#### WHITE PINE RESOURCES INC.

Management Information Circular

# SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This management information circular (the "Information Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation by management of White Pine Resources Inc. (the "Company") of proxies to be used at the annual and special meeting of shareholders of the Company (the "Meeting") referred to in the accompanying Notice of Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders (the "Notice") to be held on Monday, September 30, 2013, at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the Notice. The solicitation is made by the management of the Company and will be made primarily by mail, but proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone by regular employees of the Company at nominal cost. The cost of solicitation by management will be borne by the Company. The information contained herein is given as of August 21, 2013, unless indicated otherwise.

#### APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company. Each shareholder has the right to appoint a person or company, who need not be a shareholder of the Company, other than the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, to represent such shareholder at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Such right may be exercised by inserting such person's name in the blank space provided and striking out the names of management's nominees in the enclosed form of proxy or by completing another proper form of proxy. All proxies must be executed by the shareholder or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a company, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized. The completed form of proxy must be deposited at the office of TMX Equity Transfer Services, Suite 300, 200 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5H 4H1, before 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on September 25, 2013.

A shareholder who has given a proxy has the power to revoke it as to any matter on which a vote has not already been cast pursuant to the authority conferred by such proxy and may do so either:

- 1. not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of holding the Meeting or adjournment thereof at which the proxy is to be used, by delivering another properly executed form of proxy bearing a later date and depositing it as aforesaid;
- 2. by depositing an instrument in writing revoking the proxy executed by him or her:
  - (a) with TMX Equity Transfer Services at its office denoted herein at any time up to and including 4:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, at which the proxy is to be used; or
  - (b) with the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting, prior to the commencement of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof; or

# 3. in any other manner permitted by law.

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

Shares represented by properly executed proxies in favour of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the securityholder on any ballot that may be called for and, where the person whose proxy is solicited specifies a choice with respect to the matters identified in the proxy, the shares will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the specifications so made. Where shareholders have properly executed proxies in favour of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy and have not specified in the form of proxy the manner in which the named proxies are required to vote the shares represented thereby, such shares will be voted in favour of the passing of the matters set forth in the Notice. The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice and with respect to other matters that may properly come before the Meeting. At the date hereof, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting. However, if any other matters which at present are not known to management of the Company should properly come before the Meeting, the proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the named proxies.

# VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

Each holder of common shares in the capital of the Company ("Common Shares") of record at the close of business on August 20, 2013 (the "record date") will be entitled to vote at the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof, either in person or by proxy. As of August 21, 2013, the Company had 33,966,533 issued and outstanding Common Shares. Each Common Share carries the right to one vote per share. The outstanding Common Shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") under the symbol "WPR".

As of the date of this Information Circular, to the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, or exercises control or direction over, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the Common Shares other than Robert Cudney, who exercises control over 5,475,972 Common Shares representing 16.1% of all issued and outstanding Common Shares as of August 21, 2013. Robert Cudney is the current President, Chief Executive Officer and director of the Company. Of the 5,475,972 Common Shares referenced above, 4,948,522 Common Shares are registered in the name of Northfield Capital Corporation, a company that Mr. Cudney controls, and 527,450 Common Shares are registered in Mr. Cudney's name directly.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company as of August 21, 2013, no other person beneficially owns, controls or directs, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the outstanding Common Shares.

# NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS AND DELIVERY MATTERS

Only registered shareholders, or the persons they appoint as their proxies, are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners ("NOBOs") may also vote at a meeting when the Company chooses to mail to NOBOs directly.

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

If you have received the Company's form of proxy, you may return it to TMX Equity Transfer Services: (i) by regular mail in the return envelope provided, or (ii) by fax at (416) 595-9593.

Objecting Beneficial Owners ("**OBO**s") and other beneficial holders receive a Voting Instruction Form ("**VIF**") from an Intermediary by way of instruction of their financial institution. Detailed instructions of how to submit your vote will be on the VIF.

In either case, the purpose of this procedure is to permit non-registered holders to direct the voting of the Common Shares they beneficially own. Should a non-registered holder who receives either form of proxy wish to vote at the Meeting in person, the non-registered holder should strike out the persons named in the form of proxy and insert the non-registered holder's name in the blank space provided. Non-registered holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary including those regarding when and where the form of proxy or VIF is to be delivered.

The Company is using the "notice-and-access" provisions of National Instrument 54-101 ("NI 54-101") in connection with the delivery of the Meeting materials in respect of the Meeting. The Company is not sending such meeting materials directly to "non-objecting beneficial owners" in accordance with NI 54-101, and it intends to pay for intermediaries to deliver such Meeting materials to "objecting beneficial owners" as defined in NI 54-101.

# COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table provides a summary of all annual and long-term compensation for services rendered in all capacities to the Company for the three most recently completed fiscal years ended March 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013, in respect of the individuals who were the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013 (the "Named Executive Officers"). The Company had no executive officers whose total salaries and bonuses during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013 exceeded \$150,000.

# **Summary Compensation Table**

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended March 31,	Salary (\$)	Share- based awards (\$)	Option- based awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Robert Cudney <sup>(2)</sup> ,	2013	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
President and Chief	2012	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Executive Officer	2011	Nil	Nil	\$67,351	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$67,351 <sup>(3)</sup>
Michael Leskovec <sup>(4)</sup> ,	2013	\$37,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$37,500
Chief Financial	2012	\$37,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$37,500
Officer	2011	\$20,313	Nil	\$67,351	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$87,664

#### Notes:

- (1) The amounts in the option-based awards column represent the grant date fair value of options granted during fiscal 2013, 2012 and 2011 and may not represent the amounts the Named Executive Officers will actually realize from the awards. The Company values stock options using the Black-Scholes option pricing method with the following assumptions: exercise price of \$0.35 to \$0.36; no dividends are to be paid; volatility of 127% to 163%; risk free interest rate of 1.74% to 1.84%; and expected life of 5 years.
- (2) Mr. Cudney was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer in March 2011.
- (3) All of the total compensation paid related to the individual's role as an officer of the Company.
- (4) Mr. Leskovec was appointment Chief Financial Officer in September 2010 and is compensated by the Company through a corporation controlled by him.

# **Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards**

Set forth in the table below is a summary of all share-based and option-based awards held by each of the Named Executive Officers outstanding as of March 31, 2013.

	Option-Based Awards				Share-Based Awards	
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share- based awards that have not vested (\$)
Robert Cudney	200,000	\$0.35	February 17, 2014	Nil	Nil	Nil
	200,000	\$0.36	November 25, 2015	Nil		
Michael Leskovec	200,000	\$0.36	November 25, 2015	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### Notes:

(1) Based upon the closing price of the Common Shares as at March 31, 2013, which was \$0.085 per share.

# Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested During the Year

Set forth below is a summary of the value vested during the financial year of the Company ended March 31, 2013 in respect of all option-based and share-based awards and non-equity incentive plan compensation granted to the Named Executive Officers.

Name	Option-based awards – value vested during the year (\$)(1)	Share-based awards – value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – value earned during the year (\$)
Robert Cudney	Nil	Nil	Nil
Michael Leskovec	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### Notes:

(1) Represents the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options had been exercised on the vesting date, based on the difference between the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSXV on the vesting date and the exercise price of the options.

For further details concerning the incentive plans of the Company, please see "Summary of Stock Option Plan" below.

