date of transfer of the assets representing one dollar more than 50% of the consolidated assets in the case of clause (i) or 50% of the consolidated operating income or cash flow in the case of clause (ii), as the case may be;
- (c) the Corporation is to be dissolved and liquidated;
- (d) any person, entity or group of persons or entities acting jointly or in concert acquires or gains ownership or control (including, without limitation, the power to vote) of more than 50% of the Corporation's outstanding voting securities; or
- (e) as a result of or in connection with: (i) a contested election of directors, or; (ii) a transaction referred to in subparagraph (a) above, the persons who were directors of the Corporation before such election or transaction shall cease to constitute a majority of the directors.

For the purposes of the foregoing, "voting securities" means Shares and any other shares entitled to vote for the election of directors and shall include any securities, whether or not issued by the Corporation, which are not shares entitled to vote for the election of directors but are convertible into or exchangeable for shares which are entitled to vote for the election of directors, including any options or rights to purchase such shares or securities.

**"Charitable Organization"** means "charitable organization" as defined in the Tax Act.

**"Charitable Stock Option"** means any Stock Option granted to an Eligible Charitable Organization.

**"Code"** means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any applicable United States Treasury Regulations and other binding guidance thereunder.

**"Consultant"** means an individual (other than a Director, Officer or Employee of the Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries) or Consultant Company that:

- (a) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Corporation or to any of its subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities;
- (b) provides the services under a written contract between the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries; and
- (c) in the reasonable opinion of the Corporation, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries.

“**Consultant Company**” means a Consultant that is a corporation.

“**Corporation**” means Precipitate Gold Corp., a company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia.

“**Deferred Payment Date**” for a Participant means the date after a Restricted Period which is the earlier of (i) the date which the Participant has elected to defer receipt of Shares under an RSU in accordance with Section 4.4 of this Plan; and (ii) the Participant’s Separation Date.

“**Deferred Share Unit**” or “**DSU**” means a right granted to a Participant by the Corporation as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive by way of a DSU Payment, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Corporation on a deferred basis (which is typically after the earliest of the Retirement, termination of employment or death of the Participant), evidenced by a DSU Agreement.

“**Designated Affiliate**” means subsidiaries of the Corporation designated by the Board from time to time for purposes of this Plan.

“**Director**” means a director of the Corporation or an Affiliate.

“**Director Retirement**” in respect of a Participant, means the Participant ceasing to hold any directorships with the Corporation, any Designated Affiliate and any entity related to the Corporation for purposes of the Tax Act as a result of retirement in a manner or on such basis as acceptable to the Corporation.

“**Director Separation Date**” means the date that a Participant ceases to hold any directorships with the Corporation or any Designated Affiliate due to a Director Retirement or Director Termination and also ceases to serve as an Employee or Consultant with the Corporation, any Designated Affiliate or any entity related to the Corporation for the purposes of the Tax Act.

“**Director Termination**” means the removal of, resignation or failure to re-elect the Director (excluding a Director Retirement) as a director of the Corporation, a Designated Affiliate and any entity related to the Corporation for purposes of the Tax Act.

“**Disability**” means a medically determinable physical or mental impairment expected to result in death or to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months which causes an individual to be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity.

“**Discounted Market Price**” has the meaning ascribed in Exchange Policy 1.1, as clarified in Exchange Policy 4.4.

“**Disinterested Shareholder Approval**” means approval by a majority of the votes cast by shareholders of the Corporation or their proxies at a duly called general meeting or by a signed consent resolution evidencing that the majority of the shareholders are in favour of a proposal, excluding votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by persons to whom Options may be granted pursuant to this Plan and their Associates and, for purposes of this Plan, holders of non-voting and subordinate voting securities (if any) will be given full voting rights on a resolution which requires disinterested shareholder approval.

“**DRS**” means Direct Registration System.

“**DSU Agreement**” means a written confirmation or agreement, in such form(s) adopted by the Board from time to time, in physical or electronic format (including by way of an entry in any electronic incentive compensation system maintained by the Corporation or a third party service provider on its behalf), setting out the terms and conditions relating to a Deferred Share Unit and entered into in accordance with Section 5.2.

“**DSU Payment**” means, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Section 5.4 of this Plan, the issuance to a Participant of one previously unissued Share for each whole DSU credited to such Participant.

“**Effective Date**” means March 14, 2022, being the date upon which this Plan was adopted by the Board.

“**Eligible Charitable Organization**” means: (i) any Charitable Organization or Public Foundation which is a Registered Charity, but is not a Private Foundation; or (ii) a Registered National Arts Service Organization (as all of such terms are defined in the Tax Act).

“**Employee**” means a person (who may be an Officer or Director) who is:

- (a) an individual who is considered an employee of the Corporation or of its subsidiary under the Tax Act and for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canada Pension Plan deductions must be made at source;
- (b) an individual who works full-time for the Corporation or its subsidiary providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or its subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
- (c) an individual who works for the Corporation or its subsidiary on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week (the number of hours should be disclosed in the submission) providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or its subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source,

whether or not they have a written employment contract with the Corporation or a subsidiary, determined by the Board as employees eligible for participation in this Plan. Employees also include Service Providers eligible for participation in this Plan as determined by the Board.

“**Exchange**” means the TSX Venture Exchange, or any successor entity, which is the principal stock exchange on which the Shares are listed for trading.

“**Exchange Policies**” mean the policies set forth in the Exchange’s Corporate Finance Manual, as amended from time to time.

“**Fair Market Value**” with respect to Shares as of any date, means the closing market price of the Shares on the trading day prior to such date, and for the purposes of establishing the exercise price per Share of any Option, or the value of any Share underlying a RSU, DSU or PSU on the grant date, the Fair Market Value means the closing market price of the Shares on the trading day prior to the date of grant of the applicable Award.

“**Insider**” means (a) a Director or senior Officer of the Corporation, (b) a director or senior officer of a company that is an Insider or subsidiary of the Corporation; or (c) a Person that beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Shares.

“**Investor Relations Activities**” has the meaning ascribed in Exchange Policy 1.1.

“**Investor Relations Service Provider**” includes any Consultant that performs Investor Relations Activities and any Director, Officer, Employee or Management Company Employee whose role and duties primarily consist of Investor Relations Activities.

“**Issued Shares**” means the number of Shares of the Corporation that are issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis at a particular point in time.

