

# **CANADIAN IMPERIAL VENTURE CORP.**

## **STOCK OPTION PLAN**

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## PART I INTERPRETATION

1.1 Defined Terms. For the purposes of this Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Administrator**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.1 hereof;

“**Affiliate**” means a corporation related to another corporation if one of them is the subsidiary of the other, or both are subsidiaries of the same corporation, or each of them is controlled by the same Person;

“**Applicable Laws**” means all legal requirements relating to the administration of stock option plans, if any, under applicable corporate laws, any applicable state or provincial securities laws, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the requirements of the Exchange, and the laws of any foreign jurisdiction applicable to Options granted to residents therein;

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

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

“**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Company;

“**Blackout Period**” means a period during which an Optionee is restricted by the Company from trading in the Company’s securities pending the dissemination of previously undisclosed material information;

“**Charitable Option**” means an Option or equivalent security granted by the Company to an Eligible Charitable Organization;

“**Charitable Organization**” has the meaning as ascribed thereto in the Tax Act;

“**Committee**” means a committee of the Board appointed in accordance with Section 3.2 hereof;

“**Company**” means Velocity Minerals Ltd. and its Affiliates;

“**Consultant**” means, in relation to the Company, an individual (other than an Employee or a Director of the Company) or company, that:

- (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities,
- (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or an Affiliate and the individual or the company, as the case may be

- (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 an Affiliate; and
- (iv) has a relationship with the Company or an Affiliate that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company;

“**Date of Grant**” means the date on which a grant of an Option is effective;

“**Director**” means a director of the Company or an Affiliate;

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

“**Discounted Market Price**” has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Exchange Policies;

“**Disinterested Shareholder Approval**” means approval by a majority of the votes cast by shareholders of the Company or their proxies at a shareholders’ meeting other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by Insiders to whom Options may be granted pursuant to this Plan and their Associates and, for purposes of this Plan, holders of non-voting and subordinate voting securities (if any) will be given full voting rights on a resolution which requires disinterested shareholder approval;

“**Eligible Charitable Organization**” means:

- (i) any Charitable Organization or Public Foundation which is a Registered Charity, but is not a Private Foundation, or
- (ii) a Registered National Arts Services Organization.

“**Employee**” means:

- (i) an individual who is considered an employee of the Company or its subsidiary under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (and for whom income tax, employment insurance and CPP 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 over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company, 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 over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source;

“**Exchange**” means the TSX Venture Exchange or the NEX, as applicable;

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

“**Guardian**” means the guardian, if any, appointed for an Optionee;

**“Insider”** means:

- (i) a director or senior officer of the Company;
- (ii) a director or senior officer of an entity that is itself an insider or subsidiary of the Company; or
- (iii) a Person that beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Company; or
- (iv) the Company itself if it holds any of its own securities;

**“Investor Relations Activities”** has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Exchange Policies;

**“Management Company Employee”** means an individual employed by a Person providing management services to the Company (other than Investor Relations Activities), which are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business of the Company;

**“NEX”** means a separate board of the TSX Venture Exchange for companies previously listed on the TSX Venture Exchange or the Toronto Stock Exchange which have failed to maintain compliance with the ongoing financial listing standards of those markets;

**“NEX Issuer”** means a company listed on the NEX;

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

**“Option”** means an option to purchase Shares granted pursuant to the provisions of this Plan;

**“Option Agreement”** means a written agreement between the Company and an Optionee, specifying the terms of the Option being granted to the Optionee under this Plan, which may be in the form set out in Schedule “A” hereto;

**“Option Price”** means the price at which an Option to purchase Shares is exercisable;

**“Optionee”** means the recipient of an Option granted by the Company;

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

**“Plan”** means this stock option plan of the Company, as amended from time to time;

**“Private Foundation”** has the meaning as ascribed thereto in the Tax Act;

**“Public Foundation”** has the meaning as ascribed thereto in the Tax Act;

**“Registered Charity”** has the meaning as ascribed thereto in the Tax Act;

**“Registered National Arts Services Organization”** has the meaning as ascribed thereto in the Tax Act;

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

“**Successor**” means the legal heirs or personal representatives of the Optionee upon death, pursuant to a will or the laws of descent and distribution of the applicable jurisdictions;

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

“**Term**” means the period of time during which an Option is exercisable; and

“**Terminating Event**” means:

- (i) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or
- (ii) a material change in the capital structure of the Company that is deemed to be a Terminating Event pursuant to Section 10.1 or 10.5 hereof.

