

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

AND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

NORTHSTAR CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2023

Dated: June 28, 2023

7046 Brown Street, Delta, BC V4G 1G8



NOTICE AND ACCESS NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL & SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. ("**Northstar**" or the "**Company**") has chosen to use the notice and access model for delivery of meeting materials for its 2023 Annual General & Special Meeting (the "**Meeting**") of shareholders. Under notice and access, shareholders still receive a proxy or voting instruction form enabling them to vote at the Meeting. However, instead of receiving a paper copy of the information circular, shareholders receive this notice explaining how to access such materials electronically. The Company has adopted this alternative means of delivery in order to further its commitment to environmental sustainability.

Meeting Date:Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time)Location:7046 Brown Street, Delta, BC, V4G 1G8

Purpose of Meeting:

- 1. To receive and consider the comparative financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31, 2022, together with the report of the auditor thereon (the "**Financial Statements**"), as more particularly described under heading "*Financial Statements*" in the accompanying Information Circular (the "**Information Circular**")
- 2. To set the number of directors at six (6) as more particularly described under heading "*Setting Number of Directors*" in the Information Circular;
- 3. To elect directors for the ensuing year, more particularly described under heading "*Election of Directors*" in the Information Circular;
- 4. To appoint MNP LLP as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditor as more particularly described under heading "*Appointment of Auditors*" in the Information Circular; and
- 5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass an ordinary resolution of shareholders approving the adoption of the Company's 2023 equity incentive plan, as more particularly described in the Information Circular under the heading "*Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon Approval of 2023 Incentive Plan*".

The nature of the business to be transacted at the Meeting is described in further detail in the Information Circular of the Company dated June 28, 2023.

Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting are requested to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy. A proxy will not be valid unless it is deposited by mail to Computershare Trust Company of Canada, Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 9th Floor, Toronto, ON M5J 2Y1 or by internet (<u>www.investorvote.com</u>) or telephone voting (1-866-732-VOTE within North America) not less than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays and holidays) before the time fixed for the Meeting or an adjournment thereof.

If you are a non-registered Shareholder of the Company and received this Notice and accompanying materials through a broker, a financial institution, a participant, or a trustee or administrator of a retirement savings plan, retirement income fund, education savings plan or other similar savings or investment plan registered under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or a nominee of any of the foregoing that holds your securities on your behalf (each, an "**Intermediary**"), please complete and return the materials in accordance with the instructions provided to you by your Intermediary.

Notice and Access

The Company is utilizing the Notice-and-Access Provisions that came into effect on February 11, 2013 under National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**NI 54-101**") and National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations ("**NI 51-102**") for distribution of the Information Circular to Shareholders.

The Notice-and-Access Provisions are a set of rules which allow reporting issuers to post electronic versions of proxy-related materials (such as proxy circulars and annual financial statements) on-line, via the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") and one other website, rather than mailing paper copies of such materials to Shareholders. Electronic copies of this Information Circular, the Financial Statements and management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the Company's results of operations and financial condition for

2022 may be found on the Company's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com and on the Company's website at www.northstarcleantech.com under "*Investors/AGM Materials*".

The Company will not use procedures known as "stratification" in relation to the use of Notice-and-Access Provisions. Stratification occurs when a reporting issuer using the Notice-and-Access Provisions provides a paper copy of this Information Circular to some Shareholders with the notice package. In relation to the Meeting, all Shareholders will receive the required documentation under the Notice-and-Access Provisions, which will not include a paper copy of this Information Circular. Shareholders are reminded to review this Information Circular before voting.

Although this Information Circular, the Financial Statements and the MD&A will be posted electronically on-line as noted above, Shareholders will receive paper copies of a "notice package" via prepaid mail containing information prescribed by NI 54-101 and NI 51-102, a form of Proxy or Voting Instruction Form, and supplemental mail list return card for Shareholders to request they be included in the Company's supplementary mailing list for receipt of the Company's annual and interim financial statements for the 2023 fiscal year once available.

The Company anticipates that Notice-and-Access will directly benefit the Company through a substantial reduction in both postage and material costs, and also promote environmental responsibility by decreasing the large volume of paper documents generated by printing proxy-related materials.

Shareholders with questions about Notice-and-Access can call the Company's transfer agent Computershare Trust Company at 1-866-249-7775. Shareholders may also obtain paper copies of the Information Circular, Financial Statements and MD&A free of charge by contacting the Company's Corporate Secretary at 778-908-2730 or diana@northstarcleantech.com.

Reference is made to the Information Circular of the Company dated June 28, 2023, which contains additional details concerning the matters outlined above.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE REMINDED TO <u>REVIEW</u> THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR <u>PRIOR</u> TO VOTING. SEE BELOW FOR HOW TO VIEW AND ACCESS OF COPY OF THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR.

WEBSITES WHERE THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR IS POSTED

The Information Circular can be viewed online:

- > under the Company's profile at <u>www.sedar.com;</u> or
- > at the Company's website at https://www.northstarcleantech.com/investors?tab=agm

HOW TO OBTAIN PAPER COPIES OF THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Shareholders may request paper copies of the Information Circular be sent to them by postal delivery at no cost to them. Requests may be made up to one year from the date the Information Circular was filed on SEDAR.

To request paper copies of the Information Circular before the Meeting, e-mail Diana Mark, Corporate Secretary, at <u>diana@northstarcleantech.com</u> or telephone Diana Mark at 778-908-2730. The Information Circular will be sent to you within three (3) business days of receiving your request. Requests for paper copies must be received by at least July 25, 2023 in order to receive the Information Circular in advance of the proxy deposit date and Meeting. The Information Circular will be sent to such shareholders within three (3) business days of their request if such requests are made before the Meeting. Those shareholders with existing instructions on their account to receive a paper copy of meeting materials will receive a paper copy of the Information Circular with this notification. Shareholders are able to request to receive copies of the Company's annual and/or interim financial statements and relevant management's discussion and analysis on the accompanying return card.

VOTING

PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your securities you must vote using the methods reflected on your enclosed Proxy or Voting Instruction Form. Your Proxy or Voting Instruction Form must be received by 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time), on August 8, 2023.

PLEASE VIEW THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR PRIOR TO VOTING

Shareholders with questions about notice and access can call Computershare Trust Company at 1 (866) 249-7775

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors of Northstar unanimously recommends that Shareholders VOTE FOR all of the proposed resolutions.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

as at June 28, 2023

INTRODUCTION

This information circular (this "Information Circular") accompanies the notice of annual general and special meeting of shareholders (the "Notice") of Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. (the "Company") and is furnished to shareholders (each, a "Shareholder") holding common shares (collectively, the "Shares") of the Company in connection with the solicitation by the management of the Company of proxies to be voted at the annual general and special meeting (the "Meeting") of the Shareholders to be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time), or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Date and Currency

The date of this Information Circular is June 28, 2023. Unless otherwise stated, all amounts herein are in Canadian dollars.

MANAGEMENT SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

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

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

APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The persons named in the accompanying form of proxy (the "**Proxy**") are officers of the Company. A registered Shareholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Shareholder) other than the persons named as the proxy of the Shareholder and may exercise this right either by inserting that person's name in the blank space provided in the Proxy and striking out the other names or by completing another proper form of proxy. To be effective, Proxies must be deposited at the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of the Meeting or adjournment thereof.

Proxies given by registered Shareholders for use at the Meeting may be revoked at any time before their use. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Proxy may be revoked by depositing an instrument in writing signed by the registered Shareholder, or by the registered Shareholder's attorney duly authorized in writing, at the registered office of the Company, 7046 Brown Street, Delta, BC V4G 1G8 on or before the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or with the chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many Shareholders, as many Shareholders do not hold their Shares in their own name. Shareholders holding their Shares through banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers, trustees or administrators of RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans or other persons (any one of which is herein referred to as an "Intermediary") or otherwise not in their own name (such Shareholders herein referred to as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders appearing on the records maintained by the Company's transfer agent as registered Shareholders will be recognized and allowed to vote at the Meeting. If a Shareholder's Shares are listed in an account statement provided to the Shareholder by a broker, in all likelihood those Shares are not registered in the Shareholder's name and that Shareholder is a Beneficial Shareholder. Such Shares are most likely registered in the name of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada the vast majority of such Shares are registered under

the name of CDS & Co., the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms. Shares held by brokers (or their agents or nominees) on behalf of a broker's client can only be voted at the Meeting at the direction of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, brokers and their agents and nominees are prohibited from voting Shares for the broker's clients. Therefore, each Beneficial Shareholder should ensure that voting instructions are communicated to the appropriate party well in advance of the Meeting.

Regulatory policies require Intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders' meetings. Beneficial Shareholders have the option of not objecting to their Intermediary disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company (such Beneficial Shareholders are designated as non-objecting beneficial owners, or "**NOBOs**") or objecting to their Intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company (such Beneficial Shareholders are designated as non-objecting beneficial owners, or "**NOBOs**") or objecting to their Intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company (such Beneficial Shareholders are designated as objecting beneficial owners, or "**OBOs**").

In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer*, the Company has elected to send the Notice, this Information Circular, and a request for voting instructions (a "VIF"), instead of a Proxy (the Notice, Information Circular and VIF or Proxy are collectively referred to as the "Meeting Materials") indirectly through Intermediaries to the NOBOs and OBOs. The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs. OBOs will not receive the Meeting Materials unless their Intermediaries assume the cost of delivery.

Meeting Materials sent to Beneficial Shareholders are accompanied by a VIF, instead of a Proxy. By returning the VIF in accordance with the instructions noted on it, a Beneficial Shareholder is able to instruct the Intermediary (or other registered Shareholder) how to vote the Beneficial Shareholder's Shares on the Beneficial Shareholder's behalf. For this to occur, it is important that the VIF be completed and returned in accordance with the specific instructions noted on the VIF.

The majority of Intermediaries now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from Beneficial Shareholders to Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions ("**Broadridge**") in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a machine-readable VIF, mails these VIFs to Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the VIFs to Broadridge, usually by way of mail, the Internet or telephone. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Shares to be represented at the Meeting by proxies for which Broadridge has solicited voting instructions. A Beneficial Shareholder who receives a Broadridge VIF cannot use that form to vote Shares directly at the Meeting. The VIF must be returned to Broadridge (or instructions respecting the voting of Shares voted. If you have any questions respecting the voting of Shares held through an Intermediary, please contact that Intermediary for assistance.

The purpose of this procedure is to permit Beneficial Shareholders to direct the voting of the Shares which they beneficially own. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a VIF cannot use that form to vote Shares directly at the Meeting – Beneficial Shareholders should carefully follow the instructions set out in the VIF including those regarding when and where the VIF is to be delivered. Should a Beneficial Shareholder who receives a VIF wish to attend the Meeting or have someone else attend on their behalf, the Beneficial Shareholder may request a legal proxy as set forth in the VIF, which will grant the Beneficial Shareholder or their nominee the right to attend and vote at the Meeting.

All references to Shareholders in this Information Circular and the accompanying instrument of Proxy and Notice are to registered Shareholders unless specifically stated otherwise.

Voting and Discretion of Proxies

The Shares of the Company represented by the Proxies solicited by management of the Company pursuant to this Information Circular will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the directions contained therein. If no directions are given, the Shares will be voted FOR the fixing of the number of directors at six (6), FOR the election of management's nominees as directors of the Company, FOR the appointment of management's nominee as auditors of the Company and authorizing the directors to fix their remuneration and FOR the approval of the Company's 2023 Incentive Plan (as defined below). The Proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons named therein in respect of amendments or variations to the matters referred to in the Notice and in respect of other matters that may properly come before the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

As at the date of this Information Circular, management knows of no such amendments or variations or other matters that may properly come before the Meeting but, if any such amendments, variations or other matters are properly

brought before the Meeting, the persons named in the Proxies will vote thereon in accordance with their best judgment.

INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Except as disclosed herein, the Company is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, of each of the following persons in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors or the appointment of auditors:

- (a) each person who has been a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year;
- (b) each proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company; and each associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, together with the auditor's report on those statements and management discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**"), will be presented to the Shareholders at the Meeting.

VOTING SECURITIES, RECORD DATE AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Shares without par value. As at the date of this Information Circular, 126,196,270 Shares are issued and outstanding. Each Share of the Company carries the right to one vote, and all Shares may be voted at the Meeting.

The record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Meeting has been fixed as June 28, 2023. Except as may be otherwise indicated herein and in the Notice, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting is required for approval of each matter set forth in this Information Circular.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, no persons or companies beneficially own, or control or direct, directly or indirectly, Shares carrying ten (10%) percent or more of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Shares of the Company.

SETTING NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to set the number of directors of the Company for the ensuing year at six (6). The number of directors will be approved if the affirmative vote of at least a majority of Shares represented by Proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote thereat are voted in favour of setting the number of directors at six (6).

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") is elected annually and holds office until the next annual general meeting of the Shareholders or until their successors are elected or appointed. The management of the Company proposes to nominate the persons listed below (collectively, the "**Proposed Nominees**") 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 the management of the Company will be voted for the Proposed Nominees in this Information Circular.

MANAGEMENT DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE THAT ANY OF THE NOMINEES WILL BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR. IN THE EVENT THAT, PRIOR TO THE MEETING, ANY VACANCIES OCCUR IN THE SLATE OF NOMINEES HEREIN LISTED, IT IS INTENDED THAT DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY MANAGEMENT TO VOTE THE PROXY FOR THE ELECTION OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS AS DIRECTORS.

The following table sets out the names of the Proposed Nominees for election as a director, the province or state and country in which ordinarily resident, the period or periods during which each has served as a director, positions held in the Company, their present principal occupations and number of Shares of the Company or shares of any of its subsidiaries beneficially owned by each, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly as at the date hereof.

Name, Positions with the Company, Province/State and Country of Resident	Principal Occupation and, IF NOT at Present an ELECTED Director, Occupation During the Past Five Years	Period from Which Nominee Has Been Director	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned ⁵
Aidan Mills <i>President, CEO & Director</i> Calgary, AB, Canada	CEO of the Company since July 2021 and President since December 2021. Previously Chief Commercial Officer at Friesen Group from 2020 to 2021 and VP of Marketing & Business Development for MEG Energy Corp. from 2017 to 2020. Managing Director & Co- Head of North American commodity sales for Goldman Sachs from 2014 to 2016.	Dec 15/21	1,000,000
James Currie ² Director Vancouver, BC, Canada	Current President & CEO of Anacortes Mining Corp. and former COO of Equinox Gold, Pretium Resources and New Gold. Professional Mining Engineer.	Dec. 23/20	659,245
James Borkowski ^{1-Chair,} ^{2-Chair, 3, 4} <i>Director</i> Vancouver, BC, Canada	Served in executive roles for private & public companies for 25 years.	Dec. 23/20	1,405,029
Gregg Sedun ¹ , ² , ^{3-Chair,} ^{4-Chair} <i>Director</i> Vancouver, BC, Canada	Approximately 40 years of industry-related experience. Former securities and corporate finance lawyer. Current President & CEO of Global Vision Capital, a private venture capital firm. Served in executive and board roles for private & public companies for 25+ years.	Dec. 23/20	1,887,361
Neil Currie ^{1,4} Vancouver, BC, Canada	Managing Partner & Co-Founder of Capital Event Management Ltd. since 2010. President of Currie Capital since 2009.	Mar. 15/19	1,734,969
Gordon Johnson ³ Delta, BC, Canada	Co-Founder and Director of the Company since 2015. Former President of Empower Environmental Solutions Inc.	Dec. 23/20	5,181,447

⁽¹⁾ Member of the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Company.

⁽²⁾ Member of the compensation committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Company.

⁽³⁾ Member of the governance committee (the "Governance Committee") of the Company.

⁽⁴⁾ Member of the disclosure committee (the "**Disclosure Committee**") of the Company.

⁽⁵⁾ Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, as at June 28, 2023, based upon information furnished to the Company by individual Directors. Unless otherwise indicated, such Shares are held directly.

Advance Notice Policy

The Articles of the Company (the "**Articles**") include an advance notice policy (the "**Advance Notice Policy**") for the purpose of providing Shareholders, directors and management of the Company with a clear framework for nominating directors of the Company in connection with any annual or special meeting of Shareholders. The Shareholders approved the Articles at the annual general and special meeting held on December 10, 2020.

The purpose of the Advance Notice Policy is to (i) ensure that all Shareholders receive adequate notice of director nominations and sufficient time and information with respect to all nominees to make appropriate deliberations and register an informed vote; and (ii) facilitate an orderly and efficient process for annual or, where the need arises, special meetings of Shareholders of the Company. The Advance Notice Policy fixes a deadline by which holders of record of Shares must submit director nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of Shareholders and sets forth the information that a Shareholder must include in a written notice to the Company for any director nominee to be eligible for election at such annual or special meeting of Shareholders. A copy of the Advance Notice Policy may be obtained by contacting the Company.

Corporate Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

No proposed director:

(a) is, as at the date of the Information Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of the Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer ("**CEO**") or chief financial officer ("**CFO**") of any company (including the Company) that:

- was the subject, while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company, of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (ii) was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, CEO or CFO but which resulted from an event that occurred while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company; or
- (b) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of the Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that 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
- (c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director; or
- (d) has been subject to 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
- (e) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

General

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

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

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

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

Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets out details of all payments, grants, awards, gifts and benefits paid or awarded to each director and NEO in two most recently completed financial years ended December 31, 2022:

Name and position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensati on (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Aidan Mills ²	2022	250,000	129,688	Nil	Nil	Nil	379,688
CEO, President & Director	2021	201,390	Nil ¹	Nil	Nil	Nil	201,390
Neil Currie ³	2022	55,800	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	55,800
Director & former CEO	2021	40,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	40,000
James Currie	2022	42,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	42,000
Chair & Director	2021	24,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	24,000
James Borkowski	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Director	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gregg Sedun	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lead Independent Director	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gordon Johnson ⁴	2022	165,000	34,238	Nil	Nil	Nil	199,238
Director, Director of Business Development	2021	142,000	Nil ¹	Nil	Nil	Nil	142,000
Rosemary Pritchard ⁵	2022	200,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	200,000
CFO	2021	18,744	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18,744
Kellie Johnston ⁶	2022	180,385	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	180,385
CSO & General Counsel	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) Under their current employment contracts, Aidan Mills is eligible for a 2021 bonus of \$129,688 and Gordon Johnson is eligible for a bonus of \$34,238 (both awarded in 2022 and payable in 2023). These bonuses have been approved by the Compensation Committee and the Board.

⁽²⁾ Effective September 1, 2021, under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Mills receives an annual salary of \$250,000 for his role as President and Chief Executive Officer.

⁽³⁾ Neil Currie resigned as Chief Executive Officer on July 12, 2021, and remains a director of the Company.