“**Management Company Employee**” means an individual employed by a company providing management services to the Corporation, which services are required for the ongoing operation of the business enterprise of the Corporation.

“**Multiplier(s)**” means the factor(s) by which a Participant’s PSUs may be multiplied, as determined by the Board and set out in the applicable PSU Agreement, commonly based on performance measures.

“**Net Exercise**” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 3.8.

“**Normal Course Issuer Bid**” has the meaning ascribed to it in TSXV Policy 5.6 – *Normal Course Issuer Bids*.

“**Officer**” means the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, manager, comptroller and any person routinely performing corresponding functions and/or policy making functions with respect to the Corporation or its subsidiaries, and includes a Management Company Employee that provides the services of an Officer.

“**Option Period**” means the period during which a Stock Option is outstanding.

“**Option Shares**” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.8 of this Plan.

“**Optionee**” means a Participant to whom a Stock Option has been granted under this Plan.

“**Participant**” means a Director, Officer, Employee, Management Company Employee, Consultant, Consultant Company, or Eligible Charitable Organization that is the recipient of an Award granted or issued by the Corporation.

“**Performance Period**” means the period provided for in Section 6.3.

“**Performance Share Unit**” or “**PSU**” means a right granted to a Participant by the Corporation as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Corporation upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied (which are typically performance based) and which may provide that, upon vesting, the award may be paid in cash and/or Shares; represented by a PSU Agreement evidencing the right of such Participant to receive the value of one Share at the time of payment, multiplied by any applicable Multiplier(s).

“**Person**” means a natural person, firm, corporation, government, or political subdivision or agency of a government; and where two or more Persons act as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities, such syndicate or group shall be deemed to be a Person.

“**Plan**” means this Equity Incentive Plan, as it may be amended and restated from time to time.

“**PSU Agreement**” means a written confirmation or agreement, in such form(s) adopted by the Board from time to time, in physical or electronic format (including by way of an entry in any electronic incentive compensation system maintained by the Corporation or a third party service provider on its behalf), setting out the terms and conditions relating to a Performance Share Unit and entered into in accordance with Section 6.1.

“**Restricted Period**” means any period of time that a Restricted Share Unit is not vested and the Participant holding such Restricted Share Unit remains ineligible to receive the relevant Shares, determined by the Board in its absolute discretion, however, such period of time may be reduced or eliminated from time to time and at any time (subject to being not less than 12 months) and for any reason as determined by the Board, including, but not limited to, circumstances involving death or disability of a Participant.

“**Restricted Share Unit**” or “**RSU**” means a right granted to a Participant as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Corporation upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied (which are typically time based) and which may provide that, upon vesting, the award may be paid in cash and/or Shares, represented by an RSU Agreement evidencing the right of such Participant to receive the value of one Share at the time of payment.

“**Retirement**” in respect of an Employee or Officer, means ceasing to hold any employment or engagement with the Corporation or any Designated Affiliate as a result of retirement in a manner or on such basis as acceptable to the Corporation.

“**RSU Agreement**” means a written confirmation or agreement, in such form(s) adopted by the Board from time to time, in physical or electronic format (including by way of an entry in any electronic incentive compensation system maintained by the Corporation or a third party service provider on its behalf), setting out the terms and conditions relating to a Restricted Share Unit and entered into in accordance with Section 4.2.

“**SAR**” or “**Stock Appreciation Right**” means a right granted to a Participant as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive cash and/or Listed Shares of the Corporation based wholly or in part on appreciation in the trading price of the Corporation’s Shares.

“**Separation Date**” means the date that a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under this Plan.

“**Service Agreement**” means any written agreement between a Participant and the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation (as applicable), in connection with that Participant’s employment, service or engagement as a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant or the termination thereof, as amended, replaced or restated from time to time.

“**Service Provider**” means any person or company engaged by the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate to provide services for an initial, renewable or extended period of 12 months or more.

“**Shareholder**” means a holder of Shares.

“**Shares**” means the common shares of the Corporation.

“**Specified Employee**” means a U.S. Taxpayer who meets the definition of “specified employee”, as defined in Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code.

“**Stock Option**” means a right granted to a Participant to acquire Shares at a specified price for a specified period of time.

“**Stock Option Agreement**” means a written certificate, confirmation or agreement, in such form(s) adopted by the Board from time to time, in physical or electronic format (including by way of an entry in any electronic incentive compensation system maintained by the Corporation or a third party service provider on its behalf), setting out the terms and conditions relating to a Stock Option and entered into in accordance with Part 3.

“**Stock Purchase Right**” or “**SP Right**” means the provision by the Corporation of financial assistance or pursuant to which a Participant is allowed to purchase securities of the Corporation (often at a discount to Fair Market Value), or pursuant to which the Participant is entitled to receive additional securities of the Corporation upon subscribing for a pre-established number of Shares, which securities may be issued from the treasury or purchased on the secondary market.

“**Tax Act**” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) as amended from time to time.

“**Termination**” means the termination of the employment or engagement (or consulting services) of an Employee or Officer with or without cause by the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate or the cessation of employment or engagement (or consulting services) of the Employee or Officer with the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate as a result of resignation or otherwise, other than as a Retirement.

“**U.S. Taxpayer**” means a Participant who is a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident or other person who is subject to taxation on their income under the Code.

“**VWAP**” means the volume weighted average trading price of the Shares on the Exchange calculated by dividing the total value by the total volume of such securities traded for the five trading days immediately preceding the applicable date. Where appropriate, internal crosses and certain other special trades may be excluded from the calculation.

## 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) This Plan is created under and is to be governed, construed and administered in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- (b) Whenever the Board (or Board committee, as the case may be) is to exercise discretion in the administration of the terms and conditions of this Plan, the term “**discretion**” means the sole and absolute discretion of the Board (or Board committee, as the case may be).
- (c) As used herein, the terms “**Part**” or “**Section**” mean and refer to the specified Part or Section of this Plan, respectively.
- (d) Where the word “**including**” or “**includes**” is used in this Plan, it means “including (or includes) without limitation”.
- (e) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (f) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian dollars.

## **PART 3 STOCK OPTIONS**

### **3.1 Participation**

The Corporation may from time to time grant Stock Options to Participants pursuant to this Plan.

