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#### INFORMATION CIRCULAR

as at September 8, 2023 (except as otherwise indicated)

This Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Gladiator Metals Corp. for use at the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of its shareholders to be held on October 12, 2023 at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of the Meeting.

In this Information Circular, references to "the Company", "we" and "our" refer to Gladiator Metals Corp. "Common Shares" means common shares in the capital of the Company. "Beneficial Shareholders" means shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name and "intermediaries" refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders.

#### GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation. We have arranged for intermediaries to forward the meeting materials to beneficial owners of the Common Shares held of record by those intermediaries and we may reimburse the intermediaries for their reasonable fees and disbursements in that regard.

# **Appointment of Proxyholders**

The individuals named in the accompanying form of proxy (the "Proxy") are officers and/or directors of the Company. If you are a shareholder entitled to vote at the Meeting, you have the right to appoint a person or company other than either of the persons designated in the Proxy, who need not be a shareholder, to attend and act for you and on your behalf at the Meeting. You may do so either by inserting the name of that other person in the blank space provided in the Proxy or by completing and delivering another suitable form of proxy.

# **Voting by Proxyholder**

The persons named in the Proxy will vote or withhold from voting the Common Shares represented thereby in accordance with your instructions on any ballot that may be called for. If you specify a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, your Common Shares will be voted accordingly. The Proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons named therein with respect to:

- a) each matter or group of matters identified therein for which a choice is not specified, other than the appointment of an auditor and the election of directors,
- b) any amendment to or variation of any matter identified therein, and
- c) any other matter that properly comes before the Meeting.

In respect of a matter for which a choice is not specified in the Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote the Common Shares represented by the Proxy for the approval of such matter.

# **Registered Shareholders**

Registered Shareholders may wish to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders electing to submit a proxy may do so by one of the following methods:

- a) complete, date and sign the Proxy and return it to the Company's transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company ("**Odyssey Trust**"), by mail to Suite 350, 409 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1T2, or by fax at 1-800-517-4553; or
- b) log on to the Odyssey Trust website at <a href="https://login.odysseytrust.com/pxlogin">https://login.odysseytrust.com/pxlogin</a>. Registered shareholders must follow the instructions provided on the website and refer to the enclosed proxy form for the holder's account number and the proxy access number.

In either case you must ensure the proxy is received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the Meeting or the adjournment thereof. Failure to complete or deposit a proxy properly may result in its invalidation. The time limit for the deposit of proxies may be waived by the chairman of the meeting at the chairman's discretion without notice. Please note that in order to vote your Common Shares in person at the Meeting, you must attend the Meeting and register with the Scrutineer before the Meeting. If you have already submitted a Proxy, but choose to change your method of voting and attend the Meeting to vote, then you should register with the Scrutineer before the Meeting and inform them that your previously submitted proxy is revoked and that you personally will vote your Common Shares at the Meeting.

# **Beneficial Shareholders**

The following information is of significant importance to shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Beneficial Shareholders should note the only proxies that can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting are those deposited by registered shareholders (those whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares) or as set out in the following disclosure.

If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the name of the shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms), and in the United States of America (the "U.S." or the "United States") the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depository for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks).

Intermediaries are required to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholders' meetings. Every intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients.

There are two kinds of Beneficial Shareholders - those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own (called "OBOs" for "Objecting Beneficial Owners") and those who do not object to the issuers of the securities they own knowing who they are (called "NOBOs" for "Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners").

The Company is taking advantage of the provisions of National Instrument 54-101 "Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer" that permit it to deliver proxy-related materials directly to its NOBOs. As a result, NOBOs can expect to receive a scannable Voting Instruction Form ("VIF") from our transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company. The VIF is to be completed and returned to Odyssey Trust Company as set out in the instructions provided on the VIF. Odyssey Trust Company will tabulate the results of the VIFs received from NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the shares represented by the VIFs they receive.

These securityholder materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities of the Company. If you are a non-registered owner, and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name, address and information about your holdings of securities were obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding securities on your behalf.

By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Company (and not the intermediary holding securities on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you; and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your VIF as specified in the request for voting instructions that was sent to you.

These securityholder materials are sent to both registered and non-registered (beneficial) owners of the securities of the Company. If you are a non-registered owner, and the Company or its agent sent these materials directly to you, your name, address and information about your holdings of securities, were obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding securities on your behalf.

Beneficial Shareholders who are OBOs should follow the instructions of their intermediary carefully to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

The form of proxy supplied to you (as a beneficial owner) by your broker will be similar to the proxy provided to registered shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the intermediary on how to vote on your behalf. Most brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc. ("Broadridge") in Canada and in the United States. Broadridge mails a VIF in lieu of the proxy provided by the Company. The VIF will name the same persons as the Company's Proxy to represent you at the Meeting. You have the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Beneficial Shareholder of the Company), different from the persons designated in the VIF, to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting, and that person may be you. To exercise this right insert the name of your desired representative (which may be you) in the blank space provided in the VIF. Once you have completed and signed your VIF return it to Broadridge by mail or facsimile, or deliver your voting instructions to Broadridge by phone or via the internet, in accordance with Broadridge's instructions. Broadridge tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting. If you receive a VIF from Broadridge, it must be completed and returned to Broadridge, in accordance with Broadridge's instructions, well in advance of the Meeting in order to: (a) have your Common Shares voted at the Meeting as per your instructions; or (b) have an alternate representative chosen by you duly appointed to attend and vote your Common Shares at the Meeting.

#### **Notice to Shareholders in the United States**

The solicitation of proxies involves securities of an issuer located in Canada and is being effected in accordance with the corporate laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada and securities laws of the provinces of Canada. The proxy solicitation rules under the United States *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended, are not applicable to the Company or this solicitation, and this solicitation has been prepared

in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the securities laws of the provinces of Canada. Shareholders should be aware that disclosure requirements under the securities laws of the provinces of Canada differ from the disclosure requirements under United States securities laws.

The enforcement by shareholders of civil liabilities under United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Company is incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), as amended, certain of its directors and its executive officers are residents of Canada and a substantial portion of its assets and the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. Shareholders may not be able to sue a foreign company or its officers or directors in a foreign court for violations of United States federal securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its officers and directors to subject themselves to a judgment by a United States court.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a registered shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by:

- a) executing a proxy bearing a later date or by executing a valid notice of revocation, either of the foregoing to be executed by the registered shareholder or the registered shareholder's authorized attorney in writing, or, if the shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or duly authorized attorney, and by delivering the proxy bearing a later date to Odyssey Trust or at the address of the registered office of the Company at 1500-1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4N7, at any time up to and including the last business day that precedes the day of the Meeting or, if the Meeting is adjourned, the last business day that precedes any reconvening thereof, or to the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any reconvening thereof, or in any other manner provided by law, or
- b) personally attending the Meeting and voting the registered shareholder's Common Shares.

A revocation of a proxy will not affect a matter on which a vote is taken before the revocation.

#### INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or executive officer of the Company, or any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, nor any nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any substantial or material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors, the appointment of the auditor and as may be set out herein.

# VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The Company's board of directors (the "Board") has fixed September 8, 2023 as the record date (the "Record Date") for determining persons entitled to receive notice of the Meeting. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either attend the Meeting personally or complete, sign and deliver a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above will be entitled to vote or to have their Common Shares voted at the Meeting.

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares.

As of September 8, 2023, there were 40,130,228 Common Shares without par value issued and outstanding, each carrying the right to one vote. No group of shareholders has the right to elect a specified number of directors, nor are there cumulative or similar voting rights attached to the Common Shares.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no person beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares of the Company as at September 8, 2023.

The following documents filed with the securities commissions or similar regulatory authority in each of the provinces in British Columbia and Alberta are specifically incorporated by reference into, and form an integral part of, this information circular:

• The audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended February 28, 2023 and the related management's discussion and analysis as SEDAR filed on June 23, 2023.

Copies of documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained by a shareholder upon request without charge from the Company at Suite 1012, 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 2Y3, Telephone No.: 604-653-9464 or Fax No.: 604-648-8105. These documents are also available via the internet under the Company's profile at www.sedarplus.ca.

#### VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS RESOLUTIONS

A simple majority of affirmative votes cast at the Meeting is required to pass the resolutions described herein. If there are more nominees for election as directors or appointment of the Company's auditor than there are vacancies to fill, those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected or appointed, as the case may be, until all such vacancies have been filled. If the number of nominees for election or appointment is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, all such nominees will be declared elected or appointed by acclamation.

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board has determined that the number of directors to be elected to the Board at the Meeting be set at four (4) directors. The Board will nominate the four (4) individuals set out below to be elected to the Board at the Meeting.

The term of office of each of the current directors will end at the conclusion of the Meeting. Unless a director's office is vacated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) ("BCA"), each director elected at the Meeting will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, or if no director is then elected, until a successor is elected.

#### **Advance Notice Provisions**

The Company's Articles include advance notice provisions (the "Advance Notice Provision"). The Advance Notice Provision provides for advance notice to the Company in circumstances where nominations of persons for election to the Board are made by shareholders of the Company other than pursuant to (i) a requisition of a meeting made pursuant to the provisions of the BCA or (ii) a shareholder proposal made pursuant to the provisions of the BCA.

The Advance Notice Provision is the framework by which the Company seeks to fix a deadline by which holders of record of Common Shares of the Company 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 the notice to the Company for the notice to be in proper written form.

The foregoing is merely a summary of the Advance Notice Provision, is not comprehensive and is qualified by the full text of such provision which is available in the Company's Articles filed on March 9, 2020 under the Company's profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>.

The Company did not receive notice of a nomination in compliance with the Advance Notice Provision, and as such, any nominations other than nominations by or at the direction of the Board or an authorized

officer of the Company will be disregarded at the Meeting.

# **Management Director Nominees**

The following table sets out the names of management's nominees for election as director, all major offices and positions with the Company and any of its significant affiliates each now holds, each nominee's current principal occupation, business or employment (for the five preceding years for each new nominee), the period of time during which each has been a director of the Company and the number of Common Shares of the Company beneficially owned by each, directly or indirectly, or over which each exercised control or direction, as at September 8, 2023.

Nominee Position with the Company and Province or State and Country of Residence	Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(1)</sup>	Period as a Director of the Company	Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Jason Bontempo <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup> CEO and Director NSW, Australia	CEO of the Company (February 2023 – present), Managing Director of BR Corporation Pty. Ltd.	Since October 8, 2021	707,275
Ian Harris <sup>(3)(4)</sup> Director Florida, USA	CEO of the Company (October 2021 – February 2023); President and CEO of Libero Copper and Gold Corp. since February 2021.	Since October 8, 2021	223,214
Darren Devine <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup> Director BC, Canada	Principal of CDM Capital Partners; President of Chelmer Consulting Corp.	Since October 8, 2021	1,169,734
Shawn Khunkhun <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup> Director BC, Canada	Corporate finance/mining executive. CEO and Director of Dolly Varden, Director of Goldshore Resources Inc. and Executive Chairman & Director of StrikePoint Gold Inc.	Since October 8, 2021	800,633

#### Notes:

- (1) The information as to principal occupation, business or employment and Common Shares beneficially owned or controlled is not within the knowledge of management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees or obtained from information available on SEDI.
- (2) On an undiluted basis.
- (3) This director also holds options to purchase additional Common Shares: Bontempo as to 150,000; Devine as to 150,000; Khunkhun as to 150,000; Harris as to 150,000.
- (4) This director also holds warrants to purchase additional Common Shares: Bontempo as to 357,142; Harris as to 111,607.
- (5) Member of the Audit Committee.

#### **Biographies of Director Nominees**

Jason Bontempo – Director and CEO

Mr. Bontempo has 22 years' experience in public company management, corporate advisory, investment banking and public company accounting, since qualifying as a chartered accountant with Ernst & Young. Mr Bontempo has worked primarily serving on the board and the executive management of minerals and resources public companies focusing on advancing, financing and developing mineral resource assets and

business development. Mr. Bontempo also provides corporate advice services for the financing of resource companies across multiple capital markets and resource asset acquisitions and divestments.

Shawn Khunkhun – Independent Director

Mr. Khunkhun has over 20 years of experience in the capital markets, mineral exploration and development sector. He is currently, CEO and Director of Dolly Varden Silver Corp (TSXV:DV). Mr. Khunkhun has an extensive network of high net worth retail and institutional investors, analysts, brokers and private equity groups. He has facilitated over C\$1B in equity raised for resources companies over the past 20 years as a CEO, director, advisor or consultant.

Darren Devine – Independent Director

Mr. Devine is the principal of CDM Capital Partners a leading Vancouver based corporate finance advisory services to private and public companies. In this role, Mr. Devine acts as founder, board member and management advisor with respect to direct and indirect listings on Canadian and international stock exchanges, public and private financings, corporate governance, and the structuring of mergers, acquisitions and dispositions.

Mr. Devine is a past member of the TSX Venture Exchange's Advisory Committee, advising the stock exchange on policy decisions in relation to listing requirements for public and going public transactions.

Mr. Devine is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in British Columbia and in England & Wales and prior to founding CDM Capital Partners, practiced exclusively in the areas of corporate finance and securities law.

Ian Harris – Director

Mr. Harris is a mining engineer and executive with over 20 years' experience in leading worldwide mining projects. He has mining and management experience in over 20 countries, with a wide range of mining methods, commodities, project phases and sizes, successful advancing project in some of the most challenging environments. Mr. Harris was CEO of AMAK Mining Company (first private operating mining company in Saudi Arabia), and also served as Senior VP and Country Manager of Corriente Resources Inc. in Ecuador and was directly involved in the operations and negotiations that led to the sale of Corriente for C\$690 million to CRCC-Tongguan Investment (Canada) Co. Ltd.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the election of the Nominees.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT EACH SHAREHOLDER VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ABOVE NOMINEES AS DIRECTORS.

# **Penalties, Sanctions and Cease Trade Orders**

Except as set out below, no proposed director is, as at the date of this information circular, or has been, within ten (10) years before the date of this information circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company, in respect of which the information circular is being prepared) that:

a) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or

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

# No proposed director:

- a) is, 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 in respect of which the information circular is being prepared) 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
- b) has, within the ten (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.

The British Columbia Securities Commission, as principal regulator, issued a management cease trade order against Track X Holdings Inc., a Company of which Darren Devine was acting as a director, on January 29, 2020 in connection with the late filing of the company's financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and officer's certifications for the year ended September 30, 2019, the quarter ended December 31, 2019 and the quarter ended March 31, 2020. The management cease trade order was revoked on May 7, 2020 in connection with the completion of the filing of the financial statements.

The British Columbia Securities Commission, as principal regulator, issued a management cease trade order against Chakana Copper Corp., a Company of which Darren Devine was acting as a director, on October 1, 2019 in connection with the late filing of the company's annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and officer's certifications for the year ended May 31, 2019. The management cease trade order was revoked on November 19, 2019 in connection with the completion of the annual filings.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Smythe LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 355 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2G8 will be nominated at the meeting for re-appointment as auditor for the ensuing year.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the appointment of Smythe LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company until the close of the next annual general meeting, and the authorization of the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITOR

The Company is a venture issuer as defined under National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees ("NI 52-110") and each venture issuer is required to disclose annually in its information circular certain information concerning the constitution of its Audit Committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

# The Audit Committee's Charter

The full text of the Audit Committee charter (the "Charter") is attached as Schedule "A" to this Information Circular.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The current Audit Committee members are Darren Devine (chair), Shawn Khunkhun and Jason Bontempo. Darren Devine and Shawn Khunkhun are independent and all members are considered to be financially literate.