## **PART 2 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THE PLAN**

2.1 Establishment of the Plan. The Company hereby establishes this Plan to govern the grant, administration and exercise of Options which may be granted to eligible Optionees.

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

2.3 Benefit to Shareholders. This Plan is expected to benefit shareholders by enabling the Company to attract and retain personnel of the highest caliber by offering them an opportunity to share in any increase in value of the Shares resulting from their efforts.

## **PART 3 ADMINISTRATION**

3.1 Board or Committee. This Plan shall be administered by the Board or by a Committee appointed in accordance with Section 3.2 hereof. The Board or, if applicable, the Committee is hereinafter referred to as the “Administrator”.

3.2 Appointment of Committee. The Board may at any time appoint a Committee, consisting of not less than two of its members, to administer this Plan on behalf of the Board in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, consistent with this Plan. Once appointed, the Committee shall continue to serve until otherwise directed by the Board. From time to time, the Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in their place, fill vacancies however caused, or remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer this Plan.

3.3 Quorum and Voting. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and, subject to the limitations in this Part 3, all actions of the Committee shall require the affirmative vote of members who constitute a majority of such quorum. Members of the Committee who are disinterested Persons to an action may vote on any matters affecting the administration of this Plan or the grant of Options pursuant to this Plan, except that no such member shall act upon the granting of an Option to himself (but any such member may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Committee during which action is taken with respect to the granting of Options to him).

3.4 Powers of Administrator. Subject to the provisions of this Plan and any Applicable Laws, and with a view to effecting the purpose of this Plan, the Administrator shall have sole authority, in its absolute discretion, to:

- (a) administer this Plan in accordance with its express terms;
- (b) determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation, and application of this Plan, including all questions relating to the value of the Shares;
- (c) correct any defect, supply any information, or reconcile any inconsistency in this Plan in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this Plan;
- (d) prescribe, amend, and rescind rules and regulations relating to the administration of this Plan;
- (e) determine the duration and purposes of leaves of absence from employment which may be granted to Optionees without constituting a termination of employment for purposes of this Plan;
- (f) do the following with respect to the granting of Options:
  - (i) determine the Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants to whom Options shall be granted, based on the eligibility criteria set out in this Plan,
  - (ii) determine the terms and conditions of the Option Agreement to be entered into with any Optionee (which need not be identical with the terms of any other Option Agreement),
  - (iii) amend the terms and conditions of Option Agreements, provided the Administrator obtains:
    - A. the consent of the Optionee, and
    - B. if applicable, the approval of the Exchange and / or Disinterested Shareholder Approval,
  - (iv) determine when Options shall be granted,
  - (v) determine the Option Price of each Option, and
  - (vi) determine the number of Shares subject to each Option; and
- (g) make all other determinations necessary or advisable for administration of this Plan.

3.4 Obtain Regulatory Approvals. In administering this Plan, the Administrator will obtain any regulatory approvals which may be required pursuant to all Applicable Laws. This Plan is subject to these approvals.

3.5 Annual Shareholder Approval. This Plan must receive approval of the Company's shareholders annually at the Company's annual general meeting. Evidence that the majority of the shareholders are in favour of a proposal to approve the Plan or any amendment thereto is not sufficient.

3.6 Administration by Administrator. All determinations made by the Administrator in good faith on matters referred to in Section 3.4 hereof shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon the Company and the relevant Optionee. The Administrator shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish its duties under this Plan. In addition, the Administrator's administration of this Plan shall in all respects be consistent with Exchange Policies.

#### **PART 4 ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 General Eligibility. Options may be granted to an Eligible Charitable Organization or a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant of the Company or its subsidiary at the time the Option is granted. An Optionee shall not be precluded from being granted an Option solely because such Optionee may previously have been granted an Option under this Plan.

4.2 No Violation of Laws. No Option shall be granted to any Optionee unless the Administrator has determined that the grant of such Option and the exercise thereof by the Optionee will not violate any Applicable Laws.

4.3 Optionees to be Named. No Options shall be granted unless and until the Options have been allocated to a particular Optionee(s).