### **3.2 Price**

The exercise price per Share of any Stock Option shall be not less than the Discounted Market Price. If the Corporation does not issue a news release to announce the grant and the exercise price of a Stock Option, the Discounted Market Price will be the last closing price of the Corporation's Shares before the date of grant of the Stock Option less the applicable discount. The exercise price cannot be established unless the Stock Options are allocated to particular Participants.

### **3.3 Grant of Options**

The Board may at any time authorize the granting of Options to such Participants as it may select for the number of Shares that it shall designate, subject to the provisions of this Plan. The date of grant of an Option shall be the date such grant was approved by the Board.

Each Option granted to a Participant shall be evidenced by a Stock Option Agreement with terms and conditions consistent with this Plan and as approved by the Board (and in all cases which terms and conditions need not be the same in each case, and may be changed from time to time subject to any required approval of Disinterested Shareholders and the Exchange).

### **3.4 Terms of Options**

The Option Period shall be for such term as the Board may determine at the date of grant, provided that:

- (a) Stock Options can be exercisable for a maximum of 10 years from the date of grant (subject to extension where the expiry date falls within a Blackout Period);
- (b) the term may thereafter be reduced with respect to any such Option as provided for herein regarding termination of employment / engagement or death of the Optionee; and
- (c) should the expiry date of the Option Period in respect of any outstanding Option be determined to occur either during a Blackout Period or within ten business days following the expiry of the Blackout Period, the expiry date of such Option Period shall be deemed to be the date that is the tenth business day following the expiry of the Blackout Period.

### **3.5 Vesting**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board at the time of grant, Options shall vest and may be exercised (in each case to the nearest full Share) during the Option Period as follows:

- (a) at any time during the first six months of the Option Period, the Optionee may purchase up to 25% of the total number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to his or her Option; and
- (b) at any time during each subsequent six-month period of the Option Period the Optionee may purchase an additional 25% of the total number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to his or her Option plus any Shares not purchased in accordance with the preceding subsection (a) and this subsection (b) until, after the 18<sup>th</sup> month of the Option Period, 100% of the Option will be exercisable.

### **3.6 Other Restrictions**

Except as set forth in Section 3.10, no Option may be exercised unless the Optionee is at the time of such exercise:

- (a) in the case of an Employee or Officer, engaged or in the employ (or retained as a Service Provider) of the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate and shall have been continuously so engaged, employed or retained since the grant of the Option; or

- (b) in the case of a Director, a director of the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate and shall have been such a director continuously since the grant of the Option.

The exercise of any Option will be contingent upon the Optionee having entered into a Stock Option Agreement with the Corporation on such terms and conditions as have been approved by the Board and which incorporates by reference the terms of this Plan. The exercise of any Option will, subject to Sections 3.8 and 3.9, also be contingent upon receipt by the Corporation of cash payment of the full purchase price of the Shares being purchased.

### 3.7 Exercise of Options

Subject to sections 3.8 and 3.9 below, and subject to any limitations or conditions imposed upon an Optionee pursuant to the Stock Option Agreement or this Plan, an Optionee may exercise an Option, prior to the expiry date thereof, by giving written notice thereof to the Corporation at its principal place of business or as otherwise indicated by the Corporation in writing. The notice shall be accompanied by full payment of the Option Price to the extent the Option is so exercised, and full payment of any amounts the Corporation determines must be withheld for tax purposes from the Optionee pursuant to the Stock Option Agreement. Such payment shall be in lawful money in the currency as stated in the Stock Option Agreement, in cash, wire transfer or certified cheque. As soon as practicable after exercise of an Option in accordance herewith, the Corporation shall issue a certificate or DRS statement evidencing the Shares with respect to which the Option has been exercised. Upon due exercise of an Option, the Optionee shall be entitled to all rights to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder with respect to such Shares.

### 3.8 Net Exercise Right

Participants have the right (the “**Net Exercise Right**”), in lieu of the right to exercise an Option, to terminate such Option in whole or in part by notice in writing delivered by the Participant to the Corporation electing to exercise the Net Exercise Right and, in lieu of receiving the Shares (the “**Option Shares**”) to which such terminated Option relates, to receive the number of Shares, disregarding fractions, which is equal to the quotient obtained by:

- (a) subtracting the applicable Option exercise price per Share from the VWAP per Share on the business day immediately prior to the exercise of the Net Exercise Right and multiplying the remainder by the number of Option Shares; and
- (b) dividing the product obtained under subsection 3.8(a) by the VWAP per Share on the business day immediately prior to the exercise of the Net Exercise Right.

If a Participant exercises a Net Exercise Right in connection with an Option, it is exercisable only to the extent and on the same conditions that the related Option is exercisable under this Plan.

Exercise of an Option by use of the Net Exercise Right, in each instance, is conditional upon consent of the Corporation, and the Board will not be obliged to allow for use of the Net Exercise Right or to provide reasons for not allowing use thereof.

### 3.9 Cashless Exercise Right

Participants have the right (the “**Cashless Exercise Right**”), to exercise Options in whole or in part by notice in writing delivered by the Participant to the Corporation electing to exercise the Cashless Exercise Right and, in lieu of making a cash payment of the full purchase price of the Shares being purchased (the “**Option Shares**”) the Corporation will, pursuant to an arrangement with a brokerage firm, have the brokerage firm (i) loan money to the Participant to purchase the Shares underlying the Options, (ii) then sell a sufficient number of the Shares to cover the exercise price of the Options in order to repay the loan made to the Participant, and (iii) deliver the balance of the Shares to the Participant.

If a Participant exercises a Cash Exercise Right in connection with an Option, it is exercisable only to the extent and on the same conditions that the related Option is exercisable under this Plan.

Exercise of an Option by use of the Cashless Exercise Right, in each instance, is conditional upon consent of the Corporation, and the Board will not be obliged to allow for use of the Cashless Exercise Right or to provide reasons for not allowing use thereof.

### 3.10 Effect of Termination of Employment or Death

If an Optionee:

- (a) dies while employed or engaged by, or while a director of, the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate, any Option held by him or her at the date of death, then eligible to be exercised, shall become exercisable in whole or in part, but only by the person or persons to whom the Optionee's rights under the Option shall pass by the Optionee's will or applicable laws of descent and distribution. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all such Options shall be exercisable only to the extent that the Optionee was entitled to exercise the Option at the date of his or her death and only for nine months after the date of death or prior to the expiration of the Option Period in respect thereof, whichever is sooner;
- (b) ceases to be employed or engaged by, or a director of, the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate, for cause, no Option held by such Optionee will, unless otherwise determined by the Board, be exercisable following the date on which such Optionee ceases to be so engaged; or
- (c) ceases to be employed or engaged by, or a director of, the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate, for any reason other than cause then, unless otherwise determined by the Board, any Option held by such Optionee which was then eligible to be exercised at the effective date thereof shall become exercisable for a period of up to 90 days thereafter or prior to the expiration of the Option Period in respect thereof, whichever is sooner.