(4) Effective September 1, 2021, under the terms of his employment agreement, Mr. Johnson receives an annual salary of \$165,000 for his role as Director of Business Development.

⁽⁵⁾ Effective December 9, 2021, under the terms of her employment agreement, Ms. Pritchard receives an annual salary of \$200,000 for her role as Chief Financial Officer.

(6) Effective January 20, 2022, under the terms of her employment agreement, Ms. Johnston receives an annual salary of \$200,000 for her role as Chief Sustainability Officer ("CSO") and General Counsel.

Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

The following table sets out all compensation securities granted or issued to each director and NEO by the Company or any subsidiary thereof in the financial year ended December 31, 2022 for services provided, to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof:

Name and position	Type of compensation security ⁽¹⁾	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and % of class	Date of issue or grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end (\$)	Expiry date
Aidan Mills ³	Options	71,428 (27%)	April 19/22	\$0.35	\$0.265	\$0.165	April 19/27
CEO, President & Director	RSUs	107,142 (30%)	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
	PSUs	357,143 (30%) ²	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
Neil Currie ⁴ Director & former CEO	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
James Currie⁵ Chair & Director	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
James Borkowski ⁶ , <i>Director</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gregg Sedun ⁷ Lead Independent Director	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gordon Johnson ⁸	Options	28,285 (11%)	April 19/22	\$0.35	\$0.265	\$0.165	April 19/27
Director & Director of	RSUs	42,428 (12%)	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
Business Development	PSUs	141,428(12%) ²	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
	Options	42,857 (16%)	April 19/22	\$0.35	\$0.265	\$0.165	April 19/27
Rosemary Pritchard ⁹ CFO	RSUs	64,285 (18%)	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
	PSUs	214,285 (18%) ²	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
	Options	200,000 (100%)	Feb 7/22	\$0.35	\$0.285	\$0.165	Feb 7/27
Kellie Johnston ¹⁰	Options	42,857 (16%)	April 19/22	\$0.35	\$0.265	\$0.165	April 19/27
CSO & General Counsel	RSUs	64,285 (18%)	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A
	PSUs	214,285 (18%) ²	June 23/22	N/A	\$0.18	\$0.165	N/A

⁽¹⁾ Each Option (as defined below) entitles the holder to one Share upon exercise. For further information, see "Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans" below.'

⁽²⁾ On May 31, 2023, the Board approved a performance factor of 1.0 and as such, the PSUs granted have been adjusted to the actual amount that will vest.

⁽³⁾ Aidan Mills held a total of 1,071,428 Options, 1,071,428 PSUs and 107,142 RSUs as at December 31, 2022. Mr. Mills was appointed CEO on July 12, 2021 and was appointed director and President on December 15, 2021.

⁽⁴⁾ Neil Currie held a total of 950,000 Options as at December 31, 2022. Mr. Currie resigned as Chief Executive Officer on July 12, 2021 and remains a director.

⁽⁵⁾ James Currie held a total of 700,000 Options as at December 31, 2022.

⁽⁶⁾ James Borkowski held a total of 350,000 Options as at December 31, 2022.

⁽⁷⁾ Gregg Sedun held a total of 450,000 Options as at December 31, 2022.

⁽⁸⁾ Gordon Johnson held a total of 350,000 Options as at December 31, 2022.

⁽⁹⁾ Rosemary Pritchard held a total of 242,857 Options, 642,856 PSUs and 64,285 RSUs as at December 31, 2022.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Kellie Johnston held a total of 242,857 Options, 642,856 PSUs and 64,285 RSUs as at December 31, 2022.

	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 & closing price on date of exercise (\$)	Total value on exercise date (\$)
Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

Equity Incentive Plan

The Company's 2022 Incentive Plan (the "**2022 Incentive Plan**") was approved by the Shareholders at the Company's Annual General and Special Meeting held on July 28, 2022 and includes the ability to issue stock options ("**Options**"), restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**"), and deferred share units ("**DSUs**" and, collectively with the RSUs and PSUs, the "**Performance-Based Awards**"), whereby the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance in respect of Options shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the total number of shares issuable in respect of Performance-Based Awards is currently 6,500,000 Shares. The 2022 Incentive Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since Options which have been exercised, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without being exercised shall be available for subsequent grants under the 2022 Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

The 2022 Incentive Plan provides that the Board may, from time to time, in its discretion, grant to directors, officers, employees, consultants and other personnel of the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates, Options and/or Performance-Based Awards. Accordingly, the 2022 Incentive Plan was established to provide incentive to those qualified parties to increase their proprietary interest in the Company and thereby encourage their continuing association with the Company. The 2022 Incentive Plan is administered by the directors of the Company. All Options expire on a date not later than ten (10) years after the date of grant of such Option.

At June 28, 2023, there were 6,816,854 Options outstanding under the Company's 2022 Incentive Plan and 355,917 RSUs and 1,186,426 PSUs issued.

In connection with the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought fit, pass an ordinary resolution approving the adoption of the Company's 2023 equity incentive plan (the "**2023 Incentive Plan**"), as more particularly described under the heading "*Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Approval of 2023 Incentive Plan*". The 2023 Incentive Plan seeks to increase of number of Shares that may be may be issued in respect of Performance-Based Awards granted under the 2023 Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan) from the prior 6,500,000 under the 2022 Incentive Plan to 10,000,000.

Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements

Effective September 1, 2021, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Aidan Mills (the "**Mills Agreement**") pursuant to which Mr. Mills agreed to act as the Company's CEO beginning September 1, 2021 for an annual base salary of \$250,000. In addition, the Company agreed to grant Mr. Mills 1,000,000 Options to purchase Common Shares at an exercise price of \$0.35 per Share to vest as to 3,6, 9 and 12 months post-issuance. He is also eligible to receive short long-term incentives of up to 200% based on KPIs to be approved by the Board. Further he is eligible to receive long-term incentives, with the award based on his salary at the start of each 3-year period, with the annual payment being: 1/3 of 15% of award as RSU value, unaffected by performance, 1/3 of 75% of award based on PSU value with annual PSU multiplier have a 0x to 3X effect; and 1/3 vesting each year of 10% of stock options. The Company also agreed to reimburse Mr. Mills for all out-of-pocket expenses and to provide him with certain technology and support. Mr. Mills is entitled to six (6) weeks of vacation per annum. In the event the Company terminates the Mills Agreement without just cause, Mr. Mills will be entitled to twenty-four (24) months notice (or payment in lieu of notice) and he will be entitled to retain all vested and unvested Options, PSUs (if any) and RSUs (if any), and a one-time payment equal to five (5%) percent of his base annual salary. If the termination without just cause occurs within three months of a change of control event (as defined in the Mills Agreement), Mr. Mills will be entitled to an additional twelve (12) months' notice (or payment in lieu of notice).

The Company entered into an employment agreement with Gordon Johnson as Director of Business Development, effective September 1, 2021 with compensation of \$165,000 per year. Upon a change of control, if Mr. Johnson resigns for good reason within three months, he is eligible to receive twelve (12) months' pay in lieu of notice, as well as an amount equal to the value of his annual bonus.

On December 9, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement with Rosemary Pritchard to act as CFO. Ms. Pritchard is paid \$200,000 annually, was issued 200,000 Options to purchase up to 200,000 Shares at an exercise price of \$0.35 per Share and is eligible to receive RSUs and PSUs. Ms. Pritchard is eligible to receive up to five (5) weeks of paid vacation per calendar year. Upon a change of control, if Ms. Pritchard resigns for good reason within three (3) months, then she is eligible to receive twelve (12) months' pay in lieu of notice, as well as an amount equal to the value of her annual bonus.

On January 20, 2022, the Company entered into an agreement with Kellie Johnston, to act as CSO and General Counsel. Ms. Johnston is paid \$200,000 annually, was issued 200,000 Options to purchase up to 200,000 Shares at an exercise price of \$0.35 per Share and is eligible to receive RSUs and PSUs. Ms. Johnston is eligible to receive up to five (5) weeks of paid vacation per calendar year. Upon a change of control, if Ms. Johnston resigns for good reason within three months, then she is eligible to receive twelve (12) months' pay in lieu of notice, as well as an amount equal to the value of her annual bonus.

Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Company has a Compensation Committee consisting of James Borkowski, Chair, Gregg Sedun and James Currie. Messrs. Borkowski and Sedun are independent directors as defined under applicable Canadian securities laws.

The Company also has a Governance Committee consisting of Gregg Sedun, Chair, James Borkowski, and Gordon Johnson. Messrs. Sedun and Borkowski are independent directors as defined under applicable Canadian securities laws.

The Company also has a Disclosure Committee consisting of Gregg Sedun, Chair, James Borkowski, and Neil Currie. Messrs. Sedun and Borkowski are independent directors as defined under applicable Canadian securities laws.

All tasks related to developing and monitoring the Company's approach to the compensation of the Company's NEOs and directors are performed by the members of the Compensation Committee. The compensation of the NEOs, directors and the Company's employees or consultants, if any, is reviewed, recommended, and approved by the Compensation Committee without reference to any specific formula or criteria.

The overall objective of the Company's compensation strategy is to offer short and long-term compensation components to ensure that the Company has in place programs to attract, retain and develop management of the highest calibre and has in place a process to provide for the orderly succession of management, including receipt on an annual basis of any recommendations of the CEO, if any, in this regard.

Executive officers' compensation is currently composed of salary, a short-term compensation component (cash bonuses), and a long-term compensation component, which includes the grant of Options and Performance-Based Awards under the 2022 Incentive Plan.

Compensation for each NEO, as applicable, is determined by the Compensation Committee based on the level of responsibility and experience of the individual, the relative importance of the position to the Company, the professional qualifications of the individual and the performance of the individual over time.

The long-term compensation for NEOs includes Options and Perfomance-Based Awards. The objectives of the Company's compensation policies and procedures are to align the interests of the Company's employees with the interests of the Shareholders of the Company. Therefore, a significant portion of total compensation granted by the Company is based upon overall corporate performance.

The Compensation Committee considers, on an annual basis, an award of bonuses (short term compensation) to key executives and senior management. The amount and award of such bonuses is expected to be discretionary, depending on, among other factors, the financial performance of the Company and the performance of the executive.

The NEOs' performances and salaries or fees are to be reviewed periodically. Increases in salaries are to be evaluated on an individual basis and are performance and market based. Compensation will be tied to performance criteria or goals including milestones, agreements or transactions, and the Company uses a peer group consisting of ReGen, Ecolomondo, Aduro Clean Technologies, Cielo Waste Solutions, Progressive Planet and Environmental Waste to determine compensation.

Pension Plan Benefits

The Company does not have a pension plan that provides for payments or benefits at, following, or in connection with retirement.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets out, as of the end of the most recently completed financial year, all required information with respect to the Company's 2022 Incentive Plan, being the Company's only equity compensation plan currently in effect:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	6,816,854 Options 355,917 RSUs ⁽²⁾ 1,186,426 PSUs ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$0.35	5,802,773 Options 4,957,657 Performance- Based Awards
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders ⁽¹⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	8,359,197	N/A	

⁽¹⁾ These numbers reflect the number of Options outstanding at June 28, 2023

⁽²⁾ The RSUs and PSUs were issued in June 2023, under the Company's Equity Compensation Plan and vest over a period of three years.

⁽³⁾ On May 31, 2023, the Board approved a performance factor of 1.0 and as such, the PSUs granted have been adjusted to the actual amount that will vest.

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

National Instrument 58-101, *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, ("**NI 58-101**") of the Canadian Securities Administrators requires each reporting issuer to disclose its corporate governance practices on an annual basis.

Set out below is a description of the Company's approach to corporate governance.

Board of Directors

NI 58-101 defines "independence" with reference to the definition of independence contained in National Instrument 52-110-Audit Committees ("**NI 52-110**"). A director is independent if he has no direct or indirect material relationship to the Company. A "material relationship" is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of the director's independent judgment. Certain types of relationships are by their nature considered to be material relationships and are specified in Section 1.4 of NI 52-110.

As of June 28, 2023, the Board consisted of six (6) directors: Aidan Mills, James Currie, James Borkowski, Gregg Sedun, Neil Currie and Gordon Johnson. Of the current Board, James Borkowski and Gregg Sedun are independent. Aidan Mills, James Currie, Neil Currie and Gordon Johnson are not independent.

Other Directorships

The following directors of the Company hold directorships in other reporting issuers as set out below:

Name of Director	Name of Other Reporting Issuer	Securities Exchange
Neil Currie	Badger Capital Corp.	TSXV
James Currie	Southern Empire Resources Corp.	TSXV
	Anacortes Mining Corp.	TSXV
	Badger Capital Corp.	TSXV
Gregg Sedun	Nation Gold Corp.	CSE

Orientation and Continuing Education

The Company does not provide a formal orientation and education program for new directors; however, any new directors will be given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Company, the current directors and members of management. Directors are also encouraged and given the opportunity for continuing education.

Nomination of Directors

The Board selects 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 and senior executives. The Board monitors, but does not formally assess, the performance of individual Board members or committee members or their contributions.

Other Board Committees

The Company has an Audit Committee (please refer to the "Audit Committee" section), a Compensation Committee, a Governance Committee, and a Disclosure Committee.

Assessments

The Board relies on experts such as financial advisors and external legal counsel and forms special committees on an ad hoc basis as necessary. Based on the Company's size, its stage of development and the limited number of individuals on the Board, the Board considers an external formal assessment process to be inappropriate at this time. The entire Board is responsible for selecting new directors and assessing current directors. A proposed director's credentials are reviewed in advance of a Board meeting by one or more members of the Board prior to the proposed director's nomination and in camera sessions are available at every Board meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITORS

The Audit Committee is a standing committee of the Board, the primary function of which is to assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities, which will include monitoring the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and the independence and performance of the Company's external auditor, acting as a liaison between the Board and the Company's external auditor, reviewing the financial information that will be publicly disclosed and reviewing all audit processes and the systems of internal controls management and the Board have established. NI 52 110 requires the Company, as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its Information Circular certain information concerning the constitution of its Audit Committee and its relationship with its independent auditor.

The Audit Committee's Charter

The Board has adopted an Audit Committee Charter, which sets out the Audit Committee's mandate, organization, powers, and responsibilities. The full text of the Audit Committee Charter is attached as Schedule "A" to this Information Circular.

Composition of the Audit Committee

Name of Member	Independent ⁽¹⁾	Financially Literate ⁽²⁾
James Borkowski	Y	Y
Gregg Sedun	Y	Y
Neil Currie	Ν	Y

The following are members of the Audit Committee as at June 28, 2023:

(1) A member of the Audit Committee is independent if he has no direct or indirect 'material relationship' with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment. An executive officer of the Company, such as the CEO, is deemed to have a material relationship with the Company.

(2) A member of the Audit Committee is financially literate if he has 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 reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

Relevant Education and Experience

Each Audit Committee member has gained financial literacy through their years of experience serving as directors of several mining and mineral exploration companies as financial industry executives and serving on numerous other Audit Committees. In these positions, each member would be responsible for receiving financial information relating to their company and obtaining an understanding of the balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows and how these statements are integral in assessing the financial position of the Company and its operating results. Each member has significant understanding of the mineral exploration business which the Company engages in and has an appreciation for the relevant accounting principles for that business.

James Borkowski

Over the past 25 years, James Borkowski has served in executive roles for several private and public companies and has specialized in operations, product development and strategic communications for clients including 7-Eleven, Caesar's Palace, Fairmont Hotels and Target Stores. He has also worked extensively in Asia with corporations including Nihon Shokken (Japan) and Fireswirl Technologies (Hong Kong).

Mr. Borkowski received his Chartered Director designation in 2016 and has served on multiple public company, private company, and non-profit Boards since 1993 in sectors including technology, resource, industrial and consumer products. In the non-profit arena, Mr. Borkowski has worked as an executive and Board member of educational, faith and poverty outreach charities. He currently serves as the Archbishop's Delegate for Operations at the Archdiocese of Vancouver where he oversees nine offices and directs major capital and ministry projects. His team works with more than 100 partner organizations and charities who assist with the execution of programs that aim to help children, the homeless population and refugees coming to Canada.

Gregg Sedun

Gregg J. Sedun, a venture capital professional based out of Vancouver, Canada, graduated with a Bachelor of Law Degree (LLB) from the University of Manitoba and has 40 years of industry-related experience. He was a former Partner at the Vancouver law firm Rand Edgar Sedun and specialized in the practice of corporate finance and securities law for 15 years until his retirement from law in 1997. Thereafter, Mr. Sedun founded two private venture capital firms, including Global Vision Capital, where he continues to carry on venture capital investing today. Global Vision backs projects and management teams with its own funds and has successfully raised significant capital through its global network of industry personnel, investment bankers, brokers, institutional and high net worth investors, and corporate professionals.

Mr. Sedun was one of the founding directors and/or shareholders in Diamond Fields Resources Inc. (acquired by Inco – now Vale – in 1996 for \$4.3 billion), Peru Copper Inc. (acquired by the Aluminum Corporation of China in 2007 for \$840 million in cash), and Adastra Minerals Inc. (acquired by First Quantum Minerals in 2006 for \$275 million).

Neil Currie

Mr. Currie has been the Managing Partner and co-founder of Capital Event Management Ltd. ("**CEM**") from November 2010, a private company which produces live/virtual investment events that link emerging issuers and private companies with top finance professionals through virtual zoom meetings and or a weekend of one-on-one meetings/networking. He has been the President of Currie Capital, a private company, from January 2009. Since 2010, Mr. Currie and his team have organized over 70 investment conferences around North America, facilitating capital investment for companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, the TSX Venture Exchange ("**TSXV**") and the Canadian Securities Exchange. Mr. Currie also manages CEM Capital (Investment Fund Division of CEM). The investment fund focuses only on the speculative markets and is considered agnostic. This division allows CEM to take advantage of the opportunities that they meet with on a daily basis while also keeping the quality of attending issuers very high level.

Over the course of his 15+ year career in the Canadian small cap investment environment he has been directly involved in five reverse takeover transactions raising over \$60,000,000 while also holding various Board seats. Mr. Currie also served as CEO of Stockpools Inc., a private company that sold advertising to public companies, from 2012 to 2018.

Audit Committee Oversight

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

Reliance on Certain Exemptions

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

(*Exemptions*) permits a company to apply to a securities regulatory authority or regulator for an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110 in whole or in part.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described under the heading "*External Auditors Service Fees (By Category)*".

External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The table below sets out all fees billed by the Company's external auditor in each of the last two fiscal years. In the table "Audit Fees" are fees billed by the Company's external auditor for services provided in auditing the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year. "Audit-Related Fees" are fees not included in Audit Fees that are billed by the auditor for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements. "Tax Fees" are fees billed by the Company's external auditors for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. "All Other Fees" are fees billed by the external auditor for products and services not included in the foregoing categories:

Financial Year Ended	Audit Fees	Audit-Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
December 31, 2022	\$90,000	\$70,442	\$39,075	Nil
December 31, 2021	\$47,250	Nil	Nil	Nil

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR OFFICERS

As at December 31, 2022 there was no indebtedness outstanding with any current or former director, executive officer or employee of the Company or its subsidiaries which is owing to the Company or its subsidiaries, or which is owing to another entity which indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or its subsidiaries, entered into in connection with a purchase of securities or otherwise.