# Termination of Employment, Change in Responsibilities and Employment Contracts

# Robert Cudney

Mr. Robert Cudney was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company effective March 22, 2011. Mr. Cudney's employment arrangements with the Company are unwritten and do not provide for any notice or payments to Mr. Cudney following or in connection with any termination, resignation, retirement, change in control of the Company or a change in Mr. Cudney's responsibilities.

# Michael Leskovec

Mr. Michael Leskovec was appointed Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective September 14, 2010. Mr. Leskovec's employment arrangements with the Company are unwritten and do not provide for any notice or payments to Mr. Leskovec following or in connection with any termination, resignation, retirement, change in control of the Company or a change in Mr. Leskovec's responsibilities.

# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Company's approach to executive compensation has been to provide suitable compensation for executives that is internally equitable, externally competitive and reflects individual achievement. The Company attempts to maintain compensation arrangements that will attract and retain highly qualified individuals who are able and capable of carrying out the objectives of the Company.

The Company's compensation arrangements for the Named Executive Officers may, in addition to salary, include compensation in the form of bonuses and, over a longer term, benefits arising from the grant of stock options. Given the stage of development of the Company, compensation of the Named Executive Officers to date has emphasized salary and meaningful stock option awards to attract and retain Named Executive Officers and, to a certain extent, to conserve cash. This policy may be re-evaluated in the future to instead emphasize increased base salaries and/or cash bonuses with a reduced reliance on option awards, depending upon the future development of the Company and other factors which may be considered relevant by the board of directors (the "Board") from time to time.

During fiscal 2013, (i) Mr. Robert Cudney did not receive a salary as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; and (ii) Mr. Michael Leskovec received a salary of \$37,500 as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. The Board establishes and reviews the Company's overall compensation philosophy and its general compensation policies with respect to the Chief Executive Officer and other officers, including the corporate goals and objectives and the annual performance objectives relevant to such officers. The Board evaluates each officer's performance in light these goals and objectives and, based on its evaluation, determines and approves the salary, bonus, options and other benefits for such officers. In determining compensation matters, the Board may consider a number of factors, including the Company's performance, the value of similar incentive awards to officers performing similar functions at comparable companies, the awards given in past years and other factors it considers relevant. The current overall objectives of the Company's compensation strategy is to reward management for their efforts,

while seeking to conserve cash given current market conditions. With respect to any bonuses or incentive plan grants which may be awarded to executive officers in the future, the Company has not currently set any objective criteria and will instead rely upon any recommendations and discussion at the Board level with respect to the above-noted considerations and any other matters which the Board may consider relevant on a going-forward basis, including the cash position of the Company.

Existing options held by the Named Executive Officers at the time of subsequent option grants are taken into consideration in determining the quantum or terms of any such subsequent option grants. Options have been granted to directors, management, employees and certain service providers as long-term incentives to align the individual's interests with those of the Company. The size of the option awards is in proportion to the deemed ability of the individual to make an impact on the Company's success.

#### COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Except as otherwise disclosed below, directors of the Company are not currently paid for their services as directors. Directors are entitled to receive compensation to the extent that they provide services to the Company at rates that would be charged by such directors for such services to arm's length parties. During the year ending March 31, 2013, no fees were paid to any director in respect of any such services.

The Company maintains liability insurance for the directors and officers of the Company. The current policy of insurance is in effect until March 28, 2014 and an annual premium of approximately \$8,500 has been paid by the Company. No portion of the premium is directly paid by any of the directors or officers of the Company. The aggregate insurance coverage under the policy for both directors and officers is limited to \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 per policy period with a \$25,000 deductible (which is paid by the Company) per claim. No claims have been made or paid to date under such policy.

Directors are entitled to participate in the stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**") of the Company, which was first approved by shareholders of the Company on September 10, 2008. As of August 21, 2013, the Company had outstanding options to purchase 2,550,000 Common Shares of which 1,400,000 have been granted to directors. See "Summary of Stock Option Plan".

# **Director Compensation**

The following table provides a summary of all annual and long-term compensation for services rendered in all capacities to the Company for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, in respect of the individuals who were, during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, directors of the Company other than the Named Executive Officers.

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees Earned (\$)	Share- based awards (\$)	Option- based awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Thomas Pladsen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Donald Rankin	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kevin O'Connor	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Christopher Hodgson	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Michael Tait	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### Notes:

(1) Robert Cudney was not paid any fees with respect to his position as a director of the Company for the year end March 31, 2013. Please see Summary of Compensation Table above.

# **Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards**

Set forth in the table below is a summary of all share-based and option-based awards held by each of the directors of the Company other than the Named Executive Officers as of March 31, 2013.

		Optio	n-Based Awards		Share-Base	ed Awards
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share- based awards that have not vested (\$)
Thomas Pladsen	60,000	\$0.35	February 17, 2014	Nil	Nil	Nil
	40,000	\$0.36	November 25, 2015	Nil		
	100,000	\$0.60	April 27, 2016	Nil		
Donald Rankin	45,000	\$0.35	February 17, 2014	Nil	Nil	Nil
	20,000	\$0.36	November 25, 2015	Nil		
	135,000	\$0.60	April 27, 2016	Nil		
Kevin O'Connor	40,000	\$0.35	February 17, 2014	Nil	Nil	Nil
	20,000	\$0.36	November 25, 2015	Nil		
	140,000	\$0.60	April 27, 2016	Nil		
Christopher	40,000	\$0.35	February 17, 2014	Nil	Nil	Nil
Hodgson	20,000	\$0.36	November 25, 2015	Nil		
	140,000	\$0.60	April 27, 2016	Nil		
Michael Tait	200,000	\$0.41	March 1, 2016	Nil	Nil	Nil

Notes:

# Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested During the Year

Set forth below is a summary of the value vested during the financial year of the Company ended March 31, 2013 in respect of all option-based and share-based awards and non-equity incentive plan compensation granted to the directors of the Company, other than the Named Executive Officers.

Name	Option-based awards – value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards – value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – value earned during the year (\$)
Thomas Pladsen	Nil	Nil	Nil
Donald Rankin	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kevin O'Connor	Nil	Nil	Nil
Christopher Hodgson	Nil	Nil	Nil
Michael Tait	Nil	Nil	Nil

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Based upon the closing price of the Common Shares as at March 31, 2013, which was \$0.085 per share.

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options had been exercised on the vesting date, based on the difference between the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSXV on the vesting date and the exercise price of the options.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Multilateral Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees* ("MI 52-110") requires the Company to disclose annually in its management information circular certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

#### **Audit Committee Charter**

The Company's audit committee is governed by an audit committee charter, the text of which is attached as Schedule "A" to this Information Circular.

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

The Company's audit committee is comprised of Mr. Pladsen (Chair), Mr. M. Tait and Mr. Rankin, all of whom are "independent" directors and financially litereate, within the meaning of National Instrument 52-110 – Audit Committees of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("NI 52-110").

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

**Thomas Pladsen** – Mr. Pladsen received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Wilfrid Laurier University, in Waterloo Ontario. Mr. Pladsen has extensive experience as Chief Financial Officer, director and member of the audit committees of a number of reporting issuers over more than 20 years, and he also holds a Chartered Accountant designation. Mr. Pladsen is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Atacama Pacific Gold Corporation.