### 3.11 Effect of Amalgamation or Merger

If the Corporation amalgamates or otherwise completes a plan of arrangement or merges with or into another corporation, any Shares receivable on the exercise of an Option shall be adjusted to give the Participant the ability to acquire, upon exercise of the Option, including payment, the securities, property or cash which the Participant would have received upon such amalgamation, arrangement or merger if the Participant had exercised his or her Option immediately prior to the record date applicable to such amalgamation, arrangement or merger, and the option price shall be adjusted appropriately by the Board and such adjustment shall be binding for all purposes of this Plan.

### 3.12 Amendments

Disinterested Shareholder approval must be obtained for any reduction in the exercise price of a Stock Option, or the extension of the term of a Stock Option, if the Participant is an Insider of the Corporation at the time of the proposed amendment.

## PART 4 RESTRICTED SHARE RIGHTS

### 4.1 Participants

The Corporation has the right to grant, in its sole and absolute discretion, to any Participant, rights to receive any number of fully paid and non-assessable Shares ("**Restricted Share Units**") as a discretionary payment in consideration of past services to the Corporation or as an incentive for future services, subject to this Plan and with such additional provisions and restrictions as the Board may determine. For purposes of calculating the number of Restricted Share Units to be granted, the Corporation shall be obligated to value the Shares underlying such RSUs at not less than the Fair Market Value.

### 4.2 RSU Agreement

Each grant of a RSU under this Plan shall be evidenced by a RSU Agreement between the Participant and the Corporation. Such RSU Agreement shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Plan and may be subject to any other terms and conditions (including without limitation any recoupment, reimbursement or claw-back compensation policy as may be adopted by the Board from time to time) which are not inconsistent with this Plan and which the Board deems appropriate for inclusion in a RSU Agreement. The provisions of the various RSU Agreements issued under this Plan need not be identical.

### **4.3 Restricted Period**

Concurrent with the determination to grant RSUs to a Participant, the Board shall determine the Restricted Period applicable to such RSUs, which in any event will not be less than 12 months. In addition, at the sole discretion of the Board, at the time of grant, the RSUs may be subject to performance conditions to be achieved by the Corporation or a class of Participants or by a particular Participant on an individual basis, within a Restricted Period, for such RSUs to entitle the holder thereof to receive the underlying Shares. Upon expiry of the applicable Restricted Period (or on the Deferred Payment Date, as applicable) and upon satisfaction of any performance criteria or other terms set out in the RSU Agreement, a RSU shall be automatically settled, and without the payment of additional consideration or any other further action on the part of the holder of the RSU, the underlying Shares shall be issued to the holder of such RSUs, which RSUs shall then be cancelled.

### **4.4 Deferred Payment Date**

Participants who are residents of Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act (and for greater certainty, who are not U.S. Taxpayers), may elect to defer to receive all or any part of the Shares underlying Restricted Share Units until one or more Deferred Payment Dates. No other Participants may elect a Deferred Payment Date. Participants who elect to set a Deferred Payment Date must, in respect of each such Deferred Payment Date, give the Corporation written notice of the Deferred Payment Date(s) not later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the applicable Restricted Period (or such lesser period of time as the Board may approve).

### **4.5 Retirement or Termination during Restricted Period**

In the event and to the extent of the Retirement or Termination and/or, as applicable, the Director Retirement or Director Termination of a Participant from all such roles with the Corporation during the Restricted Period, any Restricted Share Units held by the Participant shall immediately terminate and be of no further force or effect; provided, however, that the Board shall have the absolute discretion to modify the grant of the Restricted Share Units to provide that the Restricted Period shall terminate immediately prior to the date of such occurrence.

### **4.6 Retirement or Termination after Restricted Period**

In the event and to the extent of the Retirement or Termination and/or, as applicable, the Director Retirement or Director Termination of the Participant from all such roles with the Corporation following the Restricted Period and prior to a Deferred Payment Date, the Participant shall be entitled to receive, and the Corporation shall issue forthwith, Shares in satisfaction of the Restricted Share Units then held by the Participant.

### **4.7 Acceleration of Vesting**

Notwithstanding Sections 4.5 and 4.6 above, in the event of the death or total disability of a Participant, Shares represented by RSUs held by the Participant, calculated on a *pro-rata* basis as to the number of days passed under the vesting restrictions, shall then be immediately issued by the Corporation to the Participant or legal representative of the Participant.

### **4.8 Payment of Dividends**

Subject to the absolute discretion of the Board, in the event that a dividend (other than a stock dividend) is declared and paid by the Corporation on its Shares, a Participant may be credited with additional Restricted Share Units. The number of such additional RSUs, if any, will be calculated by dividing (a) the total amount of the dividends that would have been paid to the Participant if the RSUs (including RSUs in which the Restricted Period has expired but the Shares have not been issued due to a Deferred Payment Date) in the Participant's account on the dividend record date had been outstanding Shares (and the Participant held no other Shares) by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date on which such dividends were paid.

## **PART 5 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS**

### **5.1 Deferred Share Unit Grants**

The Board may from time to time determine to grant Deferred Share Units to one or more Directors in a lump sum amount or on regular intervals, based on such formulas or criteria as the Board may from time to time determine. DSUs will be credited to the Director's account when designated by the Board. For purposes of calculating the

number DSUs to be granted, the Corporation shall be obligated to value the Shares underlying such Deferred Share Units at not less than the Fair Market Value. In no event will a DSU vest or be redeemable or contemplate a Separation Date of less than 12 months from the date of grant.

### **5.2 DSU Agreement**

Each grant of a DSU under this Plan shall be evidenced by an agreement between the Director and the Corporation (a “**DSU Agreement**”). Such DSU Agreement shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Plan and may be subject to any other terms and conditions (including without limitation any recoupment, reimbursement or claw-back compensation policy as may be adopted by the Board from time to time) which are not inconsistent with this Plan and which the Board deems appropriate for inclusion in a DSU Agreement. The provisions of each DSU Agreement issued under this Plan need not be identical.