A member of the Audit Committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship means a relationship which could, in the Board's reasonable opinion, interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgement.

A member of the Audit Committee is considered financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements presenting a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues one can reasonably expect to be raised by the Company.

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

Each member of the Company's Audit Committee has adequate education and experience relevant to their performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, the requisite education and experience that provides the member with:

- a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of those principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and provisions;
- b) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements or experience actively supervising individuals engaged in such activities; and
- c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

See *Biographies of Director Nominees* above, in particular the biographies of each Audit Committee member, for more information concerning each Audit Committee member's education and experience.

#### **Audit Committee Oversight**

The Audit Committee has not made any recommendations to the Board to nominate or compensate any auditor other than Smythe LLP.

# **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

The Company's auditor, Smythe LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, has not provided any material non-audit services. At no time since the commencement of the Company's three most recently completed fiscal periods has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis* Non-Audit Services), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (*Exemptions*).

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

# **External Auditor Service Fees**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the nature and amount of the non-audit services provided by Smythe LLP to the Company to ensure auditor independence in the financial year ended February 28, 2023. Fees incurred with Smythe LLP for audit and non-audit services in the last two fiscal periods are outlined in the following table:

Nature of Services	Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended February 28, 2023 (C\$)	Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended February 28, 2022 (C\$)
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	22,268	20,244
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	Nil	Nil
Total	22,268	20,244

#### Notes:

- (1) "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All Other Fees" include all other non-audit services.

# Exemption

The Company is a "venture issuer" as defined in NI 52-110 and relies on the exemption in Section 6.1 of NI 52-110 relating to Part 5 (Reporting Obligations).

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### General

National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101") requires issuers to disclose their corporate governance practices and National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* ("NP 58-201") provides guidance on corporate governance practices. This section sets out the Company's approach to corporate governance and addresses the Company's compliance with NI 58-101.

Corporate governance refers to the policies and structure of the board of directors of a corporation, whose members are elected by and are accountable to the shareholders of the company. Corporate governance encourages establishing a reasonable degree of independence of the board of directors from executive management and the adoption of policies to ensure the board of directors recognizes the principles of good management. The board of directors is committed to sound corporate governance practices, as such practices are both in the interests of shareholders and help to contribute to effective and efficient decision-making.

# **Board of Directors**

Directors are considered to be independent if they have no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A "material relationship" is a relationship which could, in the opinion of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment.

The Board facilitates its exercise of independent judgment in carrying out its responsibilities by carefully examining issues and consulting with outside counsel and other advisors in appropriate circumstances. The Board requires management to provide complete and accurate information with respect to the Company's activities and to provide relevant information concerning the business of the Company in order to identify and manage risks. The Board is responsible for monitoring the Company's senior officers, who in turn are responsible for the maintenance of internal controls and management information systems.

The independent members of the Board are Darren Devine and Shawn Khunkhun. Jason Bontempo the Company's CEO and Ian Harris, the Company's former CEO are non-independent members of the Board.

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

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

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

# Directorships

Certain members of the Board are currently serving on boards of directors of other reporting companies (or equivalent) as set out below:

Name of Director	Name of Reporting Issuer	Exchange
Ian Harris	Libero Copper & Gold Corporation Strikepoint Gold Inc.	TSXV TSXV
	Emperor Metals Inc. PEZM Gold Inc. Universal Copper Ltd.	CSE TSXV TSXV
	Outcrop Silver & Gold Corporation	TSXV
Darren Devine	Chakana Copper Corp. Just Kitchen Holdings Corp. Dolly Varden Silver Corporation Trenchant Capital Corp. WSM Ventures Inc.	TSXV TSXV TSXV CSE CSE
Shawn Khunkhun	Dolly Varden Silver Corp. Strikepoint Gold Inc. Goldshore Resources Inc.	TSXV TSXV TSXV

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Company will provide new directors with an orientation program upon joining the Company that includes copies of relevant financial, technical and other information regarding its products and meetings with management.

Board members are encouraged to communicate with management and auditors, to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments, and to attend related industry seminars. Board members have full access to the Company's records.

#### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of

the Company.

#### **Nomination of Directors and Assessment**

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend for election at the annual meeting of Shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of views and experience.

The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

# Compensation

The Board, acting through its Compensation Committee, determines compensation for the directors and compensation paid to the Chief Executive Officer. The procedures for this determination are described under Statement of Executive Compensation below.

#### **Other Board Committees**

The Board has the following committees: Audit Committee, described above, the Compensation Committee, and the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### **Assessments**

The Board monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communication between the Board and management, and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and the Audit Committee on an ongoing basis.

# STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### General

The following compensation information is provided as required under Form 51-102F6V – Statement of Executive Compensation – Venture Issuers, (the "F6V") as such is defined in NI 51-102.

For the purposes of this form F6V:

"compensation securities" includes share 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

"NEO" or "named executive officer" means each of the following individuals:

- i. each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("CEO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- ii. each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("CFO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
- iii. in respect of the company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) 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 F6V, for that financial year;

iv. each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (iii) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the company, requirements and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

# **Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation**

The following executive compensation disclosure is in respect of Jason Bontempo, CEO, Matthew Roma, CFO and Corporate Secretary and Ian Harris, former CEO, as the Company's current NEOs; and Darren Devine and Shawn Khunkhun as current directors as well as executive compensation disclosure of former management.

# Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation Excluding Options and Compensation Securities

The following compensation table, excluding options and compensation securities, provides a summary of the compensation paid by the Company to the Company's NEOs and members of the Board (or to companies controlled by them) for the financial year ended February 28, 2023. Options and compensation securities are disclosed under the heading "Share Options and Other Compensation Securities" below.

Table of compensation excluding compensation securities							
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commissio n (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committe e or meeting fees (\$)	Value of Perquisite s (\$)	Value of all other compensatio n (\$)	Total compensatio n (\$)
Jason Bontempo <sup>(1)</sup> ,	2023	45,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	45,000
CEO and Director	2022	12,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12,500
Ian Harris, Former CEO and Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	67,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	67,500
Matthew Roma, CFO and Corporate Secretary	2023 2022	50,000 12,500	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	50,000 12,500
Darren Devine,	2023	35,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	35,000
Director	2022	12,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12,500
Shawn Khunkhun,	2023	35,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	35,000
Director	2022	12,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12,500
Kell Ivar Nielsen <sup>(2)</sup>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
VP Exploration	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Darryl Cardey <sup>(3)</sup> Former CEO, CFO, Secretary and Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Michael Sadhra <sup>(3)</sup>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former Director	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Paul Reynolds <sup>(3)</sup>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former Director	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

<sup>(1)</sup> Appointed October 8, 2021.

<sup>(2)</sup> Appointed February 13, 2023

<sup>(3)</sup> Resigned October 8, 2021.

## **Share Options and Other Compensation Securities**

The Company has a share option plan in place, which was established to provide incentive to qualified parties to increase their proprietary interest in the Company and thereby encourage their continuing association with the Company. Management proposes stock option ("**Option**") grants to the Board based on such criteria as performance, previous grants, and hiring incentives. All grants require Board approval. The share option plan is administered by the Board and provides that Options will be issued to directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

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 year ended February 28, 2023 for services provided, or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof:

Compensation Securities							
Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	Number of Compensatio n Securities, underlying securities and percentage of class (#)	Date of	Issue, conversi on 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 (mm/dd/yy)
Jason Bontempo <sup>(1)</sup> , CEO and Director	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ian Harris, Former CEO and Director	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Matthew Roma, CFO and Corporate Secretary	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Darren Devine, Director	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shawn Khunkhun, Director	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kell Ivar Nielsen VP Exploration	Options	200,000	February 27, 2023	\$0.35	\$.40	\$0.47	February 27, 2028

# **Exercise of Compensation Securities by NEOs and Directors**

There were no compensation securities exercised by any of the NEOs or directors of the Company during the financial years ended February 28, 2023.

#### **Stock Option Plans and other Incentive Plans**

# Share Option Plan

The Company has a Share Option Plan dated for reference June 27, 2022 (the "**Option Plan**"). The principal purpose of the Option Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by encouraging the directors, employees and consultants of the Company and of its subsidiaries or affiliates, if any, by providing them with the opportunity, through Options, to acquire Common Shares in the share capital of the Company, thereby increasing their proprietary interest in the Company, encouraging them to remain associated with

the Company and furnishing them with additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Company in the conduct of its affairs.

The Option Plan provides that the aggregate number of securities reserved for issuance under the Option Plan, other than RSU's granted under the RSU plan, will be 10% of the number of Common Shares of the Company issued and outstanding from time to time.

The Option Plan is administered by the Board of Directors of the Company, which has full and final authority with respect to the granting of all Options thereunder.

Options may be granted under the Option Plan to such service providers of the Company and its affiliates, if any, as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. The exercise prices will be determined by the Board of Directors, but will, in no event, be less than the Discounted Market Price, as such defined by the policies of the TSXV. All Options granted under the Option Plan will expire not later than the date that is ten years from the date that such Options are granted. Options granted under the Option Plan are not transferable or assignable other than by testamentary instrument or pursuant to the laws of succession.

As at September 8, 2023 there were 1,950,000 options outstanding under the Option Plan. As at September 8, 2023 there were 40,130,228 issued and outstanding Common Shares and accordingly, there are a further 1,063,023 Common Shares available for reserve for grant of Options. At the February 28, 2023 financial year end there were 1,950,000 options outstanding pursuant to the Option Plan.

The Board is of the view that the Option Plan permits the Company to attract and maintain the services of executives, employees and other service providers with other companies in the industry, and therefore will seek Shareholder approval at the Meeting of the Plan.

# Material Terms of the Plan

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Option Plan. All terms capitalized but not defined below shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Option Plan.

- (a) Persons who are Service Providers to the Company or its affiliates, or who are providing services to the Company or its affiliates, are eligible to receive grants of options under the Plan;
- (b) Investor Relations Service Providers may not receive any Security Based Compensation other than Options.
- (c) Options granted under the Plan are non-assignable, and non-transferable;
- (d) For options granted to Service Providers, the Company must ensure that the proposed Option holder (an "**Optionee**") is a bona fide Service Provider of the Company or its affiliates;
- (e) An Option granted to any Service Provider will expire within 90 days (or such other time, not to exceed one year, as shall be determined by the Board as at the date of grant or agreed to by the Board and the Optionee at any time prior to expiry of the Option), after the date the Optionee ceases to be employed by or provide services to the Company, but only to the extent that such Option was vested at the date the Optionee ceased to be so employed by or to provide services to the Company;
- (f) If an Optionee dies, any vested option held by him or her at the date of death will become exercisable by the Optionee's lawful personal representatives, heirs or executors until the

- earlier of one year after the date of death of such Optionee and the date of expiration of the term otherwise applicable to such option;
- (g) In the case of an Optionee being dismissed from employment or service for cause, such Optionee's options, whether or not vested at the date of dismissal, will immediately terminate without right to exercise same;
- (h) Vesting of options shall be at the discretion of the Board, and will generally be subject to: (i) the Service Provider remaining employed by or continuing to provide services to the Company or its affiliates, as well as, at the discretion of the Board, achieving certain milestones which may be defined by the Board from time to time or receiving a satisfactory performance review by the Company or its affiliates during the vesting period; or (ii) the Service Provider remaining as a Director of the Company or its affiliates during the vesting period;
- (i) Subject to approval from the TSXV, the Board reserves the right in its absolute discretion to amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue the Plan with respect to all Plan shares in respect of options which have not yet been granted under the Plan;
- (j) Disinterested shareholder approval will be required to approve any extensions or reductions of exercise price to stock options granted to individuals that are Insiders at the time of the proposed amendment;
- (k) The Plan includes specific restrictions with respect to adjustments to security based compensation. Any adjustment to stock options granted or issued (except in relation to a consolidation or share split) is subject to the prior acceptance of the TSXV; and
- (l) The Plan provides for the following limits on grants, unless otherwise permitted pursuant to the policies of the TSXV:
  - i. unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to any one Participant (and where permitted pursuant to the policies of the TSX Venture, any company that is whollyowned by the Participant) pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 5% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Security Based Compensation;
  - ii. unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to Insiders of the Company (as a group) pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 10% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Security Based Compensation;
  - iii. unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to Insiders of the Company (as a group) pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company may not exceed 10% of the Outstanding Shares at any point in time;
  - iv. the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to any Consultant of the Company pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed

2% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Security Based Compensation; and

v. the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to all Investor Relations Services Providers pursuant to Options granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Options and Investor Relations Services Providers may not received any Security Based Compensation other than Options.

The Option Plan also allows for option holders to exercise options on a "Cashless Exercise" or "Net Exercise" basis. "Cashless Exercise" is a method of exercising Options in which a securities dealer loans funds to the Optionee or sells the same shares as those underlying the Option, prior to or in conjunction with the exercise of Options, to allow the Optionee to fund the exercise of some or all of their Options. "Net Exercise" is a method of Option exercise under which the Optionee does not make any payment to the issuer for the exercise of their Options and receives on exercise a number of Common Shares equal to the intrinsic value (current market price less the exercise price) of the Option valued at the current market price. Pursuant to the policies of the TSXV, the current market price must be the 5-day volume weighted average trading price prior to Option exercise. "Net Exercise" may not be utilized by persons performing investor relations services.

Refer to heading below - "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon - Continuation of the Option Plan"

#### Restricted Share Unit Plan

On September 8, 2023, the Board adopted a restricted share unit plan (the "RSU Plan") as an alternative to stock options and as a means of compensating directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company. Pursuant to the RSU Plan a maximum of 4,013,023 restricted share units ("RSUs") may be awarded.

For a description of the material terms of the RSU Plan, refer to heading below - "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Adoption of Restricted Share Unit Plan"

# **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

Executive Consulting Agreement with Jason Bontempo

The Company entered into a consulting agreement with Jason Bontempo through his wholly owned company, BR Corporate PTY LTD., effective January 1, 2023, pursuant to which he was retained as Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Bontempo's compensation in respect of such services is C\$10,000 per month.

The consulting agreement can be terminated by Mr. Bontempo (i) without cause at any time on giving the Company not less than three (3) months prior notice of such termination; and (ii) with cause in the event the Company commits a material breach of the agreement. The agreement can be terminated by the Company (i) without cause at any time on giving notice to the consultant specifying the date of termination; and (ii) with cause at any time for just cause.

If the consulting agreement is terminated by the consultant with cause or by the Company without cause, the Company will pay the consultant severance in an amount equal to six (6) months of the consultant's compensation in effect at the time of termination.

The consultant may terminate the agreement at any time upon the occurrence of a change of control. In the event of termination by the consultant pursuant to a change of control the Company will pay an amount

equal to one (1) years of the employee's base salary at the date of termination and any unvested Performance Warrants will immediately vest to the employee.

The consultant may terminate the agreement at any time upon the occurrence of a change of control. In the event of termination by the consultant pursuant to a change of control the Company will pay an amount equal to twelve (12) months of the consultant's compensation at the date of termination and any unvested Options will immediately vest to the consultant.