**Michael Tait** – Mr. Tait holds an MBA from the University of Toronto and has over 15 years of investment management experience, primarily in the mining industry. Mr. Tait was the Head of Canadian Equity Sales at UBS Securities Canada Inc. and was a partner at Genuity Capital Markets. Mr. Tait is currently the Managing Partner of CoreGen Capital Partners, a core capital generation and advisory services company for private enterprises; and the Executive Vice President and Director of Shop.ca, an online retail merchandise company.

**Don Rankin** – Mr. Rankin attended the Haileybury School of Mines and holds a diploma in mining technology. Mr. Rankin has extensive experience serving as a director and officer of a number of publicly traded junior mining companies. Mr. Rankin also currently serves as a director and audit committee member of Newstrike Resources Ltd.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

In the event that the Company wishes to retain the services of the Company's external auditors for tax compliance, tax advice or tax planning, the Chief Financial Officer of the Company shall consult with the chair of the audit committee, who shall have the authority to approve or disapprove on behalf of the audit committee, such non-audit services. All other non-audit services shall be approved or disapproved by the audit committee as a whole.

#### **Audit Fees**

The following chart summarizes the aggregate fees billed by the external auditors of the Company for professional services rendered to the Company for audit and non-audit related services for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

Type of Work	Fiscal Year Ended March. 31, 2013	Fiscal Year Ended March. 31, 2012
Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$29,400	\$29,540
Audit-related fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	\$4,635
Tax advisory fees <sup>(3)</sup>	2,266	\$4,635
All other fees	Nil	Nil
Total	\$31,666	\$38,810

#### Notes:

- (1) Aggregate fees billed for the Company's annual financial statements and services normally provided by the auditor in connection with the Company's statutory and regulatory filings.
- (2) Aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported as "Audit fees", including: assistance with aspects of tax accounting, attest services not required by state or regulation and consultation regarding financial accounting and reporting standards.
- (3) Aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, advice, planning and assistance with tax for specific transactions.

#### **Exemption**

The Company is relying on the exemption provided by section 6.1 of MI 52-110 which provides that the Company, as a "venture issuer", is not required to comply with Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of MI 52-110.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Set forth below is a summary of securities issued and issuable under all equity compensation plans of the Company as at March 31, 2013. See also "Summary of Stock Option Plan".

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	2,695,000	\$0.77	701,653 <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	N/A	N/A
Total	2,695,000	\$0.77	701,653 (1)

#### Notes:

(1) Calculated as 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding Common Shares as of March 31, 2013, less the aggregate number of options outstanding as of March 31, 2013.

# SUMMARY OF STOCK OPTION PLAN

The shareholders of the Company first approved the Option Plan on September 10, 2008. Up to 10% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time are currently reserved for issue upon the exercise of options granted pursuant to the Option Plan. Options to purchase 2,550,000 Common Shares are currently outstanding under the Option Plan as of August 21, 2013.

The purpose of the Option Plan is to attract, retain and motivate directors, officers, employees and other service providers by providing them with the opportunity, through share options, to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and benefit from its growth. The options are non-assignable and may be granted for a term not exceeding five years.

Options may be granted under the Option Plan only to directors, officers, employees and other service providers subject to the rules and regulations of applicable regulatory authorities and any Canadian stock exchange upon which the Common Shares may be listed or may trade from time to time. The total number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance to any one individual under the Option Plan within any one year period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding issue. The maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance to insiders under the Option Plan, any other employer stock option plans or options for services, shall be 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis). At no time shall the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance to insiders under the Option Plan, any other employer stock option plans or options for services, within any twelve-month period exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis).

The maximum number of stock options which may be granted to any one consultant under the Option Plan, any other employer stock options plans or options for services, within any 12 month period, must not exceed 2% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis). The maximum number of stock options which may be granted to persons providing investor relations services to the Company under the Option Plan, any other employer stock options plans or options for services, within any 12 month period must not exceed, in the aggregate, 2% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis).

The exercise price of options issued may not be less than the fair market value of the Common Shares at the time the option is granted, less any allowable discounts.

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed fit, pass a resolution terminating the Option Plan and approving a new stock option plan for the Company (the "2013 Option Plan"). See "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Approval of 2013 Option Plan".

# STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

National Policy 58-201 of the Canadian Securities Administrators has set out a series of guidelines for effective corporate governance (the "Guidelines"). The Guidelines address matters such as the constitution and independence of corporate boards, the functions to be performed by boards and their committees and the effectiveness and education of board members. National Instrument 58-101 ("NI 58-101") of the Canadian Securities Administrators requires the disclosure by each listed corporation of its approach to corporate governance with reference to the Guidelines as it is recognized that the unique characteristics of individual corporations will result in varying degrees of compliance.

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

# *The Board of Directors*

NI 58-101 defines an "independent director" as a director who has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A "material relationship" is in turn defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with such member's independent judgement. The Board is currently comprised of six members, all of whom the Board has determined are "independent directors" within the meaning of NI 58-101 except for Robert Cudney as a result of his role as an executive officer of the Company.

As at August 21, 2013, Messrs. Pladsen, Rankin, O'Connor, Hodgson and M. Tait are considered independent directors since they are all independent of management and free from any material relationship with the Company. The basis for this determination is that, since the beginning of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, none of the independent directors have worked for the Company, received remuneration from the Company or had material contracts with or material interests in the Company which could interfere with their ability to act with a view to the best interests of the Company.

The Board believes that it functions independently of management. To enhance its ability to act independent of management, the Board may in the future meet in the absence of members of management or may excuse such persons from all or a portion of any meeting where a potential conflict of interest arises or where otherwise appropriate.

# **Directorships**

Certain of the directors of the Company are also directors of other reporting issuers (or equivalent) in a jurisdiction or a foreign jurisdiction as follows:

Name of director	Other reporting issuer (or equivalent in a foreign jurisdiction)
Robert Cudney	Northfield Capital Corporation and Canada Lithium Corp.
Thomas Pladsen	Northfield Capital Corporation, Carrie Arran Resources Inc., Columbia Crest Gold Corp., EPM Mining Ventures Inc., and KWG Resources Inc.
Donald T. Rankin	Newstrike Resources Ltd.
Kevin O'Connor	Brownstone Energy Inc. and Santa Maria Petroleum Inc.
Christopher Hodgson	Canadian Orebodies Inc., Eacom Timber Corporation, and Phoscan Chemical Corp.
Michael Tait	N/A

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

While the Company currently has no formal orientation and education program for new Board members, sufficient information (such as recent financial statements, prospectuses, proxy solicitation materials, technical reports and various other operating, property and budget reports) is provided to any new Board member to ensure that new directors are familiarized with the Company's business and the procedures of the Board. In addition, new directors are encouraged to visit and meet with management on a regular basis. The Company also encourages continuing education of its directors and officers where appropriate in order to ensure that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to meet their respective obligations to the Company.

#### **Ethical Business**

The Board has adopted a formal code of conduct for directors. In order to ensure compliance with the code of conduct and that directors exercise independent judgement, the Board has assumed responsibility for approving transactions involving the Company and any "related party" (as that term is defined in Multilateral Instrument 61-101), monitoring the Company's compliance with strategic planning matters, implementing a process for assessing the effectiveness of committees of directors and individual directors, and reviewing changes in or additions to compliance policies, standards, codes and programs, as well as applicable legislation.

The Board has also adopted a policy of permitting individual directors under appropriate circumstances to engage legal, financial or other expert advisors at the Company's expense.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

The Board performs the functions of a nominating committee with responsibility for the appointment and assessment of directors. The Board believes that this is a practical approach at this stage of the Company's development and given the relatively small size of the Board.