### **5.3 Redemption of Deferred Share Units and Issuance of Deferred Shares**

The DSUs held by each Director who is not a U.S. Taxpayer shall be redeemed automatically and with no further action by the Director on the 20<sup>th</sup> business day following the Separation Date for that Director. For U.S. Taxpayers, DSUs held by an Director who is a Specified Employee will be automatically redeemed with no further action by the Director on the date that is six months following the Separation Date for the Director, or if earlier, upon such Director’s death. Upon redemption, the former Director shall be entitled to receive and the Corporation shall issue, the number of Shares issued from treasury equal to the number of DSUs in the Director’s account, subject to any applicable deductions and withholdings. In the event a Separation Date, including by death of the Director, occurs during a year and Deferred Share Units have been granted to such Director for that entire year, the Director will only be entitled to a pro-rated Deferred Share Unit Payment in respect of such Deferred Share Units based on the number of days that he or she was an Director in such year.

No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, an Director under this Plan or pursuant to any other arrangement, and no other additional DSUs will be granted to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the value of the Shares of the Corporation nor will any other benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, an Director for such purpose.

### **5.4 Payment of Dividends**

Subject to the absolute discretion of the Board, in the event that a dividend (other than a stock dividend) is declared and paid by the Corporation on its Shares, a Director may be credited with additional Deferred Share Units. The number of such additional Deferred Share Units, if any, will be calculated by dividing (a) the total amount of the dividends that would have been paid to the Director if the Deferred Share Units in the Director’s account on the dividend record date had been outstanding Shares (and the Director held no other Shares), by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date on which such dividends were paid.

## **PART 6 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS**

### **6.1 Performance Share Units**

The Board may from time to time determine to grant Performance Share Units to one or more Participants with the specific terms and conditions thereof to be as provided in this Plan and in the PSU Agreement entered into in respect of such grant. The PSU Agreement in respect of the PSUs granted will set out, at a minimum, the number of PSUs granted, the Performance Period, the performance-based criteria and any Multiplier(s). Subject to the provisions of this Part 6, each PSU awarded to a Participant for services performed during the year in which the PSU is granted shall entitle the Participant to receive payment in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value on the day immediately prior to the last day of the applicable Performance Period multiplied by the applicable Multiplier(s), to be determined on the last day of the Performance Period. In no event will a PSU vest or be redeemable or contemplate a Separation Date of less than 12 months from the date of grant

### **6.2 Distributions.**

The Board, in its sole discretion, may determine that if and when distributions are paid on any Shares, additional PSUs shall be credited to the Participant as of such distribution payment date. The number of additional PSUs (including fractional PSUs) to be credited to the Participant shall be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the distribution payable in respect of the Shares underlying the Performance Share Units by the Fair Market Value on the date the

distribution is paid. Fractional PSUs to two decimal places shall be credited to the Participant. For greater certainty, the Performance Period and Multiplier(s), if any, shall be the same as the Performance Period and Multiplier(s), if any, for the Performance Share Units.

### **6.3 Performance Period**

Subject to Sections 6.5 and 6.6, which could result in shortening any such period, the Performance Period in respect of a particular award shall be at least one year from the date of grant of the applicable Performance Share Unit, provided that the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine the Performance Period to be greater than one year, to a maximum of three years from the date of grant of the applicable Performance Share Unit.

### **6.4 Performance-Based Criteria and Multipliers**

The Board may establish performance-based criteria which, if met by the Corporation, will entitle the Participant to be paid an amount in excess of or less than the Fair Market Value of one Share for each PSU at the end of the applicable Performance Period. The Board, in its sole discretion, may waive the performance-based criteria if the Board determines there were material unusual circumstances that occurred during the Performance Period (as an example only, if take-over speculation significantly affects the Fair Market Value at the end of the Performance Period).

### **6.5 Retirement or Termination During Performance Period**

If a Participant ceases to be an Employee or Director, as applicable, during the Performance Period because of retirement or Termination of the Participant, all PSUs previously awarded to the Participant shall be forfeited and cease to be credited to the Participant on the date of the Retirement or Termination, as the case may be; however, the Board shall have the absolute discretion to modify the grant of the PSUs to provide that the Performance Period would end at the end of the calendar quarter immediately before the date of the Retirement or Termination, as the case may be, and the amount payable to the Participant shall be calculated as of such date.

### **6.6 Death or Disability**

In the event of the death or total disability of a Participant during the Performance Period, the Performance Period shall be deemed to end at the end of the calendar quarter immediately before the date of death or total disability of the Participant and the amount payable to the Participant or its executors, as the case may be, shall be calculated as of such date.

### **6.7 Payment to Participants**

Subject to the terms of this Plan, the Board, in its sole discretion, may pay earned PSUs in the form of cash or in Shares issued from treasury (or in a combination thereof) equal to the value of the PSUs at the end of the applicable Performance Period. The determination of the Board with respect to the form of payout of such PSUs shall be set out in the Performance Share Unit Agreement for the grant of the PSU or reserved for later determination. In no event will delivery of such Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than two and a half months after the end of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed.

### **6.8 Payment of Dividends**

Subject to the absolute discretion of the Board, in the event that a dividend (other than a stock dividend) is declared and paid by the Corporation on the Shares, a Participant may be credited with additional PSUs. The number of such additional PSUs, if any, will be calculated by dividing (a) the total amount of the dividends that would have been paid to the Participant if the PSUs in his or her account on the dividend record date had been outstanding Shares (and the Participant held no other Shares), by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date on which such dividends were paid.

## **PART 7 STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS**

### **7.1 Grant of SARs**

The Corporation may from time to time grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Participants pursuant to this Plan whereby Participants will have the right to receive Shares, a cash payment, or any combination thereof, from the Corporation in

an amount equal to the number of SARs granted multiplied by the difference between the Fair Market Value of a Share at the Exercise Date (as defined below) over the Base Price fixed by the Board (the "Exercise Value").

### **7.2 Base Price**

The Base Price per Share of any SAR shall be not less than the Fair Market Value at the time of grant.

### **7.3 Grant of SARs**

The Board may at any time authorize the granting of SARs to such Participants as it may select for the number of Shares that it shall designate, subject to the provisions of this Plan. The date of grant of a SAR shall be the date such grant was approved by the Board.