Executive Consulting Agreement with Kell Ivar Nielsen, Vice President, Exploration

The Company entered into a consulting agreement with Kell Ivar Nielsen through his wholly owned company, Mannika Resources Group PTY LTD., effective January 1, 2023, pursuant to which he was retained as proposed Vice President of Exploration of the Company pursuant to closing the Whitehorse Copper project transaction. Mr. Nielsen's compensation in respect of such services is C\$15,000 per month.

The consulting agreement can be terminated by Mr. Nielsen (i) without cause at any time on giving the Company not less than one (1) month prior notice of such termination; and (ii) with cause in the event the Company commits a material breach of the agreement. The agreement can be terminated by the Company (i) without cause at any time on giving notice to the consultant specifying the date of termination; and (ii) with cause at any time for just cause.

If the consulting agreement is terminated by the consultant with cause the Company will pay the consultant severance in an amount equal to three (3) months of the consultant's compensation in effect at the time of termination. If the consulting agreement is terminated by the consultant without cause the Company will pay the consultant severance in an amount equal to one (1) month of the consultant's compensation in effect at the time of termination

# Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

Elements of the Compensation Program

The responsibilities relating to executive and director compensation, including reviewing and determining compensation of the Company's officers and employees and overseeing the Company's base compensation structure and equity-based compensation program is performed by the Board as a whole based on recommendations from the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee assumes responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the long-range compensation strategy for the Company's senior management. The Compensation Committee generally reviews the compensation of senior management on an annual basis taking into account compensation paid by other issuers of similar size and activity and the performance of officers generally and in light of the Company's goals and objectives.

The Company is a small junior resource company with limited resources. The compensation for executives and senior management of the Company is designed to ensure that the level and form of compensation achieves certain objectives, including: (a) attracting and retaining talented, qualified and effective executives; (b) motivating the short and long-term performance of executives; and (c) better aligning the interests of executive officers with those of the Company's Shareholders. In the Board's view, paying salaries which are competitive in the markets in which the Company operates is a first step to attracting and retaining talented, qualified and effective executives. Competitive salary information on comparable companies is compiled from a variety of sources, including national and international publications.

The Board determines compensation of the Company's executives based on recommendations from the Compensation Committee. In each case, the Compensation Committee takes into consideration the prior experience of the executive, industry standards, competitive salary information on comparable companies

of similar size and stage of development, the degree of responsibility and participation of the executive in the day-to-day affairs of the Company, and the Company's available cash resources.

In the Board's view, to attract and retain qualified and effective executives, the Company must pay base salaries which are reasonable in relation to the level of service expected while remaining competitive in the markets in which the Company operates.

The Board has assessed the Company's compensation plans and programs for its executive officers to ensure alignment with the Company's business plan and to evaluate the potential risks associated with those plans and programs. The Board has concluded that the compensation policies and practices do not create any risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Board considers the risks associated with executive compensation and corporate incentive plans when designing and reviewing such plans and programs.

The Company has not adopted a policy restricting its executive officers or directors from purchasing financial instruments that are designated to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by its executive officers or directors. To the knowledge of the Company, none of the executive officers or directors has purchased such financial instruments.

Other than the consulting agreements with Jason Bontempo and Kell Ivar Nielsen, the Company does not or did not have any agreements of compensatory plans or arrangements with its NEOs and/or directors during the financial year ended February 28, 2023 to the date of this Form.

#### **Pension Disclosure**

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

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The only equity compensation plan which the Company has in place is the Option Plan which was approved by the Board on June 27, 2022. The Option Plan has been established to provide incentive to qualified parties to increase their proprietary interest in the Company and thereby encourage their continuing association with the Company. The Option Plan is administered by the Board of the Company. The Option Plan provides that Options will be issued to directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company. The Option Plan provides that the number of Common Shares issuable under the Option Plan, together with all of the Company's other previously established or proposed share compensation arrangements, other than RSUs granted under the RSU Plan, may not exceed 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding Common Shares. All Options expire on a date not later than 10 years after the date of grant of such option.

At the meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the Option Plan for continuation as discussed above under the heading "Statement of Executive Compensation - Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities".

The following table sets out equity compensation plan information as at February 28, 2023:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Plan Category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	1,950,000	\$0.33	75,512
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No director or officer of the Company or person who acted in such capacity in the last financial year of the Company, or any other individual who at any time during the most recently completed financial year of the Company was a director of the Company or any associate of the Company, is indebted to the Company, nor is any indebtedness of any such person to another entity the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

This Information Circular, briefly describes (and, where practicable, states the approximate amount) of any material interest, direct or indirect, of any informed person of the Company, any proposed director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

There are no management functions of the Company, which are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or senior officers of the Company.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

- A. Election of Directors see "*Election of Directors*" see above.
- B. Appointment of Auditor see "Appointment of Auditor" see above.
- C. Continuation of Stock Option Plan see "Continuation of 10% Rolling Stock Option Plan" see below.
- D. Adoption of Restricted Share Unit Plan see "Adoption of Restricted Share Unit Plan" see below.

# **Continuation of 10% Rolling Share Option Plan**

The Option Plan is described above in this information circular under "Statement of Executive Compensation – Stock Options and Other Incentive Plans".

To comply with the polices of the TSXV covering "rolling" option plans, rolling plans, such as the Option Plan must be approved annually by the shareholders of the Company. At the Meeting Shareholders will be asked to approve the Option Plan for continuation until the next annual general meeting of the Company.

The Option Plan is described in more detail, including the material terms of the Plan, above; see *Statement of Executive Compensation – Share Options and Other Compensation Securities*.

# Shareholder Approval

To comply with the policies of the TSXV regarding security based compensation, the ordinary resolution to approve the continuation of the Option Plan must be passed by a simple majority of the votes of Shareholders of the Company. The text of the resolution is set out below.

The Board is of the view that the Option Plan provides the Company with the flexibility to attract and maintain the services of executives, employees and other service providers in competition with other companies in the industry. At the Meeting, this ordinary resolution must be approved by a majority of the votes of Shareholders of the Company:

"RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution of Shareholders of the Company, that the Company's Option Plan dated for reference June 27, 2022, be and is hereby approved for continuation until the next annual general meeting of the Company."

A copy of the Option Plan will be available for inspection by any Shareholder at the Meeting and is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule "B".

# THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS SHAREHOLDERS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE OPTION PLAN.

In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote in favour of the above ordinary resolution.

# **Adoption of Restricted Share Unit Plan**

The RSU Plan was established to provide certain directors, officers, employees, and consultants (each, an "Eligible Person") of the Company and its related entities with the opportunity to acquire RSUs of the Company in order to enable them to participate in the long-term success of the Company and to promote a greater alignment of their interests with the interests of the Company's Shareholders.

The RSU Plan allows the Company to grant RSUs, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Plan, which may be exercised to purchase up to a maximum of 4,013,023 Common Shares.

The RSU Plan is subject to the approval of the TSXV and no RSU's may be granted while the Company is listed on the NEX.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the RSU Plan. All terms capitalized but not defined below shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the RSU Plan.

Nature and Administration of the RSU Plan

All Eligible Persons are eligible to participate in the RSU Plan (those who are granted RSUs being referred to as "Participants"), however, the actual participation of any person is at the discretion of the Board or the Committee. Eligibility to participate as a Participant in the RSU Plan does not confer upon any person a right to receive an award of RSUs. It shall be the responsibility of the Company and the Eligible Person to ensure that such Eligible Person is a *bona fide* Eligible Person.

Subject to the provisions of the RSU Plan and other such terms and conditions as the Committee or Board may prescribe, the Committee, may, from time to time, award RSUs to any Eligible Person. RSUs so awarded shall be credited to an Account maintained for each Participant on the books of the Company as of the

Award Date. The number of RSUs to be credited to each Participant's Account in respect of a fiscal year shall be determined by dividing: (a) the dollar amount of the portion of the Participant's compensation which the Committee, in its sole discretion, determines to be paid as RSUs (including, for greater certainty, such portion of the Participant's compensation which the Participant has elected to be paid as RSUs in advance of an award in accordance with any rules as may be adopted and communicated by the Committee in this regard at its discretion, if the Committee in its discretion determines to do so), by (b) the Fair Market Value per Common Share on the Award Date.

An RSU is personal to the Participant and is non-assignable. No RSU granted under the RSU Plan shall be pledged, hypothecated, charged, transferred, assigned or otherwise encumbered or disposed of by the Participant, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, otherwise than by testate succession or the laws of descent and distribution, and any attempt to do so will cause such RSU to be null and void. A vested RSU shall be redeemable only by the Participant and, upon the death of a Participant, the person to whom the rights shall have passed by testate succession or by the laws of descent and distribution may redeem any vested RSUs in accordance with the provisions of the RSU Plan.

# Credit for Dividends

A Participant's account will be credited with additional RSUs as of each dividend payment date in respect of which cash dividends are paid on Common Shares. The number of additional RSUs to be credited to a Participant's account is computed by dividing: (a) the dividends that would have been paid to such Participant if each RSU in the Participant's Account on the relevant dividend record date had been one Common Share, by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Common Shares determined as of the date of payment of such dividend. However, the Company is not obligated to pay dividends on Common Shares and nothing in the RSU Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.

# Resignation or Termination

If (a) a Participant's employment or service is terminated, whether or not for Cause, or (b) a Participant resigns from employment or service with the Company, then any RSUs granted to the Participant under the RSU Plan which have not yet vested or been deemed to be vested, on or before the Separation Date for the Participant are forfeited and cancelled effective on the Separation Date and shall terminate without payment and shall be of no further force or effect from and after the Separation Date.

The Participant may, but only within the next 30 days following the Separation Date, deliver a completed Notice of Acquisition to the Company to acquire Common Shares for previously vested RSUs (if any) and following such 30 day period, any vested RSUs in respect of which the Participant has not delivered a completed Notice of Acquisition to the Company shall be forfeited and cancelled effective at 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on such 30th day and shall terminate without payment and shall be of no further force or effect from and after such time.

#### Leave of Absence

In the event a Participant takes a leave of absence other than an Approved Leave of Absence, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the RSU Plan that have not then vested shall terminate and be null and void, subject to the Board's sole and absolute discretion to determine otherwise and applicable law.

# Death of Participant

Subject to any express resolution passed by the Committee, upon the death of a Participant, any RSUs granted to the Participant under the RSU Plan, which, as of the date of the death of a Participant have not yet vested, shall immediately vest. Upon the death of a Participant, any RSUs granted to the Participant under the RSU Plan shall be forfeited and cancelled effective at 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on the first

year anniversary of the death of the Participant and shall terminated without payment and shall be of no further force or effect from and after such time. If a Participant's heirs or administrators are entitled to any portion of the Participant's outstanding RSUs, the period in which they shall be entitled to make a claim in respect of such RSUs may not exceed one year from the Participant's death.

# Control Change

In the circumstances where the Company has entered into an agreement relating to, or otherwise becomes aware of, a transaction which, if completed, would result in a Control Change, the Company shall give written notice of the proposed transaction to the Participants, together with a description of the effect of such Control Change on outstanding RSUs. Such notice shall be given not less than ten Business Days prior to the closing of the transaction resulting in the Control Change.

#### Adjustments

In the event of any subdivision, consolidation, stock dividend, capital reorganization, reclassification, exchange, or other change with respect to the Common Shares, or a consolidation, amalgamation, merger, spin-off, sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the property of the Company or other distribution of the Company's assets to Shareholders (other than the payment of dividends in respect of the Common Shares), the Committee may choose to adjust the Account of each Participant and the RSUs outstanding under the RSU Plan in such manner, if any, as the Committee may in its discretion deem appropriate (taking into account any tax consequences to the extent considered relevant by the Committee) to preserve the Account of each Participant and the RSUs outstanding under the RSU Plan shall be adjusted in such manner, if any, as the Committee may in its discretion deem appropriate to preserve, proportionally, the interests of Participants under the RSU Plan.

#### Vesting

Each Award will vest on the dates and/or the satisfaction of the Performance Criteria (each a "Vesting Date") specified by the Committee on the Award Date, and reflected in the Award Notice. The RSU Term shall be determined by the Committee on the Award Date, and reflected in the Award Notice, and shall end no later than December 31st of the third calendar year following the Award Date.

However, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, subject to such terms and conditions (if any) established by the Committee in its sole discretion, at any time prior to or following the events contemplated therein, permit:

- (a) persons previously entitled to participate in the RSU Plan to continue to be a Participant for purposes of the RSU Plan;
- (b) the vesting or accelerated vesting of any or all RSUs held by a Participant; and
- (c) the payment of the Payment Amount in respect of such RSUs in the manner and on the terms authorized by the Committee.

# Limits on Issuances

The RSU Plan provides for the following limits on grants unless otherwise permitted pursuant to Exchange Policies:

(a) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the RSU Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, for Insiders (as a group) at any point in time may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time;

- (b) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to Insiders (as a group) under the RSU Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, within a 12 month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated on the Award Date;
- (c) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to any one Eligible Person (and companies wholly owned by that Eligible Person) under the RSU Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, within a 12 month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated on the Award Date;
- (d) the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to any one Consultant under the RSU Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, within a 12 month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated on the Award Date; and
- (e) RSUs granted under the RSU Plan are subject to a four-month hold period, in accordance with Exchange Policies.

# Amendment or Termination of RSU Plan

Subject to Exchange approval, the Committee may from time to time amend or suspend the RSU Plan in whole or in part and may at any time terminate the RSU Plan without prior notice. However, any such amendment, suspension or termination shall not adversely affect the RSUs previously granted to a Participant at the time of such amendment, suspension or termination, without the consent of the affected Participant.

The Company will be required to obtain Shareholder approval in accordance with Exchange Policies for any amendment of the RSU Plan related to:

- (a) the number or percentage issued and outstanding Common Shares available for grant under the Plan:
- (b) a change in method of calculation of redemption of RSUs held by Eligible Persons; and
- (c) an extension to the term for redemption of RSUs held by Eligible Persons.

If the Committee suspends or terminates the RSU Plan, no new RSUs will be credited to the account of a Participant; however, previously credited RSUs shall remain outstanding but shall not be entitled to dividend credits following suspension or termination unless at the time of suspension or termination the Committee determines that the entitlement to dividend credits during suspension or after termination, as applicable, should be continued.

# Shareholder Approval

To comply with the policies of the TSXV regarding security based compensation, the ordinary resolution to approve the adoption of the RSU Plan must be passed by a simple majority of the votes of Shareholders of the Company. The text of the resolution is set out below. All Shareholders of the Company are entitled to vote on this resolution.

The Board is of the view that the RSU Plan provides the Company with an alternative option for granting compensation to Eligible Persons and the flexibility to attract and maintain the services of executives, employees and other service providers. At the Meeting, this ordinary resolution must be approved by a simple majority of the votes of Shareholders of the Company:

"RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution of disinterested Shareholders of the Company, that:

- 1. the Company's RSU Plan dated for reference September 8, 2023, be and is hereby approved, subject to regulatory approval, until the next annual general meeting of the Company; and
- 2. any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to perform all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in their opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution, including, without limitation, making any changes to the RSU Plan required by applicable securities regulatory authorities and to complete all transactions in connection with the administration of the RSU Plan."

A copy of the RSU Plan will be available for inspection by any Shareholder at the Meeting and is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule "C".

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS SHAREHOLDERS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE RSU PLAN.

In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote in favour of the above ordinary resolution.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company and a copy of the Financial Statements may be obtained under the Company's profile at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a> or upon request from the Company at Suite 1012, 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 2Y3, Telephone No.: 604-653-9464 or Fax No.: 604-648-8105. The Company may require payment of a reasonable charge from any person or company who is not a securityholder of the Company, requesting a copy of any such document.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board is not aware of any other matters which it anticipates will come before the Meeting as of the date of mailing of this information circular.