While there are no specific criteria for Board membership, the Company attempts to attract and maintain directors with business knowledge and a particular knowledge of mineral exploration and development or other areas (such as finance) which provide knowledge which would assist in guiding the officers of the Company. As such, nominations tend to be the result of recruitment efforts by management of the Company and discussions among the directors prior to the consideration of the Board as a whole.

# Compensation

The Board reviews on an annual basis the adequacy and form of compensation of directors to ensure that the compensation of the Board reflects the responsibilities, time commitment and risks involved in being an effective director. Currently, as the Company has no ongoing revenues from operations, the directors of the Company do not receive any fees in their capacities as directors. All directors are eligible to participate in the Option Plan and have received options. See "Compensation of Directors".

### **Other Board Committees**

The Board does not currently have any committees other than the Audit Committee.

#### **Assessments**

The Board assesses, on an annual basis, the contributions of the Board as a whole and each of the individual directors, in order to determine whether each is functioning effectively.

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

Except as otherwise disclosed in this Information Circular, none of the directors or executive officers of the Company, no nominee for election as a director of the Company ("Nominee"), none of the persons who have been directors or executive officers of the Company since the commencement of the Company's last completed financial year and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the approval of the 2013 Option Plan, in connection with which the directors and executive officers of the Company may have been granted stock options and/or may be entitled to receive stock option grants in the future. See "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Approval of 2013 Option Plan".

# CEASE TRADE ORDERS OR BANKRUPTCIES

Save for as set out below, no director of the Company or proposed director:

- 1. is, as at the date hereof, or has been, within 10 years before the date hereof, a director or executive officer of any company that,
  - a. while that person was acting in that capacity, was the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation (each, an "Order"), for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
  - b. was subject to an Order that was issued, after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director or executive officer, in the company being the subject of such Order, that resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting as director or executive officer of that company;
- 2. has, within the 10 years before the date hereof, 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;
- 3. is, as at the date hereof, or has been within 10 years before the date hereof, a director or executive officer of any company that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or

# 4. has been subject to:

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

Mr. Rankin was (a) a director of Golden Crescent Corporation (formerly Golden Crescent Resources Corp.) which was the subject of a cease trade order dated June 15, 2001 due to a failure to file financial statements, which order remains in effect; (b) a director of Canadian Spooner Resources Inc. which was the subject of a cease trade order dated November 20, 2003 while filing a New Business Application and for not filing financial statements, which order remains in effect; (c) a director of Canadian Spooner Industries Corporation which was the subject of a cease trade order dated May 26, 2003 for not filing financial statements, which order remains in effect; and (d) a director of Exmin Resources Inc. which was the subject of a cease trade order dated May 14, 2008 for failure to file financial statements, which order was lifted on May 28, 2008.

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS TO THE COMPANY

No individual who is, or at any time during the most recently completed financial year of the Company was, a director, executive officer, employee or former director, executive officer or employee of the Company, a Nominee, or any of their associates, is indebted to the Company or any subsidiary of the Company as of August 21, 2013 or was so indebted at any time during the last completed fiscal year of the Company, nor have any such individuals been or are they currently indebted to another entity where such indebtedness is or has been the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement provided by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No director, executive officer, shareholder beneficially owning or exercising control or direction over (directly or indirectly) more than 10% of the Common Shares, or Nominee, and no associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the beginning of the Company's last completed fiscal year or in any proposed transaction which, in either such case, has materially affected or will materially affect the Company.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

# 1. Financial Statements

The shareholders will receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013 together with the auditor's report thereon.

# 2. Election of Directors

Under the constating documents of the Company, the Board is to consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of ten directors, to be elected annually. The Board currently consists of six directors. Each director holds office until the next annual meeting or until his or her successor is duly elected or appointed unless his or her office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Company's by-laws. On any ballot that may be called for in the election of directors, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to cast the votes to which the Common Shares represented by such proxy are entitled for the proposed Nominees whose names are set forth below, unless the shareholder who has given such proxy has directed that the Common Shares be otherwise voted or withheld from voting in respect of the election of directors. Management does not contemplate that any of the Nominees will be unable to serve as a director, but if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy reserve the right to vote for other Nominees at their discretion.

The following table sets out the name of each of the Nominees, all positions and offices in the Company held by each of them, the principal occupation or employment of each of them for the past five years, the year in which each was first elected a director of the Company and the approximate number of Common Shares that each has advised are beneficially owned or subject to his or her control or direction (directly or indirectly):

Name and Province of Residence	Position	Principal Occupation	Director Since	Number of Common Shares Held or Controlled <sup>(1)</sup>
Robert Cudney Ontario, Canada	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	Chief Executive Officer of Northfield Capital Corporation, an investment holding company	2011	5,475,972 <sup>(2)</sup>
		President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company		
Thomas Pladsen <sup>(3)</sup> Ontario, Canada	Director	Chief Financial Officer, Atacama Pacific Gold Corporation, a mineral exploration company	2006	75,000
Donald T. Rankin <sup>(3)</sup> Ontario, Canada	Director	Self-employed and a director of Newstrike Resources Ltd., a mineral exploration company	2003	Nil
Kevin O'Connor Ontario, Canada	Director	Partner and co-founder, Spinnaker Capital Markets Inc., a capital markets advisory firm	2007	80,000
		President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company (2005 to 2007)		
Christopher Hodgson Ontario, Canada	Director	President of the Ontario Mining Association	2009	Nil

Michael Tait <sup>(3)</sup> Ontario, Canada	Director	Self-employed. Head of Canadian Equity Sales at UBS Securities Canada Inc., a global firm providing financial services to private, corporate and institutional clients (2009 to 2011)	2011	Nil
		Executive Vice President and Director of Shop.ca, an online retail merchandise company		

#### Notes:

- (1) The information as to Common Shares beneficially owned or over which the Nominees exercise control or direction (directly or indirectly) not being within the knowledge of the Company has been furnished by the respective Nominees individually.
- (2) Of the 5,475,972 Common Shares referenced above, 4,948,522 Common Shares are registered in the name of Northfield Capital Corporation, a company that Mr. Cudney controls, and 527,450 Common Shares are registered in Mr. Cudney's name directly.
- (3) Member of the audit committee of the Company.

The management representatives named in the attached form of proxy intend to vote the Common Shares represented by such proxy in favour of the election of the Nominees set forth in this Information Circular unless a shareholder specifies in the proxy that his or her Common Shares are to be withheld from voting in respect of such resolution.

# 3. **Appointment of Auditors**

The directors propose to nominate Collins Barrow Toronto LLP, Chartered Accountants (formerly Smith Nixon LLP, Chartered Accountants), the present auditors, as the auditors of the Company to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of shareholders. Smith Nixon LLP, Chartered Accountants were first appointed auditors of the Company on August 10, 2007, prior to which McCarney Greenwood, LLP served as auditors of the Company. McCarney Greenwood, LLP were first appointed as auditors of the Company on October 3, 2003.

In the past, the directors have negotiated with the auditors of the Company on an arm's length basis in determining the fees to be paid to the auditors. Such fees have been based on the complexity of the matters in question and the time incurred by the auditors. The directors believe that the fees negotiated in the past with the auditors of the Company were reasonable and in the circumstances would be comparable to fees charged by other auditors providing similar services.