No individual who is, or at any time during the most recently completed financial year was, a director or executive officer of the Company, no Proposed Nominee for election as a director of the Company and no associate of such persons:

- (i) is or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or its subsidiaries; or
- (ii) is indebted to another entity, which indebtedness is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or its subsidiaries, in relation to a securities purchase program or other program.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than as stated herein, no informed person, director, executive officer, nominee for director, any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Shares of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of such persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any transactions or any proposed transactions which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Effective September 7, 2022, Davidson & Company LLP ("**Davidson**") resigned as the auditors of the Company and MNP LLP ("**MNP**") was appointed as the auditors of the Company. There were no "reportable events" between the Company and Davidson within the meaning of National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* ("**NI 51-102**"). MNP is independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants. The appointment of MNP has been considered and approved by the Audit Committee and the Board.

In accordance with Section 4.11 of NI 51-102, a notice of change of auditor was sent to Davidson and MNP, each of which provided a letter to the securities regulatory authority in each province where the Company is a reporting issuer, stating that they agree with the statements in the notice of change of auditor. A reporting package, as defined in NI 51-102, is attached as Schedule "D" to this Information Circular and includes the notice of change of auditor and the abovementioned letters from Davidson and MNP to the applicable securities regulatory authorities. The reporting package has also been filed under the Company's profile on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. At the Meeting,

Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, to pass an ordinary resolution to reappoint MNP to serve as auditors of the Company until the next annual meeting of Shareholders and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix their remuneration as such. To be adopted, this resolution is required to be passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting.

Unless the Shareholder has specifically instructed that his or her Shares are to be withheld from voting in connection with the appointment of MNP, the persons named in the accompanying proxy intend to vote FOR the re-appointment of MNP as the auditors of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting of Shareholders or until a successor is appointed, and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

There are no management functions of the Company or its subsidiaries which are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or executive officers (or private companies controlled by them, either directly or indirectly) of the Company.

PARTICULARS OF OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Approval of 2023 Incentive Plan

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass an ordinary resolution of shareholders approving the adoption of the 2023 Incentive Plan in the form set out as Schedule "C" hereto.

The Company has the 2022 Incentive Plan, which provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of Options and Performance-Based Awards to eligible persons. The 2022 Incentive Plan is a rolling plan for Options and a fixed plan for Performance-Based Awards such that the aggregate number of Shares that: (i) may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of Options granted under the 2022 Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements), shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time and (ii) may be issued in respect of Performance-Based Awards granted under the 2022 Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) shall not exceed 6,500,000. The 2022 Incentive Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since Options which have been exercised, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without being exercised shall be available for subsequent grants under the 2022 Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

The TSXV requires listed companies that have a "rolling" stock option plan in place to receive shareholder approval of such plan on a yearly basis at the company's annual meeting. Accordingly, Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve, ratify and confirm the 2022 Incentive Plan. The 2022 Incentive Plan complies with the current policies of the TSXV for Tier 2 issuers.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass an ordinary resolution to approve the adoption of the 2023 Incentive Plan, which includes the increase of Shares available for grant for Performance-Based Awards from 6,500,000 to 10,000,000.

The following information is intended as a brief description of the 2023 Incentive Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2023 Incentive Plan attached hereto as Schedule "C".

Purpose

The purpose of the 2023 Incentive Plan is to promote the long-term success of the Company and the creation of shareholder value by: (i) encouraging the attraction and retention of eligible persons; (ii) encouraging such eligible persons to focus on critical long-term objectives; and (iii) promoting greater alignment of the interests of such eligible persons with the interests of the Company.

The 2023 Incentive Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of Options and Performance-Based Awards to eligible persons.

Shares Subject to the 2023 Incentive Plan

The 2023 Incentive Plan is a rolling plan for Options and a fixed plan for Performance-Based Awards such that the aggregate number of Shares: (i) may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of Options granted under the 2023 Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements), shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time, such number being 126,196,270 as at June 28, 2023 and (ii) may be issued in respect of Performance-Based Awards granted under the 2023 Incentive Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) shall not exceed to 10,000,000. The 2023 Incentive Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since Options which have been exercised, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without being exercised shall be available for subsequent

grants under the 2023 Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

Participation Limits

The 2023 Incentive Plan provides that:

- (a) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to insiders under the 2023 Incentive Plan, within any twelve (12) month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to insiders under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan), shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant and in accordance with the policies of the TSXV (the "TSXV Policies"));
- (b) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to insiders under the 2023 Incentive Plan, at any point in time, together with Shares reserved for issuance to insiders under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares;
- (c) unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any participant (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan) under the 2023 Incentive Plan, within any twelve (12) month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to such participant (and to Companies wholly-owned by that participant) under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant);
- (d) the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any one consultant (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan) under the 2023 Incentive Plan, within any 12-month period, together with Shares issuable to such consultant under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant); and
- (e) the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable pursuant to grants of Options to all investor relation service providers performing investor relations activities under the 2023 Incentive Plan, within any 12-month period, shall not in aggregate exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant). For the avoidance of doubt, persons performing investor relations activities are only eligible to receive Options under the 2023 Incentive Plan; they are not eligible to receive any Performance-Based Award or other type of securities-based compensation under the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Administration of the 2023 Incentive Plan

The 2023 Incentive Plan shall be administered by the Board and the Board has full authority to administer the 2023 Incentive Plan, including the authority to interpret and construe any provision of the 2023 Incentive Plan and to adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regulations for administering the 2023 Incentive Plan as the Board may deem necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Eligible Persons under the 2023 Incentive Plan

When used in connection with the grant of Options, all officers, directors, employees, management company employees and consultants of the Company are eligible to participate in the 2023 Incentive Plan. When used in connection with the grant of Performance-Based Awards, all officers, directors, employees, management company employees and consultants of the Company that do not perform investor relations activities are eligible to participate in the 2023 Incentive Plan. The extent to which any such individual is entitled to receive a grant of an award pursuant to the 2023 Incentive Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board. Each person who receives a grant under the 2023 Incentive Plan is referred to as a "Participant".

Types of Awards

Awards of Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs may be made under the 2023 Incentive Plan. All of the awards described below are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, exercise price, vesting, settlement and forfeiture provisions determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, subject to such limitations provided in the 2023 Incentive Plan, and will generally be evidenced by an award agreement.

Options

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of Shares at an exercise price determined by the Board at the time of the grant of the Option, provided that the exercise price of an Option granted under the 2023 Incentive Plan shall not be less than the Discounted Market Price (as defined in the TSXV Policies), provided that if an Option is proposed to be granted by the Company after the Company has just been recalled for trading following a suspension or halt, the Company must wait at least ten trading days since the day on which trading in the Company's securities resumes before setting the exercise price for and granting the Option. Each Option shall, unless sooner terminated, expire on a date to be determined by the Board which will not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant of the Option. The Board may, in its absolute discretion, upon granting Options under the 2023 Incentive Plan, specify different time periods following the dates of granting the Options during which the Participant may exercise their Options to purchase Shares and may designate different exercise prices and numbers of Shares in respect of which each Participant may exercise Options during each respective time period. Subject to the discretion of the Board, the Options granted to a Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan shall vest as determined by the Board on the date of grant of such Options. If the Board does not specify a vesting schedule at the date of grant, then Options granted to persons, other than those conducting investor relations activities, shall vest fully on the date of grant, and in any event in accordance with the policies of the TSXV. Options issued to persons conducting investor relations activities must vest (and shall not otherwise be exercisable) in stages over a minimum of twelve (12) months such that:

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

If the award agreement for the grant of Options so provides, in the event of a change of control (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan), all Options granted to a Participant that ceases to be an Eligible Person shall become fully vested and shall become exercisable by the Participant in accordance with the terms of such award agreement and the 2023 Incentive Plan. No acceleration of the vesting of any Options shall be permitted without prior TSXV review and acceptance for Options issued to persons conducting investor relations activities.

Other than as may be set forth in the award agreement for the grant of Options, upon the death of a Participant, any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect; and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with 2023 Incentive Plan and may be exercised by the Participant's estate within one year of the death of the Participant.

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary for cause, all Options granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date.

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to retirement by the Participant, such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an eligible person, all Options granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date; provided, however, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or Retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the Participant ceased to be an eligible person, or such longer period as may be provided for in the award agreement or as may be determined by the Board provided such period does not exceed twelve (12) months after the termination date.

Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a disability, all Options granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Options; provided, however, that no Options may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to disability such that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not

vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date; provided, however, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the termination of the Participant's relationship with the Company due to disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable award agreement, will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of ninety (90) days following the date the termination date, or such longer period as may be provided for in the award agreement or as may be determined by the Board.

Restricted Share Units

A RSU is a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a director or officer, to receive for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, and subject to the terms and conditions of the 2023 Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares. The number of RSUs to be credited to each participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan. All RSUs will vest and become payable by the issuance of Shares at the end of the restriction period if all applicable restrictions have lapsed, as such restrictions may be specified in the award agreement.

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

If the award agreement so provides, in the event of a change of control (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan) and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all restrictions upon any RSUs held by such Participant shall lapse immediately and all such RSUs shall become fully vested in such Participant in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Other than as may be set forth in the applicable award agreement, upon the death of a Participant, any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will be immediately and automatically forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan.

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

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to retirement by the Participant, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, that any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a disability, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such RSUs; provided, however, that no RSUs may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to disability such that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, that any RSUs granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination due to disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable award agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan.

As soon as practicable after each vesting date of a RSU, the Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either: (a) issue to the Participant from treasury the number of Shares equal to the number of RSUs that have vested; or (b) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan) on the next trading day after the vesting date of the RSUs, net of applicable withholdings.

Performance Share Units

A PSU is a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a director or officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified performance and vesting criteria being satisfied, subject to the terms and conditions of the 2023 Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares. No PSUs may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.

Subject to the provisions of the 2023 Incentive Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant awards of PSUs to eligible persons that do not perform investor relations activities. The number of PSUs to be awarded to any Participant shall be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan. Each PSU shall, contingent upon the attainment of the performance criteria within the performance cycle, represent one Share.

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

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

If the award agreement so provides, in the event of a change of control (as defined in the 2023 Incentive Plan) and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all PSUs granted to such Participant shall become fully vested in such Participant (without regard to the attainment of any performance criteria) and shall become payable to the Participant in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan.

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

Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary for cause, all PSUs granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date.

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

Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a disability, all PSUs granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such PSUs; provided, however, that no PSUs may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to disability such that the Participant ceases to be an eligible person, all PSUs granted to the Participant under the 2023 Incentive Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable award agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the termination date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, that the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's PSUs that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable performance criteria have been satisfied in that portion of the performance cycle that has lapsed.

Payment to Participants in respect of vested PSUs shall be made after the determination date for the applicable award and in any case within ninety-five (95) days after the last day of the performance cycle to which such award relates. The Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either: (a) issue to the Participant the number of

Shares equal to the number of PSUs that have vested on the Determination Date; or (b) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next trading day after the determination date of the PSUs that have vested, net of applicable withholdings.

Deferred Share Units

A DSU is a right granted to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a director or officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company on a deferred basis upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, subject to the terms and conditions of the 2023 Incentive Plan and the applicable award agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares. DSUs may not be granted to any Participant performing investor relation activities.

Subject to the provisions of the 2023 Incentive Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant awards of DSUs to directors in lieu of fees (including annual Board retainers, chair fees, meeting attendance fees or any other fees payable to a director) or to other eligible persons as compensation for employment or consulting services. The number of DSUs to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan. The number of DSUs shall be specified in the applicable award agreement. Each director may elect to receive any or all of his or her fees in DSUs under this Plan.

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

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

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

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

Upon death of a Participant holding DSUs that have vested, the Participant's estate shall be entitled to receive, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Participant's death and at the sole discretion of the Board, a cash payment or Shares that would have otherwise been payable in accordance with the 2023 Incentive Plan to the Participant upon such Participant ceasing to be an eligible person.

General Provisions of the 2023 Incentive Plan

Non-Transferability

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

Black-out Periods

In the event that the date provided for expiration, redemption or settlement of an award falls within a blackout period imposed by the Company pursuant to a trading policy as the result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed material information, the expiry date, redemption date or settlement date, as applicable, of the award shall automatically be extended to the date that is ten (10) business days following the date of expiry of the blackout period which shall occur promptly following general disclosure of the undisclosed material information. Notwithstanding the foregoing,

there will be no extension of any award if the Company (or the Participant) is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under applicable law.

Deductions

Whenever cash is to be paid in respect of DSUs, RSUs or PSUs, the Company shall have the right to deduct from all cash payments made to a Participant any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payments. The Company is authorized to withhold any payment due under any Award or under the 2023 Incentive Plan until the Participant has paid or made arrangements for the payment of the amount of any withholding taxes due in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment under such Award or under this Plan. At the sole discretion of the Board, a Participant may be permitted to satisfy the foregoing requirement by, all in accordance with the TSXV Policies by delivering an irrevocable direction to a securities broker approved by the Company to sell all or a portion of the Shares and deliver to the Company from the sales proceeds an amount sufficient to pay the required withholding taxes.

Amendments to the 2023 Incentive Plan

The Board may at any time or from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion and without the approval of Shareholders, amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue the 2023 Incentive Plan and may amend the terms and conditions of any Options or Performance-Based Awards granted hereunder, subject to:

- (a) any required disinterested shareholder approval to (i) reduce the exercise price of an Award issued to an insider or (ii) extend the term of an Option granted to an insider, in either event in accordance with the policies of the TSXV;
- (b) any required approval of any applicable regulatory authority or the TSXV; and
- (c) any approval of Shareholders as required by the TSXV Policies or applicable law, provided that Shareholder approval shall not be required for the following amendments and the Board may make any changes which may include but are not limited to (except that the TSXV may require approval of the Shareholders for amendments pursuant to Sections (iii) to (vii) below):
 - (i) amendments of a "housekeeping nature";
 - (ii) amendments for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, error or omission in the 2023 Incentive Plan or to correct or supplement any provision of the 2023 Incentive Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the 2023 Incentive Plan;
 - (iii) amendments which are necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the TSXV;
 - (iv) amendments respecting administration and eligibility for participation under the 2023 Incentive Plan;
 - (v) amendments to the terms and conditions on which Option or Performance-Based Awards may be or have been granted pursuant to 2023 Incentive Plan including amendments to the vesting provisions and terms of any Options or Performance-Based Awards;
 - (vi) with the exception of Options granted to persons performing investor relations activities, amendments which alter, extend or accelerate the terms of vesting applicable to any Options or Performance-Based Awards; and
 - (vii) changes to the termination provisions of an Option, Performance-Based Award or the 2023 Incentive Plan which do not entail an extension beyond the original fixed term.

Term

The 2023 Incentive Plan shall automatically terminate 10 years after the date of approval by the Board and may be terminated on any earlier date as provided in the 2023 Incentive Plan.

Obtaining a copy of the Plan

A copy of the 2023 Incentive Plan is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule "C" and is available for review the registered offices of the Company, at 7046 Brown Street, Delta, BC V4G 1G8 during normal business hours up to and including the date of the Meeting.

Approval of the Plan

The 2023 Incentive Plan is subject to the approval of the TSXV and if the TSXV finds the disclosure in this Information Circular to be inadequate, then the Shareholder approval may not be accepted by the TSXV.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and if thought fit, approve an ordinary resolution approving the adoption of the 2023 Incentive Plan (the "**2023 Incentive Plan Resolution**"). In order to be effective, an ordinary resolution requires approval by a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders for such resolution. The text of the proposed resolution is set forth below. Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote IN FAVOUR of this resolution.

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

- 1. the Company's 2023 Incentive Plan (the "**2023 Incentive Plan**"), in the form attached as Schedule "C" to the information circular dated June 28, 2023, be and is hereby approved and confirmed, subject to the acceptance of the 2023 Incentive Plan by the TSX Venture Exchange;
- 2. the increase in the number of common shares of the Company under the fixed portion of the 2023 Incentive Plan from 6,500,000 to 10,000,000 common shares for performance-based awards of restricted share units, performance share units and deferred share units be and is hereby approved and confirmed;
- 3. the board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company is hereby authorized to make such amendments to the 2023 Incentive Plan from time to time, as may be required by the applicable regulatory authorities, or as may be considered appropriate by the Board, in its sole discretion, provided always that such amendments be subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities, if applicable, and in certain cases, in accordance with the terms of the 2023 Incentive Plan, the approval of the shareholders; and
- 4. any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as, in the opinion of such director or officer of the Company, may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

Management recommends that Shareholders vote for the approval of the 2023 Incentive Plan. It is the intention of the Designated Persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the 2023 Incentive Plan Resolution. The full text of the 2023 Incentive Plan is attached hereto in Schedule "C".

Shareholder approval of the 2023 Incentive Plan is required by the terms of the 2023 Incentive Plan as well as the policies of the TSXV.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information concerning the Company can be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on the Company's website at www.northstarcleantech.com.

Financial information relating to the Company is provided in the Company's audited financial statements and the MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2022. Shareholders may download the financial statements and MD&A from SEDAR (www.sedar.com) or contact the Company directly to request copies of the financial statements and MD&A by: mail at 7046 Brown Street, Delta, BC V4G 1G8 or e-mail (diana@greystonecorp.com). Additional financial information concerning the Company may be obtained by any Shareholder free of charge through the Company's website at www.northstarcleantech.com or by contacting Diana Mark at 778-908-2730.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia this 28th day of June 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

<u>/s/ "Aidan Mills"</u> AIDAN MILLS, CEO, President & Director

Schedule "A" to the Information Circular of Northstar Clean Technologies Inc.

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER



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Adopted by the Board of Directors on July 28, 2022

NORTHSTAR CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES INC. (the "Company")

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

1. MANDATE

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. ("Northstar") has established an audit committee (the "**Audit Committee or Committee**"). The Audit Committee will assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities. The Committee will review and consider, in consultation with the Company's external auditors, the financial reporting process, the system of internal control over financial reporting and the audit process. In performing its duties, the Audit Committee will maintain effective working relationships with the Board, management and the external auditors. To effectively perform his or her role, each committee member must obtain an understanding of the principal responsibilities of committee membership as well as the Company's business, operations and risks.

2. COMPOSITION

The Board will appoint, from among their membership, an Audit Committee after each annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company. The Audit Committee will consist of a minimum of three directors.