#### **PART 5 SHARES SUBJECT TO THIS PLAN**

5.1 Maximum Number of Shares Reserved Under Plan. The aggregate number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Options granted under this Plan shall not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares at the time of the grant. Such number of Shares is subject to adjustment in accordance with Part 10 hereof. Any Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options granted by the Company prior to this Plan coming into effect and which are outstanding on the date on which this Plan comes into effect shall be included in determining the number of Shares reserved for issuance hereunder as if such stock options were granted under this Plan.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event that the Company is a NEX Issuer the maximum number of Shares that may be reserved or issued under the Plan in any 12 month period is limited to 10% of the number of Shares of the Company issued and outstanding, inclusive of all Shares presently reserved for issuance pursuant to previously granted stock options, in accordance with Exchange Policies.

5.2 Sufficient Authorized Shares to be Reserved. If the constating documents of the Company limit the number of authorized Shares, a sufficient number of Shares shall be reserved by the Board to satisfy the exercise of Options granted under this Plan. Shares that were the subject of Options that have expired or terminated may once again be subject to an Option granted under this Plan.

5.3 Disinterested Shareholder Approval. Unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained, under no circumstances shall this Plan, together with all of the Company's other previously established or proposed stock option plans, employee stock purchase plans or any other compensation or incentive mechanisms involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares, result in or allow at any time:

- (a) the number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options granted to Insiders (as a group) at any point in time exceeding 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares;
- (b) the grant to Insiders (as a group), within a 12 month period, of an aggregate number of Options exceeding 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares at the time of the grant of the Options;
- (c) the issuance to any one Optionee, within any 12 month period, of an aggregate number of Options exceeding 5% of the issued and outstanding Shares at the time of the grant of the Options;
- (d) any individual Option grant that would result in any of the limitations set out in sections 5.3 (a), (b) or (c) being exceeded; or
- (e) any amendment to Options held by Insiders that would have the effect of decreasing the exercise price of such Options.

For purposes hereof, Options held by an Insider at any point in time that were granted to such Person prior to it becoming an Insider shall be considered Options granted to an Insider irrespective of the fact that the Person was not an Insider

5.4 Number of Shares Subject to this Plan. Upon exercise of an Option, the number of Shares thereafter available under such Option shall decrease by the number of Shares as to which the Option was exercised; however the same number of Shares shall thereafter again be available for the purposes of this Plan.

5.5 Expiry of Option. If an Option expires or terminates for any reason without having been exercised in full, the un-purchased Shares subject thereto shall again be available for the purposes of this Plan.

## **PART 6**

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS**

6.1 Option Agreement. Each Option shall be evidenced by an Option Agreement, which may contain such terms, not inconsistent with this Plan or any Applicable Laws, as the Administrator in its discretion may deem advisable; provided, that each Option Agreement shall contain the following terms:

- (a) the number of Shares subject to purchase pursuant to such Option;
- (b) the Date of Grant;
- (c) the Term;
- (d) the Option Price;
- (e) the Option is not assignable or transferable; and
- (f) such other terms and conditions as the Administrator deems advisable and are consistent with the purposes of this Plan.



6.2 Exchange Restrictions of Reservations. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, for so long as the Shares are listed on the Exchange, the number of Shares reserved for issuance to:

- (a) any one Optionee pursuant to Options granted to such Optionee during any 12 month period shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Shares, calculated at the date such Options are granted;
- (b) any one Optionee, who is a Consultant, in respect of Options granted to such Consultant during any 12 month period shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares, calculated at the date such Options are granted;
- (c) all Optionees who are engaged or employed in Investor Relations Activities during any 12 month period shall not exceed in the aggregate 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares, calculated at the date such Options are granted; and
- (d) Eligible Charitable Organizations shall not at any time exceed 1% of the issued and outstanding Shares of the Company, calculated at the date such Options are granted.

6.3 Exercise Price. The Option Price shall not be less than the Discounted Market Price, provided that (i) if the Company has just been recalled for trading following a suspension or halt, the Company must wait until a satisfactory market has been established before setting the exercise price for and granting of the Options (generally ten days from the date of resumption of trading); (ii) a minimum price cannot be established unless the Options are allocated to particular Optionees; and (iii) if Options are granted within 90 days of a distribution of securities by way of a prospectus, the minimum exercise price of those Options will be the greater of the Discounted Market Price and the prospectus offering price (the 90 day period to be calculated from the date a final receipt is issued for the prospectus).