In order to appoint Collins Barrow Toronto LLP, Chartered Accountants, Chartered Accountants as auditors of the Company to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting, and authorize the directors to fix the remuneration thereof, a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting must be voted in favour thereof.

THE MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES NAMED IN THE ATTACHED FORM OF PROXY INTEND TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLINS BARROW TORONTO LLP, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AS AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY AND IN FAVOUR OF AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTORS TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITORS, UNLESS A SHAREHOLDER SPECIFIES IN THE PROXY THAT HIS OR HER

# COMMON SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS AND THE FIXING OF THEIR REMUNERATION.

# 4. Approval of 2013 Option Plan

The shareholders of the Company initially approved the Option Plan on September 10, 2008. Up to 10% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time are currently reserved for issue upon the exercise of options granted pursuant to the Option Plan. Options to purchase 2,550,000 Common Shares are currently outstanding under the Option Plan as of August 21, 2013. See "Summary of Stock Option Plan" above.

Set forth below is a summary of the 2,550,000 outstanding options to purchase Common Shares under the Option Plan as at the date hereof:

Holder	Number/Type of Shares Under Option	Date of Grant	Expiry Date	Exercise Price
All executive officers and past executive	370,000	February 17, 2009	February 17, 2014	\$0.35
officers of the Corporation, as a group (4)	500,000	November 25, 2010	November 25, 2015	\$0.36
All directors and past	215,000	February 17, 2009	February 17, 2014	\$0.35
directors (who are not also executive	100,000	November 25, 2010	November 25, 2015	\$0.36
officers), as a group	200,000	March 1, 2011	March 1, 2016	\$0.41
(6)	515,000	April 27, 2011	April 27, 2016	\$0.60
All consultants of the Corporation as a group	250,000	February 17, 2009	February 17, 2014	\$0.35
	100,000	November 25, 2010	November 25, 2015	\$0.36
	300,000	May 10, 2011	May 10, 2016	\$0.66

The Company is proposing to terminate the Option Plan and approve the 2013 Option Plan, in order (i) to decrease the minimum exercise price of stock options issuable in accordance with recent amendments to TSXV regulations governing stock option plans, and (ii) to change from a rolling maximum number of Common Shares available in reserve upon the exercise of Options to a fixed maximum number of Common Shares available in reserve upon the exercise of Options. All other provisions of the Option Plan remain unchanged in the 2013 Option Plan. The maximum number of Common Shares that will be reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options granted under the 2013 Option Plan will be 3,396,653, and the options currently outstanding under the Option Plan will count as being deducted from such new reserve. A copy of the 2013 Option Plan is attached hereto as Appendix I to Schedule B to this Information Circular. The purpose of the 2013 Option Plan is to attract, retain and motivate directors, officers, employees and other service providers of the Company by providing them with the opportunity, through share options, to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and benefit from its growth. The options granted under the 2013 Option Plan will be non-assignable and may be granted for a term not exceeding five years.

Options may be granted under the 2013 Option Plan only to directors, officers, employees and other service providers subject to the rules and regulations of applicable regulatory authorities and any

Canadian stock exchange upon which the Common Shares may be listed or may trade from time to time. The number of Common Shares reserved for issue to any one person pursuant to the 2013 Plan may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares within any one year period. The exercise price of options issued under the 2013 Option Plan may not be less than the market value of the Common Shares at the time the option is granted, subject to any discounts permitted by applicable legislative and regulatory requirements. The maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance to insiders under the 2013 Plan, any other employer stock option plans or options for services, shall be 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis). The maximum number of stock options which may be granted to any one consultant under the 2013 Option Plan, any other employer stock options plans or options for services, within any 12 month period, must not exceed 2% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis). The maximum number of stock options which may be granted to "investor relations persons" under the 2013 Option Plan, any other employer stock options plans or options for services, within any 12 month period must not exceed, in the aggregate, 2% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis).

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve a resolution substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule B, to terminate the Option Plan, approve the 2013 Option Plan, and authorize the issue of up to 3,396,653 Common Shares of the Company under the 2013 Option Plan (the "Stock Option Plan Resolutions"). If the Stock Option Plan Resolutions are approved, the 2,550,000 options currently outstanding under the Option Plan will remain outstanding (without amendment) and will be deducted from the maximum reserve under the 2013 Option Plan, and the Company will therefore be able to issue up to an additional 846,653 options under the 2013 Option Plan.

Approval of the Stock Option Plan Resolutions will be obtained if a majority of the votes cast are in favour thereof.

The Board has concluded that the 2013 Option Plan is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the Stock Option Plan Resolutions.

The management representatives named in the attached form of proxy intend to vote in favour of the Stock Option Plan Resolutions, unless a shareholder specifies in the proxy that his or her Common Shares are to be voted against the Stock Option Plan Resolutions.

# 5. Confirmation of By-Law No. 4

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to pass resolutions, substantially in the form of the resolutions appended as Schedule C (collectively, the "**By-Law Resolutions**"), confirming a new By-Law No. 4 that will amend the Company's by-laws previously in force. Specifically, the new By-Law No. 4 includes advance notice provisions that will require advance notice be provided to the Company when director nominations are made by shareholders other than through the requisition of a meeting or a shareholder proposal, in each case in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario). Among other things, these advance notice provisions fix a deadline by which shareholders must both notify the Company of director nominations and provide information about the proposed nominee as one would have to include in a dissident proxy circular. The Board believes that these advance notice provisions are in the best interests of the Company as they will ensure that an orderly nomination process is observed and that shareholders are well-informed about director nominees in advance of shareholder meetings.

In addition, By-Law No. 4 amends the delivery provisions of the existing by-laws of the Company to allow for delivery of material to shareholders in any manner permitted by law. A copy of By-Law No. 4 is attached as Appendix I to Schedule C hereto.

In order to be effective, the By-Law Resolutions must be approved by a majority of the Common Shares represented by the shareholders present at the Meeting in person or by proxy.

The management representatives named in the attached form of proxy intend to vote in favour of the By-Law Resolutions, unless a shareholder specifies in the proxy that his or her Common Shares are to be voted against the By-Law Resolutions.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for the year ended March 31, 2013. Shareholders may contact the Company at its principal office address at 141 Adelaide St. West, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3L5, to request copies of the Company's financial statements and Management Discussion and Analysis.

#### **APPROVAL**

The contents and the sending of this Information Circular have been approved by the directors of the Company.

**DATED:** August 21, 2013.

(Signed) "Robert Cudney"

Robert Cudney
President and Chief Executive Officer

#### **SCHEDULE A**

#### **Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors**

#### I PURPOSE

The Audit Committee (the "Committee") is appointed by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of White Pine Resources Inc. (the "Corporation") to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to financial accounting and reporting process and internal controls for the Corporation. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- conduct such reviews and discussions with management and the external auditors relating to the audit and financial reporting as are deemed appropriate by the Committee;
- assess the integrity of internal controls and financial reporting procedures of the Corporation and ensure implementation of such controls and procedures;
- ensure that there is an appropriate standard of corporate conduct including, if necessary, adopting a corporate code of ethics for senior financial personnel;
- review the quarterly and annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis of the Corporation's financial position and operating results and report thereon to the Board for approval of same;
- select and monitor the independence and performance of the Corporation's external auditors, including attending at private meetings with the external auditors and reviewing and approving all renewals or dismissals of the external auditors and their remuneration; and
- provide oversight to related party transactions entered into by the Corporation.