2.1 Independence

A majority of the members of the Audit Committee must be "independent" (as defined in Sec. 1.4 of National Instrument 52-110 (Audit Committees)) ("**NI 52-110**").

2.2 Expertise of Committee Members

A majority of the members of the Audit Committee must be "financially literate" (as defined in Sec. 1.6 of NI 52-110) or must become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after his or her appointment to the committee. At least one member of the committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise.

3. MEETINGS

The Audit Committee shall meet in accordance with a schedule established each year by the Board, and at other times that the Audit Committee may determine. The Audit Committee shall meet at least annually with the Company's Chief Financial Officer and external auditors in separate executive sessions.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Audit Committee shall fulfill the following roles and discharge the following responsibilities:

4.1 External Audit

The Audit Committee shall be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditors in preparing or issuing the auditor's report, or performing other audit, review or attestation services, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting. In carrying out this duty, the Audit Committee shall:

- (a) recommend to the Board that the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attestation services for the Company;
- (b) review (by discussion and enquiry) the external auditors' proposed audit scope and approach;
- (c) review the performance of the external auditors and recommend to the Board the appointment or discharge of the external auditors;
- (d) review and recommend to the Board the compensation to be paid to the external auditors;
- (e) review and confirm the independence of the external auditors by reviewing the non-audit services provided and the external auditors' assertion of their independence in accordance with professional standards; and
- (f) review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners and employees, and former partners and employees, of the present and former external auditor of the Company.

4.2 Internal Control

The Audit Committee shall consider whether adequate controls are in place over annual and interim financial reporting as well as controls over assets, transactions and the creation of obligations, commitments and liabilities of the Company. In carrying out this duty, the Audit Committee shall:

- (a) evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of management's system of internal controls over the accounting and financial reporting system within the Company; and
- (b) ensure that the external auditors discuss with the Audit Committee any event or matter which suggests the possibility of fraud, illegal acts or deficiencies in internal controls.

4.3 Financial Reporting

The Audit Committee shall review the financial statements and financial information of the Company prior to their release to the public. In carrying out this duty, the Audit Committee shall:

General

(a) review significant accounting and financial reporting issues, especially complex, unusual and related party transactions;

(b) review and ensure that the accounting principles selected by management in preparing financial statements are appropriate;

Annual Financial Statements

- (c) review the draft annual financial statements and provide a recommendation to the Board with respect to the approval of the financial statements;
- (d) meet with management and the external auditors to review the financial statements and the results of the audit, including any difficulties encountered;
- (e) review management's discussion & analysis respecting the annual reporting period prior to its release to the public;

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- (f) review and approve the interim financial statements prior to their release to the public;
- (g) review management's discussion & analysis respecting the interim reporting period prior to its release to the public; and

Release of Financial Information

(h) where reasonably possible, review and approve all public disclosure containing financial information, including news releases, prior to release to the public. An Audit Committee must be satisfied 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, and must periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures.

4.4 Non-Audit Services

All non-audit services (being services other than services rendered for the audit and review of the financial statements or services that are normally provided by the external auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements) which are proposed to be provided by the external auditors to the Company or any subsidiary of the Company shall be subject to the prior approval of the Audit Committee.

Delegation of Authority

(a) The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more independent members of the Audit Committee the authority to approve non-audit services, provided any non-audit services approved in this manner must be presented to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

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(b) The Audit Committee may satisfy the requirement for the pre-approval of non-audit services if:

- the aggregate amount of all non-audit services that were not pre-approved is reasonably expected to constitute no more than five per cent of the total amount of fees paid by the Company and its subsidiaries to the external auditor during the fiscal year in which the services are provided; or
- (ii) the services are brought to the attention of the Audit Committee and approved, prior to the completion of the audit, by the Audit Committee or by one or more of its members to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

- (c) The Audit Committee may also satisfy the requirement for the pre-approval of non-audit services by adopting specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services, if:
 - (i) the pre-approval policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service;
 - (ii) the Audit Committee is informed of each non-audit service; and
 - (iii) the procedures do not include delegation of the Audit Committee's responsibilities to management.

4.5 Other Responsibilities

The Audit Committee shall:

- (a) establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters;
- (b) establish procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- (c) ensure that significant findings and recommendations made by management and the external auditor are received and discussed on a timely basis;
- (d) review the policies and procedures in effect for considering officers' expenses and perquisites;
- (e) perform other oversight functions as requested by the Board; and
- (f) review and update this Charter and receive approval of changes to this Charter from the Board.

4.6 Reporting Responsibilities

The Audit Committee shall regularly update the Board about committee activities and make appropriate recommendations.

5. RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall have the resources and the authority appropriate to discharge its responsibilities, including the authority to

- (a) engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties;
- (b) set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Audit Committee; and
- (c) communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.

Nothing in this Charter is intended or may be construed as imposing on any member of the Audit Committee or the Board a standard of care or diligence that is in any way more onerous or extensive than the standard to which the directors are subject under applicable law. This Charter is not intended to change or interpret the constating documents of the Company or applicable law or stock exchange rule to which the Company is subject, and this Charter should be interpreted in a manner consistent with all such applicable laws and rules.

6. GUIDANCE – ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Audit Committee should consider undertaking the actions described in the following guidance, which is intended to provide the Audit Committee members with additional guidance on fulfilment of their roles and responsibilities on the committee:

6.1 Internal Control

- (a) evaluate whether management is setting the goal of high standards by communicating the importance of internal control and ensuring that all individuals possess an understanding of their roles and responsibilities,
- (b) focus on the extent to which external auditors review computer systems and applications, the security of such systems and applications, and the contingency plan for processing financial information in the event of an IT systems breakdown, and
- (c) gain an understanding of whether internal control recommendations made by external auditors have been implemented by management;

6.2 Financial Reporting

General

- (a) review significant accounting and reporting issues, including recent professional and regulatory pronouncements, and understand their impact on the financial statements,
- (b) ask management and the external auditors about significant risks and exposures and the plans to minimize such risks,
- (c) understand industry best practices and the Company's adoption of them;

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- (d) review the annual financial statements and determine whether they are complete and consistent with the information known to committee members, and assess whether the financial statements reflect appropriate accounting principles in light of the jurisdictions in which the Company reports or trades its shares;
- (e) pay attention to complex and/or unusual transactions such as restructuring charges and derivative disclosures;
- (f) focus on judgmental areas such as those involving valuation of assets and liabilities, including, for example, the accounting for and disclosure of loan losses; warranty, professional liability; litigation reserves; and other commitments and contingencies;
- (g) consider management's handling of proposed audit adjustments identified by the external auditors;
- (h) ensure that the external auditors communicate all required matters to the committee;

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- (i) be briefed on how management develops and summarizes interim financial information, the extent to which the external auditors review interim financial information;
- (j) meet with management and the auditors, either telephonically or in person, to review the interim financial statements;
- (k) to gain insight into the fairness of the interim statements and disclosures, obtain explanations from management on whether:
 - (i) actual financial results for the quarter or interim period varied significantly from budgeted or projected results;
 - (ii) changes in financial ratios and relationships of various balance sheet and operating statement figures in the interim financials statements are consistent with changes in the Company's operations and financing practices;
 - (iii) generally accepted accounting principles have been consistently applied;
 - (iv) there are any actual or proposed changes in accounting or financial reporting practices;
 - (v) there are any significant or unusual events or transactions;
 - (vi) the Company's financial and operating controls are functioning effectively;
 - (vii) the Company has complied with the terms of loan agreements, security indentures or other financial position or results dependent agreement; and
 - (viii) the interim financial statements contain adequate and appropriate disclosures;

6.3 Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- (a) periodically obtain updates from management regarding compliance with this policy and industry "best practices";
- (b) be satisfied that all regulatory compliance matters have been considered in the preparation of the financial statements;
- (c) review the findings of any examinations by securities regulatory authorities and stock exchanges; and

6.4 Other Responsibilities

(a) review, with the Company's counsel, any legal matters that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

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BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT

ARTICLES

OF

NORTHSTAR CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

(the "Company")

PART 1- INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

Without limiting Article 1.2, in these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) **"adjourned meeting"** means the meeting to which a meeting is adjourned under Article 8.6 or 8.9;
- (b) **"board"** and **"directors"** mean the board of directors of the Company for the time being;
- (c) *"Business Corporations Act"* means the *Business Corporations Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c.57, and includes its regulations;
- (d) "Company" means Northstar Clean Technologies Inc.;
- (e) "Interpretation Act" means the Interpretation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 238; and
- (f) **"trustee",** in relation to a shareholder, means the personal or other legal representative of the shareholder, and includes a trustee in bankruptcy of the shareholder.

1.2 Business Corporations Act definitions apply

The definitions in the *Business Corporations Act* apply to these Articles.

1.3 Interpretation Act applies

The *Interpretation Act* applies to the interpretation of these Articles as if these Articles were an enactment.

1.4 Conflict in definitions

If there is a conflict between a definition in the *Business Corporations Act* and a definition or rule in the *Interpretation Act* relating to a term used in these Articles, the definition in the *Business Corporations Act* will prevail in relation to the use of the term in these Articles.

1.5 Conflict between Articles and legislation

If there is a conflict between these Articles and the *Business Corporations Act*, the *Business Corporations Act* will prevail.

PART 2 – SHARES AND SHARE CERTIFICATES

2.1 Form of share certificate

Each share certificate issued by the Company must comply with, and be signed as required by, the *Business Corporations Act*.

2.2 Shareholder Entitled to Certificate or Acknowledgement

Unless the shares are uncertificated shares, each shareholder is entitled, without charge, to (a) one share certificate representing the shares of each class or series of shares registered in the shareholder's name or (b) a non-transferable written acknowledgement of the shareholder's right to obtain such a share certificate, provided that in respect of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company is not bound to issue more than one share certificate and delivery of a share certificate for a share to one of several joint shareholders or to one of the shareholders' duly authorized agents will be sufficient delivery to all.

2.3 Sending of share certificate

Any share certificate to which a shareholder is entitled may be sent to the shareholder by mail and neither the Company nor any agent is liable for any loss to the shareholder because the certificate sent is lost in the mail or stolen.

2.4 Replacement of worn out or defaced certificate

If the directors are satisfied that a share certificate is worn out or defaced, they must, on production to them of the certificate and on such other terms, if any, as they think fit:

- (a) order the certificate to be cancelled; and
- (b) issue a replacement share certificate.

2.5 Replacement of lost, stolen or destroyed certificate

If a share certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed, a replacement share certificate must be issued to the person entitled to that certificate if the directors receive:

- (a) proof satisfactory to them that the certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed; and
- (b) any indemnity the directors consider adequate.

2.6 Splitting share certificates

If a shareholder surrenders a share certificate to the Company with a written request that the Company issue in the shareholder's name two (2) or more certificates, each representing a specified number of shares and in the aggregate representing the same number of shares as the certificate so surrendered, the Company must cancel the surrendered certificate and issue replacement share certificates in accordance with that request.

2.7 Shares may be uncertificated

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Part, the directors may, by resolution, provide that:

- (a) the shares of any or all of the classes and series of the Company's shares may be uncertificated shares; or
- (b) any specified shares may be uncertificated shares.

PART 3 – ISSUE OF SHARES

3.1 Directors authorized to issue shares

The directors may, subject to the rights of the holders of the issued shares of the Company, issue, allot, sell, grant options on or otherwise dispose of the unissued shares, and issued shares held by the Company, at the times, to the persons, including directors and officers, in the manner, on the terms and conditions and for the issue prices that the directors, in their absolute discretion, may determine.

3.2 Company need not recognize unregistered interests

Except as required by law or these Articles, the Company need not recognize or provide for any person's interests in or rights to a share unless that person is the shareholder of the share.

PART 4 – SHARE TRANSFERS

4.1 Recording or registering transfer

A transfer of shares of the Company must not be registered:

- (a) unless a duly signed instrument of transfer in respect of the shares has been received by the Company and the certificate (or acceptable documents pursuant to Article 2.5 hereof) representing the shares to be transferred has been surrendered and cancelled; or
- (b) if no certificate has been issued by the Company in respect of the shares, unless a duly signed instrument of transfer in respect of the shares has been received by the Company.

4.2 Form of instrument of transfer

The instrument of transfer in respect of any share of the Company must be either in the form, if any, on the back of the Company's share certificates or in any other form that may be approved by the directors from time to time.

4.3 Signing of instrument of transfer

If a shareholder, or its, his or her duly authorized attorney, signs an instrument of transfer in respect of shares registered in the name of the shareholder, the signed instrument of transfer constitutes a complete and sufficient authority to the Company and its directors, officers and agents to register the number of shares specified in the instrument of transfer, or, if no number is specified, all the shares represented by share certificates deposited with the instrument of transfer:

- (a) in the name of the person named as transferee in that instrument of transfer; or
- (b) if no person is named as transferee in that instrument of transfer, in the name of the person on whose behalf the share certificate is deposited for the purpose of having the transfer registered.

4.4 Enquiry as to title not required

Neither the Company nor any director, officer or agent of the Company is bound to inquire into the title of the person named in the instrument of transfer as transferee or, if no person is named as transferee in the instrument of transfer, of the person on whose behalf the instrument is deposited for the purpose of having the transfer registered or is liable for any claim related to registering the transfer by the shareholder or by any intermediate owner or holder of the shares, of any interest in the shares, of any share certificate representing such shares or of any written acknowledgment of a right to obtain a share certificate for such shares.

4.5 Transfer fee

There must be paid to the Company, in relation to the registration of any transfer, the amount determined by the directors from time to time.

PART 5 – ACQUISITION OF SHARES

5.1 Company authorized to purchase shares

Subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to any class or series of shares, the Company may, if it is authorized to do so by the directors, purchase or otherwise acquire any of its shares.

5.2 Company authorized to accept surrender of shares

The Company may, if it is authorized to do so by the directors, accept a surrender of any of its shares.

5.3 Company authorized to convert fractional shares into whole shares

The Company may, if it is authorized to do so by the directors, convert any of its fractional shares into whole shares in accordance with, and subject to the limitations contained in, the *Business Corporations Act*.

PART 6 – BORROWING POWERS

6.1 Powers of directors

The directors may from time to time on behalf of the Company:

- (a) borrow money in the manner and amount, on the security, from the sources and on the terms and conditions that they consider appropriate;
- (b) issue bonds, debentures and other debt obligations either outright or as security for any liability or obligation of the Company or any other person, and at any discount or premium and on such other terms as they consider appropriate;
- (c) guarantee the repayment of money by any other person or the performance of any obligation of any other person; and
- (d) mortgage or charge, whether by way of specific or floating charge, or give other security on the whole or any part of the present and future assets and undertaking of the Company.

PART 7 – GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 Annual general meetings

Unless an annual general meeting is deferred or waived in accordance with section 182(2)(a) or (c) of the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after the date on which it was incorporated or otherwise recognized, and after that must hold an annual general meeting at least once in each calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last annual general meeting.

7.2 When annual general meeting is deemed to have been held

If all of the shareholders who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting consent by a unanimous resolution under the *Business Corporations Act* to all of the business that is required to be transacted at that annual general meeting, the annual general meeting is deemed to have been held on the date of the unanimous resolution. The shareholders must, in any unanimous resolution passed

under this Article 7.2, select as the Company's annual reference date a date that would be appropriate for the holding of the applicable annual general meeting.

7.3 Calling of shareholder meetings

The directors may, whenever they think fit, call a meeting of shareholders.

7.4 Notice for meetings of shareholders

The Company must send notice of the date, time and location of any meeting of shareholders, in the manner provided in these Articles, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by ordinary resolution (whether previous notice of the resolution has been given or not), to each shareholder entitled to attend the meeting and to each director, unless these Articles otherwise provide, at least the following number of days before the meeting:

- (a) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;
- (b) otherwise, 10 days.

7.5 Record date for notice

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of any meeting of shareholders. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than two months or, in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders under the *Business Corporations Act*, by more than four months. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is held by fewer than:

- (a) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;
- (b) otherwise, 10 days.

If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

7.6 Record date for voting

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than two months or, in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders under the *Business Corporations Act*, by more than four months. If no record date is set as provided above, the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting shall be 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

7.7 Failure to give notice and waiver of notice

The accidental omission to send notice of any meeting to, or the non-receipt of any notice by, any of the persons entitled to notice does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting. Any person entitled to notice of a meeting of shareholders may, in writing or otherwise, waive or reduce the period of notice of such meeting.

7.8 Notice of special business at meetings of shareholders

If a meeting of shareholders is to consider special business within the meaning of Article 8.1, the notice of meeting must:

(a) state the general nature of the special business; and

- (b) if the special business includes considering, approving, ratifying, adopting or authorizing any document or the signing of or giving of effect to any document, have attached to it a copy of the document or state that a copy of the document will be available for inspection by shareholders:
 - (i) at the Company's records office, or at such other reasonably accessible location in British Columbia as is specified in the notice, and
 - (ii) during statutory business hours on any one or more specified days before the day set for the holding of the meeting.

PART 8 – PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

8.1 Special business

At a meeting of shareholders, the following business is special business:

- (a) at a meeting of shareholders that is not an annual general meeting, all business is special business except business relating to the conduct of or voting at the meeting or the election or appointment of directors;
- (b) at an annual general meeting, all business is special business except for the following:
 - (i) business relating to the conduct of or voting at the meeting,
 - (ii) consideration of any financial statements of the Company presented to the meeting,
 - (iii) consideration of any reports of the directors or auditor,
 - (iv) the setting or changing of the number of directors,
 - (v) the election or appointment of directors,
 - (vi) the appointment of an auditor,
 - (vii) the setting of the remuneration of an auditor,
 - (viii) business arising out of a report of the directors not requiring the passing of a special resolution or an exceptional resolution, and
 - (ix) any other business which, under these Articles or the *Business Corporations Act*, may be transacted at a meeting of shareholders without prior notice of the business being given to the shareholders.

8.2 Special resolution

The votes required for the Company to pass a special resolution at a meeting of shareholders is twothirds of the votes cast on the resolution.

8.3 Quorum

Subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to the shares of any affected class or series of shares, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is one or more persons, present in person or by proxy.

8.4 Other persons may attend

The directors, the president, if any, the secretary, if any, and any lawyer or auditor for the Company are entitled to attend any meeting of shareholders, but if any of those shareholders do attend a meeting of shareholders, that person is not to be counted in the quorum, and is not entitled to vote at the meeting, unless that person is a shareholder or proxy holder entitled to vote at the meeting.

8.5 Requirement of quorum

No business, other than the election of a chair of the meeting and the adjournment of the meeting, may be transacted at any meeting of shareholders unless a quorum of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting is present at the commencement of the meeting.