The contents of this information circular and its distribution to shareholders have been approved by the Board of the Company.

**DATED** at Vancouver, British Columbia this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

"Jason Bontempo"

Jason Bontempo

Chief Executive Officer

# SCHEDULE "A" AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

# **GLADIATOR METALS CORP.**

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

# I. PURPOSE

This charter sets out the Audit Committee's purpose, composition, member qualification, member appointment and removal, responsibilities, operations, manner of reporting to the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Gladiator Metals Corp. (the "Company"), annual evaluation and compliance with this charter. The primary responsibility of the Audit Committee is that of oversight of the financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. This includes oversight responsibility for financial reporting and continuous disclosure, oversight of external audit activities, oversight of financial risk and financial management control, and oversight responsibility for compliance with tax and securities laws and regulations as well as whistle blowing procedures. The Audit Committee is also responsible for the other matters as set out in this charter and/or such other matters as may be directed by the Board from time to time. The Audit Committee should exercise continuous oversight of developments in these areas.

#### II. COMPOSITION

- A. A majority of the members of the Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company, as defined in National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"), provided that should the Company become listed on a more senior exchange, each member of the Audit Committee will also satisfy the independence requirements of such exchange and of NI 52-110.
- B. The Audit Committee will consist of at least three members, all of whom must be directors of the Company. Upon graduating to a more senior stock exchange, if required under the rules or policies of such exchange, each member of the Audit Committee will also satisfy the financial literacy requirements of such exchange and of NI 52-110.
- C. The Chair of the Audit Committee will be appointed by the Board.

# III. AUTHORITY

- A. In addition to all authority required to carry out the duties and responsibilities included in this charter, the Audit Committee has specific authority to:
  - 1. engage, set and pay the compensation for independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities, and any such consultants or professional advisors so retained by the Audit Committee will report directly to the Audit Committee:
  - 2. communicate directly with management and any internal auditor, and with the external auditor without management involvement; and
  - 3. incur ordinary administrative expenses that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties, which expenses will be paid for by the Company.

# IV. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee include:
  - 1. recommending to the Board the external auditor to be nominated by the Board;
  - 2. recommending to the Board the compensation of the external auditor to be paid by the Company in connection with (i) preparing and issuing the audit report on the Company's financial statements, and (ii) performing other audit, review or attestation services;
  - 3. reviewing the external auditor's annual audit plan, fee schedule and any related services proposals (including meeting with the external auditor to discuss any deviations from or changes to the original audit plan, as well as to ensure that no management restrictions have been placed on the scope and extent of the audit examinations by the external auditor or the reporting of their findings to the Audit Committee);
  - 4. overseeing the work of the external auditor;
  - 5. ensuring that the external auditor is independent by receiving a report annually from the external auditors with respect to their independence, such report to include disclosure of all engagements (and fees related thereto) for non-audit services provided to Company;
  - 6. ensuring that the external auditor is in good standing with the Canadian Public Accountability Board by receiving, at least annually, a report by the external auditor on the audit firm's internal quality control processes and procedures, such report to include any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the firm, or any governmental or professional authorities of the firm within the preceding five years, and any steps taken to deal with such issues;
  - 7. ensuring that the external auditor meets the rotation requirements for partners and staff assigned to the Company's annual audit by receiving a report annually from the external auditors setting out the status of each professional with respect to the appropriate regulatory rotation requirements and plans to transition new partners and staff onto the audit engagement as various audit team members' rotation periods expire;
  - 8. reviewing and discussing with management and the external auditor the annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements and related Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), including the appropriateness of the Company's accounting policies, disclosures (including material transactions with related parties), reserves, key estimates and judgements (including changes or variations thereto) and obtaining reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with IFRS and the MD&A is in compliance with appropriate regulatory requirements;
  - 9. reviewing and discussing with management and the external auditor major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentation including any significant changes in the selection or application of accounting principles to be observed in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries;
  - 10. reviewing and discussing with management and the external auditor the external auditor's written communications to the Audit Committee in accordance with generally accepted auditing

standards and other applicable regulatory requirements arising from the annual audit and quarterly review engagements;

- 11. reviewing and discussing with management and the external auditor all earnings press releases, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies prior to such information being disclosed;
- 12. reviewing the external auditor's report to the shareholders on the Company's annual financial statements;
- 13. reporting on and recommending to the Board the approval of the annual financial statements and the external auditor's report on those financial statements, the quarterly unaudited financial statements, and the related MD&A and press releases for such financial statements, prior to the dissemination of these documents to shareholders, regulators, analysts and the public;
- 14. satisfying itself on a regular basis through reports from management and related reports, if any, from the external auditors, that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements that such information is fairly presented;
- 15. overseeing the adequacy of the Company's system of internal accounting controls and obtaining from management and the external auditor summaries and recommendations for improvement of such internal controls and processes, together with reviewing management's remediation of identified weaknesses:
- 16. reviewing with management and the external auditors the integrity of disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting;
- 17. reviewing and monitoring the processes in place to identify and manage the principal risks that could impact the financial reporting of the Company and assessing, as part of its internal controls responsibility, the effectiveness of the over-all process for identifying principal business risks and report thereon to the Board;
- 18. satisfying itself that management has developed and implemented a system to ensure that the Company meets its continuous disclosure obligations through the receipt of regular reports from management and the Company's legal advisors on the functioning of the disclosure compliance system, (including any significant instances of non-compliance with such system) in order to satisfy itself that such system may be reasonably relied upon;
- 19. resolving disputes between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting;
- 20. establishing procedures for:
  - a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company from employees and others regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and questionable practises relating thereto, and
  - b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;

- 21. reviewing and approving the Company's hiring policies with respect to partners or employees (or former partners or employees) of either a former or the present external auditor;
- 22. pre-approving all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or any subsidiaries by the Company's external auditor;
- 23. overseeing compliance with regulatory authority requirements for disclosure of external auditor services and Audit Committee activities;
- 24. establishing procedures for:
  - a) reviewing the adequacy of the Company's insurance coverage, including the Directors' and Officers' insurance coverage;
  - b) reviewing activities, organizational structure, and qualifications of the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and the staff in the financial reporting area and ensuring that matters related to succession planning within the Company are raised for consideration at the Board:
  - c) obtaining reasonable assurance as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and other senior management and that the CEO and other senior management strive to create a culture of integrity throughout the Company;
  - d) reviewing fraud prevention policies and programs, and monitoring their implementation;
  - e) reviewing regular reports from management and others (e.g., external auditors, legal counsel) with respect to the Company's compliance with laws and regulations having a material impact on the financial statements including:

i.tax and financial reporting laws and regulations;

ii.legal withholding requirements;

iii.environmental protection laws and regulations;

iv.other laws and regulations which expose directors to liability; and

- B. A regular part of Audit Committee meetings involves the appropriate orientation of new members as well as the continuous education of all members. Items to be discussed include specific business issues as well as new accounting and securities legislation that may impact the organization. The Chair of the Audit Committee will regularly canvass the Audit Committee members for continuous education needs and in conjunction with the Board education program, arrange for such education to be provided to the Audit Committee on a timely basis.
- C. On an annual basis the Audit Committee shall review and assess the adequacy of this charter taking into account all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements as well as any best practice guidelines recommended by regulators or stock exchanges with whom the Company has a reporting relationship and, if appropriate, recommend changes to the Audit Committee charter to the Board for its approval.

# V. TERM

The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by designation of the Board and shall continue to be a member thereof until the earlier of (i) the Board, at its discretion, decides to remove the member from the Committee, or (ii) the expiration of his or her term of office as a Director. Vacancies at any time occurring shall be filled by designation of the Board.

# VI. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least once per year or more frequently as circumstances dictate. A majority of the members appearing at a duly convened meeting shall constitute a quorum and the Committee shall maintain minutes or other records of its meetings and activities. The Chair shall be responsible for leadership of the Committee, including scheduling and presiding over meetings, preparing agendas, overseeing the preparation of briefing documents to circulate during the meetings as well as pre-meeting materials, and making regular reports to the Board. These documents will be shared with the Board as needed to discharge the Committee's delegated responsibilities and stored in a centralized electronic archive administered by the Corporate Secretary. In case of absence of the Chair, the participating Audit Committee members will designate an interim Chair. The Committee may invite members of Management or others to attend their meetings and they will be asked to step-out during sensitive conversations. As part of its responsibility to foster open communication, the Committee should meet at least annually with each of the CEO and Chief Financial Officer in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or the executive officers believe should be discussed privately with the Committee.

#### VII. REPORTS

- A. The Audit Committee will report, at least annually, to the Board regarding the Audit Committee's examinations and recommendations.
- B. The Audit Committee will report its activities to the Board to be incorporated as a part of the minutes of the Board meeting at which those activities are reported.

# VIII. MINUTES

A. The Audit Committee will maintain written minutes of its meetings, which minutes will be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board.

# IX. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

A. The Board will conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Audit Committee, taking into account the charter, to determine the effectiveness of the Committee.

This charter was adopted by the Board effective March 3, 2022.

# SCHEDULE "B" OPTION PLAN

# GLADIATOR METALS CORP. (the "Company")

# **SHARE OPTION PLAN**

**Dated for Reference September 8, 2023** 

# ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE AND INTERPRETATION

# **Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by encouraging equity participation in the Company through the acquisition of Common Shares of the Company. It is the intention of the Company that this Plan will at all times be in compliance with TSX Venture Policies and any inconsistencies between this Plan and TSX Venture Policies will be resolved in favour of the latter.

#### **Definitions**

- 1.2 In this Plan
  - (a) **Affiliate** means a company that is a parent or subsidiary of the Company, or that is controlled by the same entity as the Company;
  - (b) **Black-out Period** means a period during which a restriction has been formally imposed by the Company, pursuant to its internal trading policies as a result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed material information, on all or any of its Participants whereby such Participants are prohibited from exercising, redeeming or settling their Options, provided that any Black-out Period must expire following the general disclosure of the undisclosed material information;
  - (c) **Board** means the board of directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly empowered or authorized to grant Options under this Plan;
  - (d) Cause means "Just Cause" as defined in the Participant's employment agreement or agreement for services with the Company or one of its subsidiaries, or if such term is not defined or if the Participant has not entered into an employment agreement or agreement for services with the Company or one of its subsidiaries, then any circumstance that would permit the Company or one of its subsidiaries to terminate a Participant's employment or agreement for services without notice of termination, or payment in lieu of notice of termination, severance pay or benefits continuation under the applicable law;
  - (e) Change of Control means the occurrence of any of:
    - (i) any transaction at any time and by whatever means pursuant to which any person or any group of two or more persons acting jointly or in concert (other than the Company or any of its Affiliates) thereafter acquires the direct or indirect "beneficial ownership" (as defined in the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia)) of, or acquires the right to

exercise control or direction over, securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Company in any manner whatsoever, including, without limitation, as a result of a take-over bid, an issuance or exchange of securities, an amalgamation of the Company with any other person, an arrangement, a capital reorganization or any other business combination or reorganization;

- (ii) the sale, assignment or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to a person or any group of two or more persons acting jointly or in concert (other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company);
- (iii) the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Company's security holders whereby the Company is acquired through consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise by any person or any group of two or more persons acting jointly or in concert (other than an exchange of securities with a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company;
- (iv) a majority of the Board consists of individuals which management of the Company has not nominated for election or appointment as directors; or
- (v) the Board passes a resolution to the effect that an event comparable to an event set forth in this definition has occurred;
- (f) Common Shares means the common shares without par value in the capital of the Company providing such class is listed on the TSX Venture;
- (g) **Company** means the company named at the top hereof and includes, unless the context otherwise requires, all of its successors according to law;
- (h) **Consultant** means, in relation to the Company, an individual (other than a Director, Officer or Employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries) or Company that:
  - (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or to any of its subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a Distribution;
  - (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the individual or the Company, as the case may be; and
  - (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries;
- (i) **Date of Termination** means, for a Participant, the last day that the Participant actively provides services to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company without regard to any notice of termination or pay in lieu of notice thereof, deemed or notional notice period, or period during which the Participant receives pay in lieu of notice, termination pay, severance payments, or salary continuance, whether pursuant to statute, agreement, common law or otherwise;
- (j) **Director** means a director (as defined under applicable securities laws) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

- (k) **Discounted Market Price** has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 of the TSX Venture Policies;
- (1) **Disinterested Shareholder Approval** has the meaning assigned by Policy 4.4 Sections 5.3(b) and (c) of the TSX Venture Policies;
- (m) **Distribution** has the meaning assigned by the Securities Act, and generally refers to a distribution of securities by the Company from treasury;
- (n) **Effective Date** for an Option means the date of grant thereof by the Board;
- (o) **Employee** means:
  - (i) an individual who is considered an employee of the Company or of its subsidiary 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 its subsidiary providing services normally provided by an employee and who 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 of the subsidiary, 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 its subsidiary on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week providing services normally provided by an employee and who 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 of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source:
- (p) **Exchange Hold Period** has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 of the TSX Venture Policies:
- (q) **Exercise Price** means the amount payable per Common Share on the exercise of an Option, as determined in accordance with the terms hereof;
- (r) **Expiry Date** means the day on which an Option lapses as specified in the Option Commitment therefor or in accordance with the terms of this Plan;
- (s) **Insider** means an insider as defined in the TSX Venture Policies or as defined in securities legislation applicable to the Company;
- (t) Investor Relations Service Provider means 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;
- (u) **Investor Relations Activities** has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 of the TSX Venture Policies;

- (v) **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 business enterprise of the Company;
- (w) Market Price has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 of the TSX Venture Policies;
- (x) **Officer** means an officer (as defined under applicable securities laws) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (y) **Option** means the right to purchase Common Shares granted hereunder to a Participant under this Security Based Compensation Plan;
- (z) **Option Commitment** means the notice of grant of an Option delivered by the Company hereunder to a Participant and substantially in the form of Schedule A attached hereto;
- (aa) **Optioned Shares** means Common Shares that may be issued in the future to a Participant upon the exercise of an Option;
- (bb) **Optionee** means the recipient of an Option hereunder;
- (cc) **Outstanding Shares** means at the relevant time, the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company from time to time;
- (dd) **Participant** means a Service Provider that is the recipient of Security Based Compensation granted or issued by the Company;
- (ee) **Person** includes a company, any unincorporated entity, or an individual;
- (ff) **Plan** means this security based share option plan, the terms of which are set out herein or as may be amended;
- (gg) **Plan Shares** means the total number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance as Optioned Shares under this Plan as provided in §2.2;
- (hh) "Promoter" has the meaning given to such term in TSX Venture Policies;
- (ii) **Regulatory Approval** means the approval of the TSX Venture and any other securities regulatory authority that has lawful jurisdiction over this Plan and any Options issued hereunder;
- (jj) Securities Act means the Securities Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 418, or any successor legislation;
- (kk) **Security Based Compensation** has the meaning given to such term in TSX Venture Policy 4.4 *Security Based Compensation*;
- (ll) **Security Based Compensation Plan** has the meaning given to such term in TSX Venture Policy 4.4 *Security Based Compensation*;
- (mm) **Service Provider** means a Person who is a Director, Officer, Employee, Management Company Employee, or Consultant, and also includes a company, 100% of the share capital of which is beneficially owned by one or more Service Providers;

- (nn) **Shareholder Approval** means approval by a majority of the votes cast by eligible shareholders of the Company at a duly constituted shareholders' meeting;
- (oo) **Take Over Bid** means a take over bid as defined in National Instrument 62-104 (Take-over Bids and Issuer Bids) or the analogous provisions of securities legislation applicable to the Company;
- (pp) TSX Venture means the TSX Venture Exchange and any successor thereto;
- (qq) **TSX Venture Policies** means the rules and policies of the TSX Venture as amended from time to time; and
- (rr) **VWAP** means the volume-weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX Venture calculated by dividing the total value by the total volume of the Common Shares traded for the five trading days immediately preceding the exercise of the subject Option, provided that the TSX Venture may exclude internal crosses and certain other special terms trades from the calculation.