The Committee has the authority to conduct any investigation appropriate to its responsibilities, and it may request the external auditors as well as any officer of the Corporation, or outside counsel for the Corporation, to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or advisors to, the Committee. The Committee shall have unrestricted access to the books and records of the Corporation and has the authority to retain, at the expense of the Corporation, special legal, accounting, or other consultants or experts to assist in the performance of the Committee's duties.

The Committee shall review and assess the adequacy of this Charter annually and submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee will carry out the specific duties set out in Part IV of this Charter.

# II AUTHORITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Committee shall have the authority to:

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

# III COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS

- 1. The Committee and its membership shall meet all applicable legal, regulatory and listing requirements, including, without limitation, those of the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC"), the TSX Venture Exchange, the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and all applicable securities regulatory authorities.
- 2. The Committee shall be composed of three or more directors as shall be designated by the Board from time to time. The members of the Committee shall appoint from among themselves a member who shall serve as Chair.
- 3. A majority of the members of the Committee shall not be officers or employees of the Corporation or any of its affiliates.
- 4. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, at the discretion of the Chair or a majority of its members, as circumstances dictate or as may be required by applicable legal or listing requirements. A minimum of two and at least 50% of the members of the Committee present either in person or by telephone shall constitute a quorum.
- 5. If within one hour of the time appointed for a meeting of the Committee, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same hour on the next business day following the date of such meeting at the same place. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum as hereinbefore specified is not present within one hour of the time appointed for such adjourned meeting, such meeting shall stand adjourned to the same hour on the second business day following the date of such meeting at the same place. If at the second adjourned meeting a quorum as hereinbefore specified is not present, the quorum for the adjourned meeting shall consist of the members then present.
- 6. If and whenever a vacancy shall exist, the remaining members of the Committee may exercise all of its powers and responsibilities so long as a quorum remains in office.
- 7. The time and place at which meetings of the Committee shall be held, and procedures at such meetings, shall be determined from time to time by the Committee. A meeting of the Committee may be called by letter, telephone, facsimile, email or other communication equipment, by giving at least 48 hours notice, provided that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all of the members are present either in person or by means of conference telephone or if those absent have waived notice or otherwise signified their consent to the holding of such meeting.
- 8. Any member of the Committee may participate in the meeting of the Committee by means of conference telephone or other communication equipment, and the member participating in a

meeting pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed, for purposes hereof, to be present in person at the meeting.

- 9. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings which shall be submitted to the Board. The Committee may, from time to time, appoint any person who need not be a member, to act as a secretary at any meeting.
- 10. The Committee may invite such officers, directors and employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries as the Committee may see fit, from time to time, to attend at meetings of the Committee.
- 11. Any matters to be determined by the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose. Actions of the Committee may be taken by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by all of the members of the Committee, and such actions shall be effective as though they had been decided by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose. All decisions or recommendations of the Committee shall require the approval of the Board prior to implementation.

The Committee members will be elected annually at the first meeting of the Board following the annual general meeting of shareholders.

# IV RESPONSIBILITIES

# **A** Financial Accounting and Reporting Process and Internal Controls

- 1. The Committee shall review the annual audited financial statements to satisfy itself that they are presented in accordance with applicable International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and report thereon to the Board and recommend to the Board whether or not same should be approved prior to their being filed with the appropriate regulatory authorities. The Committee shall also review the interim financial statements. With respect to the annual audited financial statements, the Committee shall discuss significant issues regarding accounting principles, practices, and judgments of management with management and the external auditors as and when the Committee deems it appropriate to do so. The Committee shall satisfy itself that the information contained in the annual audited financial statements is not significantly erroneous, misleading or incomplete and that the audit function has been effectively carried out.
- 2. The Committee shall review any internal control reports prepared by management and the evaluation of such report by the external auditors, together with management's response.
- 3. The Committee shall be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and annual and interim earnings press releases, and periodically assess the adequacy of these procedures.
- 4. The Committee shall review the Corporation's financial statements, management's discussion and analysis relating to annual and interim financial statements and annual and interim earnings press releases, that are required to be reviewed by the Committee under any applicable laws before the Corporation publicly discloses this information.
- 5. The Committee shall meet no less frequently than annually with the external auditors and the Chief Financial Officer or, in the absence of a Chief Financial Officer, with the officer of the

Corporation in charge of financial matters, to review accounting practices, internal controls and such other matters as the Committee, Chief Financial Officer or, in the absence of a Chief Financial Officer, the officer of the Corporation in charge of financial matters, deem appropriate.

- 6. The Committee shall inquire of management and the external auditors about significant risks or exposures, both internal and external, to which the Corporation may be subject, and assess the steps management has taken to minimize such risks.
- 7. The Committee shall review the post-audit or management letter containing the recommendations of the external auditors and management's response and subsequent follow-up to any identified weaknesses.
- 8. The Committee shall ensure that there is an appropriate standard of corporate conduct including, if necessary, adopting a corporate code of ethics for senior financial personnel.
- 9. The Committee shall establish procedures for:
  - (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
  - (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- 10. The Committee shall provide oversight to related party transactions entered into by the Corporation.

# **B** Independent Auditors

- 1. The Committee shall recommend to the Board the external auditors to be nominated, shall set the compensation for the external auditors, provide oversight of the external auditors and shall ensure that the external auditors report directly to the Committee.
- 2. The Committee shall be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditors, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting.
- 3. The Committee shall pre-approve all audit and non-audit services not prohibited by law to be provided by the external auditors in accordance with this charter.
- 4. The Committee shall monitor and assess the relationship between management and the external auditors and monitor, support and assure the independence and objectivity of the external auditors.
- 5. The Committee shall review the external auditors' audit plan, including the scope, procedures and timing of the audit.
- 6. The Committee shall review the results of the annual audit with the external auditors, including matters related to the conduct of the audit.
- 7. The Committee shall obtain timely reports from the external auditors describing critical accounting policies and practices, alternative treatments of information within IFRS that were

discussed with management, their ramifications, and the external auditors' preferred treatment and material written communications between the Corporation and the external auditors.

- 8. The Committee shall review fees paid by the Corporation to the external auditors and other professionals in respect of audit and non-audit services on an annual basis.
- 9. The Committee shall review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former auditors of the Corporation.
- 10. The Committee shall monitor and assess the relationship between management and the external auditors and monitor and support the independence and objectivity of the external auditors.

# C Other Responsibilities

The Committee shall perform any other activities consistent with this Charter and governing law, as the Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

# Procedures for Receipt of Complaints and Submissions Relating to Accounting Matters

- 1. The Corporation shall inform employees on the Corporation's intranet, if there is one, or via a newsletter or e-mail that is disseminated to all employees at least annually, of the officer (the "Complaints Officer") designated from time to time by the Committee to whom complaints and submissions can be made regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters or issues of concern regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- 2. The Complaints Officer shall be informed that any complaints or submissions so received must be kept confidential and that the identity of employees making complaints or submissions shall be kept confidential and shall only be communicated to the Committee or the Chair of the Committee.
- 3. The Complaints Officer shall be informed that he or she must report to the Committee as frequently as such Complaints Officer deems appropriate, but in any event no less frequently than on a quarterly basis prior to the quarterly meeting of the Committee called to approve interim and annual financial statements of the Corporation.
- 4. Upon receipt of a report from the Complaints Officer, the Committee shall discuss the report and take such steps as the Committee may deem appropriate.
- 5. The Complaints Officer shall retain a record of a complaint or submission received for a period of six years following resolution of the complaint or submission.