8.6 Lack of quorum

If, within 1/2 hour from the time set for the holding of a meeting of shareholders, a quorum is not present:

- (a) in the case of a general meeting convened by requisition of shareholders, the meeting is dissolved; and
- (b) in the case of any other meeting of shareholders, the shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting who are present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting may adjourn the meeting to a set time and place.

8.7 Chair

The following individual is entitled to preside as chair at a meeting of shareholders:

- (a) the chair of the board, if any;
- (b) if the chair of the board is absent or unwilling to act as chair of the meeting, the president, if any.

8.8 Alternate chair

At any meeting of shareholders, the directors present must choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting if:

- (a) there is no chair of the board or president present within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting;
- (b) the chair of the board and the president are unwilling to act as chair of the meeting; or
- (c) if the chair of the board and the president have advised the secretary, if any, or any director present at the meeting, that they will not be present at the meeting. If, in any of the foregoing circumstances, all of the directors present decline to accept the position of chair or fail to choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting, or if no director is present, the shareholders present in person or by proxy must choose any person present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

8.9 Adjournments

The chair of a meeting of shareholders may, and if so directed by the meeting must, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

8.10 Notice of adjourned meeting

It is not necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting of shareholders except that, when a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of the original meeting.

8.11 Motion need not be seconded

No motion proposed at a meeting of shareholders need be seconded unless the chair of the meeting rules otherwise, and the chair of any meeting of shareholders is entitled to propose or second a motion.

8.12 Manner of taking a poll

Subject to Article 8.13, if a poll is duly demanded at a meeting of shareholders:

- (a) the poll must be taken:
 - (i) at the meeting, or within 7 days after the date of the meeting, as the chair of the meeting directs, and
 - (ii) in the manner, at the time and at the place that the chair of the meeting directs;
- (b) the result of the poll is deemed to be a resolution of, and passed at, the meeting at which the poll is demanded; and
- (c) the demand for the poll may be withdrawn.

8.13 Demand for a poll on adjournment

A poll demanded at a meeting of shareholders on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately at the meeting.

8.14 Demand for a poll not to prevent continuation of meeting

The demand for a poll at a meeting of shareholders does not, unless the chair of the meeting so rules, prevent the continuation of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

8.15 Poll not available in respect of election of chair

No poll may be demanded in respect of the vote by which a chair of a meeting of shareholders is elected.

8.16 Casting of votes on poll

On a poll, a shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not cast all the votes in the same way.

8.17 Chair must resolve dispute

In the case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote given on a poll, the chair of the meeting must determine the same, and his or her determination made in good faith is final and conclusive.

8.18 Chair has no second vote

In case of an equality of votes, the chair of a meeting of shareholders does not, either on a show of hands or on a poll, have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote or votes to which the chair may be entitled as a shareholder.

8.19 Declaration of result

The chair of a meeting of shareholders must declare to the meeting the decision on every question in accordance with the result of the show of hands or the poll, as the case may be, and that decision must be entered in the minutes of the meeting.

8.20 Meetings by telephone or other communications medium

A shareholder or proxy holder who is entitled to participate in a meeting of shareholders may do so in person, or by telephone or other communications medium, if all shareholders and proxy holders participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall obligate the Company to take any action or provide any facility to permit or facilitate the use of any communications medium at a meeting of shareholders. If one or more shareholders or proxy holders participate in a meeting of shareholders in a manner contemplated by this Article 8.20:

- (a) each such shareholder or proxy holder shall be deemed to be present at the meeting; and
- (b) the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the location specified in the notice of the meeting.

PART 9 – ALTERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Alteration of Authorized Share Structure

Subject to Article 9.2 and the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may by resolution of the directors:

- (a) create one or more classes or series of shares or, if none of the shares of a class or series of shares are allotted or issued, eliminate that class or series of shares;
- (b) increase, reduce or eliminate the maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares or establish a maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares for which no maximum is established;
- (c) if the Company is authorized to issue shares of a class of shares with par value:
 - (i) decrease the par value of those shares,
 - (ii) if none of the shares of that class of shares are allotted or issued, increase the par value of those shares,
 - (iii) subdivide all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares with par value into shares of smaller par value, or
 - (iv) consolidate all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares with par value into shares of larger par value;
- (d) subdivide or consolidate all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares without par value;

- (e) change all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares with par value into shares without par value or all or any of its unissued shares without par value into shares with par value;
- (f) alter the identifying name of any of its shares; or
- (g) otherwise alter its shares or authorized share structure when required or permitted to do so by the *Business Corporations Act*.

9.2 Change of Name

The Company may by resolution of the directors authorize an alteration to its Notice of Articles in order to change its name or adopt or change any translation of that name.

9.3 Other Alterations or Resolutions

If the Business Corporations Act does not specify:

- (a) the type of resolution and these Articles do not specify another type of resolution, the Company may by resolution of the directors authorize any act of the Company, including without limitation, an alteration of these Articles; or
- (b) the type of shareholders' resolution and these Articles do not specify another type of shareholders' resolution, the Company may by ordinary resolution authorize any act of the Company.

PART 10 – VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS

10.1 Voting rights

Subject to any special rights or restrictions attached to any shares and to the restrictions imposed on joint registered holders of shares under Article 10.3:

- (a) on a vote by show of hands, every person present who is a shareholder or proxy holder and entitled to vote at the meeting has one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, every shareholder entitled to vote has one vote in respect of each share held by that shareholder that carries the right to vote on that poll and may exercise that vote either in person or by proxy.

10.2 Trustee of shareholder may vote

A person who is not a shareholder may vote on a resolution at a meeting of shareholders, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, and may appoint a proxy holder to act at the meeting in relation to that resolution, if, before doing so, the person satisfies the chair of the meeting at which the resolution is to be considered, or satisfies all of the directors present at the meeting, that the person is a trustee for a shareholder who is entitled to vote on the resolution.

10.3 Votes by joint shareholders

If there are joint shareholders registered in respect of any share:

(a) any one of the joint shareholders, but not both or all, may vote at any meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of the share as if that joint shareholder were solely entitled to it; or

(b) if more than one of the joint shareholders is present at any meeting, personally or by proxy, the joint shareholder present whose name stands first on the central securities register in respect of the share is alone entitled to vote in respect of that share.

10.4 Trustees as joint shareholders

Two or more trustees of a shareholder in whose sole name any share is registered are, for the purposes of Article 10.3, deemed to be joint shareholders.

10.5 Representative of a corporate shareholder

If a corporation that is not a subsidiary of the Company is a shareholder, that corporation may appoint a person to act as its representative at any meeting of shareholders of the Company, and:

- (a) for that purpose, the instrument appointing a representative must
 - (i) be received at the registered office of the Company or at any other place specified, in the notice calling the meeting, for the receipt of proxies, at least two (2) business days before the day set for the holding of the meeting, or
 - (ii) unless the notice of the meeting provides otherwise, be provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting; and
- (b) if a representative is appointed under this Article 10.5:
 - (i) the representative is entitled to exercise in respect of and at that meeting the same rights on behalf of the corporation that the representative represents as that corporation could exercise if it were a shareholder who is an individual, including, without limitation, the right to appoint a proxy holder, and
 - (ii) the representative, if present at the meeting, is to be counted for the purpose of forming a quorum and is deemed to be a shareholder present in person at the meeting.

10.6 When proxy provisions do not apply

Articles 10.7 to 10.13 do not apply to the Company if and for so long as it is a public company.

10.7 Appointment of proxy holder

Every shareholder of the Company, including a corporation that is a shareholder but not a subsidiary of the Company, entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders of the Company may, by proxy, appoint a proxy holder to attend and act at the meeting in the manner, to the extent and with the powers conferred by the proxy.

10.8 Alternate proxy holders

A shareholder may appoint one or more alternate proxy holders to act in the place of an absent proxy holder.

10.9 When proxy holder need not be shareholder

A person must not be appointed as a proxy holder unless the person is a shareholder, although a person who is not a shareholder may be appointed as a proxy holder if:

(a) the person appointing the proxy holder is a corporation or a representative of a corporation appointed under Article 10.5;

- (b) the Company has at the time of the meeting for which the proxy holder is to be appointed only one shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting; or
- (c) the shareholders present in person or by proxy at and entitled to vote at the meeting for which the proxy holder is to be appointed, by a resolution on which the proxy holder is not entitled to vote but in respect of which the proxy holder is to be counted in the quorum, permit the proxy holder to attend and vote at the meeting.

10.10 Form of proxy

A proxy, whether for a specified meeting or otherwise, must be either in the following form or in any other form approved by the directors or the chair of the meeting:

(Name of Company)

The undersigned, being a shareholder of the above named Company, hereby appoints, as proxy holder for the undersigned to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the meeting of shareholders to be held on the day of and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signed this day of

Signature of shareholder

10.11 Provision of proxies

A proxy for a meeting of shareholders must:

- (a) be received at the registered office of the Company or at any other place specified in the notice calling the meeting for the receipt of proxies, at least the number of business days specified in the notice or, if no number of days is specified, two (2) business days before the day set for the holding of the meeting; or
- (b) unless the notice of the meeting provides otherwise, be provided at the meeting to the chair of the meeting.

10.12 Revocation of proxies

Subject to Article 10.13, every proxy may be revoked by an instrument in writing that is:

- (a) received at the registered office of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day before the day set for the holding of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used; or
- (b) provided at the meeting to the chair of the meeting.

10.13 Revocation of proxies must be signed

An instrument referred to in Article 10.12 must be signed as follows:

(a) if the shareholder for whom the proxy holder is appointed is an individual, the instrument must be signed by the shareholder or his or her trustee; or

(b) if the shareholder for whom the proxy holder is appointed is a corporation, the instrument must be signed by the corporation or by a representative appointed for the corporation under Article 10.5.

10.14 Validity of proxy votes

A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy is valid despite the death or incapacity of the shareholder giving the proxy and despite the revocation of the proxy or the revocation of the authority under which the proxy is given, unless notice in writing of that death, incapacity or revocation is received:

- (a) at the registered office of the Company, at any time up to and including the last business day before the day set for the holding of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used; or
- (b) by the chair of the meeting, before the vote is taken.

10.15 Production of evidence of authority to vote

The chair of any meeting of shareholders may, but need not, inquire into the authority of any person to vote at the meeting and may, but need not, demand from that person production of evidence as to the existence of the authority to vote.

10.16 Chair May Determine Validity of Proxy

Unless prohibited by applicable law, the chair of any meeting of shareholders may determine whether or not a proxy deposited for use at the meeting, which may not strictly comply with the requirements of this Article 10 as to form, execution, accompanying documentation, time of filing or otherwise, shall be valid for use at the meeting and any such determination made in good faith shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the meeting.

PART 11 – DIRECTORS

11.1 First directors; number of directors

The first directors are the persons designated as directors of the Company in the Notice of Articles that applies to the Company when it is recognized under the *Business Corporations Act*. The number of directors, excluding additional directors appointed under Article 12.7, is set at:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the number of directors that is equal to the number of the Company's first directors;
- (b) if the Company is a public company, the greater of three and the number most recently elected by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
- (c) if the Company is not a public company, the number most recently elected by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given).

11.2 Change in number of directors

If the number of directors is set under Articles 11.1(b) or 11.1(c):

- (a) the shareholders may elect or appoint the directors needed to fill any vacancies in the board of directors up to that number;
- (b) if, contemporaneously with setting that number, the shareholders do not elect or appoint the directors needed to fill vacancies in the board of directors up to that number, then the

directors may appoint, or the shareholders may elect or appoint, directors to fill those vacancies.

11.3 Directors' acts valid despite vacancy

An act or proceeding of the directors is not invalid merely because fewer directors have been appointed or elected than the number of directors set or otherwise required under these Articles.

11.4 Qualifications of directors

A director is not required to hold a share in the capital of the Company as qualification for his or her office but must be qualified as required by the *Business Corporations Act* to become, act or continue to act as a director.

11.5 Remuneration of directors

The directors are entitled to the remuneration, if any, for acting as directors as the directors may from time to time determine. If the directors so decide, the remuneration of the directors will be determined by the shareholders. That remuneration may be in addition to any salary or other remuneration paid to a director in such director's capacity as an officer or employee of the Company.

11.6 Reimbursement of expenses of directors

The Company must reimburse each director for the reasonable expenses that he or she may incur in and about the business of the Company.

11.7 Special remuneration for directors

If any director performs any professional or other services for the Company that in the opinion of the directors are outside the ordinary duties of a director, or if any director is otherwise specially occupied in or about the Company's business, he or she may be paid remuneration fixed by the directors, or, at the option of that director, fixed by ordinary resolution, and such remuneration may be either in addition to, or in substitution for, any other remuneration that he or she may be entitled to receive.

11.8 Gratuity, pension or allowance on retirement of director

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the directors on behalf of the Company may pay a gratuity or pension or allowance on retirement to any director who has held any salaried office or place of profit with the Company or to his or her spouse or dependants and may make contributions to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such gratuity, pension or allowance.

PART 12 – ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

12.1 Election at annual general meeting

At every annual general meeting and in every unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 7.2:

- (a) the shareholders entitled to vote at the annual general meeting for the election of directors may elect, or in the unanimous resolution appoint, a board of directors consisting of up to the number of directors for the time being set under these Articles; and
- (b) all the directors cease to hold office immediately before the election or appointment of directors under paragraph (a), but are eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

12.2 Consent to be a director

No election, appointment or designation of an individual as a director is valid unless:

- (b) that individual is elected or appointed at a meeting at which the individual is present and the individual does not refuse, at the meeting, to be a director; or
- (c) with respect to first directors, the designation is otherwise valid under the *Business Corporations Act*.

12.3 Failure to elect or appoint directors

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- (a) the Company fails to hold an annual general meeting, and all the shareholders who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting fail to pass the unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 7.2, on or before the date by which the annual general meeting is required to be held under the *Business Corporations Act*; or
- (b) the shareholders fail, at the annual general meeting or in the unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 7.2, to elect or appoint any directors;

then each director in office at such time continues to hold office until the earlier of:

- (c) the date on which his or her successor is elected or appointed; and
- (d) the date on which he or she otherwise ceases to hold office under the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles.

12.4 Directors may fill casual vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the board of directors may be filled by the remaining directors.

12.5 Remaining directors' power to act

The directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the board of directors, but if the Company has fewer directors in office than the number set pursuant to these Articles as the quorum of directors, the directors may only act for the purpose of appointing directors up to that number or for the purpose of summoning a meeting of shareholders to fill any vacancies on the board of directors or for any other purpose permitted by the *Business Corporations Act*.

12.6 Shareholders may fill vacancies

If the Company has no directors or fewer directors in office than the number set pursuant to these Articles as the quorum of directors, and the directors have not filled the vacancies pursuant to Article 12.5 above, the shareholders may elect or appoint directors to fill any vacancies on the board of directors.

12.7 Additional directors

Notwithstanding Articles 11.1 and 11.2, between annual general meetings or unanimous resolutions contemplated by Article 7.2, the directors may appoint one or more additional directors, but the number of additional directors appointed under this Article 12.7 must not at any time exceed:

(a) one-third of the number of first directors, if, at the time of the appointments, one or more of the first directors have not yet completed their first term of office; or

(b) in any other case, one-third of the number of the current directors who were elected or appointed as directors other than under this Article 12.7.

Any director so appointed ceases to hold office immediately before the next election or appointment of directors under Article 12.1(a), but is eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

12.8 Ceasing to be a director

A director ceases to be a director when:

- (a) the term of office of the director expires;
- (b) the director dies;
- (c) the director resigns as a director by notice in writing provided to the Company or a lawyer for the Company; or
- (d) the director is removed from office pursuant to Articles 12.9 or 12.10.

12.9 Removal of director by shareholders

The Shareholders may, by special resolution, remove any director before the expiration of his or her term of office, and may, by ordinary resolution, elect or appoint a director to fill the resulting vacancy. If the shareholders do not contemporaneously elect or appoint a director to fill the vacancy created by the removal of a director, then the directors may appoint, or the shareholders may elect or appoint by ordinary resolution, a director to fill that vacancy.

12.10 Removal of director by directors

The directors may remove any director before the expiration of his or her term of office if the director is convicted of an indictable offence, or if the director ceases to be qualified to act as a director of a company and does not promptly resign, and the directors may appoint a director to fill the resulting vacancy.

12.11 Nominations of directors

- (a) Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Company.
- (b) Nominations of persons for election to the board may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders or at any special meeting of shareholders (if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors):
 - (i) by or at the direction of the board, including pursuant to a notice of meeting,
 - (ii) by or at the direction or request of one or more shareholders pursuant to a proposal made in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*, or a requisition of the shareholders made in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*, or
 - (iii) by any person (a "Nominating Shareholder"): (A) who, at the close of business on the date of the giving of the notice provided for below in this Article 12.11 and on the record date for notice of such meeting, is entered in the securities register as a holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting or who beneficially owns shares that are entitled to be voted at such meeting; and (B) who complies with the notice procedures set forth below in this Article 12.11.

- (c) In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a Nominating Shareholder, the Nominating Shareholder must have given timely notice thereof (as provided for in Article 12.11(d)) in proper written form to the secretary of the Company at the principal executive offices of the Company.
- (d) To be timely, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the secretary of the Company must be given:
 - (i) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not less than 30 nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of shareholders is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date (the "Notice Date") on which the first public announcement (as defined below) of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice by the Nominating Shareholder may be given not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day after the Notice Date in respect of such meeting; and
 - (ii) in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes), not later than the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting of shareholders was made.

In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of a meeting of shareholders or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a Nominating Shareholder's notice as described above.

- (e) To be in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the secretary of the Company must set forth:
 - (i) as to each person whom the Nominating Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director: (A) the name, age, business address and residential address of the person; (B) the principal occupation or employment of the person during the past five years; (C) the class or series and number of shares in the capital of the Company which are controlled or which are owned beneficially or of record by the person as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice; (D) a statement as to whether such person would be "independent" of the Company (as such term is defined under Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below)) if elected as a director at such meeting and the reasons and basis for such determination; (E) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among such Nominating Shareholder and beneficial owner, if any, and their respective affiliates and associates, or others acting jointly or in concert therewith, on the one hand, and such nominee, and his or her respective associates, or others acting jointly or in concert therewith, on the other hand; and (F) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Business Corporations Act and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below); and
 - (ii) as to the Nominating Shareholder giving the notice: (A) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship pursuant to which such Nominating

Shareholder has a right to vote any shares of the Company; (B) the class or series and number of shares in the capital of the Company which are controlled or which are owned beneficially or of the record by the Nominating Shareholder as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice, and (C) any other information relating to such Nominating Shareholder that would be required to be made in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below).