Each SAR granted to a Participant shall be evidenced by a Stock Appreciation Right Agreement with terms and conditions consistent with this Plan and as approved by the Board and which incorporates by reference the terms of this Plan (and in all cases which terms and conditions need not be the same in each case, and may be changed from time to time subject to any required approval of Disinterested Shareholders and the Exchange).

### **7.4 Terms of SARs**

The term of each SAR shall be for such term as the Board may determine at the date of grant, provided that:

- (a) SARs can be exercisable for a maximum of 10 years from the date of grant; and
- (b) the term may thereafter be reduced with respect to any such SAR as provided for herein regarding termination of employment / engagement or death of the Participant.

### **7.5 Vesting**

SARs shall vest and may be exercised (in each case to the nearest full Share) during the term in the manner determined by the Board at the time of grant, provided that the minimum vesting period shall be 12 months.

### **7.6 Other Restrictions**

Except as set forth in Section 7.9, no SAR may be exercised unless the Participant is at the time of such exercise:

- (a) in the case of an Employee or Officer, engaged or in the employ (or retained as a Service Provider) of the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate and shall have been continuously so engaged, employed or retained since the grant of the SAR; or
- (b) in the case of a Director, a director of the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate and shall have been such a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant continuously since the grant of the SAR.

### **7.7 Exercise of SARs**

Subject to any limitations or conditions imposed upon a Participant pursuant to a Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement or this Plan, a Participant may exercise an SAR, prior to the expiry date thereof, by giving written notice thereof to the Corporation at its principal place of business specifying the number of vested SARs being exercised and the date on which such exercise is to be effective (the "Exercise Date"). As soon as practicable after exercise of a SAR in accordance herewith, the Corporation shall pay the Participant an amount equal to the product of (i) the number of vested SARs exercised, multiplied by (ii) the Exercise Value. Such payment will be made, in the Board's discretion, in (a) cash, (b) Shares with a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of the payment, or (c) a combination of cash and Shares.

### **7.8 Transferability of SARs**

SARs granted hereby shall not be transferable other than upon the death or disablement of the Participant as follows:

- (a) During the Participant's lifetime, all SARs shall be exercisable only by the Participant or by the legal guardian of a disabled Participant.

- (b) A Participant shall have the right, by notice to the Corporation, to designate a beneficiary who shall be entitled to exercise the Participant's SARs (subject to their terms and conditions) following the Participant's death, and to whom any amounts payable following the Participant's death shall be paid.

### **7.9 Effect of Termination of Employment or Death**

If the holder of a SAR:

- (a) dies while employed or engaged by, or while a Director of, the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate, any SAR held by him or her at the date of death, then eligible to be exercised, shall become exercisable in whole or in part, but only by the person or persons designated under section 7.8(b) above, or to whom the Participant's rights under the SAR shall pass by the Participant's will or applicable laws of descent and distribution. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all such SARs shall be exercisable only to the extent that the Participant was entitled to exercise the SARs at the date of his or her death and only for nine months after the date of death or prior to the expiration of the term in respect thereof, whichever is sooner;
- (b) ceases to be employed or engaged by, or a Director of, the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate, for cause, no SAR held by such Participant will, unless otherwise determined by the Board, be exercisable following the date on which such Participant ceases to be so engaged; or
- (c) ceases to be employed or engaged by, or a Director of, the Corporation or a Designated Affiliate, for any reason other than cause then, unless otherwise determined by the Board, any SAR held by such Participant which was then eligible to be exercised at the effective date thereof shall become exercisable for a period of up to 90 days thereafter or prior to the expiration of the term in respect thereof, whichever is sooner.

### **7.10 Effect of Amalgamation or Merger**

If the Corporation amalgamates or otherwise completes a plan of arrangement or merges with or into another corporation, any payment receivable on the exercise of an SAR shall be adjusted to give the Participant the ability to receive the same which the Participant would have received upon completion of such amalgamation, arrangement or merger using as the Fair Market Value of a Share the amount equal to the deemed price under such amalgamation, arrangement or merger.

### **7.11 Amendments**

Disinterested Shareholder approval must be obtained for any reduction in the Base Price of a SAR, or the extension of the term of a SAR, if the Participant is an Insider of the Corporation at the time of the proposed amendment.

## **PART 8 STOCK PURCHASE RIGHTS**

### **8.1 Types of SP Rights**

The Corporation may give assistance to a Participant to enable the Participant to acquire Shares by way of (i) financial guarantee for a loan, (ii) third party security for a loan, (iii) a gift or loan from the Corporation, (iv) offering Shares at a discount to Fair Market Value, (v) issuing additional Shares upon the Participant subscribing for a pre-established number of Shares, which Shares may be issued from the treasury or purchased on the secondary market, or (iv) any other act which facilitates the purchase by a Participant of Shares.

### **8.2 Limitations**

The Corporation shall not provide SP Rights that could materially prejudice the interests of the Corporation or its shareholders, or if the assistance would affect the Corporation's ability to pay its creditors.

### **8.3 Grant of Rights**

The Board may at any time authorize the granting of Stock Purchase Rights to such Participants as it may select for the dollar amount or number of Shares that it shall designate, subject to the provisions of this Plan. The date of grant of a SAR shall be the date such grant was approved by the Board.

Each SP Right granted to a Participant shall be evidenced by an agreement of applicable nature with terms and conditions consistent with this Plan and as approved by the Board and which incorporates by reference the terms of this Plan (and in all cases which terms and conditions need not be the same in each case, and may be changed from time to time subject to any required approval of Disinterested Shareholders and the Exchange).

## **PART 9 WITHHOLDING TAXES**

### **9.1 Withholding Taxes**

The Corporation or any Designated Affiliate may take such steps as are considered necessary or appropriate for the withholding of any taxes or other amounts which the Corporation or any Designated Affiliate is required by any law or regulation of any governmental authority whatsoever to withhold in connection with any Award including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the withholding of all or any portion of any payment or the withholding of the issue of any Shares to be issued under this Plan, until such time as the Participant has paid the Corporation or any Designated Affiliate for any amount which the Corporation or Designated Affiliate is required to withhold by law with respect to such taxes or other amounts. Without limitation to the foregoing, the Board may adopt administrative rules under this Plan, which provide for the automatic sale of Shares (or a portion thereof) in the market upon the issuance of such Shares under this Plan on behalf of the Participant to satisfy withholding obligations under an Award.