# **Procedures for Approval of Non-Audit Services**

- 1. The Corporation's external auditors shall be prohibited from performing for the Corporation the following categories of non-audit services:
  - (a) bookkeeping or other services related to the Corporation's accounting records or financial statements:
  - (b) financial information systems design and implementation;
  - (c) appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinion or contributions-in-kind reports;
  - (d) actuarial services;
  - (e) internal audit outsourcing services;
  - (f) management functions;
  - (g) human resources;
  - (h) broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services;
  - (i) legal services;
  - (j) expert services unrelated to the audit; and
  - (k) any other service that the Canadian Public Accountability Board determines is impermissible.
- 2. In the event that the Corporation wishes to retain the services of the Corporation's external auditors for tax compliance, tax advice or tax planning, the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation shall consult with the Chair of the Committee, who shall have the authority to approve or disapprove on behalf of the Committee, such non-audit services. All other non-audit services shall be approved or disapproved by the Committee as a whole.
- 3. The Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation shall maintain a record of non-audit services approved by the Chair of the Committee or the Committee for each fiscal year and provide a report to the Committee no less frequently than on a quarterly basis.

#### **SCHEDULE B**

#### **OPTION PLAN RESOLUTIONS**

# BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. the Company cease to issue options pursuant to the current stock option plan of the Corporation (the "**Option Plan**") and the approval of the shareholders of the current stock option plan of the Company is hereby revoked in respect of any further grants of options thereunder;
- 2. a new stock option plan (the "2013 Option Plan") substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix I be authorized and approved as the stock option plan of the Company;
- 3. an aggregate of 3,396,653 common shares of the Corporation be authorized for issuance under the 2013 Option Plan, subject to any limitations imposed by applicable regulation, laws, rules and policies; and
- 4. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as in the opinion of such director or officer of the Company may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

#### APPENDIX I TO SCHEDULE B

# WHITE PINE RESOURCES INC. STOCK OPTION PLAN

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this stock option plan (the "Plan") is to authorize the grant to Eligible Persons (as such term is defined below) of White Pine Resources Inc. (the "Corporation") of options to purchase common shares ("shares") of the Corporation's capital and thus benefit the Corporation by enabling it to attract, retain and motivate Eligible Persons by providing them with the opportunity, through share options, to acquire an increased proprietary interest in the Corporation.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATION

The Plan shall be administered by the board of directors of the Corporation or a committee established by the board of directors for that purpose (the "Committee"). Subject to approval of the granting of options by the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, the Corporation shall grant options under the Plan.

# 3. SHARES SUBJECT TO PLAN

Subject to adjustment under the provisions of paragraph 12 hereof, the aggregate number of shares of the Corporation which may be issued and sold under the Plan will not exceed 3,396,653 shares. The total number of shares which may be reserved for issuance to any one individual under the Plan within any one year period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding issue. The Corporation shall not, upon the exercise of any option, be required to issue or deliver any shares prior to (a) the admission of such shares to listing on any stock exchange on which the Corporation's shares may then be listed, and (b) the completion of such registration or other qualification of such shares under any law, rules or regulation as the Corporation shall determine to be necessary or advisable. If any shares cannot be issued to any optionee for whatever reason, the obligation of the Corporation to issue such shares shall terminate and any option exercise price paid to the Corporation shall be returned to the optionee.

### 4. LIMITS WITH RESPECT TO INSIDERS

- (a) The maximum number of shares which may be reserved for issuance to insiders under the Plan, any other employer stock option plans or options for services, shall be 10% of the shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis); and
- (b) at no time shall the number of shares reserved for issuance to insiders under the Plan, any other employer stock option plans or options for services, within any twelve-month period exceed 10% of the shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a nondiluted basis).

# 5. ELIGIBILITY

Options shall be granted only to Eligible Persons, any registered savings plan established by an Eligible Person or any corporation wholly-owned by an Eligible Person. The term "**Eligible Person**" means:

(a) a senior officer or director of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries;

- (b) either:
  - (i) an individual who is considered an employee under the *Income Tax Act*,
  - (ii) an individual who works full-time for the Corporation providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source, or
  - (iii) an individual who works for the Corporation 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 over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source,

any such individual, an "Employee";

- (c) an individual employed by a corporation, incorporated association or organization, body corporate, partnership, trust, association or other entity other than an individual (a "Company") or an individual (together with a Company, a "Person") providing management services to the Corporation, which are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Corporation, but excluding a Person engaged in Investor Relations Activities (as hereafter defined) (a "Management Company Employee");
- (d) an individual (or a company or partnership of which the individual is an employee, shareholder or partner), other than an Employee, Management Company Employee, director or senior officer, who:
  - (i) is engaged to provide on an on-going bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation under a written contract;
  - (ii) possesses technical, business or management expertise of value to the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation;
  - (iii) spends a significant amount of time and attention on the business and affairs of the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation;
  - (iv) has a relationship with the Corporation or an Affiliate of the Corporation that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Corporation; and
  - (v) does not engage in Investor Relations Activities (as hereafter defined)

any such individual, a "Consultant";

(e) an individual (or a company or partnership of which the individual is an employee, shareholder or partner), other than an Employee, Management Company Employee,

director or senior officer, or person that falls within the definition of Consultant contained in subsections 5(d)(i) through (iv), which provides Investor Relations Activities (an "Investor Relations Consultant"); or

(f) a Person that falls within the definition of Eligible Person contained in any of subsections 5(a), (b) or (d) which provides Investor Relations Activities (an "Investor Relations Person").

For purposes of the foregoing, a Company is an "Affiliate" of another Company if: (a) one of them is the subsidiary of the other; or (b) each of them is controlled by the same Person.

The term "Investor Relations Activities" means any activities or oral or written communications, by or on behalf of the Corporation or shareholder of the Corporation, that promote or reasonably could be expected to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Corporation, but does not include:

- (g) the dissemination of information provided, or records prepared, in the ordinary course of business of the Corporation
  - (i) to promote the sale of products or services of the Corporation, or
  - (ii) to raise public awareness of the Corporation,
  - (iii) that cannot reasonably be considered to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Corporation;
- (h) activities or communications necessary to comply with the requirements of
  - (i) applicable securities laws, policies or regulations,
  - (ii) the rules, and regulations of the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSX-V") or the bylaws, rules or other regulatory instruments of any other self regulatory body or exchange having jurisdiction over the Corporation;
  - (iii) communications by a publisher of, or writer for, a newspaper, magazine or business or financial publication, that is of general and regular paid circulation, distributed only to subscribers to it for value or to purchasers of it, if
    - (1) the communication is only through the newspaper, magazine or publication, and
    - (2) the publisher or writer received no commission or other consideration other than for acting in the capacity of publisher or writer; or
- (i) activities or communications that may be otherwise specified by the TSX-V.

For stock options to Employees, Consultants, Management Company Employees or Investor Relations Persons, the Corporation must represent that the optionee is a *bona fide* Employee, Consultant, Management Company Employee or Investor Relations Person as the case may be. The terms "insider", "controlled" and "subsidiary" shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the *Securities Act* (Ontario) from time to time. Subject to the foregoing, the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, shall have

full and final authority to determine the persons who are to be granted options under the Plan and the number of shares subject to each option.