6.4 Maximum Term of Ten Years. Subject to section 6.5, the maximum Term of an Option granted shall be ten years from the Date of Grant.

6.5 Blackout Period. The Term of an Option shall be automatically extended if the expiry date falls within a Blackout Period provided that: (i) the Blackout Period is imposed by the Company pursuant to its internal trading policies as a result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed material information; (ii) the Blackout Period expires upon the general disclosure of such material information; (iii) the extension is not more than ten days from the expiry of the Blackout Period; and (iv) such automatic extension is not applicable if the Company or Optionee is also subject to a cease trade order or similar trading restriction.

6.6 Vesting Schedule. No Option shall be exercisable until it has vested. The vesting schedule for each Option shall be specified by the Administrator at the time of grant of the Option prior to the provision of services with respect to which such Option is granted; provided, that if no vesting schedule is specified at the time of grant, the Option shall vest on the date it is granted.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for Options granted to Optionees who provide Investor Relations Activities and where no vesting schedule is specified at the time of grant, the Options shall vest according to the following schedule:

<b>Vesting Period</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Option Vested</b>
3 Months after Date of Grant	25%
6 Months after Date of Grant	50%
9 Months after Date of Grant	75%
12 Months after Date of Grant	100%

6.7 Acceleration of Vesting. The vesting of outstanding Options may be accelerated by the Administrator at such times and in such amount as it may determine in its sole discretion.

6.8 Hold Periods. In addition to any resale restrictions under any Applicable Laws, if the Option Price is set at a discount to the Market Price (as defined in Exchange Policies), the Option Agreements and the certificates representing any Shares realized on the exercise thereof will bear the following legend:

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

6.9 Form for Non-Individuals. If a proposed Optionee is a corporation or is otherwise not an individual, it must provide the Exchange with a completed Form 4F – *Certification and Undertaking Required from a Corporation Granted an Incentive Stock Option*, or any amended or replacement form.

6.10 Bona Fide Optionee. By execution of an Option Agreement, the Optionee represents that he, she or it is a bona fide Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant, as the case may be. It will be the joint responsibility of the Company and the Optionee that the Optionee is and will remain a bona fide Employee, Consultant or Management Company Employee.

## **PART 7 EXERCISE OF OPTION**

7.1 Method of Exercise. Subject to any limitations or conditions imposed upon an Optionee pursuant to the Option Agreement or Part 6 hereof, an Optionee may exercise an Option, prior to the expiry date thereof, by giving written notice thereof to the Company at its principal place of business or as otherwise indicated by the Company in writing.

7.2 Payment of Option Price. The notice described in Section 7.1 hereof shall be accompanied by full payment of the Option Price to the extent the Option is so exercised, and full payment of any amounts the Company determines must be withheld for tax purposes from the Optionee pursuant to the Option Agreement. Such payment shall be in lawful money (Canadian funds) in cash or by certified cheque.

7.3 Issuance of Stock Certificate. As soon as practicable after exercise of an Option in accordance with Sections 7.1 and 7.2 hereof, the Company shall issue a stock certificate evidencing the Shares with respect to which the Option has been exercised. Upon due exercise of an Option, the Optionee shall be

entitled to all rights to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder with respect to such Shares.

7.4 Monitoring Trading. An Optionee who performs Investor Relations Activities shall provide written notice to the Board of each of his trades of securities of the Company, within five business days of each trade.

## **PART 8 TRANSFERABILITY OF OPTIONS**

8.1 Non-Transferable. Except as provided otherwise in this Part 8, Options are non-assignable and non-transferable.

8.2 Death of Optionee. If an Optionee should die while any Options remain outstanding in his name, such Options shall pass to the Successor of the Optionee and shall be exercisable by the Successor for a period to be determined by the Administrator, which shall not be less than three months and not more than six months from the date of death.

8.3 Disability of Optionee. If the employment of an Optionee as an Employee or Consultant of the Company, or the position of an Optionee as a Director or Officer, is terminated by the Company by reason of such Optionee's Disability, any Option held by such Optionee that could have been exercised immediately prior to such termination of employment shall be exercisable by such Optionee, or by his Guardian, for a period of 90 days following the termination of employment of such Optionee.

8.4 Vesting. Options held by a Successor or exercisable by a Guardian shall, during the period prior to their termination, continue to vest in accordance with any vesting schedule to which such Options are subject.