## **PART 10 CHANGE OF CONTROL**

### **10.1 Change of Control.**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, or unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Service Agreement or Award Agreement, if a Change of Control shall conclusively be deemed to be imminent, or to have occurred, then the Board shall have the discretion, without the prior approval of the Participants but subject to any required approval of the Exchange, to any one or more of the following:

- (a) determine that there shall be immediate full vesting of each outstanding Award granted, subject to, which may be exercised and settled, in whole or in part, even if such Award is not otherwise exercisable or vested by its terms;
- (b) terminate without any payment or consideration, any Awards not exercised, settled or surrendered by the effective time of the Change of Control;
- (c) cause the Corporation to offer to acquire from each Award holder his or her Awards for a cash payment, and any Awards not so acquired, surrendered or exercised by the effective time of the Change of Control will be deemed to have expired;
- (d) cause an Option granted under this Plan to be exchanged for an option to acquire for the same exercise price, the number and type of securities as would be distributed to the Option holder in respect of the Shares to be issued to the Option holder had he or she exercised the Option prior to the effective time of the Change of Control, provided that any such replacement option must provide that it survives for a period of not less than one year from the effective time of the Change of Control regardless of the continuing directorship, officership or employment of the holder;
- (e) permit each Participant, within a specified period of time prior to the completion of the Change in Control as determined by the Board, to exercise all of the Participant's outstanding Options and to settle all of the Participant's outstanding PSUs, RSUs and DSUs (to the extent then vested and exercisable, including by reason of acceleration by the Board pursuant to subsection 8.1(f) or in accordance with the Award Agreement) but subject to and conditional upon the completion of the Change in Control;
- (f) accelerate the dates upon which any or all outstanding Awards shall vest and be exercisable or settled, without regard to whether such Awards have otherwise vested in accordance with their terms; or
- (g) make no change to any of the terms or provisions of any Award.

## **.2 Awards Need Not be Treated Identically.**

In taking any of the actions contemplated by this Part 8, the Board shall not be obligated to treat all Awards held by any Participant, or all Awards in general, identically.

## **PART 11 GENERAL TERMS**

### **11.1 Number of Shares**

The aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under this Plan shall not exceed 10% of the number of Issued Shares outstanding in the capital of the Corporation from time to time as of the date of each grant, such Shares to be allocated among Awards and Participants in amounts and at such times as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

### **11.2 NEX Corporation**

In the event the Corporation is listed on or is on notice to have its listing transferred to the NEX branch of the Exchange, then it will be precluded from granting any Awards under this Plan other than Stock Options (and may only grant Stock Options once it has publicly disclosed that it is on notice to have its listing transferred to the NEX).

### **11.3 Limits for Individuals**

Unless the Corporation has obtained the requisite disinterested Shareholder approval pursuant to section 5.3, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that are issuable pursuant to all Security Based Compensation granted or issued under this Plan in any 12 month period to any one Person (including any companies that are wholly owned by that Person) must not exceed 5% of the Issued Shares of the Corporation, calculated as at the date any Security Based Compensation is granted or issued to the Person.

### **11.4 Limits for Insiders**

The maximum aggregate number of Shares that are issuable pursuant to all Security Based Compensation granted or issued to Insiders (as a group) must not exceed 10% of the Issued Shares at any point in time unless the Corporation has obtained the regulatory approval required pursuant to Section 10.2(a) and the Disinterested Shareholder Approval required pursuant to Section 10.2(b).

The maximum aggregate number of Shares that are issuable pursuant to all Security Based Compensation granted or issued in any 12 month period to Insiders (as a group) must not exceed 10% of the Issued Shares, calculated as at the date any Security Based Compensation is granted or issued to any Insider unless the Corporation has obtained the requisite Disinterested Shareholder Approval pursuant to Section 10.2(b).

### **11.5 Limits for Consultants**

The maximum aggregate number of Shares that are issuable pursuant to all Security Based Compensation granted or issued in any 12 month period to any one Consultant under this Plan must not exceed 2% of the Issued Shares, calculated as at the date any Security Based Compensation is granted or issued to the Consultant.

### **11.6 Limits for Investor Relations Service Providers**

Investor Relations Service Providers may only be granted Stock Options (and no other forms of Security Based Compensation) under this Plan.

The maximum aggregate number of Shares that are issuable pursuant to all Stock Options granted in any 12 month period to all Investor Relations Service Providers in aggregate must not exceed 2% of the Issued Shares, calculated as at the date any Stock Option is granted to any such Investor Relations Service Provider.

Stock Options granted to any Investor Relations Service Provider must vest in stages over a period of not less than 12 months, such that not more than 25% vest any sooner than three months after the date of grant, and not more than 25% vest any sooner than every three months thereafter.

The Board (or any committee thereof) must, through the establishment of appropriate procedures, monitor the trading in the securities of the Corporation by all Investor Relations Service Providers. These procedures may include the

establishment of a designated brokerage account through which the Participant conducts all trades in the securities of the Corporation or a requirement for such Participants to file reports of their trades with the Board on a timely basis.

### **11.7 Limits for Charitable Organizations**

The only Security Based Compensation that may be granted or issued to a Charitable Organization is Charitable Stock Options. The maximum aggregate number of Shares that are issuable pursuant to all outstanding Charitable Stock Options must not exceed 1% of the Issued Shares, calculated as at the date each Charitable Stock Option is granted to a Charitable Organization. A Charitable Stock Option must expire on or before the earlier of: (i) the date that is 10 years from the date of grant of the Charitable Stock Option; and (ii) the 90<sup>th</sup> day following the date that the holder of the Charitable Stock Option ceases to be a Charitable Organization.

### **11.8 Limitation on Rights as a Shareholder**

No Security Based Compensation entitles the holder thereof to any Shareholder rights (including without limitation voting rights, dividend entitlement or rights on liquidation) until such time as underlying Shares are issued to such Participant; provided, however, that the accrual of dividend entitlements on a DSU, PSU, RSU or SAR where such dividend entitlements vest and are redeemed, as applicable, along with the underlying award.

### **11.9 Lapsed Awards**

If Awards are surrendered, terminated or expire without being exercised in whole or in part, new Awards may be granted covering the Shares not issued under such lapsed Awards, subject to any restrictions that may be imposed by the Exchange.