- (f) The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.
- (g) The chair of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination was made in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Article 12.11 and, if any proposed nomination is not in compliance with such provisions, to declare that such defective nomination shall be disregarded.
- (h) For purposes of this Article 12.11:
 - (i) **"Affiliate**", when used to indicate a relationship with a person, means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person;
 - (ii) "Applicable Securities Laws" means the applicable securities legislation of each relevant province and territory of Canada, as amended from time to time, the rules, regulations and forms made or promulgated under any such statute and the published national instruments, multilateral instruments, policies, bulletins and notices of the securities commission and similar regulatory authority of each province and territory of Canada;
 - (iii) "Associate", when used to indicate a relationship with a specified person, means:
 - A. any corporation or trust of which such person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all voting securities of such corporation or trust for the time being outstanding,
 - B. any 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,
 - D. a spouse of such specified person,
 - E. any person of either sex with whom such specified person is living in a conjugal relationship outside marriage, or
 - F. any relative of such specified person or of a person mentioned in clauses D or E of this definition if that relative has the same residence as the specified person;

- (iv) "Derivatives Contract" means a contract between two parties (the "Receiving Party" and the "Counterparty") that is designed to expose the Receiving Party to economic benefits and risks that correspond substantially to the ownership by the Receiving Party of a number of shares in the capital of the Company or securities convertible into such shares specified or referenced in such contract (the number corresponding to such economic benefits and risks, the "Notional Securities"), regardless of whether obligations under such contract are required or permitted to be settled through the delivery of cash, shares in the capital of the Company or securities convertible into such shares or other property, without regard to any short position under the same or any other Derivatives Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, interests in broad-based index options, broad-based index futures and broad-based publicly traded market baskets of stocks approved for trading by the appropriate governmental authority shall not be deemed to be Derivatives Contracts;
- (v) **"owned beneficially**" or **"owns beneficially**" means, in connection with the ownership of shares in the capital of the Company by a person:
 - A. any such shares as to which such person or any of such person's Affiliates or Associates owns at law or in equity, or has the right to acquire or become the owner at law or in equity, where such right is exercisable immediately or after the passage of time and whether or not on condition or the happening of any contingency or the making of any payment, upon the exercise of any conversion right, exchange right or purchase right attaching to any securities, or pursuant to any agreement, arrangement, pledge or understanding whether or not in writing,
 - B. any such shares as to which such person or any of such person's Affiliates or Associates has the right to vote, or the right to direct the voting, where such right is exercisable immediately or after the passage of time and whether or not on condition or the happening of any contingency or the making of any payment, pursuant to any agreement, arrangement, pledge or understanding whether or not in writing,
 - C. any such shares which are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by a Counterparty (or any of such Counterparty's Affiliates or Associates) under any Derivatives Contract (without regard to any short or similar position under the same or any other Derivatives Contract) to which such person or any of such person's Affiliates or Associates is a Receiving Party; provided, however, that the number of shares that a person owns beneficially pursuant to this clause in connection with a particular Derivatives Contract shall not exceed the number of Notional Securities with respect to such Derivatives Contract; provided, further, that the number of securities owned beneficially by each Counterparty (including their respective Affiliates and Associates) under a Derivatives Contract shall for purposes of this clause be deemed to include all securities that are owned beneficially, directly or indirectly, by any other Counterparty (or any of such other Counterparty's Affiliates or Associates) under any Derivatives Contract to which such first Counterparty (or any of such first Counterparty's Affiliates or Associates) is a Receiving Party and this proviso shall be applied to successive Counterparties as appropriate, and
 - D. any such shares which are owned beneficially within the meaning of this definition by any other person with whom such person is acting jointly or in concert with respect to the Company or any of its securities, and

- (vi) **"public announcement"** shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by a national news service in Canada, or in a document publicly filed by the Company under its profile on the System of Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval at www.sedar.com.
- (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 12.11, notice given to the secretary of the Company pursuant to this Article 12.11 may only be given by personal delivery, facsimile transmission or by email (at such email address as stipulated from time to time by the secretary of the Company for purposes of this notice), and shall be deemed to have been given and made only at the time it is served by personal delivery, email (at the address as aforesaid, provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received) or sent by facsimile transmission (provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received) to the secretary at the address of the principal executive offices of the Company; provided that if such delivery or electronic communication is made on a day which is a not a business day or later than 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on a day which is a business day, then such delivery or electronic communication shall be deemed to have been made on the subsequent day that is a business day.
- (j) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement in this Article 12.11.

PART 13 – PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

13.1 Meetings of directors

The directors may meet together for the conduct of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and meetings of the board held at regular intervals may be held at the place and at the time that the board may by resolution from time to time determine.

13.2 Chair of meetings

Meetings of directors are to be chaired by:

- (a) the chair of the board, if any;
- (b) in the absence of the chair of the board, the president, if any, if the president is a director; or
- (c) any other director chosen by the directors if:
 - (i) neither the chair of the board nor the president, if a director, is present at the meeting within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting,
 - (ii) neither the chair of the board nor the president, if a director, is willing to chair the meeting, or
 - (iii) the chair of the board and the president, if a director, have advised the secretary, if any, or any other director, that they will not be present at the meeting.

13.3 Voting at meetings

Questions arising at any meeting of directors are to be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting does not have a second or casting vote.

13.4 Meetings by telephone or other communications medium

A director may participate in a meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors in person, or by telephone or other communications medium, if all directors participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other. A director who participates in a meeting in a manner contemplated by this Article 13.4 is deemed for all purposes of the *Business Corporations Act* and these Articles to be present at the meeting and to have agreed to participate in that manner.

13.5 Who may call extraordinary meetings

A director may call a meeting of the board at any time. The secretary, if any, must on request of a director, call a meeting of the board.

13.6 Notice of extraordinary meetings

Subject to Articles 13.7 and 13.8, if a meeting of the board is called under Article 13.5, reasonable notice of that meeting, specifying the place, date and time of that meeting, must be given to each of the directors:

- (a) by mail addressed to the director's address as it appears on the books of the Company or to any other address provided to the Company by the director for this purpose;
- (b) by leaving it at the director's prescribed address or at any other address provided to the Company by the director for this purpose; or
- (c) orally, by delivery of written notice or by telephone, voice mail, e-mail, fax or any other method of legibly transmitting messages.

13.7 When notice not required

It is not necessary to give notice of a meeting of the directors to a director if:

- (a) the meeting is to be held immediately following a meeting of shareholders at which that director was elected or appointed or is the meeting of the directors at which that director is appointed;
- (b) the director has filed a waiver under Article 13.9; or
- (c) the director attends such meeting.

13.8 Meeting valid despite failure to give notice

The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of directors to any director, or the non-receipt of any notice by any director, does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting.

13.9 Waiver of notice of meetings

Any director may file with the Company a notice waiving notice of any past, present or future meeting of the directors and may at any time withdraw that waiver with respect to meetings of the directors held after that withdrawal.

13.10 Effect of waiver

After a director files a waiver under Article 13.9 with respect to future meetings of the directors, and until that waiver is withdrawn, notice of any meeting of the directors need not be given to that director unless the director otherwise requires in writing to the Company.

13.11 Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors may be set by the directors and, if not so set, is a majority of the directors.

13.12 If only one director

If, in accordance with Article 11.1, the number of directors is one, the quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors is one director, and that director may constitute a meeting.

PART 14 – COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS

14.1 Appointment of committees

The directors may, by resolution:

- (a) appoint one or more committees consisting of the director or directors that they consider appropriate;
- (b) delegate to a committee appointed under paragraph (a) any of the directors' powers, except:
 - (i) the power to fill vacancies in the board,
 - (ii) the power to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the board, and
 - (iii) the power to appoint or remove officers appointed by the board; and
- (c) make any delegation referred to in paragraph (b) subject to the conditions set out in the resolution.

14.2 Obligations of committee

Any committee formed under Article 14.1, in the exercise of the powers delegated to it, must:

- (a) conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed on it by the directors; and
- (b) report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers to the earliest meeting of the directors to be held after the act or thing has been done.

14.3 Powers of board

The board may, at any time:

- (a) revoke the authority given to a committee, or override a decision made by a committee, except as to acts done before such revocation or overriding;
- (b) terminate the appointment of, or change the membership of, a committee; and
- (c) fill vacancies in a committee.

14.4 Committee meetings

Subject to Article 14.2(a):

- (a) the members of a directors' committee may meet and adjourn as they think proper;
- (b) a directors' committee may elect a chair of its meetings but, if no chair of the meeting is elected, or if at any meeting the chair of the meeting is not present within 15 minutes after

the time set for holding the meeting, the directors present who are members of the committee may choose one of their number to chair the meeting;

- (c) a majority of the members of a directors' committee constitutes a quorum of the committee; and
- (d) questions arising at any meeting of a directors' committee are determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and in case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting has no second or casting vote.

PART 15 – OFFICERS

15.1 Appointment of officers

The board may, from time to time, appoint a president, secretary or any other officers that it considers necessary or desirable, and none of the individuals appointed as officers need be a member of the board.

15.2 Functions, duties and powers of officers

The board may, for each officer:

- (a) determine the functions and duties the officer is to perform;
- (b) entrust to and confer on the officer any of the powers exercisable by the directors on such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as the directors think fit; and
- (c) from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of the functions, duties and powers of the officer.

15.3 Remuneration

All appointments of officers are to be made on the terms and conditions and at the remuneration (whether by way of salary, fee, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) that the board thinks fit and are subject to termination at the pleasure of the board.

PART 16 - CERTAIN PERMITTED ACTIVITIES OF DIRECTORS

16.1 Other office of director

A director may hold any office or place of profit with the Company (other than the office of auditor of the Company) in addition to his or her office of director for the period and on the terms (as to remuneration or otherwise) that the directors may determine.

16.2 No disqualification

No director or intended director is disqualified by his or her office from contracting with the Company either with regard to the holding of any office or place of profit the director holds with the Company or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise.

16.3 Professional services by director or officer

Subject to compliance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*, a director or officer of the Company, or any corporation or firm in which that individual has an interest, may act in a professional capacity for the Company, except as auditor of the Company, and the director or officer or such corporation or firm is entitled to remuneration for professional services as if that individual were not a director or officer.

16.4 Remuneration and benefits received from certain entities

A director or officer may be or become a director, officer or employee of, or may otherwise be or become interested in, any corporation, firm or entity in which the Company may be interested as a shareholder or otherwise, and, subject to compliance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*, the director or officer is not accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits received by him or her as director, officer or employee of, or from his or her interest in, such other corporation, firm or entity.

PART 17 – INDEMNIFICATION

17.1 Indemnification of directors

The directors must cause the Company to indemnify its directors and former directors, and their respective heirs and personal or other legal representatives to the greatest extent permitted by Division 5 of Part 5 of the *Business Corporations Act*.

17.2 Deemed contract

Each director is deemed to have contracted with the Company on the terms of the indemnity referred to in Article 17.1.

PART 18 – AUDITOR

18.1 Remuneration of an auditor

The directors may set the remuneration of the auditor of the Company without the prior approval of the shareholders.

18.2 Waiver of appointment of an auditor

The Company shall not be required to appoint an auditor if all of the shareholders of the Company, whether or not their shares otherwise carry the right to vote, resolve by a unanimous resolution to waive the appointment of an auditor. Such waiver may be given before, on or after the date on which an auditor is required to be appointed under the *Business Corporations Act*, and is effective for one financial year only.

PART 19 – DIVIDENDS

19.1 Declaration of dividends

Subject to the rights, if any, of shareholders holding shares with special rights as to dividends, the directors may from time to time declare and authorize payment of any dividends the directors consider appropriate.

19.2 No notice required

The directors need not give notice to any shareholder of any declaration under Article 19.1.

19.3 Directors may determine when dividend payable

Any dividend declared by the directors may be made payable on such date as is fixed by the directors.

19.4 Dividends to be paid in accordance with number of shares

Subject to the rights of shareholders, if any, holding shares with special rights as to dividends, all dividends on shares of any class or series of shares must be declared and paid according to the number of such shares held.

19.5 Manner of paying dividend

A resolution declaring a dividend may direct payment of the dividend wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets or of paid up shares or fractional shares, bonds, debentures or other debt obligations of the Company, or in any one or more of those ways, and, if any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the directors may settle the difficulty as they consider expedient, and, in particular, may set the value for distribution of specific assets.

19.6 Dividend bears no interest

No dividend bears interest against the Company.

19.7 Fractional dividends

If a dividend to which a shareholder is entitled includes a fraction of the smallest monetary unit of the currency of the dividend, that fraction may be disregarded in making payment of the dividend and that payment represents full payment of the dividend.

19.8 Payment of dividends

Any dividend or other distribution payable in cash in respect of shares may be paid by cheque, made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent, and mailed:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), to the address of the shareholder;
- (b) subject to paragraph (c), in the case of joint shareholders, to the address of the joint shareholder whose name stands first on the central securities register in respect of the shares; or
- (c) to the person and to the address as the shareholder or joint shareholders may direct in writing.

19.9 Receipt by joint shareholders

If several persons are joint shareholders of any share, any one of them may give an effective receipt for any dividend, bonus or other money payable in respect of the share.

PART 20 – ACCOUNTING RECORDS

20.1 Recording of financial affairs

The board must cause adequate accounting records to be kept to record properly the financial affairs and condition of the Company and to comply with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*.

PART 21 – EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

21.1 Who may attest seal

The Company's seal, if any, must not be impressed on any record except when that impression is attested by the signature or signatures of:

- (a) any two (2) directors;
- (b) any officer, together with any director;
- (c) if the Company has only one director, that director; or
- (d) any one or more directors or officers or persons as may be determined by resolution of the directors.

21.2 Sealing copies

For the purpose of certifying under seal a true copy of any resolution or other document, the seal must be impressed on that copy and, despite Article 21.1, may be attested by the signature of any director or officer.

21.3 Execution of documents not under seal

Any instrument, document or agreement for which the seal need not be affixed may be executed for and on behalf of and in the name of the Company by any one director or officer of the Company, or by any other person appointed by the directors for such purpose.

PART 22 – NOTICES

22.1 Method of giving notice

Unless the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles provides otherwise, a notice, statement, report or other record required or permitted by the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles to be sent by or to a person may be sent by any one of the following methods:

- (a) mail addressed to the person at the applicable address for that person as follows:
 - (i) for a record mailed to a shareholder, the shareholder's registered address,
 - (ii) for a record mailed to a director or officer, the prescribed address for mailing shown for the director or officer in the records kept by the Company or the mailing address provided by the recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class, or
 - (iii) in any other case, the mailing address of the intended recipient;
- (b) delivery at the applicable address for that person as follows, addressed to the person:
 - (i) for a record delivered to a shareholder, the shareholder's registered address,
 - (ii) for a record delivered to a director or officer, the prescribed address for delivery shown for the director or officer in the records kept by the Company or the delivery address provided by the recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class,
 - (iii) in any other case, the delivery address of the intended recipient;
- (c) sending the record by fax to the fax number provided by the intended recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
- (d) sending the record by email to the email address provided by the intended recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
- (e) physical delivery to the intended recipient; or

(f) such other manner of delivery as is permitted by applicable legislation governing electronic delivery.

22.2 Deemed receipt of mailing

A record that is mailed to a person by ordinary mail to the applicable address for that person referred to in Article 22.1 is deemed to be received by the person to whom it was mailed on the day, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted, following the date of mailing.

22.3 Certificate of sending

A certificate signed by the secretary, if any, or other officer of the Company or of any other corporation acting in that behalf for the Company stating that a notice, statement, report or other record was addressed as required by Article 22.1, prepaid and mailed or otherwise sent as permitted by Article 22.1 is conclusive evidence of that fact.

22.4 Notice to joint shareholders

A notice, statement, report or other record may be provided by the Company to the joint registered shareholders of a share by providing the notice to the joint registered shareholder first named in the central securities register in respect of the share.

22.5 Notice to trustees

A notice, statement, report or other record may be provided by the Company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incapacity of a shareholder by:

- (a) mailing the record, addressed to them:
 - (i) by name, by the title of the legal personal representative of the deceased or incapacitated shareholder, by the title of trustee of the bankrupt shareholder or by any similar description, and
 - (ii) at the address, if any, supplied to the Company for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled; or
- (b) if an address referred to in Article 22.5(a)(ii) has not been supplied to the Company, by giving the notice in a manner in which it might have been given if the death, bankruptcy or incapacity had not occurred.

PART 23 – RESTRICTION ON SHARE TRANSFER

23.1 Application

Article 23.2 does not apply to the Company if and for so long as it is a public company.

23.2 Consent required for transfer

No shares may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of without the consent of the directors and the directors are not required to give any reason for refusing to consent to any such sale, transfer or other disposition.

PART 24 - SPECIAL RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

24.1 Preferred shares issuable in series

The Preferred shares may include one or more series and, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the directors may, by resolution, if none of the shares of that particular series are issued, alter the Articles of the Company and authorize the alteration of the Notice of Articles of the Company, as the case may be, to do one or more of the following:

- (a) create a series of shares;
- (b) create an identifying name for the shares of that series, or alter any such identifying name;
- (c) determine the maximum number of shares of that series that the Company is authorized to issue, determine that there is no such maximum number, or alter any such determination; and
- (d) attach special rights or restrictions to the shares of that series, or alter any such special rights or restrictions.

24.2 Series A Preferred shares

The following special rights and restrictions are attached to the Series A Preferred shares:

- (a) <u>Non-voting</u>. The holders of the Series A Preferred shares are not, as such, entitled to receive notice of or to attend or to vote at any general meetings of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) <u>Discretionary dividends</u>. Subject to the *Business Corporations Act* and to the rights of the holders of Preferred shares, the holders of the Series A Preferred shares are entitled to dividends at such times and in such amounts as the directors may in their discretion from time to time declare. The declaration of dividends on Series A Preferred shares will in no way obligate the Company or the directors to declare dividends on any other class or series of shares. No dividends shall be declared or paid on the Series A Preferred shares if to do so would impair the ability of the Company to redeem any issued Preferred shares.
- (c) <u>Redemption Amount</u>. The "**Redemption Amount**" of each Series A Preferred share will be:
 - (i) if issued for cash consideration, the amount paid up thereon; or
 - (ii) if issued in consideration for property other than cash (the "Property"), the amount determined by the directors at the time of allotment of such share or within 90 days of allotment of such share to be the fair market value of the Property at the time of allotment less the amount of any consideration other than Series A Preferred shares provided by the Company in exchange for the Property (the "Net Property Value"), divided by the number of Series A Preferred shares issued in consideration for the Property, subject to adjustment in accordance with Article 24.2(j).
- (d) <u>Redemption Price</u>. The "**Redemption Price**" of each Series A Preferred share will be the Redemption Amount thereof together with any dividends declared but unpaid thereon.
- (e) <u>Redeemable</u>. The Company may at any time redeem any Series A Preferred share in accordance with the rules and procedures in Article 24.2(h) by paying to the holder thereof the Redemption Price thereof.
- (f) <u>Retractable</u>. Any holder of a Series A Preferred share may, in accordance with the rules and procedures in Article 24.2(i), require the Company at any time to redeem the whole or any part of the Series A Preferred shares held by such holder by payment of the Redemption Price for each Series A Preferred share to be redeemed.