8.5 Majority Agreement. If two or more Persons constitute the Successor or the Guardian of an Optionee, the rights of such Successor or such Guardian shall be exercisable only upon the majority agreement of such Persons.

8.6 Deemed Non-Interruption of Employment. Employment shall be deemed to continue intact during any military or sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence if the period of such leave does not exceed 90 days or, if longer, for so long as the Optionee's right to re-employment with the Company is guaranteed either by statute or by contract. If the period of such leave exceeds 90 days and the Optionee's re-employment is not so guaranteed, then his or her employment shall be deemed to have terminated on the 91st day of such leave.

## **PART 9 TERMINATION OF OPTIONS**

9.1 Termination of Options. To the extent not earlier exercised or terminated, an Option shall terminate at the earliest of the following dates:

- (a) the termination date specified for such Option in the Option Agreement;
- (b) where the Optionee's position as an Employee, Consultant, Director or Officer is terminated for just cause, the date of such termination for just cause;

- (c) where the Optionee's position as an Employee, Consultant, Director or Officer terminates for a reason other than the Optionee's Disability, death, or termination for just cause, 90 days after such date of termination;
- (d) where the Optionee's position as an Employee, Consultant, Director or Officer terminates as a result of the Optionee's death, such Options may be exercisable by the Successor for a period to be determined by the Administrator, which shall not be less than three months and not more than six months from the date of death;
- (e) the date of any sale, transfer, assignment or hypothecation, or any attempted sale, transfer, assignment or hypothecation, of such Option in violation of Section 8.1 hereof; and
- (f) the date specified in Section 10.5 hereof for such termination in the event of a Terminating Event.

## **PART 10 ADJUSTMENTS TO OPTIONS**

10.1 Alteration of Capital. In the event of any material change in the outstanding Shares of the Company prior to complete exercise of any Option by reason of any stock dividend, split, recapitalization, amalgamation, merger, consolidation, combination or exchange of shares or other similar corporate change, an equitable adjustment shall be made in one or more of the maximum number or kind of Shares issuable under this Plan or subject to outstanding Options, and the Option Price of such shares. Any such adjustment shall be made in the sole discretion of the Board, acting on recommendations made by the Administrator, and shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes of this Plan. If the Administrator determines that the nature of a material alteration in the capital structure of the Company is such that it is not practical or feasible to make appropriate adjustments to this Plan or to the Options granted hereunder, such event shall be deemed a Terminating Event for the purposes of this Plan.

10.2 No Fractions. No fractional Shares shall be issued upon the exercise of an Option and accordingly, if as a result of any adjustment set out hereof an Optionee would be entitled to a fractional Share, the Optionee shall have the right to purchase only the adjusted number of full Shares and no payment or other adjustment shall be made with respect to the fractional Share so disregarded.

10.3 Terminating Events. Subject to Section 10.4 hereof, all Options granted under this Plan shall terminate upon the occurrence of a Terminating Event.

10.4 Notice of Terminating Event. The Administrator shall give notice to Optionees not less than 30 days prior to the consummation of a Terminating Event. Upon the giving of such notice, all Options granted under this Plan shall become immediately exercisable, notwithstanding any contingent vesting provision to which such Options may have otherwise been subject.

10.5 General Offer for Shares. Notwithstanding anything else herein to the contrary, in the event (i) an offer to purchase the Shares shall be made to the holders of the Shares generally, unless the Board determines that such offer will not result in any change in control of the Company, or (ii) of a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or (iii) the sale, pursuant to an agreement with the Company, of securities of the Company pursuant to which the Company is or becomes a subsidiary of another corporation, then unless provision is made by the acquiring corporation for the assumption of each Option or the substitution of a substantially equivalent option therefor, the Company shall give written notice thereof to each Optionee holding Options under this Plan and such Optionees shall be

entitled to exercise his or its Options to the extent previously unexercised, regardless of whether such Optionee would otherwise be entitled to exercise such Options to such extent at that time, within the 30 day period immediately following the giving of such notice. Any Options not exercised within such 30 day period will immediately terminate and such event shall be deemed to be a Terminating Event.

10.6 Determinations to be made by Administrator. Adjustments and determinations under this Part 10 shall be made by the Administrator, whose decisions as to what adjustments or determination shall be made, and the extent thereof, shall be final, binding, and conclusive.