#### Other Words and Phrases

1.3 Words and phrases used in this Plan but which are not defined in this Plan, but are defined in the TSX Venture Policies, will have the meaning assigned to them in the TSX Venture Policies.

#### Gender

1.4 Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine or neuter, words in the singular include the plural, words importing a corporate entity include individuals, and vice versa.

## ARTICLE 2 SHARE OPTION PLAN

## **Establishment of Share Option Plan**

2.1 This Plan is hereby established to recognize contributions made by Service Providers and to create an incentive for their continuing assistance to the Company and its Affiliates.

#### **Maximum Plan Shares**

2.2 The maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be reserved for issuance under this Plan, together with all other Security Based Compensation Plans, at any point in time is up to 10% of the Outstanding Shares as at the date of grant or issuance of any Security Based Compensation under any of such Security Based Compensation Plans.

## **Eligibility**

2.3 Options to purchase Common Shares may be granted hereunder to Participants from time to time by the Board. Participants that are not individuals will be required to undertake in writing not to effect or permit any transfer of ownership or option of any of its securities, or to issue more of its securities (so as to indirectly transfer the benefits of an Option), as long as such Option remains outstanding, unless the written permission of the TSX Venture and the Company is obtained.

### **Options Granted Under this Plan**

- 2.4 All Options granted under this Plan will be evidenced by an Option Commitment substantially in the form attached as Schedule A (or in such other form as determined by the Company) showing the number of Optioned Shares, the term of the Option, a reference to vesting terms, if any, and the Exercise Price.
- 2.5 Subject to specific variations approved by the Board, all terms and conditions set out herein will be deemed to be incorporated into and form part of an Option Commitment made hereunder.

## **Limitations on Participation**

- 2.6 This Plan provides for the following limits on grants unless otherwise permitted pursuant to the policies of the TSX Venture:
  - (i) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to any one Participant (and where permitted pursuant to the policies of the TSX Venture, any company that is wholly-owned by the Participant) pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 5% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Security Based Compensation;
  - (ii) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to Insiders of the Company (as a group) pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 10% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Security Based Compensation;
  - (iii) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to Insiders of the Company (as a group) pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company may not exceed 10% of the Outstanding Shares at any point in time;
  - (iv) the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to any Consultant of the Company pursuant to all Security Based Compensation of the Company granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Security Based Compensation; and
  - (v) the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issuable to all Investor Relations Services Providers pursuant to Options granted or issued within any twelve (12) month period may not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Shares calculated on the date of grant of any Options and Investor Relations Services Providers may not received any Security Based Compensation other than Options.

#### **Exercised and Unexercised Options**

2.7 In the event an Option granted under this Plan is exercised, expires unexercised or is otherwise lawfully cancelled prior to exercise of the Option, the Optioned Shares that were issuable thereunder will be returned to this Plan and will be eligible for re-issuance.

#### Administration of this Plan

- 2.8 The Board will be responsible for the general administration of this Plan and the proper execution of its provisions, the interpretation of this Plan and the determination of all questions arising hereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board has the power to
  - (a) allot Common Shares for issuance in connection with the exercise of Options;
  - (b) grant Options hereunder;
  - (c) subject to any necessary Regulatory Approval, amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue this Plan, or revoke or alter any action taken in connection therewith, except that no general amendment or suspension of this Plan will, without the prior written consent of all Optionees, alter or impair any Option previously granted under this Plan unless the alteration or impairment occurred as a result of a change in the TSX Venture Policies or the Company's tier classification thereunder; and
  - (d) delegate all or such portion of its powers hereunder as it may determine to one or more committees of the Board, either indefinitely or for such period of time as it may specify, and thereafter each such committee may exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the Board in respect of this Plan so delegated to the same extent as the Board is hereby authorized so to do.

### Amendment of this Plan by the Board of Directors

- 2.9 Subject to the requirements of the TSX Venture Policies and the prior receipt of any necessary Regulatory Approval, the Board may in its absolute discretion, amend or modify this Plan or any Option granted as follows:
  - (a) amendments which are of a typographical, grammatical, clerical nature only;
  - (b) amendments of a housekeeping nature;
  - (c) amendments necessary as a result in changes in securities laws applicable to the Company or any requested changes by the TSX Venture; and
  - (d) if the Company becomes listed or quoted on a stock exchange or stock market senior to the TSX Venture, amendments as may be required by the policies of such senior stock exchange or stock market.

#### **Amendments Requiring Disinterested Shareholder Approval**

- 2.10 The Company will be required to obtain Disinterested Shareholder Approval prior to any of the following actions becoming effective:
  - (a) this Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plans, or any particular grant or issue of Security Based Compensation, could result in:
    - (i) the aggregate number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Security Based Compensation to Insiders (as a group) exceeding 10% of the Outstanding Shares at any time;

- (ii) the aggregate number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Security Based Compensation granted or issued within any 12 month period to Insiders (as a group) exceeding 10% of the Outstanding Shares calculated at the date of grant or issue; or
- (iii) the aggregate number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Security Based Compensation granted or issued within any 12 month period to any one Participant exceeding 5% of the Outstanding Shares calculated at the date of grant or issue; or
- (b) any reduction in the Exercise Price or the extension of the term of an Option held by an Insider or any other amendment to an Option that results in a benefit to an Insider.

## **Options Granted Under the Company's Previous Share Option Plans**

Any option granted pursuant to a stock option plan previously adopted by the Board which is outstanding at the time this Plan comes into effect shall be deemed to have been issued under this Plan and shall, as of the date this Plan comes into effect, be governed by the terms and conditions hereof.

## ARTICLE 3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS

#### **Exercise Price**

3.1 The Exercise Price of an Option will be set by the Board at the time such Option is allocated under this Plan, and cannot be less than the Discounted Market Price.

## **Term of Option**

3.2 The term of an Option will be set by the Board at the time such Option is allocated under this Plan. An Option can be exercisable for a maximum of 10 years from the Effective Date.

## **Option Amendment**

- 3.3 Subject to §2.10(b), the Exercise Price of an Option may be amended only if at least six (6) months have elapsed since the later of the date of commencement of the term of the Option, the date the Common Shares commenced trading on the TSX Venture, or the date of the last amendment of the Exercise Price.
- 3.4 An Option must be outstanding for at least one year before the Company may extend its term, subject to the limits contained in §3.2.
- 3.5 In respect of any proposed amendment to the terms of an Option, and except as otherwise provided under TSX Venture Policies:
  - (a) any amendment must be approved by the TSX Venture, and be subject to shareholder approval, where applicable, prior to the exercise of such Option; and
  - (b) the Company must issue a news release outlining the terms of the amendment.

## **Vesting of Options**

- 3.6 Subject to §3.7, vesting of Options shall be at the discretion of the Board and, with respect to any particular Options granted under this Plan, in the absence of a vesting schedule being specified at the time of grant, all such Options shall vest immediately. Where applicable, vesting of Options will generally be subject to:
  - (a) the Participant remaining employed by or continuing to provide services to the Company or any of its Affiliates as well as, at the discretion of the Board, achieving certain milestones which may be defined by the Board from time to time or receiving a satisfactory performance review by the Company or any of its Affiliates during the vesting period; or
  - (b) the Participant remaining as a Director of the Company or any of its Affiliates during the vesting period.

## **Vesting of Options Granted to Investor Relations Service Providers**

- 3.7 Notwithstanding §3.6, Options granted to Investor Relations Service Providers will vest such that:
  - (a) no more than 25% of the Options vest no sooner than three months after the Options were granted;
  - (b) no more than another 25% of Options vest no sooner than six months after the Options were granted;
  - (c) no more than 25% of Options vest no sooner than nine months after the Options were granted; and
  - (d) the remainder of the Options vest no sooner than 12 months after the Options were granted.

#### **Effect of Take-Over Bid**

3.8 If a Take Over Bid is made to the shareholders generally then the Company shall immediately upon receipt of notice of the Take Over Bid, notify each Optionee currently holding an Option of the Take Over Bid, with full particulars thereof whereupon such Option may, notwithstanding §3.6 or any vesting requirements set out in the Option Commitment, be immediately exercised in whole or in part by the Optionee, subject to approval of the TSX Venture for vesting requirements imposed by the TSX Venture Policies.

## **Acceleration of Vesting on Change of Control**

3.9 In the event of a Change of Control occurring, Options granted and outstanding, which are subject to vesting provisions, shall be deemed to have immediately vested upon the occurrence of the Change of Control, excluding Options granted to a Person engaged in Investor Relations Activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no acceleration to the vesting schedule of one or more Options granted to an Investor Relations Service Provider can be made without the prior written acceptance of the TSXV.

### **Extension of Options Expiring during Black-out Period**

3.10 Should the Expiry Date for an Option fall within a Black-out Period, such Expiry Date shall be automatically extended without any further act or formality to that day which is the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after the end of the Black-out Period, such tenth Business Day to be considered the Expiry Date for such Option for all purposes under the Plan, provided that such automatic extension of the Expiry Date for an Option will not apply where the Participant or the Company is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under securities laws) in respect of the Company's securities.

## Optionee Ceasing to be Director, Employee or Service Provider

- 3.11 Options may be exercised after the Participant has left his/her employ/office or has been advised by the Company or its subsidiary, as applicable, that his/her services are no longer required or his/her service contract has expired, until the term applicable to such Options expires, except as follows:
  - (a) in the case of the death of an Optionee, any vested Option held by him at the date of death will become exercisable by the Optionee's lawful personal representatives, heirs or executors until the earlier of one year after the date of death of such Optionee and the date of expiration of the term otherwise applicable to such Option;
  - (b) an Option granted to any Participant will expire 90 days (or such other time, not to exceed one year, as shall be determined by the Board as at the date of grant or agreed to by the Board and the Optionee at any time prior to expiry of the Option) after the Termination Date, and only to the extent that such Option was vested at the Termination Date; and
  - (c) in the case of an Optionee being dismissed from employment or service for Cause, such Optionee's Options, whether or not vested at the date of dismissal will immediately terminate on the Termination Date without right to exercise same.

## Non-assignable

3.12 Subject to §3.11(a), all Options will be exercisable only by the Optionee to whom they are granted and will not be assignable or transferable.

## **Adjustment of the Number of Optioned Shares**

- 3.13 The number of Common Shares subject to an Option will be subject to adjustment in the events and in the manner following:
  - (a) in the event of a subdivision of Common Shares as constituted on the date hereof, at any time while an Option is in effect, into a greater number of Common Shares, the Company will thereafter deliver at the time of purchase of Optioned Shares hereunder, in addition to the number of Optioned Shares in respect of which the right to purchase is then being exercised, such additional number of Common Shares as result from the subdivision without an Optionee making any additional payment or giving any other consideration therefor;
  - (b) in the event of a consolidation of the Common Shares as constituted on the date hereof, at any time while an Option is in effect, into a lesser number of Common Shares, the Company will thereafter deliver and an Optionee will accept, at the time of purchase of Optioned Shares

hereunder, in lieu of the number of Optioned Shares in respect of which the right to purchase is then being exercised, the lesser number of Common Shares as result from the consolidation;

- (c) in the event of any change of the Common Shares as constituted on the date hereof, at any time while an Option is in effect, the Company will thereafter deliver at the time of purchase of Optioned Shares hereunder the number of shares of the appropriate class resulting from the said change as an Optionee would have been entitled to receive in respect of the number of Common Shares so purchased had the right to purchase been exercised before such change;
- (d) in the event of a capital reorganization, reclassification or change of outstanding equity shares (other than a change in the par value thereof) of the Company, a consolidation, merger or amalgamation of the Company with or into any other company or a sale of the property of the Company as or substantially as an entirety at any time while an Option is in effect, an Optionee will thereafter have the right to purchase and receive, in lieu of the Optioned Shares immediately theretofore purchasable and receivable upon the exercise of the Option, the kind and amount of shares and other securities and property receivable upon such capital reorganization, reclassification, change, consolidation, merger, amalgamation or sale which the holder of a number of Common Shares equal to the number of Optioned Shares immediately theretofore purchasable and receivable upon the exercise of the Option would have received as a result thereof. The subdivision or consolidation of Common Shares at any time outstanding (whether with or without par value) will not be deemed to be a capital reorganization or a reclassification of the capital of the Company for the purposes of this §3.13;
- (e) an adjustment will take effect at the time of the event giving rise to the adjustment, and the adjustments provided for in this section are cumulative;
- (f) the Company will not be required to issue fractional shares in satisfaction of its obligations hereunder. Any fractional interest in a Common Share that would, except for the provisions of this §3.13, be deliverable upon the exercise of an Option will be cancelled and not be deliverable by the Company;
- (g) if any questions arise at any time with respect to the Exercise Price or number of Optioned Shares deliverable upon exercise of an Option in any of the events set out in this §3.13, such questions will be conclusively determined by the Company's auditors, or, if they decline to so act, any other firm of Chartered Accountants, in Vancouver, British Columbia (or in the city of the Company's principal executive office) that the Company may designate and who will be granted access to all appropriate records and such determination will be binding upon the Company and all Optionees; and
- (h) any adjustment, other than in connection with a security consolidation or security split, to Options granted or issued under this Plan is subject to the prior acceptance of the TSX Venture, including adjustments related to an amalgamation, merger, arrangement, reorganization, spin-off, dividend or recapitalization.

## ARTICLE 4 COMMITMENT AND EXERCISE PROCEDURES

## **Option Commitment**

4.1 Upon grant of an Option hereunder, an authorized officer of the Company will deliver to the Optionee an Option Commitment detailing the terms of such Options and upon such delivery the Optionee will be subject to this Plan and have the right to purchase the Optioned Shares at the Exercise Price set out therein subject to the terms and conditions hereof, including any additional requirements contemplated with respect to the payment of required withholding taxes on behalf of Optionees.

#### Manner of Exercise

- 4.2 An Optionee who wishes to exercise his Option may do so by delivering:
  - (a) a written notice to the Company specifying the number of Optioned Shares being acquired pursuant to the Option; and
  - (b) a certified cheque, wire transfer or bank draft payable to the Company for the aggregate Exercise Price for the Optioned Shares being acquired, plus any required withholding tax amount subject to §4.5.

#### **Cashless Exercise**

- 4.3 Subject to the provisions of this Plan (including, without limitation, Section 4.5 and, upon prior approval of the Board, once an Option has vested and become exercisable, an Optionee may elect to exercise such Option by either:
  - (a) excluding Options held by any Investor Relations Service Provider, a "net exercise" procedure in which the Company issues to the Optionee, Common Shares equal to the number determined by dividing (i) the product of the number of Options being exercised multiplied by the difference between the VWAP of the underlying Common Shares and the exercise price of the subject Options by (ii) the VWAP of the underlying Common Shares; or
  - (b) a broker assisted "cashless exercise" in which the Company delivers a copy of irrevocable instructions to a broker engaged for such purposes by the Company to sell the Common Shares otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the Options and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the Exercise Price and all applicable required withholding obligations a determined by the Company against delivery of the Common Shares to settle the applicable trade.