### **11.10 Payment in Cash**

The Corporation may settle any Award by making payment in cash if it does not have a sufficient number of Shares available under this Plan to satisfy its obligations under a Multiplier or any other provision.

### **11.11 Adjustment in Shares Subject to this Plan**

If there is any change in the Shares through (i) the declaration of stock dividends of Shares, (ii) any consolidations, subdivisions or reclassification or recapitalization of Shares, or (iii) adjustments related to an amalgamation, merger, arrangement, reorganization, spin-off, the number of Shares available under this Plan, then the Shares subject to any Award, and the exercise price of any Option shall be adjusted as determined to be appropriate by the Board, and such adjustment shall be effective and binding for all purposes of this Plan, provided any such change is subject to the prior acceptance of the Exchange.

### **11.12 Transferability**

Any Awards accruing to any Participant in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Plan shall not be transferable unless specifically provided herein. During the lifetime of a Participant all Awards may only be exercised by the Participant. Awards are non-transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

### **11.13 Employment**

Nothing contained in this Plan shall confer upon any Participant any right with respect to employment or continuance of employment with the Corporation or any Affiliate, or interfere in any way with the right of the Corporation or any Affiliate to terminate the Participant's employment at any time. Participation in this Plan by a Participant is voluntary.

### **11.14 Record Keeping**

The Corporation shall maintain a register in which shall be recorded:

- (a) the name and address of each Participant;
- (b) the number of Awards granted to each Participant and relevant details regarding such Awards; and
- (c) such other information as the Board may determine.

### 11.15 Resale Restrictions

If required by Applicable Laws, any Award will be subject to a hold period expiring on the date that is four months and a day after the Date of Grant, and the confirmations, agreements or certificates representing such Awards and any Shares issued prior to the expiry of such hold period will bear the following legends in substantially the following forms:

“Unless permitted under securities legislation, the holder of the securities represented hereby must not trade the securities before *[insert the date that is four months and one day after the date of grant]*.”

“Without prior written approval of TSX Venture Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this certificate may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until *[insert the date that is four months and one day after the date of grant]*.”

### 11.16 No Representation or Warranty

The Corporation makes no representation or warranty as to the future market value of any Shares issued in accordance with the provisions of this Plan.

### 11.17 Section 409A

It is intended that any payments under this Plan to U.S. Taxpayers shall be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Code, and all provisions of this Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes and penalties under Section 409A of the Code.

### 11.18 Compliance with Applicable Law, etc.

If any provision of this Plan or any agreement entered into pursuant to this Plan contravenes any law or any order, policy, by-law or regulation of any regulatory body or stock exchange having authority over the Corporation or this Plan, then such provision shall be deemed to be amended to the extent required to bring such provision into compliance therewith.

### 11.19 Term of the Plan

This Plan shall remain in effect until it is terminated by the Board.

## PART 12 ADMINISTRATION AND AMENDMENT OF THIS PLAN

### 12.1 Administration by the Board

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Plan shall be administered by the Board or a Board committee designated by the Board.
- (b) Subject to Section 10.6, the Board (or committee, as applicable) shall have the power, where consistent with the general purpose and intent of this Plan and subject to the specific provisions of this Plan, to:
  - (i) adopt and amend rules and regulations relating to the administration of this Plan and make all other determinations necessary or desirable for the administration of this Plan. The interpretation and construction of the provisions of this Plan and related agreements by the Board (or committee, as applicable) shall be final and conclusive. The Board (or committee, as applicable) may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in this Plan or in any related agreement in the manner and to the extent it shall deem expedient to carry this Plan into effect and it shall be the sole and final judge of such expediency;
  - (ii) determine and designate from time to time the individuals to whom Awards shall be made, the amounts of the Awards and the other terms and conditions of the Awards;
  - (iii) correct any defect, supply any information, or reconcile any inconsistency in this Plan in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this Plan;
  - (iv) delegate any of its responsibilities or powers under this Plan to a Board committee; and

- (v) otherwise exercise the powers under this Plan as set forth herein.

## **10.2 Regulatory and Shareholder Approvals**

- (a) In administering this Plan, the Administrator will obtain any regulatory approvals which may be required pursuant to Exchange Policies; and this Plan is subject to such approvals.
- (b) Subject to Section 10.6, any material amendment to this Plan, including any increase in the number of Awards which may be granted under this Plan, must receive Disinterested Shareholder Approval.

## **10.3 Use of Administrative Agent**

The Board (or committee, as applicable) may in its sole discretion appoint from time to time one or more entities to act as administrative agent to administer Awards granted under the Plan and to act as trustee to hold and administer the Plan and the assets that may be held in respect of Awards granted under the Plan, the whole in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the Board (or committee, as applicable) in its sole discretion.

## **10.4 Limitation of Liability and Indemnification.**

No member of the Board or a committee of the Board will be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Awards granted thereunder and each such member shall be entitled to indemnification by the Corporation with respect to any such action or determination in the manner provided for by the Board or a committee of the Board.

## **10.5 Amendments to Plan**

Subject to sections 10.2 and 10.6, the Board shall have the power, at any time and from time to time, either prospectively or retrospectively, to amend, suspend or terminate this Plan or any Award granted under this Plan without shareholder approval, regarding (i) amendments to fix typographical errors; and (ii) amendments to clarify existing provisions of this Plan that do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature and intent of such provisions; provided however that:

- (a) any amendment, suspension or termination is in accordance with applicable laws and Exchange Policies; and
- (b) no amendment to this Plan or to an Award granted hereunder will have the effect of impairing, derogating from or otherwise adversely affecting the terms of an Award which is outstanding at the time of such amendment without the written consent of the holder of such Award.

If this Plan is terminated, the provisions of this Plan and any administrative guidelines and other rules and regulations adopted by the Board and in force on the date of termination will continue in effect as long as any Award or any rights pursuant thereto remain outstanding and, notwithstanding the termination of this Plan, the Board shall remain able to make such amendments to this Plan or the Award as they would have been entitled to make if this Plan were still in effect.

## **10.6 Shareholder Approval**

Any amendment to this Plan is subject to Shareholder approval as a condition to Exchange acceptance of the amendment. For clarity, certain amendments to the provisions of this Plan may be subject only to approval by a majority of Shareholders instead of Disinterested Shareholder approval, pursuant to Exchange Policies and, if applicable, subject to Exchange approval.