## **PART 11 TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT OF PLAN**

11.1 Termination of Plan. The Administrator may terminate this Plan at the same time as all Options are terminated upon a Terminating Event pursuant to section 10.1. The Administrator may terminate this Plan at such other time and on such conditions as the Administrator may determine, provided that no such termination shall be effected if do so would affect the rights of then existing Optionees, without the approval of such Optionees.

11.2 Power of Administrator to Amend Plan. The Administrator may, subject to the approval of the Exchange, amend this Plan so as to: (i) correct typographical errors; (ii) clarify existing provisions of the Plan, which clarifications do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature or intent of such provisions; and (iii) maintain compliance with any Applicable Laws. The Administrator may condition the effectiveness of any such amendment on the receipt of shareholder approval at such time and in such manner as the Administrator may consider necessary for the Company to comply with or to avail the Company and/or the Optionees of the benefits of any securities, tax, market listing or other administrative or regulatory requirements. No such amendment, suspension or termination shall adversely affect rights under any Options previously granted without the consent of the Optionees to whom such Options were granted.

Notwithstanding the above, the Company may grant Options under amendments made to this Plan that it would not otherwise be permitted to grant prior to obtaining requisite shareholder approval, provided that: (i) the Company also obtains specific shareholder approval for such grants, separate and apart from shareholders' approval to the amendments, (ii) no Options granted under the amendments are exercised prior to shareholder approval, (iii) shareholder approval is obtained on or before the earlier of the Company's next annual general meeting or 12 months from the amendment of the Plan. Should such shareholder approval not be obtained, the amendments will terminate and any Options granted thereunder will terminate.

11.3 Shareholder Approvals. Any shareholder approval required to amend this Plan must take place at a meeting of the shareholders. Evidence that the majority of the shareholders are in favour of a proposal to approve any amendment thereto is not sufficient.

11.4 No Grant During Suspension of Plan. No Option may be granted during any suspension, or after termination, of this Plan. Amendment, suspension, or termination of this Plan shall not, without the consent of the Optionee, alter or impair any rights or obligations under any Option previously granted.

**PART 12**  
**CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ISSUANCE OF SHARES**

12.1 Compliance with Laws. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of any Option unless the exercise of such Option and the issuance and delivery of such Shares comply with all Applicable Laws, and such issuance may be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance, including the availability of an exemption from prospectus and registration requirements for the issuance and sale of such Shares. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body the authority deemed by the Company to be necessary for the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares under this Plan, or the unavailability of an exemption from prospectus and registration requirements for the issuance and sale of any Shares under this Plan, shall relieve the Company of any liability with respect to the non-issuance or sale of such Shares.

12.2 Representations by Optionee. As a condition precedent to the exercise of any Option, the Company may require the Optionee to represent and warrant, at the time of exercise, that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such representations and warranties are required by any Applicable Laws. If necessary under Applicable Laws, the Administrator may cause a stop-transfer order against such Shares to be placed on the stock books and records of the Company, and a legend indicating that the Shares may not be pledged, sold or otherwise transferred unless an opinion of counsel is provided stating that such transfer is not in violation of any Applicable Laws, may be stamped on the certificates representing such Shares in order to assure an exemption from registration. The Administrator also may require such other documentation as may from time to time be necessary to comply with applicable securities laws. **THE COMPANY HAS NO OBLIGATION TO UNDERTAKE REGISTRATION OF OPTIONS OR THE SHARES ISSUABLE UPON THE EXERCISE OF OPTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION OUTSIDE OF CANADA.**

12.3 Withholding. The Company may withhold from any amount payable to an Optionee, either under this Plan or otherwise, such amount as it reasonably believes is necessary to enable the Company to comply with the applicable requirements of any federal, provincial, local or foreign law, or any administrative policy of any applicable tax authority, relating to the withholding of tax or any other required deductions with respect to options (“**Withholding Obligations**”). The Company may also satisfy any liability for any such Withholding Obligations, on such terms and conditions as the Company may determine in its discretion, by:

- (a) requiring an Optionee, as a condition to the exercise of any Options, to make such arrangements as the Company may require so that the Company can satisfy such Withholding Obligations including, without limitation, requiring the Optionee to remit to the Company in advance, or reimburse the Company for, any such Withholding Obligations; or
- (b) selling on the Optionee’s behalf, or requiring the Optionee to sell, any Shares acquired by the Optionee under the Plan, or retaining any amount which would otherwise be payable to the Optionee in connection with any such sale.