An Option may be exercised pursuant to this §4.3 from time to time by delivery to the Company, at its head office or such other place as may be specified by the Company of (i) written notice of exercise specifying that the Optionee has elected to effect such a cashless exercise of such Option, the method of cashless exercise, and the number of Options to be exercised and (ii) the payment of an amount for any tax withholding or remittance obligations of the Optionee or the Company arising under applicable law and verified by the Company to its satisfaction (or by entering into some other arrangement acceptable to the Company in its discretion, if any). The Participant shall comply with Section 4.5 of this Plan with regard to any applicable required withholding obligations and with such other procedures and policies as the Company may prescribe or determine to be necessary or advisable from time to time including prior written consent of the Board in connection with such exercise.

In the event of a net exercise pursuant to §4.3(a) or a cashless exercise pursuant to §4.3(b), the number of Options exercised, surrendered or converted, and not the number of Common Shares actually issued by the Company, must be included in calculating the limits set forth in §2.2, §2.6 and §2.10 of this Plan.

## **Tax Withholding and Procedures**

- 4.5 Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Plan, the Company may, from time to time, implement such procedures and conditions as it determines appropriate with respect to the withholding and remittance of taxes imposed under applicable law, or the funding of related amounts for which liability may arise under such applicable law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an Optionee who wishes to exercise an Option must, in addition to following the procedures set out in §4.5 and elsewhere in this Plan, and as a condition of exercise:
  - (a) deliver a certified cheque, wire transfer or bank draft payable to the Company for the amount determined by the Company to be the appropriate amount on account of such taxes or related amounts; or
  - (b) otherwise ensure, in a manner acceptable to the Company (if at all) in its sole and unfettered discretion, that the amount will be securely funded;

and must in all other respects follow any related procedures and conditions imposed by the Company.

## **Delivery of Optioned Shares and Hold Periods**

- As soon as practicable after receipt of the notice of exercise described in §4.2 or §4.3, as applicable, and payment in full for the Optioned Shares being acquired, the Company will direct its transfer agent to issue to the Optionee the appropriate number of Optioned Shares. Wherever required under TSX Venture Policies, an Exchange Hold Period will be applied from the date of grant, including for all Options granted to:
  - (a) Directors, Officers, Promoters or Consultants of the Company;
  - (b) Persons holding securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the Company's securities both immediately before and after the transaction in which the securities are issued, and who have elected or appointed or have the right to elect or appoint one or more directors or senior officers of the Company; or
  - (c) where Options are granted to any Participants, including those noted in (a) and (b) above, where the Exercise Price is less than the applicable Market Price.
- 4.7 Pursuant to TSX Venture Policies, where the Exchange Hold Period is applicable, the certificate representing the Optioned Shares or written notice in the case of uncertificated shares will include a legend stipulating that the Optioned Shares issued are subject to a four-month Exchange Hold Period commencing the Effective Date of the grant of the Options.

## ARTICLE 5 GENERAL

## **Employment and Services**

Nothing contained in this Plan will confer upon or imply in favour of any Optionee any right with respect to office, employment or provision of services with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company to lawfully terminate the Optionee's office, employment or service at any time pursuant to the arrangements pertaining to same. Participation in this Plan by an Optionee is voluntary.

## No Representation or Warranty

5.2 The Company makes no representation or warranty as to the future market value of Common Shares issued in accordance with the provisions of this Plan or to the effect of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or any other taxing statute governing the Options or the Common Shares issuable thereunder or the tax consequences to a Participant. Compliance with applicable securities laws as to the disclosure and resale obligations of each Participant is the responsibility of each Participant and not the Company.

## Interpretation

5.3 This Plan will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

#### **Continuation of Plan**

5.4 This Plan will become effective from and after September 8, 2023, and will remain effective provided that this Plan, or any amended version thereof, receives Shareholder Approval at each annual general meeting of the holders of Common Shares of the Company subsequent to such effective date.

#### **Amendment of this Plan**

5.5 The Board reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to at any time amend, modify or terminate this Plan with respect to all Common Shares in respect of Options which have not yet been granted hereunder. Any amendment to any provision of this Plan will be subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals and Shareholder Approval.

#### **SCHEDULE A**

#### SHARE OPTION PLAN

### **OPTION COMMITMENT**

Notice is hereby given that, effective	this day o	f,	20, pur	suant to
the provisions of the Share Option P	lan (the "Plan") of [ $ullet$	] (the "Company"), the	e Company has	granted
to		(the "Optionee"), a	n Option to	acquire
Common Shares	("Optioned Shares")	up to 5:00 p.m. (Va	ncouver Time	) on the
day of	, 20(the	"Expiry Date"), or	such earlier	date as
determined in accordance with the t	erms of this Plan, at	an Exercise Price of C	Cdn\$	per
share.				
[Optioned Shares are to vest immedi	ately.]			

#### OR

[Optioned Shares will vest (INSERT VESTING SCHEDULE AND TERMS)]

The grant of the Option evidenced hereby is made subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, which are hereby incorporated herein and form part hereof. This Option Commitment and the Option evidenced hereby is not assignable, transferable or negotiable and is subject to the detailed terms and conditions contained in the Plan. This Option Commitment is issued for convenience only and in the case of any dispute with regard to any matter in respect hereof, the provisions of the Plan and the records of the Company shall prevail.

To exercise the Option, (1) deliver a written notice in the form attached as Schedule B to the Plan (or in such other form as established by the Company) specifying the number of Optioned Shares you wish to acquire, together with a certified cheque, wire transfer or bank draft payable to the Company for the aggregate exercise price, or (2) if the Optionee wishes to exercise the Option on a "net exercise" basis or "cashless exercise" basis in accordance Section 4.3(a) or Section 4.3(b) of the Plan and the Company's Board of Directors approves the exercise on a "net exercise" basis or "cashless exercise" basis, deliver a written notice and comply with such other conditions as established by the Company for a "net exercise" or "cashless exercise". A certificate, or a written notice in the case of uncertificated shares, for the Optioned Shares so acquired will be issued by the Company or its transfer agent, if applicable, as soon as practicable thereafter and may bear a restrictive legend if required under applicable securities laws or the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.

[Note: If a four month hold period is applicable under the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, the following legend must be placed on the certificate or the written notice in the case of uncertificated shares.

"WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LEGISLATION, THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE MAY NOT BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED, HYPOTHECATED OR OTHERWISE TRADED ON OR THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF THE TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE OR OTHERWISE IN CANADA OR TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CANADIAN RESIDENT UNTIL [insert date 4 months from the date of grant of the Options]."

The Company and the Optionee represent that the Optionee, under the terms and conditions of the Plan, is a bona fide Service Provider (as defined in the Plan), entitled to receive Options under TSX Venture Policies.

The Optionee also acknowledges and consents to the collection and use of Personal Information (as defined in the TSX Venture Policies) by both the Company and the TSX Venture Exchange as more particularly set out in the Acknowledgement - Personal Information form in use by the TSX Venture Exchange on the date of this Option Commitment.

COMPANY NAME	
Per:	
Authorized Signatory	
[insert name and title of authorized st	ignatory]
Optionee is familiar with the terms an all of the terms and conditions of the assist the Company in filing any repe	of a copy of the Plan and represents to the Company that the ad conditions of the Plan, and hereby accepts this Option subject to Plan. The Optionee agrees to execute, deliver, file and otherwise ort, undertaking or document with respect to the awarding of the may be required by applicable regulatory authorities.
Signature	Date signed:
Print Name	-
Address	-

#### **SCHEDULE B**

## **SHARE OPTION PLAN**

#### **NOTICE TO EXERCISE OPTIONS**

# [COMPANY NAME] **Attention: Share Option Plan Administrator** Re: Employee Share Option Exercise Attn: Share Option Plan of ● (the "Company") This letter is to inform the Administrator of the Company's Share Option Plan that I,\_\_\_\_\_, wish to exercise \_\_\_\_\_ options, at \_\_\_\_ per share, on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 . Payment issued in favour of [insert the name of the Company] for the amount of \$ will be forwarded, including withholding tax amounts. Please register the share certificate in the name of: Name of Optionee: Please send share certificate to: Address: Sincerely, Signature of Optionee Date SIN Number (for T4)

## **SCHEDULE "C"**

## RSU PLAN

#### GLADIATOR METALS CORP.

### RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN

DATED FOR REFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

## ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

## **Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this Restricted Share Unit Plan is to provide certain Directors, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its Related Entities with the opportunity to acquire Restricted Share Units of the Corporation in order to enable them to participate in the long-term success of the Corporation and to promote a greater alignment of their interests with the interests of the Corporation's shareholders.

## ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION

#### **Definitions**

- 2.1 For purposes of the Plan, unless such word or term is otherwise defined herein or the context in which such word or term is used herein otherwise requires, the following words and terms with the initial letter or letters thereof capitalized shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) "Account" means an account maintained for each Participant on the books of the Corporation that will be credited with RSUs in accordance with the terms of the Plan;
  - (b) "Applicable Withholding Amounts" is defined in Section 4.8(c);
  - (c) "Approved Leave of Absence" means a leave of absence from full time employment with the Corporation or affiliate thereof that is provided for in the policies, plans or regulations of the Corporation or its affiliates or that is approved by management of the Corporation, including, without limitation, maternity and parental leave in accordance with the Corporation's (or its affiliates') policies or plans related to Short-Term Disability or Long-Term Disability;
  - (d) "Award" means a grant of RSUs under the Plan;
  - (e) "Award Date" means a date on which RSUs are awarded to a Participant in accordance with Section 4.1;

- (f) "Award Notice" means a notice substantially in the form of Schedule A and containing such other terms and conditions relating to an award of RSUs as the Committee may prescribe;
- (g) "Blackout Period" means a period of time during which the Corporation, pursuant to its internal trading policies, formally imposes a prohibition on Participants from exercising, redeeming or settling their Security Based Compensation as a result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed Material Information, and which expires following the general disclosure of the undisclosed Material Information;
- (h) "Board" means the board of directors of the Corporation;
- (i) "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which the Exchange is open for trading;
- (j) "Cause" means "Just Cause" as defined in the Participant's employment agreement or agreement for services with the Corporation or one of its Related Entities, or if such term is not defined or if the Participant has not entered into an employment agreement or agreement for services with the Corporation or one of its Related Entities, then any circumstance that would permit the Corporation to terminate a Participant's employment or agreement for services without notice of termination, or payment in lieu of notice of termination, severance pay or benefits continuation under applicable law;
- (k) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee of the Board as may be appointed by the Board to administer the Plan; provided, however, that if no Compensation Committee is in existence at any particular time and the Board has not appointed another committee of the Board to administer the Plan, all references in the Plan to "Committee" shall at such time be in reference to the Board;
- (l) "Common Shares" means the common shares in the capital of the Corporation as presently constituted or, in the event of an adjustment contemplated by Section 4.13, such other number or type of securities as the Committee may determine;
- (m) "Company" has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 *Interpretation* of the TSX Venture Exchange;
- (n) "Consultant" means, in relation to the Corporation, an individual (other than a Director, Officer or Employee of the Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries) or Company that:
  - (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Corporation or to any of its subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a Distribution;

- (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries and the individual or the Corporation, as the case may be; and
- (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Corporation, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries;
- (o) "Control Change" means the occurrence of any of:
  - (i) any transaction at any time and by whatever means pursuant to which any person or any group of two or more persons acting jointly or in concert (other than the Corporation or any of its affiliates or subsidiary) thereafter acquires the direct or indirect "beneficial ownership" (as defined in the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia)) of, or acquires the right to exercise control or direction over, securities of the Corporation representing 50% or more of the then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Corporation in any manner whatsoever, including, without limitation, as a result of a take-over bid, an issuance or exchange of securities, an amalgamation of the Corporation with any other person, an arrangement, a capital reorganization or any other business combination or reorganization;
  - (ii) the sale, assignment or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation to a person or any group of two or more persons acting jointly or in concert (other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation);
  - (iii) the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Corporation's security holders whereby the Corporation is acquired through consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise by any person or any group of two or more persons acting jointly or in concert (other than an exchange of securities with a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation);
  - (iv) a majority of the Board consists of individuals which management of the Corporation has not nominated for election or appointment as directors; or
  - (v) the Board passes a resolution to the effect that an event comparable to an event set forth in this definition has occurred;
- (p) "Control Change Period" means the period commencing on the date of occurrence of a Control Change and ending twelve months after that date;
- (q) "Corporation" means Gladiator Metals Corp. and its successors and assigns;
- (r) "Director" means a director (as defined under applicable securities laws) of the Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries;

- (s) "Disinterested Shareholder Approval" has the meaning ascribed thereto by Section 5.3(b) and Section 5.3(c) of Policy 4.4;
- (t) "**Distribution**" has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 *Interpretation* of the TSX Venture Exchange;
- (u) "Eligible Person" means a Person entitled to participate in the Plan in accordance with Section 3.2;
- (v) "Employee" means:
  - (i) an individual who is considered an employee of the Corporation or of its subsidiary 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 an Issuer or its subsidiary providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or its subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
  - (iii) an individual who works for an Issuer or its subsidiary on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week (the number of hours should be disclosed in the submission) providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or its subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source;
- (w) "Exchange" means the TSX Venture Exchange, the Toronto Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange on which the Common Shares are then listed for trading, as applicable;
- (x) "Exchange Policies" means the policies, orders, by-laws or regulations of the Exchange (or, if applicable, NEX Policies);
- (y) "Expiry Time" means 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on the last day of the RSU Term;
- (z) "Fair Market Value" means, at any date, the higher of: (i) the weighted average price per share at which the Common Shares have traded on the Exchange during the last five (5) trading days prior to that date; and (ii) the closing price of the Common Shares on the Exchange on the date prior to that date, or, if the Common Shares are not then listed and posted for trading on any stock exchange, then it shall be the fair market value per Common Share as determined by the Board in its sole discretion; and for such purposes, the weighted average price per share at which the

Common Shares have traded on the Exchange shall be calculated by dividing (i) the aggregate sale price for all the Common Shares traded on the Exchange during the relevant five trading days by (ii) the aggregate number of Common Shares traded on the Exchange during the relevant five trading days;

- (aa) "Good Reason" means "Good Reason" as defined in the Participant's employment agreement or agreement for services with the Corporation or one of its Related Entities, or if such term is not defined or if the Participant has not entered into an employment agreement or agreement for services with the Corporation or one of its Related Entities, then it means:
  - (i) without the express written consent of the Participant, the assignment to the Participant of any duties materially inconsistent with the Participant's position, duties and responsibilities with the Corporation immediately prior to such assignment or any removal of the Participant from, or any failure to re-elect the Participant to, material positions, duties and responsibilities with the Corporation;
  - (ii) a material reduction in total compensation, including annual base salary, incentive compensation, benefits (including pension, life insurance, health and accident benefits) and perquisites the Participant was receiving immediately prior to insolvency or a Control Change; or
  - (iii) any reason which would be considered to amount to constructive dismissal by a Court of competent jurisdiction;
- (bb) "Insider" means: (i) a Director or senior officer of the Corporation; (ii) a Director or senior officer of a company that is an Insider or subsidiary of the Corporation; (iii) a person that beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding shares of the Corporation; and (iv) the Corporation itself if it holds any of its own securities;
- (cc) "Investor Relations Activities" has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 *Interpretation* of the TSX Venture Exchange;
- (dd) "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;
- (ee) "Issuer" has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 Interpretation of the TSX Venture Exchange;
- (ff) "Long-Term Disability" means long term disability as that term is defined in the Corporation's long term disability policy or plans which are applicable to such Participant at the relevant time;