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- (g) Limited preferred entitlement on dissolution. In the event of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company or other distribution of the assets of the Company among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of the Series A Preferred shares will be entitled, before any distribution or payment of any amounts due to holders of the Common shares as provided for in these Articles, to receive in equal priority with amounts due to holders of the Preferred shares as provided for in these Articles the Redemption Price in respect of each Series A Preferred share held, and after such payment each such holder will not as such be entitled to participate in any further distribution of property or assets of the Company.
- (h) <u>Procedure for redemption of shares.</u> In the event the Company wishes to redeem one or more Series A Preferred shares:
 - the Company shall, at least 30 days before any redemption is to take place, give notice of redemption to each person who at the date of the notice is a holder of a Series A Preferred share that is to be redeemed;
 - (ii) a notice of redemption shall specify the date on which the redemption is to take place, the Redemption Price, and the number of Series A Preferred shares to be redeemed from the holder to whom the notice is addressed;
 - (iii) on or after the date specified for redemption, the Company shall, on the holder's presentation and surrender to the Company of all certificates representing the Series A Preferred shares to be redeemed, pay or cause to be paid to or to the order of the holder of such shares the Redemption Price therefor;
 - (iv) upon payment of the Redemption Price in respect of the Series A Preferred shares to be redeemed as provided in paragraph (iii), such shares will be redeemed and any certificate representing the shares will be cancelled;
 - (v) after the date specified for redemption, the holder of a Series A Preferred share to be redeemed will not be entitled to exercise any of the rights of a shareholder in respect of that share unless payment of the Redemption Price is not made on presentation of the certificate for that share in accordance with paragraph (iii), in which case the rights of such holder will remain unaffected;
 - (vi) if the holder of a Series A Preferred share to be redeemed fails to present and surrender the certificate representing such share within 15 days after the date specified for the redemption, the Company may deposit the Redemption Price for such share to a special account in any chartered bank or trust company in British Columbia to be paid without interest to or to the order of such holder upon presentation and surrender to such bank or trust company of the certificate, and upon the making of such deposit every share in respect of which the deposit is made will be deemed to be redeemed and the rights of the holder thereof will be limited to receiving without interest the Redemption Price thereof against presentation and surrender of that certificate;
 - (vii) the holder of a Series A Preferred share may by instrument in writing waive notice of redemption of such share; and
 - (viii) where a notice of redemption has been given, no transfer of any Series A Preferred share specified in such notice may be made by the holder of such share unless the holder's rights with respect to that share have been restored under paragraph (v).

- (i) <u>Procedure for retraction of shares.</u> In the event any holder of one or more Series A Preferred shares may require the Company to redeem such shares wishes to exercise such right:
 - (i) the holder shall, at least 90 days before the date specified for redemption, give written notice of retraction to the Company at its registered office;
 - (ii) a notice of retraction shall specify the date on which the redemption is to take place and the number of Series A Preferred shares held by the holder to be redeemed;
 - (iii) on or after the date specified for redemption, the Company shall, on the holder's presentation and surrender to the Company of all certificates representing the Series
 A Preferred shares to be redeemed, pay or cause to be paid to or to the order of the holder of such shares the Redemption Price therefor;
 - (iv) if the holder requiring the redemption fails to present and surrender the certificate representing any Series A Preferred shares to be redeemed on the date specified for the redemption, the Company may deposit the Redemption Price for such shares to a special account in any chartered bank or trust company in British Columbia to be paid without interest to or to the order of such holder upon presentation and surrender to such bank or trust company of the certificate representing such Series A Preferred shares, and upon the making of such deposit the Series A Preferred shares in respect of which the deposit is made will be deemed to be redeemed and the rights of the holder of such shares will be limited to receiving without interest the Redemption Price thereof against presentation and surrender of the certificate representing such shares; and
 - (v) where a notice of retraction has been given, no transfer of any Series A Preferred share specified in such notice may be made by the holder of such share.
- (j) Adjustment of Redemption Amount.
 - (i) If the Minister of National Revenue or any other competent authority (the "Authority") assesses or reassesses or proposes to assess or reassess (the "Reassessment") the Company or a holder of Series A Preferred shares (the "Subject Shares") on the basis of a determination that, or if it should otherwise be brought to the attention of the Company and the holder of the Subject Shares that, the Net Property Value of the Property in exchange for which the Subject Shares were issued was a different amount than the amount last determined in accordance with these Articles, and a final determination of the adjusted Net Property Value is made in accordance with paragraph (ii), then the Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares shall be redetermined in accordance with paragraph (iii).
 - (ii) The adjusted Net Property Value (hereinafter the "Adjusted Value") shall be determined to be:
 - A. if the adjustment involves a Reassessment, the amount determined by the Authority if the Reassessment is not disputed by the Company or holder of the Subject Shares, or if the Reassessment is disputed, the amount determined in a final settlement reached with the Authority or the amount finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - B. if the adjustment does not involve a Reassessment, the amount agreed upon between the Company and the holder of the Subject Shares.
 - (iii) Upon a determination of Adjusted Value under paragraph (ii):

- A. if the Adjusted Value is greater than the aggregate Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares, the Redemption Amount of each of the Subject Shares shall be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the Adjusted Value and the aggregate Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares, all divided by the number of the Subject Shares (the "**Redemption Adjustment**") so that the aggregate Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares as so increased is equal to the Adjusted Value and, if any of the Subject Shares have been redeemed before that time, the Company shall pay the person who was the holder of such shares at the time of their redemption an amount in respect of each such share equal to the Redemption Adjustment;
- B. if the Adjusted Value is less than the aggregate Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares, the Redemption Amount of each of the Subject Shares shall be decreased by an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares and the Adjusted Value, all divided by the number of the Subject Shares (the "**Redemption Adjustment**") so that the aggregate Redemption Amount of the Subject Shares as so decreased is equal to the Adjusted Value and, if any of the Subject Shares have been redeemed before that time, each person who was the holder of such shares at the time of their redemption shall pay to the Company, on demand, a sum per redeemed share equal to the Redemption Adjustment.

Schedule "C" to the Information Circular of Northstar Clean Technologies Inc.

2023 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

NORTHSTAR CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES INC. (the "Company")

EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

SECTION 1 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

1.1 Purpose

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

SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Definitions

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

- (a) "Award" means any award of Options, RSUs, PSUs or DSUs granted under this Plan;
- (b) "Award Agreement" means any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document, including an electronic communication, as may from time to time be designated by the Company as evidencing any Award granted under this Plan;
- (c) "**Blackout Period**" means a period of time during which the Company prohibits Participants from exercising, redeeming or settling an Award due to the existence of undisclosed material information and pursuant to a formal notice provided by the Company under a trading policy, which Blackout Period must expire promptly following general disclosure of the undisclosed material information;
- (d) **"Board**" means the board of directors of the Company or, if the context permits, any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable;
- (e) "**Change of Control**" means the acquisition by any person or by any person and a joint actor, whether directly or indirectly, of voting securities (as such terms are interpreted in the *Securities Act*) of the Company, which, when added to all other voting securities of the Company at the time held by such person or by such person and a person "acting jointly or in concert" with another person, as that phrase is interpreted in National Instrument 62-103, totals for the first time not less than fifty (50%) percent of the outstanding voting securities of the Company or the votes attached to those securities are sufficient, if exercised, to elect a majority of the Board;
- (f) "**Company**" means Northstar Clean Technologies Inc., a company incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), and any of its successors or assigns;
- (g) "**Consultant**" means a Person (other than a Director, Officer or Employee) that:
 - (i) is engaged to provide, on an ongoing *bona fide* basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, other than services provided in relation to a distribution (as defined in the *Securities Act*);

- (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and the Person, as the case may be; and
- (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time on the affairs and business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

and includes:

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

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

- (l) **"Disability**" means any medical condition which qualifies a Participant for benefits under a long-term disability plan of the Company or Subsidiary;
- (m) "Effective Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 8;
- (n) **"Election Form"** means the form to be completed by a Director specifying the amount of Fees he or she wishes to receive in DSUs under this Plan;
- (o) "Eligible Person", when used in connection with Options, means Officers, Directors, Employees, Management Company Employees and Consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries but, when used in connection with PSUs, RSUs or DSUs, means only Officers, Directors, Employees, Management Company Employees and Consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that do not perform Investor Relations Activities;
- (p) **"Employee"** means:
 - (i) an individual who is considered an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canada Pension Plan deductions must be made at source;

- (ii) an individual who works full-time for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
- (iii) an individual who works for the Company or any of its Subsidiaries on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week acceptable to the Exchange, who provides services normally provided by an employee and is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or its Subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source;
- (q) **"Exchange**" means the TSX Venture Exchange, or such other exchange upon which the Shares of the Company may become listed for trading;
- (r) **"Fees"** means the annual Board retainer, chair fees, meeting attendance fees or any other fees payable to a Director;
- (s) "**Grant Date**" means, for any Award, the date specified by the Board as the grant date at the time it grants the Award or, if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was actually granted;
- (t) "**Insider**" has the meaning attributed to it in the Securities Act;
- (u) "**Investor Relations Activities**" means any activities, by or on behalf of the Company or a shareholder of the Company, that promote or reasonably could be expected to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Company, but does not include:
 - (i) the dissemination of information provided, or records prepared, in the ordinary course of business of the Company:
 - (A) to promote the sale of products or services of the Company; or
 - (B) to raise public awareness of the Company, that cannot reasonably be considered to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Company;
 - (ii) activities or communications necessary to comply with the requirements of:
 - (A) applicable securities laws; or
 - (B) Exchange requirements or the by-laws, rules or other regulatory instruments of any other self-regulatory body or exchange having jurisdiction over the Company;
 - (iii) communications by a publisher of, or writer for, a newspaper, magazine or business or financial publication, that is of general and regular paid circulation, distributed only to subscribers to it for value or to purchasers of it, if:
 - (A) the communication is only through the newspaper, magazine or publication; and
 - (B) the publisher or writer receives no commission or other consideration other than for acting in the capacity of publisher or writer; or

- (iv) activities or communications that may be otherwise specified by the Exchange;
- (v) "Investor Relations Service Provider" includes any Consultant that performs Investor Relations Activities and any Director, Officer, Employee or Management Company Employee whose role and duties primarily consist of Investor Relations Activities
- (w) "Management Company Employee" means an individual employed by a company providing management services to the Company, which services are required for the ongoing successful operation of the Company's business enterprise;
- (x) "Market Price" means, subject to the exceptions prescribed by the Exchange from time to time, the last closing price of the Company's shares before the issuance of the required news release disclosing the grant of Awards (but, if the policies of the Exchange provide an exception to such news release, then the last closing price of the Company's shares before the Grant Date);
- (y) **"Market Unit Price"** means the value of a Share determined by reference to the fiveday volume-weighted average closing price of a Share for the five Trading Day period immediately preceding the relevant date;
- (z) **"Officer"** means an officer (as defined in the Securities Act or, where the Securities Act does not apply, by other applicable securities laws) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (aa) **"Option**" means incentive share purchase options entitling the holder thereof to purchase Shares at a specified price for a specified period of time;
- (bb) "**Participant**" means any Eligible Person to whom Awards under this Plan are granted;
- (cc) **"Participant's Account**" means a notional account maintained for each Participant's participation in this Plan which will show any RSUs, PSUs and/or DSUs credited to a Participant from time to time;
- (dd) **"Performance-Based Award**" means, collectively or as applicable, Performance Share Units, Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units;
- (ee) **"Performance Criteria**" means criteria established by the Board which, without limitation, may include criteria based on the Participant's personal performance and/or financial performance of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and that are to be used to determine the vesting of Performance Share Units;
- (ff) **"Performance Cycle**" means the applicable performance cycle of the Performance Share Units as may be specified by the Board in the applicable Award Agreement;
- (gg) "**Performance Share Unit**" or "**PSU**" means a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive, for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, all as provided in Section 5.3 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares;
- (hh) **"Person**" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or governmental authority or body;

- (ii) **"Restriction Period**" means the time period between the Grant Date and the Vesting Date of an Award of Restricted Share Units specified by the Board in the applicable Award Agreement, which period shall be no less than 12 months;
- (jj) "**Restricted Share Unit**" or "**RSU**" means a right awarded to a Participant, as compensation for employment or consulting services or services as a Director or Officer, to receive for no additional cash consideration, securities of the Company upon specified vesting criteria being satisfied, all as provided in Section 5.2 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, and which may be paid in cash and/or Shares;
- (kk) "**Retirement**" means retirement from active employment with the Company or a Subsidiary with the consent of an officer of the Company or the Subsidiary;
- (ll) "Securities Act" means the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), as amended, from time to time;
- (mm) "Security-Based Compensation Arrangement" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the rules and policies of the Exchange, or in the event that such term is not defined in the rules and policies of the Exchange, shall mean a stock option plan, including the Option Plan, employee stock purchase plan, long-term incentive plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to one or more full-time employees, officers, Insiders, service providers or Consultants of the Company or a Subsidiary, including a share purchase from treasury by a full-time employee, officer, Insider, service provider or Consultant which is financially assisted by the Company or a Subsidiary by way of loan, guarantee or otherwise;
- (nn) "**Shares**" means the common shares of the Company;
- (oo) **"Subsidiary**" means a corporation, company or partnership that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company;
- (pp) "**Termination Date**" means, as applicable:
 - (i) in the event of a Participant's Retirement, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or termination of employment as a result of a Disability, the date on which such Participant ceases to be an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary; and
 - (ii) in the event of termination of the Participant's employment by the Company or a Subsidiary, the date on which such Participant is advised by the Company or a Subsidiary, in writing or verbally, that his or her services are no longer required;
- (qq) **"Trading Day"** means any day on which the Exchange is open for trading; and
- (rr) **"Vesting Date**" means in respect of any Award, the date when the Award is fully vested in accordance with the provisions of this Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

SECTION 3 ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Board to Administer Plan

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

3.2 Delegation to Committee

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

3.3 Interpretation

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

3.4 No Liability

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

SECTION 4 SHARES AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS

4.1 Limitations on Shares Available for Issuance

- (a) The aggregate number of Shares issuable under this Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) in respect of Options shall not exceed **ten (10%) percent** of the Company's then total issued and outstanding Shares calculated as at the date of any grant and in accordance with the Policies of the Exchange.
- (b) The aggregate number of Shares issuable under this Plan (and all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements) in respect of Performance-Based Awards shall not exceed **10,000,000**.
- (c) So long as it may be required by the rules and policies of the Exchange:
 - unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval, the maximum aggregate number of Shares issuable to any Participant under this Plan, within any 12 month period, together with Shares reserved for issuance to such Participant (and to Companies wholly-owned by that Participant) under all of the Company's other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the issued and outstanding Shares (calculated as at the date of any grant);

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

4.2 Accounting for Awards

For purposes of this Section 4:

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

4.3 Anti-Dilution

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

SECTION 5 AWARDS

5.1 Options

- (a) <u>Eligibility and Participation</u> Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Options to Eligible Persons. Options granted to an Eligible Person shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Options to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan. Each Option shall, contingent upon the lapse of any restrictions, represent one (1) Share. The number of Options granted pursuant to an Award shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) <u>Exercise Price</u> The exercise price of an Option granted under this Plan shall not be less than the Discounted Market Price, provided that if an Option is proposed to be granted by the Company which has just been recalled for trading following a suspension or halt, the Company must wait at least ten Trading Days since the day on which trading in the Company's securities resumes before setting the exercise price for and granting the Option.
- (c) <u>Expiry Date</u> Each Option shall, unless sooner terminated, expire on a date to be determined by the Board which will not exceed 10 years from the Grant Date.
- (d) <u>Different Exercise Periods, Prices and Number</u> The Board may, in its absolute discretion, upon granting Options under this Plan, specify different time periods following the dates of granting the Options during which the Participant may exercise their Options to purchase Shares and may designate different exercise prices and numbers of Shares in respect of which each Participant may exercise his option during each respective time period.
- (e) <u>Vesting</u> Subject to the discretion of the Board, the Options granted to a Participant under this Plan shall vest as determined by the Board on the Grant Date of such Options. If the Board does not specify a vesting schedule at the Grant Date, then Options granted to persons other than those conducting Investor Relations Activities shall vest fully on the Grant Date, and in any event in accordance with the policies of the Exchange. Options issued to Persons conducting Investor Relations Activities must vest (and shall not otherwise be exercisable) in stages over a minimum of 12 months such that:
 - (i) no more than 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than three months after the Grant Date;
 - (ii) no more than another 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than six months after the Grant Date;
 - (iii) no more than another 1/4 of the Options vest no sooner than nine months after the Grant Date; and
 - (iv) the remainder of the Options vest no sooner than 12 months after the Grant Date.
- (f) <u>Change of Control</u> If the Award Agreement so provides, in the event of a Change of Control, all Options granted to a Participant who ceases to be an Eligible Person shall become fully vested in such Participant and shall become exercisable by the Participant in accordance with the terms of the Award Agreement and Section 5.1(l)

hereof. If the Participant provides Investor Relations Activities, no acceleration of the vesting of any Options shall be permitted without prior Exchange review and acceptance.

(g) <u>Death</u> - Other than as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, upon the death of a Participant, any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect; and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with Section 5.1(l) hereof.

(h) <u>Termination of Participant's Relationship with the Company</u>

- (i) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for cause, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date.
- Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of (ii) termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to Retirement by the Participant, such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date; provided, however, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or Retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.1(l) hereof and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the Participant ceased to be an Eligible Person, or such longer period as may be provided for in the Award Agreement or as may be determined by the Board provided such period does not exceed 12 months after the Termination Date.
- (iii) Upon termination of a Participant's relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, the Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards of Options under this Plan shall cease as of the Termination Date.
- (i) <u>Disability</u> Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a Disability, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Options; *provided, however*, that no Options may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to Disability such that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Options granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date; *provided, however*, that any Options granted to such Participant which, prior to the termination of the Participant's relationship with

the Company due to Disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable Award Agreement, will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.1(l) hereof and shall be exercisable by such Participant for a period of 90 days following the date the Termination Date, or such longer period as may be provided for in the Award Agreement or as may be determined by the Board.

(j) <u>Hold Period</u> - In addition to any resale restrictions under applicable legislation or regulation, all Options granted hereunder and all Shares issued on the exercise of such Options will, if applicable under the policies of the Exchange, be subject to a four month TSX Venture Exchange hold period from the date the options are granted, and the stock option agreements and the certificates representing such Shares will bear the following legend:

> "Without prior written approval of the Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this certificate may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of the TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until [insert date]."