### **PART 13 NOTICES**

13.1 Notices. All notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Plan and the Options granted under this Plan shall be in writing and may be served in any one of the following ways: (i) personally on the party to whom notice is to be given, in which case notice shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date of such service; (ii) facsimile transmission or by electronic mail, in which case notice shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date the fax or email is sent; or (iii) mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given, by first class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed to the party at his or its most recent known address, in which case such notice shall be deemed to have been duly given on the fifth postal delivery day following the date of such mailing.

### **PART 14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

14.1 No Obligation to Exercise. Optionees shall be under no obligation to exercise Options granted under this Plan.

14.2 No Obligation to Retain Optionee. Nothing contained in this Plan shall obligate the Company to retain an Optionee as a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant for any period, nor shall this Plan interfere in any way with the right of the Company to change the terms or conditions of the Optionee's employment or engagement with the Company, including the Optionee's compensation.

14.3 Exclusion from Severance Allowance, Retirement Allowance or Termination Settlement. If the Optionee retires, resigns or is terminated from employment or engagement with the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, the loss or limitation, if any, pursuant to the Option Agreement with respect to the right to purchase Shares, shall not give rise to any right to damages and shall not be included in the calculation of nor form any part of any severance allowance, retiring allowance or termination settlement of any kind whatsoever in respect of such Optionee.

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

14.5 Binding Agreement. The provisions of this Plan and each Option Agreement with an Optionee shall be binding upon such Optionee and the Successor or Guardian of such Optionee.

14.6 Governing Law. The laws of the Province of British Columbia shall apply to this Plan and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

14.7 Use of Terms. Where the context so requires, references herein to the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, and references to a particular gender shall include either or both genders.

**SCHEDULE "A"****CANADIAN IMPERIAL VENTURE CORP.****OPTION AGREEMENT**

*The Option granted herein is not assignable or transferable by the Optionee. Without prior written approval of the Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities issued upon the exercise of the Option granted herein 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 four months and one day after the Grant Date.*

This Option Agreement is entered into between Canadian Imperial Venture Corp. ("the Company") and the Optionee named below pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), a copy of which is attached hereto, and confirms that:

1. on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Grant Date");
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Optionee");
3. was granted the option (the "Option") to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Common Shares (the "Option Shares") of the Company;
4. at the price (the "Option Price") of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Option Share;
5. which shall / shall not (*select*) be exercisable ("Vested") in accordance with Section 6.6 of the Plan (*applicable if the Optionee is a person who performs Investor Relations Activities for the Company*);
6. shall expire on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "Expiry Date"); and
7. [insert other terms or conditions],

all on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Plan.

By receiving and accepting the Options, the Optionee:

- (a) confirms that he has read and understands the Plan and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Option Certificate;
- (b) consents to the disclosure to the TSX Venture Exchange and all other regulatory authorities of all personal information of the undersigned obtained by the Company; and
- (c) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of such personal information by the TSX Venture Exchange and all other regulatory authorities in accordance with their requirements, including the provision to third party service providers, from time to time.

Issued as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**Canadian Imperial Venture Corp.**

By its authorized signatory:

**[Name of Optionee]**

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**SCHEDULE B**  
**Stock Option Plan**  
**Exercise Notice**

**TO: CANADIAN IMPERIAL VENTURE CORP.**  
c/o 29th Floor, 595 Burrard Street  
Vancouver, BC V7X 1J5

**Re: Exercise of Options**

The undersigned hereby irrevocably gives notice, pursuant to the stock option plan (the "Plan") of **Canadian Imperial Venture Corp.** (the "Company"), of the exercise of the Option to acquire and hereby subscribes for (cross out inapplicable item):

- (i) all of the Option Shares; or
- (ii) certain of the Option Shares which are the subject of the option certificate attached hereto.

Calculation of total Exercise Price:

- (i) number of Shares to be acquired on exercise: \_\_\_\_\_ Option Shares
  - (ii) times the Exercise Price per Option Share: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Total Exercise Price, as enclosed herewith: \$\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned tenders herewith a cheque or bank draft for the Total Exercise Price, payable to the Company, and directs the Company to issue the share certificate evidencing the Option Shares in the name of the undersigned to be mailed to the undersigned at the following address:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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All capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined in this exercise notice, will have the meaning provided in this Plan.

DATED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Option Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Option Holder (Print)