- (gg) "Management Company Employee" means an individual employed by a Company providing management services to the Corporation, which services are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Corporation;
- (hh) "Material Information" means a material fact and/or material changes as defined under applicable securities laws and Exchange Policies;
- (ii) "NEX" means a separate board of the Exchange for companies previously listed on the Exchange or the Toronto Stock Exchange, which have failed to maintain compliance with the ongoing financial listing standards of those markets;
- (jj) "NEX Policies" means the rules and policies of NEX as amended from time to time;
- (kk) "Notice of Acquisition" means a notice substantially in the form of Schedule B from a Participant to the Corporation giving notice of the exercise of an RSU previously granted to the Participant;
- (ll) "Officer" means an officer (as defined under applicable securities laws) of the Corporation or of any of its subsidiaries;
- (mm) "Participant" means an Eligible Person who has been awarded RSUs under the Plan or to whom RSUs have been transferred in accordance with the Plan;
- (nn) "Payment Amount" means the amount determined in accordance with Section 4.8(a);
- (oo) "Performance Criteria" means such corporate and/or personal performance criteria as may be determined by the Committee in respect of the grant and/or vesting of Restricted Share Units to any Participant, which criteria may be applied to either the Corporation and its Related Entities as a whole or a Related Entity individually or in any combination, and measured either in total, incrementally or cumulatively over a calendar year or such other performance period as may be specified by the Committee in its sole discretion, on an absolute basis or relative to a pre-established target, to previous years' results or to a designated comparison group;
- (pp) "Person" means any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, entity, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, trust, body corporate, fund, organization or other group of organized persons, government, government regulatory authority, governmental department, agency, commission, board, tribunal, dispute settlement panel or body, bureau, court, and where the context requires any of the foregoing when they are acting as trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative;
- (qq) "Plan" means this Restricted Share Unit Plan as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;

- (rr) "Policy 4.4" means TSX Venture Exchange Policy 4.4 Security Based Compensation;
- (ss) "Related Entity" means a Person that is controlled by the Corporation;
- (tt) "Restricted RSUs" has the meaning as set out in Section 4.8(e);
- (uu) "Restricted Share Unit" or "RSU" means a unit equivalent in value to a Common Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry on the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 4;
- (vv) "RSU Term" means a term during which a Participant may acquire a Common Share for any vested RSUs granted pursuant to the Plan;
- (ww) "Security Based Compensation" includes any RSUs granted pursuant to this Plan and any deferred share unit, performance share unit, restricted share unit, securities for services, stock appreciation right, stock option, stock purchase plan, any security purchase from treasury by a Participant which is financially assisted by the Corporation by any means whatsoever, and any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of securities of the Corporation from treasury to a Participant, including securities issued under Part 6 of Policy 4.4, and for greater certainty, does not include:
  - (i) arrangements which do not involve the issuance from treasury or potential issuance from treasury of securities of the Corporation; and
  - (ii) arrangements under which Security Based Compensation is settled solely in cash and/or securities purchased on the secondary market;
- (xx) "Security Based Compensation Plan" means this Plan and any other stock option plan, deferred share unit plan, performance share unit plan, stock appreciation rights plan, stock purchase plan, and/or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of securities of the Corporation from treasury to a Participant;
- (yy) "Separation Date" means the last date on which the Participant is actively with or providing services to the Corporation without regard to any contractual or common law notice period that might apply to such termination or any period during which the Participant receives termination or severance pay; and for greater certainty, in the event that a Participant is on an Approved Leave of Absence, they shall not be deemed to have ceased to be actively at work or to have ceased to be a full time employee;
- (zz) "**Shareholder**" has the meaning assigned by Policy 1.1 *Interpretation* of the TSX Venture Exchange;

- (aaa) "**Short-Term Disability**" means short term disability as that term is defined in the Corporation's short term disability policy or plans which are applicable to such Participant at the relevant time; and
- (bbb) "Vesting Date" means the date determined in accordance with Section 4.2.

### **Certain Rules of Interpretation**

- 2.2 (a) Whenever the Board or, where applicable, the Committee or any sub-delegate of the Committee is to exercise discretion in the administration of the terms and conditions of this Plan, the term "discretion" means the sole and absolute discretion of the Board or the Committee or the sub-delegate of the Committee, as the case may be.
  - (b) As used herein, the terms "Article" and "Section" mean and refer to the specified Article or Section of this Plan.
  - (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include any other gender.
  - (d) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
  - (e) A Person (First Person) is considered to "control" another Person (Second Person) if the First Person, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct the management and policies of the Second Person by virtue of:
    - (i) ownership of or direction over voting securities in the Second Person;
    - (ii) a written agreement or indenture;
    - (iii) being the general partner or controlling the general partner of the Second Person; or
    - (iv) being a trustee of the Second Person.

## ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION

#### Administration of the Plan

- 3.1 (a) Subject to subsections 3.1(b) and 3.1(c), this Plan will be administered by the Committee and the Committee has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, to:
  - (i) interpret the Plan and prescribe, modify and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan;
  - (ii) exercise rights reserved to the Corporation under the Plan;

- (iii) determine Performance Criteria (if any);
- (iv) determine vesting schedules (if any);
- (v) prescribe forms for notices to be prescribed by the Corporation under the Plan; and
- (vi) make all other determinations and take all other actions as it considers necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the Plan.

The Committee's determinations and actions under this Plan are final, conclusive and binding on the Corporation, the Participants and all other Persons.

- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Committee may, from time to time, delegate to any specified officer of the Corporation all or any of the powers of the Committee under the Plan. In such event, the specified officer will exercise the powers delegated to it by the Committee in the manner and on the terms authorized by the Committee. Any decision made or action taken by the Committee or the specified officer arising out of or in connection with the administration or interpretation of this Plan in this context is final, binding and conclusive on the Corporation, any custodian appointed in respect of the Plan, the Participants and all other Persons.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsections 3.1(a) and 3.1(b), oversight and ultimate responsibility for the Plan resides with the Board. At any time and from time to time, the Board may, in its discretion, take any action or make any decision that is otherwise delegated to the Committee pursuant to Section 3.1(a).

## **Eligibility**

3.2 All Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its Related Entities are eligible to participate in the Plan, but actual participation of any Person is at the discretion of the Committee or the Board. The Corporation reserves the right to restrict eligibility or otherwise limit the number of Persons eligible for participation in the Plan at any time. Eligibility to participate in the Plan does not confer upon any Person a right to receive an award of RSUs pursuant to the Plan. It shall be the responsibility of the Corporation and the Eligible Person to ensure that such Eligible Person is a *bona fide* Eligible Person. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, Investor Relations Service Providers are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

## **Consistency with Other Agreements**

3.3 Notwithstanding the general terms and conditions of the Plan and any Award Notice, the terms and conditions of any Award of RSUs granted under this Plan shall, to the greatest extent possible, be made consistent with the terms and conditions of any written agreement between the Corporation and/or a Related Entity on the one hand and the Participant on the other hand, in so far as such agreement provides for the treatment of share incentives. In

the event of any conflict between any written employment agreement or agreement for services and this Plan or any Award Notice, the written employment agreement or agreement for services shall govern.

#### **Taxes**

3.4 Each Participant shall be solely responsible for personal income tax payable (and any other tax, levy or charge of any description) with respect to participation in the Plan, including with respect to any payment received by the Participant in respect of vested RSUs under the Plan, although the Corporation is authorized to deduct Applicable Withholding Amounts from such payments.

## ARTICLE 4 AWARDS OF RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

#### **Awards of Restricted Share Units**

4.1 Subject to the provisions of the Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Committee or the Board may prescribe, the Committee may, from time to time, award RSUs in its discretion to any Eligible Person. RSUs so awarded shall be credited to an Account maintained for each Participant on the books of the Corporation as of the Award Date. The number of RSUs to be credited to each Participant's Account in respect of a fiscal year shall be determined by dividing: (a) the dollar amount of the portion of the Participant's compensation which the Committee, in its sole discretion, determines to be paid as RSUs (including, for greater certainty, such portion of the Participant's compensation which the Participant has elected to be paid as RSUs in advance of an award in accordance with any rules as may be adopted and communicated by the Committee in this regard at its discretion, if the Committee in its discretion determines to do so), by (b) the Fair Market Value per Common Share on the Award Date. Any fractional RSUs resulting from such calculations shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. For greater certainty, a fractional entitlement that is equal to or greater than 0.5 shall be rounded up to the next greater whole number and a fractional entitlement that is less than 0.5 shall be rounded down to the next lesser whole number.

#### **Vesting Period and RSU Term**

4.2 Each Award will vest on the dates and/or the satisfaction of the Performance Criteria (each a "Vesting Date") specified by the Committee on the Award Date, and reflected in the Award Notice. The RSU Term shall be determined by the Committee on the Award Date, and reflected in the Award Notice, and shall end no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of the third calendar year following the Award Date. For greater certainty, subject to Sections 4.11 and 4.12 no Award may vest before the date that is one year following the Award Date. Each RSU outstanding and all rights thereunder shall expire at the Expiry Time, but shall be subject to earlier termination or vesting in accordance with Sections 4.9 and 4.11 of this Plan.

#### **Award Notice**

4.3 All Awards of RSUs under Section 4.1 of this Plan will be evidenced by Award Notices. Such Award Notices will be subject to the applicable provisions of this Plan and will contain such provisions as are required by this Plan and any other provisions that the Committee may direct. Any one officer of the Corporation is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the Corporation, an Award Notice to each Participant.

#### **Credits for Dividends**

- A Participant's Account shall be credited with additional RSUs as of each dividend payment date in respect of which cash dividends are paid on Common Shares. The number of additional RSUs to be credited to a Participant's Account shall be computed by dividing:

  (a) the dividends that would have been paid to such Participant if each RSU in the Participant's Account on the relevant dividend record date had been one Common Share, by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Common Shares determined as of the date of payment of such dividend. Any fractional RSUs resulting from such calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. For greater certainty, a fractional entitlement that is equal to or greater than 0.5 shall be shall be rounded up to the next greater whole number and a fractional entitlement that is less than 0.5 shall be rounded down to the next lesser whole number. Any such additional RSUs credited to the Participant's Account shall vest in proportion to and shall be paid under Section 4.7 in the same manner as the RSUs to which they relate. The foregoing does not obligate the Corporation to pay dividends on Common Shares and nothing in this Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.
- 4.5 Any additional RSUs credited to a Participant's Account as of each dividend payment date in respect of which cash dividends are paid on Common Shares will be factored into the limits on grants to individuals and groups as set out in Section 4.16 and Policy 4.4. The Corporation may settle such dividend entitlements in cash where the issuance of Common Shares would result in a breach on the limits as set out in Section 4.16 and Policy 4 or where it does not have sufficient Common Shares available to satisfy the obligation in Common Shares.

## **Reporting of Restricted Share Units**

4.6 Statements of the RSU Accounts will be provided to Participants on an annual basis or made available on an on-going basis by any Plan administrator.

## Allotment of Common Shares for Issuance by the Corporation

4.7 The Corporation shall allot for issuance from treasury such number of Common Shares corresponding to the maximum number of Common Shares that may be deliverable to Participants under this Plan.

#### **Acquisition of Vested RSUs**

- 4.8 (a) A Participant or, if Section 4.11 applies, the Participant's estate, who wishes to acquire a Common Share for any vested RSUs may do so by delivering: (i) a completed Notice of Acquisition to the Corporation on or before the Expiry Time; and (ii) a certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Corporation for the Applicable Withholding Amounts (as defined herein) as may be required pursuant to Section 4.8(c), following which the Corporation shall issue, within ten days following receipt of the Notice of Acquisition, and subject to such applicable residual withholding, if any, as the Corporation determines in its discretion should then be imposed to meet related withholding or remittance obligations under applicable law, one Common Share for each RSU in the Participant's Account that the Participant has included on the Notice of Acquisition (the "Payment Amount"). The RSUs in respect of which Common Shares are issued shall be cancelled and no further issuances shall be made to the Participant under the Plan in relation to such RSUs.
  - (b) The Corporation shall register and deliver certificates for such Common Shares to the Participant by first class insured mail, unless the Corporation shall have received alternative instructions from the Participant for the registration and/or delivery of the certificates.
  - (c) When a Participant is otherwise entitled to receive the Payment Amount, the Corporation shall, as a condition of issuance of the Common Shares relating to such Payment Amount, have the right to require the Participant to remit to the Corporation such amount or amounts as the Corporation determines in its discretion should be so remitted in order to satisfy or allow the Corporation to satisfy any federal, provincial, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld and/or remitted with respect to the payment of the Payment Amount or any other taxable event arising as a result of the Plan (the "Applicable Withholding Amounts"). At the Corporation's discretion, the Corporation may also choose to require satisfaction of all or any part of the Applicable Withholding Amounts by:
    - (i) the tendering by the Participant of a cash payment to the Corporation in an amount less than or equal to the Applicable Withholding Amount;
    - the withholding by the Corporation from the Common Shares otherwise payable to the Participant such number of Common Shares as it determines to be withheld (including any excess then determined by the Corporation in its discretion) and sold by the Corporation, as trustee, to satisfy the Applicable Withholding Amount (net of selling costs, which shall be paid by the Participant). The Participant consents to such sale and grants to the Corporation an irrevocable power of attorney to effect the sale of such Common Shares and acknowledges and agrees that the Corporation does not accept responsibility for the price obtained on the sale of such Common Shares; and/or

(iii) the withholding by the Corporation from any cash payment otherwise due to the Participant (for any reason whatsoever) such amount of cash as is less than or equal to the amount of the Applicable Withholding Amount;

provided, however, that the sum of any cash so paid or withheld and the fair market value of any Common Shares so withheld is equal to or greater than the Applicable Withholding Amount.

- (d) Participants (and their beneficiaries or any other Persons claiming thereby) shall be responsible for all taxes with respect to participation in the Plan, any RSUs granted under the Plan, receipt of a Payment Amount or otherwise, arising in any way whatsoever. The Corporation and the Board make no guarantees or representations to any Person regarding the tax status of the Plan or RSUs, tax treatment of an RSU award or issuances of Common Shares made under the Plan, tax impact of any decisions or determinations made by the Committee in the administration of the Plan, or otherwise, and none of the Corporation or any of its directors, officers, employees, representatives or counsel shall have any liability to a Participant with respect thereto.
- (e) If the Expiry Time for an RSU falls within any Blackout Period or within ten Business Days (being a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other than a day when banks in Vancouver, British Columbia are not generally open for business) following the end of any Blackout Period (the "Restricted RSUs"), then the Expiry Time of such Restricted RSUs shall, without any further action, be extended to the date that is ten Business Days following the end of such Blackout Period notwithstanding any other term of the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Expiry Time for an RSU that falls within any Blackout Period will not be extended where the Participant or the Corporation is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under applicable securities laws) in respect of the Corporation's securities.