- (k) <u>Notice</u> Options shall be exercised only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Award Agreements under which they are respectively granted and shall be exercisable only by notice in writing to the Company at its principal place of business.
- (l) <u>Payment of Award</u> Subject to any vesting or other limitations described in each individual Award Agreement, Options may be exercised in whole or in part at any time prior to their lapse or termination, by the Participant, or if Section 5.1(g) applies, by the Participant's estate within one year of the death of the Participant, into such number of Shares equal to the number of Options credited to the Participant's Account that become exercisable on the Vesting Date. The exercise price of all Options must be paid in cash. Shares purchased by a Participant on exercise of an Option shall be paid for in full at the time of their purchase (i.e. concurrently with the giving of the requisite notice).

5.2 Restricted Share Units

- (a) <u>Eligibility and Participation</u> Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Restricted Share Units to Eligible Persons that do not perform Investor Relations Activities. Restricted Share Units granted to a Participant shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Restricted Share Units to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan. Each Restricted Share Unit shall, contingent upon the lapse of any restrictions, represent one (1) Share. The number of Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to an Award and the Restriction Period in respect of such Restricted Share Units shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (b) <u>Restrictions</u> Restricted Share Units shall be subject to such restrictions as the Board, in its sole discretion, may establish in the applicable Award Agreement, which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such time or times and on such

terms, conditions and satisfaction of objectives as the Board may, in its discretion, determine at the time an Award is granted.

- (c) <u>Vesting</u> All Restricted Share Units will vest and become payable by the issuance of Shares at the end of the Restriction Period if all applicable restrictions have lapsed, as such restrictions may be specified in the Award Agreement. No Restricted Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (d) <u>Change of Control</u> If the Award Agreement so provides, in the event of a Change of Control and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all restrictions upon any Restricted Share Units shall lapse immediately and all such Restricted Share Units shall become fully vested in the Participant and will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
- (e) <u>Death</u> Other than as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement, upon the death of a Participant, any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will be immediately and automatically forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever. Any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant's estate in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
- (f) <u>Termination of a Participant's Relationship with the Company</u>
 - (i) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for cause, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date.
 - (ii) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to Retirement by the Participant, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however*, that any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination without cause, voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or Retirement, had vested pursuant to the terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.
 - (iii) Upon termination of a Participant's relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, the Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards of Restricted Share Units under this Plan shall cease as of the Termination Date.
- (g) <u>Disability</u> Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a Disability, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Restricted Share Units; *provided, however*, that no Restricted

Share Units may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to Disability such that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however*, that any Restricted Share Units granted to such Participant which, prior to the Participant's termination due to Disability, had vested pursuant to terms of the applicable Award Agreement will accrue to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.2(h) hereof.

- (h) <u>Payment of Award</u> As soon as practicable after each Vesting Date of an Award of Restricted Share Units, the Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either:
 - (i) issue to the Participant, or if Section 5.2(e) applies, to the Participant's estate, from treasury the number of Shares equal to the number of Restricted Share Units credited to the Participant's Account that have vested and become payable on the Vesting Date; or
 - (ii) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next Trading Day after the Vesting Date of the Restricted Share Units credited to a Participant's Account that have vested and become payable, net of applicable withholdings.

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

5.3 Performance Share Units

- (a) <u>Eligibility and Participation</u> Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Performance Share Units to Eligible Persons that do not perform Investor Relations Activities. Performance Share Units granted to a Participant shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Performance Share Units to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, in accordance with this Plan. Each Performance Share Unit shall, contingent upon the attainment of the Performance Criteria within the Performance Cycle, represent one (1) Share. The number of Performance Share Units granted pursuant to an Award, the Performance Criteria which must be satisfied in order for the Performance Share Units to vest and the Performance Cycle in respect of such Performance Share Units shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement. No Performance Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (b) <u>Performance Criteria</u> The Board will select, settle and determine the Performance Criteria (including without limitation the attainment thereof), for purposes of the vesting of the Performance Share Units, in its sole discretion. An Award Agreement may provide the Board with the right, during a Performance Cycle or after it has ended, to revise the Performance Criteria and the Award amounts if unforeseen events (including, without limitation, changes in capitalization, an equity restructuring, an acquisition or a divestiture) occur which have a substantial effect on

the financial results and which in the sole judgment of the Board make the application of the Performance Criteria unfair unless a revision is made. Notices will be provided by the Company to applicable regulatory authorities or stock exchanges as may be required with respect to the foregoing.

- (c) <u>Vesting</u> All Performance Share Units will vest and become payable to the extent that the Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement are satisfied in the Performance Cycle, the determination of which satisfaction shall be made by the Board on the Determination Date. No Performance Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (d) <u>Change of Control</u> If the Award Agreement so provides, in the event of a Change of Control and the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Performance Share Units granted to a Participant shall become fully vested in such Participant (without regard to the attainment of any Performance Criteria) and shall become payable to the Participant in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.
- (e) <u>Death</u> Other than as may be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement and below, upon the death of a Participant, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant which, prior to the Participant's death, have not vested, will immediately and automatically be forfeited and cancelled without further action and without any cost or payment, and the Participant or his or her estate, as the case may be, shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however*, the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's Performance Share Units that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement have been satisfied in that portion of the Performance Cycle that has lapsed. The Performance Share Units that the Board determines to have vested shall become payable in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.
- (f) <u>Termination of a Participant's Relationship with the Company</u>
 - (i) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for cause, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date.
 - (ii) Where a Participant's relationship with the Company terminates by reason of termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without cause, by voluntary termination, voluntary resignation or due to Retirement by the Participant, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant which have not vested will, unless the Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; *provided, however*, the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's Performance Share Units that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement have been satisfied in that portion of the Performance Cycle that has lapsed. The Performance Share Units that the Board determines to have vested shall become payable in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.

- (iii) Upon termination of a Participant's relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary such that the Participant no longer qualifies as an Eligible Person, the Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards of Performance Share Units under this Plan shall cease as of the Termination Date.
- Disability Where a Participant becomes afflicted by a Disability, all Performance (g) Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan will continue to vest in accordance with the terms of such Performance Share Units; provided, however, that no Performance Share Units may be redeemed during a leave of absence. Where a Participant's relationship is terminated due to Disability such that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Performance Share Units granted to the Participant under this Plan that have not vested will, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise and subject to the provisions below, immediately terminate without payment, be forfeited and cancelled and shall be of no further force or effect as of the Termination Date, and the Participant shall have no right, title or interest therein whatsoever; provided, however, that the Board may determine, in its sole discretion, the number of the Participant's Performance Share Units that will vest based on the extent to which the applicable Performance Criteria set forth in the Award Agreement have been satisfied in that portion of the Performance Cycle that has lapsed. The Performance Share Units that the Board determines to have vested shall become payable in accordance with Section 5.3(h) hereof.
- (h) <u>Payment of Award</u> Payment to Participants in respect of vested Performance Share Units shall be made after the Determination Date for the applicable Award and in any case within ninety-five (95) days after the last day of the Performance Cycle to which such Award relates. The Company shall, at the sole discretion of the Board, either:
 - (i) issue to the Participant or if Section 5.3(e) applies, to the Participant's estate, the number of Shares equal to the number of Performance Share Units credited to the Participant's Account that have vested on the Determination Date; or
 - (ii) make a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next Trading Day after the Determination Date of the Performance Share Units credited to a Participant's Account that have vested, net of applicable withholdings.

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

5.4 Deferred Share Units

(a) <u>Eligibility and Participation</u> - Subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, the Board may, from time to time, grant Awards of Deferred Share Units to Directors that do not perform Investor Relations Activities in lieu of Fees or to other Eligible Persons that do not perform Investor Relations Activities as compensation for employment or consulting services. Deferred Share Units granted to a Participant in accordance with Section 5.4 hereof shall be credited, as of the Grant Date, to the Participant's Account. The number of Deferred Share Units to be credited to each Participant shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with this Plan. The number of Deferred Share Units shall be specified in the applicable Award Agreement.

- (b) <u>Election</u> Each Director may elect to receive any or all of his or her Fees in Deferred Share Units under this Plan. Elections by Directors regarding the amount of their Fees that they wish to receive in Deferred Share Units shall be made no later than 90 days after this Plan is adopted by the Board, and thereafter no later than December 31 of any given year with respect to Fees for the following year. Any Director who becomes a Director during a calendar year and wishes to receive an amount of his or her Fees for the remainder of that year in Deferred Share Units must make his or her election within 60 days of becoming a Director.
- (c) <u>Calculation of Deferred Share Units Granted in Lieu of Fees</u> The number of Deferred Share Units to be credited to a Participant's Account where the Participant is a Director who has elected to receive Deferred Share Units in lieu of Fees shall be calculated by dividing the amount of Fees selected by a Director in the applicable Election Form by the Market Unit Price on the Grant Date (or such other price as required under Exchange policies) which shall be the 10th business day following each financial quarter end. If, as a result of the foregoing calculation, a Participant that is a Director shall become entitled to a fractional Deferred Share Unit, the Participant shall only be credited with a full number of Deferred Share Units (rounded down) and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Deferred Share Unit.
- (d) <u>Vesting</u> No Deferred Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of the Award.
- (e) <u>Payment of Award</u> Each Participant shall be entitled to receive, after the effective date that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person for any reason, on a day designated by the Participant and communicated to the Company by the Participant in writing at least 15 days prior to the designated day (or such earlier date after the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person as the Participant and the Company may agree, which date shall be no later than one year after the date upon which the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person) and if no such notice is given, then on the first anniversary of the effective date that the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person, at the sole discretion of the Board, either:
 - that number of Shares equal to the number of vested Deferred Share Units credited to the Participant's Account, such Shares to be issued from treasury of the Company (provided that such issuance will not result in the number specified in Section 4.1(b) being exceeded); or
 - (ii) a cash payment in an amount equal to the Market Unit Price on the next Trading Day after the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person of the vested Deferred Share Units credited to a Participant's Account, net of applicable withholdings.
- (f) Exception In the event that the value of a Deferred Share Unit would be determined with reference to a period commencing at a fiscal quarter-end of the Company and ending prior to the public disclosure of interim financial statements for the quarter (or annual financial statements in the case of the fourth quarter), the cash payment of the value of the Deferred Share Units will be made to the Participant with reference to the five (5) Trading Days immediately following the public disclosure of the

interim financial statements for that quarter (or annual financial statements in the case of the fourth quarter).

(g) <u>Death</u> - Upon death of a Participant holding Deferred Share Units that have vested, the Participant's estate shall be entitled to receive, within 120 days after the Participant's death and at the sole discretion of the Board, a cash payment or Shares that would have otherwise been payable in accordance with Section 5.4(e) hereof to the Participant upon such Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Person.

5.5 General Terms Applicable to Awards

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

- (iii) restrictions as to the use of a specified brokerage firm for such resales or other transfers.
- (e) <u>Blackout Periods</u> In the event that the date provided for expiration, redemption or settlement of an Award falls within a Blackout Period imposed by the Company pursuant to a trading policy as the result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed Material Information, the expiry date, redemption date or settlement date, as applicable, of the Award shall automatically be extended to the date that is ten (10) business days following the date of expiry of the Blackout Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there will be no extension of any Award if the Company (or the Participant) is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under applicable law).
- (f) <u>Share Certificates</u> All Shares delivered under this Plan pursuant to any Award shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Board may deem advisable under this Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of any securities commission, the Exchange, and any applicable securities legislation, regulations, rules, policies or orders, and the Board may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.
- (g) <u>Conformity to Plan</u> In the event that an Award is granted which does not conform in all particulars with the provisions of this Plan, or purports to grant an Award on terms different from those set out in this Plan, the Award shall not be in any way void or invalidated, but the Award shall be adjusted to become, in all respects, in conformity with this Plan.
- Deductions Whenever cash is to be paid in respect of Deferred Share Units, (h) Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, the Company shall have the right to deduct from all cash payments made to a Participant any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payments. Whenever Shares are to be delivered in respect of Deferred Share Units, Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, the Company shall have the right to deduct from any other amounts payable to the Participant any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such delivery of Shares, or if any payment due to the Participant is not sufficient to satisfy the withholding obligation, to require the Participant to remit to the Company in cash an amount sufficient to satisfy any taxes required by law to be withheld. At the sole discretion of the Board, a Participant may be permitted to satisfy the foregoing requirement by, all in accordance with the Policies of the Exchange, delivering (on a form prescribed by the Company) an irrevocable direction to a securities broker approved by the Company to sell all or a portion of the Shares and deliver to the Company from the sales proceeds an amount sufficient to pay the required withholding taxes.
- (i) <u>Evergreen Plan</u> Shares that were the subject of any Award made under this Plan that has been settled in cash, or that has been cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or has expired without being exercised, and pursuant to which no securities have been issued, may continue to be issuable under this Plan.

5.6 General Terms Applicable to Performance-Based Awards

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

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

SECTION 6 AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

6.1 Amendments and Termination of this Plan

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

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

- (iii) amendments which are necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the Exchange;
- (iv) amendments respecting administration and eligibility for participation under this Plan;
- (v) amendments to the terms and conditions on which Awards may be or have been granted pursuant to this Plan including amendments to the vesting provisions and terms of any Awards;
- (vi) with the exception of Options granted to Persons performing Investor Relations Activities, amendments which alter, extend or accelerate the terms of vesting applicable to any Awards; and
- (vii) changes to the termination provisions of an Award or this Plan which do not entail an extension beyond the original fixed term.

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

6.2 Amendments to Awards

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

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

SECTION 7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1 No Rights to Awards

No Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award under this Plan, or, having been selected to receive an Award under this Plan, to be selected to receive a future Award. There is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Eligible Persons or Participants or beneficiaries of Awards under this Plan. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each Participant. The Company and each Eligible Person qualifying for an Award are and shall be responsible for ensuring and confirming that each recipient of an Award is a bona fide Eligible Person that qualifies to receive the applicable Award.

7.2 Withholding

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

7.3 No Limit on Other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements

Nothing contained in this Plan shall prevent the Company or a Subsidiary from adopting or continuing in effect other Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

7.4 No Right to Employment

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

7.5 No Right as Shareholder

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

7.6 Governing Law

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

7.7 Severability

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

7.8 No Trust or Fund Created

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

7.9 No Fractional Shares

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

7.10 Headings

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

7.11 No Representation or Warranty

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

7.12 No Representations or Covenant with Respect to Tax Qualification

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

7.13 Conflict with Award Agreement

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

7.14 Compliance with Laws

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

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

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

SECTION 8 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PLAN

8.1 Effective Date

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

SECTION 9 TERM OF THIS PLAN

9.1 Term

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

Schedule "D" to the Information Circular of Northstar Clean Technologies Inc.

NI 51-102 AUDITOR REPORTING PACKAGE

DAVIDSON & COMPANY LLP _____ Chartered Professional Accountants __

September 14, 2022

British Columbia Securities Commission Alberta Securities Commission Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission **Manitoba Securities Commission Ontario Securities Commission** Yukon Securities Office

Dear Sirs / Mesdames:

Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. (the "Company") Re: Notice Pursuant to NI 51 – 102 of Change of Auditor

In accordance with National Instrument 51-102, we have read the Company's Change of Auditor Notice dated September 7, 2022 and agree with the information contained therein, based upon our knowledge of the information at this date.

Should you require clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours very truly,

Davidson & Cansony LLP

DAVIDSON & COMPANY LLP Chartered Professional Accountants

cc: TSX Venture Exchange





September 12, 2022

To: British Columbia Securities Commission Alberta Securities Commission Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Manitoba Securities Commission Ontario Securities Commission Superintendent of Securities, Yukon

Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. (the "Company") Notice Pursuant to National Instrument 51-102 – Change of Auditor ("Notice")

As required by National Instrument 51-102, we have reviewed the information contained in the notice dated September 7, 2022 given by the Company to ourselves and Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

Based on our knowledge of such information at this date, we agree with the statements set out in the Notice, except that we are not in a position to agree or disagree with the Company's statement that there are no reportable events between the Company and Davidson & Company LLP.

Yours very truly,

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF AUDITOR

(National Instrument 51-102)

TO: British Columbia Securities Commission Alberta Securities Commission Saskatchewan Securities Commission Manitoba Securities Commission Ontario Securities Commission Yukon Securities Commission

AND TO: Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants

RE: Change of Auditor Notice under Section 4.11(5) of National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations

Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. (the "**Company**") hereby gives notice pursuant to National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* ("**NI 51-102**") that:

- The Board has determined it is in the best interests of the Company to change its auditor from Davidson & Company LLP ("Davidson") of Suite 1200 - 609 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V7Y 1G6 to MNP LLP of 1021 West Hastings Street, Suite 2200, Vancouver, BC V6E 0C3
- 2. The effective date of said change of auditor is September 7, 2022.
- 3. Davidson has resigned due to lack of resources.
- 4. The resignation of Davidson and the appointment of MNP LLP have been approved by the Company's Board of Directors.
- 5. None of the reports of Davidson on any of the Company's financial statements relating to the "relevant period" (as such term is defined in section 4.11(1) of NI 51-102) expressed a modified opinion.
- 6. There has not been a "reportable event" (as such term is defined in section 4.11(1) of NI 51-102), which occurred in connection with the audit of the financial years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, or for any period subsequent thereto.
- 7. The contents of this Notice of Change of Auditor have been reviewed and approved by the Board.

Dated this 7th day of September 2022.

NORTHSTAR CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

/s/ "Aidan Mills"

Aidan Mills President & CEO

Notice of Change of Auditor

- To: MNP LLP and Davidson & Company LLP
- Re: Northstar Clean Technologies Inc. (the "**Company**") Notice of Change of Auditor (the "**Notice**")

In compliance with Section 4.11 of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations ("**NI 51-102**"), please be advised as follows:

- 1. The Board has determined it is in the best interests of the Company to appoint MNP LLP of 1021 West Hastings Street, Suite 2200, Vancouver, BC V6E 0C3.
- 2. The effective date of said appointment of auditor is September 7, 2022.
- 3. The appointment of MNP LLP has been approved by the Company's Board of Directors.
- 4. None of the reports from the previous auditor on any of the Company's financial statements relating to the "relevant period" (as such term is defined in section 4.11(1) of NI 51-102) expressed a modified opinion.
- 5. There has not been a "reportable event" (as such term is defined in section 4.11(1) of NI 51-102), which occurred in connection with the audit of the financial years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, or for any period subsequent thereto.

Please review this Notice and prepare a letter identifying whether you agree, disagree and the reasons why, or have no basis to agree or disagree with each statement contained in this Notice, addressing your response to the relevant securities regulatory authorities (list of addresses attached hereto). Please deliver the response to the Company within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice.

This Notice and your reply will be part of the reporting package that will be filed with the applicable regulator or relevant securities administrators.

Dated this 7th day of September 2022.

NORTHSTAR CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

/s/ "Aidan Mills"

Aidan Mills CEO, President & Director