#### **Resignation or Termination**

- 4.9 Notwithstanding Section 4.8, and subject to any express resolution passed by the Committee, if:
  - (a) a Participant's employment or service with the Corporation or the Related Entity is terminated, whether or not for Cause; or
  - (b) a Participant resigns from employment or service with the Corporation or a Related Entity,

then

(c) any RSUs granted to the Participant under the Plan which have not yet vested or been deemed to be vested, on or before the Separation Date for the Participant are forfeited and cancelled effective on the Separation Date and shall terminate without payment and shall be of no further force or effect from and after the Separation Date; and

(d) the Participant may, but only within the next 30 days following the Separation Date, deliver a completed Notice of Acquisition to the Corporation to acquire Common Shares for previously vested RSUs (if any) and following such 30 day period, any vested RSUs in respect of which the Participant has not delivered a completed Notice of Acquisition to the Corporation shall be forfeited and cancelled effective at 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on such 30th day and shall terminate without payment and shall be of no further force or effect from and after such time.

#### Leave of Absence

4.10 In the event a Participant takes a leave of absence other than an Approved Leave of Absence, all RSUs granted to the Participant under the Plan that have not then vested shall terminate and be null and void, subject to the Board's sole and absolute discretion to determine otherwise and applicable law.

## **Death of Participant**

4.11 Notwithstanding Section 4.2, but subject to any express resolution passed by the Committee, upon the death of a Participant, any RSUs granted to the Participant under the Plan which, as of the date of the death of a Participant have not yet vested, shall immediately vest. Notwithstanding Section 4.2, upon the death of a Participant, any RSUs granted to the Participant under the Plan shall be forfeited and cancelled effective at 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on the first year anniversary of the death of the Participant and shall terminated without payment and shall be of no further force or effect from and after such time. If a Participant's heirs or administrators are entitled to any portion of the Participant's outstanding RSUs, the period in which they shall be entitled to make a claim in respect of such RSUs may not exceed one year from the Participant's death.

## **Control Change**

- 4.12 (a) In the circumstances where the Corporation has entered into an agreement relating to, or otherwise becomes aware of, a transaction which, if completed, would result in a Control Change, the Corporation shall give written notice of the proposed transaction to the Participants, together with a description of the effect of such Control Change on outstanding RSUs. Such notice shall be given not less than ten Business Days prior to the closing of the transaction resulting in the Control Change.
  - (b) Notwithstanding anything else in this Plan or any Award Notice, the Committee may, in connection with a Control Change and at its sole option and without the consent of any Participant:
    - (i) take such steps as the Committee considers desirable, taking into account any tax consequences to the extent considered relevant by the Committee, to cause the conversion or exchange of any outstanding RSUs into or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value (or greater value), as determined by the Committee in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from a Control Change;

- (ii) accelerate the vesting of any or all outstanding RSUs to provide that, notwithstanding Section 4.2 or any Award Notice, such outstanding RSUs shall be fully vested upon (or immediately prior to) the completion of the transaction resulting in the Control Change, however, the Committee may only accelerate the vesting of RSUs that have not been outstanding for more than one year following the applicable Award Date if the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person in connection with the Control Change; or
- (iii) determine that a Participant who is no longer an Eligible Person as a result of or in anticipation of a Control Change shall continue to be a Participant and Eligible Person for purposes of the Plan, but subject to such terms and conditions, if any, established by the Committee in its sole discretion.
- (c) If, before the Vesting Date with respect to any RSUs granted to the Participant under the Plan, the Participant's service as a Director ceases or as an Employee of the Corporation or of a Related Entity is terminated by the Corporation or the Related Entity (or by the Participant as contemplated below in (i)B) in circumstances where such cessation or termination occurs:
  - (i) subsequent to a Control Change and during the Control Change Period and such cessation or termination was:
    - A. for any reason whatsoever other than death or termination for Cause; or
    - B. for Good Reason and the Participant gives notice to the Corporation to that effect and after thirty days the Corporation does not cure the act or omission which constitutes Good Reason; or
  - (ii) prior to the date on which a Control Change occurs and it is reasonably demonstrated that such termination:
    - A. was at the request of a third party who has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Control Change; or
    - B. arose in connection with or anticipation of a Control Change,

then the Award shall immediately vest on the Separation Date and the Payment Amount shall be equal to the number of Common Shares determined on the Separation Date multiplied by the number of RSUs in the Participant's Account, net of applicable withholding tax. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 4.12, the Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, provide in the Award Notice evidencing the Award a provision to the effect that this Section 4.12 shall not apply in respect of that Award or shall apply on such modified basis as is expressly set forth in such Award Notice.

#### **Adjustments to Restricted Share Units**

In the event of any subdivision, consolidation, stock dividend, capital reorganization, 4.13 reclassification, exchange, or other change with respect to the Common Shares, or a consolidation, amalgamation, merger, spin-off, sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the property of the Corporation or other distribution of the Corporation's assets to shareholders (other than the payment of dividends in respect of the Common Shares as contemplated by Section 4.4), the Committee may choose to adjust the Account of each Participant and the RSUs outstanding under the Plan in such manner, if any, as the Committee may in its discretion deem appropriate (taking into account any tax consequences to the extent considered relevant by the Committee) to preserve the Account of each Participant and the RSUs outstanding under the Plan shall be adjusted in such manner, if any, as the Committee may in its discretion deem appropriate to preserve, proportionally, the interests of Participants under the Plan. For greater certainty and notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, in no event shall a Participant be or become entitled to receive any amount of cash from the Corporation. Any adjustment, other than in connection with a security consolidation or security split, to Security Based Compensation granted or issued under a Security Based Compensation Plan must be subject to the prior acceptance of the Exchange, including adjustments related to an amalgamation, merger, arrangement, reorganization, spin-off, dividend or recapitalization.

## **Discretion to Permit Vesting**

- 4.14 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article 4, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, subject to such terms and conditions (if any) established by the Committee in its sole discretion, at any time prior to or following the events contemplated therein, permit:
  - (a) Persons previously entitled to participate in the Plan to continue to be a Participant for purposes of the Plan;
  - (b) the vesting or accelerated vesting of any or all RSUs held by a Participant, however no RSUs may vest before the date that is one year following the Award Date; and
  - (c) the payment of the Payment Amount in respect of such RSUs in the manner and on the terms authorized by the Committee.

#### **Common Shares Reserved**

4.15 The maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance under the Plan at any time shall be 4,013,023 Common Shares, which is equal to 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of September 8, 2023, subject to adjustment under Section 4.13.

#### **Limits on Issuances**

4.16 The Plan provides for the following limits on grants unless otherwise permitted pursuant to Exchange Policies:

- (a) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, for Insiders (as a group) may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares at any point in time;
- (b) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, within a 12 month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated on the Award Date;
- (c) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to any one Eligible Person (and companies wholly owned by that Eligible Person) under the Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, within a 12 month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated on the Award Date;
- (d) the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to any one Consultant under the Plan, together with any other Security Based Compensation Plan, within a 12 month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated on the Award Date; and
- (e) RSUs granted under the Plan are subject to a four-month hold period, in accordance with Exchange Policies.

The respective limits set out above may be exceeded: (a) if the Common Shares are listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange, on a case-by-case basis, upon the approval of the disinterested shareholders of the Corporation; or (b) if the Common Shares are not listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange, in accordance with the applicable Exchange Policies.

#### **Status of Terminated RSUs**

4.17 For purposes of determining the number of Common Shares that remain available for issuance under the Plan, the number of Common Shares underlying any grants of RSUs that are surrendered, forfeited, waived and/or cancelled shall be added back to the Plan and again be available for future grant, whereas the number of Common Shares underlying any grants of RSUs that are issued upon exercise of RSUs shall not be available for future grant.

# ARTICLE 5 GENERAL

#### **Amendment, Suspension or Termination of Plan**

5.1 (a) Subject to Exchange approval, the Committee may from time to time amend or suspend the Plan in whole or in part and may at any time terminate the Plan without prior notice. However, any such amendment, suspension or termination shall not adversely affect the RSUs previously granted to a Participant at the time of such

- amendment, suspension or termination, without the consent of the affected Participant.
- (b) If the Committee suspends or terminates the Plan, no new RSUs will be credited to the account of a Participant; however, previously credited RSUs shall remain outstanding but shall not be entitled to dividend credits following suspension or termination unless at the time of suspension or termination the Committee determines that the entitlement to dividend credits during suspension or after termination, as applicable, should be continued.
- (c) The Committee shall not require the consent of any affected Participant in connection with a termination of the Plan in which the vesting of all RSUs held by the Participant are accelerated and the Payment Amount (less Applicable Withholding Amount) is paid to the Participant in respect of all such RSUs.
- (d) The Corporation will be required to obtain Shareholder approval in accordance with Exchange Policies for any amendment of the Plan related to:
  - (i) the number or percentage issued and outstanding Common Shares available for grant under the Plan;
  - (ii) a change in method of calculation of redemption of RSUs held by Eligible Persons; and
  - (ii) an extension to the term for redemption of RSUs held by Eligible Persons.
- (e) The Plan will terminate on the date upon which no further RSUs remain outstanding, provided that such termination is confirmed by a resolution of the Committee.

## **Compliance with Laws**

5.2 The administration of the Plan shall be subject to and made in conformity with all applicable laws and any regulations of a duly constituted regulatory authority. If any provision of the Plan or any RSU contravenes any law or any policy, order, by-law or regulation of any regulatory body or an Exchange, then such provision shall be deemed to be amended to the extent required to bring such provision into compliance therewith.

#### **Participant's Entitlement**

5.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, RSUs previously granted under this Plan, whether or not then vested, are not affected by any change in the relationship between, or ownership of, the Corporation and a Related Entity. For greater certainty, all RSUs remain valid in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Plan and are not affected by reason only that, at any time, a Related Entity ceases to be a Related Entity.

## **Reorganization of the Corporation**

5.4 The existence of any RSUs shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Corporation or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Corporation or to amend or modify the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise.

#### **Costs of Administration**

5.5 The Corporation will be responsible for all costs relating to the administration of the Plan except that the participant shall pay all brokerage fees related to their own brokerage account(s) to which Common Shares are delivered pursuant to Section 4.8.

## Assignment

- An RSU is personal to the Participant and is non-assignable. No RSU granted hereunder shall be pledged, hypothecated, charged, transferred, assigned or otherwise encumbered or disposed of by the Participant, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, otherwise than by testate succession or the laws of descent and distribution, and any attempt to do so will cause such RSU to be null and void. A vested RSU shall be redeemable only by the Participant and, upon the death of a Participant, the person to whom the rights shall have passed by testate succession or by the laws of descent and distribution may redeem any vested RSUs in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.
  - (b) Rights and obligations under the Plan may be assigned by the Corporation (without the consent of Participants) to a successor in the business of the Corporation, any Corporation resulting from any amalgamation, reorganization, combination, merger or arrangement of the Corporation, or any corporation acquiring all or substantially all of the assets or business of the Corporation.

## No Shareholder Rights

5.7 Under no circumstances shall RSUs be considered Common Shares or other securities of the Corporation, nor shall they entitle any Participant to exercise voting rights or any other rights attaching to the ownership of Common Shares or other securities of the Corporation, nor shall any Participant be considered the owner of Common Shares by virtue of the Award of RSUs.

## Participation is Voluntary; No Additional Rights

5.8 The participation of any Participant in the Plan is entirely voluntary and not obligatory and shall not be interpreted as conferring upon such Participant any rights or privileges other than those rights and privileges expressly provided in the Plan. In particular, participation

in the Plan does not constitute a condition of employment or service nor a commitment on the part of the Corporation to ensure the continued employment or service of such Participant. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to provide the Participant with any rights whatsoever to participate or to continue participation in this Plan, or to compensation or damages in lieu of participation, whether upon termination of the Participant's employment or service or otherwise. The Corporation does not assume responsibility for the personal income tax liability or other tax consequences for the Participants and they are advised to consult with their own tax advisors.

#### **Market Fluctuations**

5.9 No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, a Participant under the Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of Common Shares, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose. For greater certainty and notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, a Participant will in no event be or become entitled to receive any amount of cash from the Corporation in respect of participation in this Plan. The Corporation makes no representations or warranties to Participants with respect to the Plan or the Common Shares whatsoever. In seeking the benefits of participation in the Plan, a Participant agrees to accept all risks associated with a decline in the market price of Common Shares.

## **Participant Information**

5.10 Each Participant shall provide the Corporation with all information (including personal information) required by the Corporation in order to administer to the Plan. Each Participant acknowledges that information required by the Corporation in order to administer the Plan may be disclosed to any custodian in respect of the Plan and any other third parties in connection with the administration of the Plan. Each Participant consents to such disclosure and authorizes the Corporation to make such disclosure on the Participant's behalf.

#### Indemnification

5.11 Every director and officer of the Corporation will at all times be indemnified and saved harmless by the Corporation from and against all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever including any income tax liability arising from any such indemnification, that such director may sustain or incur by reason of any action, suit or proceeding, taken or threatened against the director, otherwise than by the Corporation, for or in respect of any act done or omitted by the director in respect of this Plan, such costs, charges and expenses to include any amount paid to settle such action, suit or proceeding or in satisfaction of any judgment rendered therein.

#### **Governing Law**

5.12 The Plan shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein, without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

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#### **SCHEDULE "A"**

# RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN FORM OF AWARD NOTICE

To:	[Name]
	[Position]

Gladiator Metals Corp. (the "Corporation") hereby grants the following to you in accordance with and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions of this award notice together with the provisions of the Restricted Share Unit Plan of the Corporation (the "Plan") dated [insert date]:

Date of Grant:	[insert date]
Number of RSUs Awarded:	[insert number]
RSU Term/Expiry Time:	[insert time, not exceeding December 31st of the third calendar year following the award date]
Performance Criteria (if any):	[insert criteria or reference any attached schedule]

Subject to any acceleration in vesting as provided in the Plan and approved by the Board of Directors, the RSUs granted in this award vest as follows:

% of RSUs Which Vest	# of RSUs Which Vest	<b>Vesting Date</b>	
[insert]%	[insert]	[insert]	
[insert]%	[insert]	[insert]	
[insert]%	[insert]	[insert]	

In order to receive Common Shares representing your Award, complete and deliver a Notice of Acquisition in accordance with the terms of the Plan prior to the Expiry Time or earlier, as required or permitted under the Plan, together with a certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Corporation for the Applicable Withholding Amount as determined by the Corporation.

The terms and conditions of the Plan are hereby incorporated by reference as terms and conditions of this Award Notice and all capitalized terms used herein, unless expressly defined in a different manner, have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Plan.

## GLADIATOR METALS CORP.

By:		
-	Authorized Signatory	

## **SCHEDULE "B"**

## RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN FORM OF NOTICE OF ACQUISITION

To:	Gladiator Metals Corp. (the "Corporation")		
From:			
Award No (the "Plan	otice dated '''). Additionally, I en tof an amount equa	non Shares of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of the and the Restricted Share Unit Plan of the Corporation aclose a certified cheque or bank draft in payment of \$ to the Applicable Withholding Amount for such acquisition of	
of this No	otice of Acquisition a	Plan are hereby incorporated by reference as terms and conditions and all capitalized terms used herein, unless expressly defined in a nings ascribed thereto in the Plan.	
Dated			
	ue	Common Shares registered as follows:	
(No. of ce	ertificates)	(No. of Common Shares)	
Name			
Address			
□ Cł	neque attached		
(Signature	<u>e)</u>	(Date)	