# 6. LIMITS WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTANTS AND INVESTOR RELATIONS PERSONS

- (a) The maximum number of stock options which may be granted to any one Consultant under the Plan, any other employer stock options plans or options for services, within any 12 month period, must not exceed 2% of the shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis).
- (b) The maximum number of stock options which may be granted to Investor Relations Persons under the Plan, any other employer stock options plans or options for services, within any 12 month period must not exceed, in the aggregate, 2% of the shares issued and outstanding at the time of the grant (on a non-diluted basis).

#### 7. PRICE

The purchase price (the "**Price**") for the shares of the Corporation under each option shall be determined by the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, on the basis of the market price, where "market price" shall mean the prior trading day closing price of the shares of the Corporation on any stock exchange on which the shares are listed or last trading price on the prior trading day on any dealing network where the shares trade, and where there is no such closing price or trade on the prior trading day, "market price" shall mean the average of the daily high and low board lot trading prices of the shares of the Corporation on any stock exchange on which the shares are listed or dealing network on which the shares of the Corporation trade for the five (5) immediately preceding trading days. In the event the shares are listed on the TSX-V, the price may be the market price less any discounts from the market price allowed by the TSX-V, subject to a minimum price of \$0.05. The approval of disinterested shareholders will be required for any reduction in the Price of a previously granted option to an insider of the Corporation.

# 8. PERIOD OF OPTION AND RIGHTS TO EXERCISE

Subject to the provisions of this paragraph 8 and paragraphs 9, 10 and 17 below, options will be exercisable in whole or in part, and from time to time, during the currency thereof. Options shall not be granted for a term exceeding five years. The shares to be purchased upon each exercise of any option (the "**optioned shares**") shall be paid for in full at the time of such exercise. Except as provided in paragraphs 9, 10 and 17 below, no option which is held by a service provider may be exercised unless the optionee is then a service provider for the Corporation.

# 9. CESSATION OF PROVISION OF SERVICES

Subject to paragraph 10 below, if any optionee who is a service provider shall cease to be an Eligible Person for any reason (whether or not for cause) the optionee may, but only within the period of ninety days (unless such period is extended by the board of directors or the Committee, as applicable, and approval is obtained from the stock exchange on which the shares of the Corporation trade if required (which approval, for greater certainty, is not available under the current regulations of the TSX-V)), or thirty days if the Eligible Person is an Investor Relations Person (unless such period is extended by the board of directors or the Committee, as applicable, and approval is obtained from the stock exchange on which the shares of the Corporation trade if required), next succeeding such cessation and in no event after the expiry date of the optionee's option, exercise the optionee's option unless such period is extended as provided in paragraph 10 below.

#### 10. **DEATH OF OPTIONEE**

In the event of the death of an optionee during the currency of the optionee's option, the option theretofore granted to the optionee shall be exercisable within, but only within, the period of one year next succeeding the optionee's death (unless such period is extended by the board of directors or the Committee, as applicable, and approval is obtained from the stock exchange on which the shares of the Corporation trade). Before expiry of an option under this paragraph 10, the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, shall notify the optionee's representative in writing of such expiry.

# 11. NON-ASSIGNABILITY AND NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF OPTION

An option granted under the Plan shall be non-assignable and non-transferrable by an optionee otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and such option shall be exercisable, during an optionee's lifetime, only by the optionee.

# 12. ADJUSTMENTS IN SHARES SUBJECT TO PLAN

The aggregate number and kind of shares available under the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted in the event of a reorganization, recapitalization, stock split, stock dividend, combination of shares, merger, consolidation, rights offering or any other change in the corporate structure or shares of the Corporation. The options granted under the Plan may contain such provisions as the board of directors, or Committee, as applicable, may determine with respect to adjustments to be made in the number and kind of shares covered by such options and in the option price in the event of any such change. If there is a reduction in the exercise price of the options of an insider of the Corporation, the Corporation will be required to obtain approval from disinterested shareholders.

# 13. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

The board of directors or Committee, as applicable, may at any time amend or terminate the Plan, but where amended, such amendment is subject to regulatory approval.

#### 14. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PLAN

The Plan becomes effective on the date of its approval by the shareholders of the Corporation.

#### 15. EVIDENCE OF OPTIONS

Each option granted under the Plan shall be embodied in a written option agreement between the Corporation and the optionee which shall give effect to the provisions of the Plan.

#### 16. EXERCISE OF OPTION

Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the particular option, an option may be exercised from time to time by delivering to the Corporation at its registered office a written notice of exercise specifying the number of shares with respect to which the option is being exercised and accompanied by payment in cash or certified cheque for the full amount of the purchase price of the shares then being purchased.

Upon receipt of a certificate of an authorized officer directing the issue of shares purchased under the Plan, the transfer agent is authorized and directed to issue and countersign share certificates for the

optioned shares in the name of such optionee or the optionee's legal personal representative or as may be directed in writing by the optionee's legal personal representative.

# 17. VESTING RESTRICTIONS

Options issued under the Plan may vest at the discretion of the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, provided that if required by any stock exchange upon which the shares of the Corporation trade, (i) any options granted at a Price calculated as an allowable discount to the applicable market price shall contain such vesting restrictions may be required by such stock exchange; and (ii) any options granted to Investor Relations Consultants must vest in stages over at least 12 months with no more than \(^{1}4\) of the aggregate number of options granted vesting in any single three month period.

#### 18. NOTICE OF SALE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL SHARES OR ASSETS

If at any time when an option granted under this Plan remains unexercised with respect to any optioned shares:

- (a) the Corporation seeks approval from its shareholders for a transaction which, if completed, would constitute an Acceleration Event; or
- (b) a third party makes a bona fide formal offer or proposal to the Corporation or its shareholders which, if accepted, would constitute an Acceleration Event;

the Corporation shall notify the optionee in writing of such transaction, offer or proposal as soon as practicable and, provided that the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, has determined that no adjustment shall be made pursuant to section 12 hereof, (i) the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, may permit the optionee to exercise the option granted under this Plan, as to all or any of the optioned shares in respect of which such option has not previously been exercised (regardless of any vesting restrictions), during the period specified in the notice (but in no event later than the expiry date of the option), so that the optionee may participate in such transaction, offer or proposal; and (ii) the board of directors or Committee, as applicable, may require the acceleration of the time for the exercise of the said option and of the time for the fulfilment of any conditions or restrictions on such exercise.

For these purposes, an Acceleration Event means:

- (a) the acquisition by any "offeror" (as defined in Part XX of the *Securities Act* (Ontario)) of beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, by means of a take-over bid or otherwise;
- (b) any consolidation or merger of the Corporation in which the Corporation is not the continuing or surviving corporation or pursuant to which shares of the Corporation would be converted into cash, securities or other property, other than a merger of the Corporation in which shareholders immediately prior to the merger have the same proportionate ownership of stock of the surviving corporation immediately after the merger;
- (c) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation; or
- (d) the approval by the shareholders of the Corporation of any plan of liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation.

# 19. RIGHTS PRIOR TO EXERCISE

An optionee shall have no rights whatsoever as a shareholder in respect of any of the optioned shares (including any right to receive dividends or other distributions therefrom or thereon) other than in respect of optioned shares in respect of which the optionee shall have exercised the option to purchase hereunder and which the optionee shall have actually taken up and paid for.

#### 20. GOVERNING LAW

This Plan shall be construed in accordance with and be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and shall be deemed to have been made in said Province, and shall be in accordance with all applicable securities laws.

# 21. EXPIRY OF OPTION

On the expiry date of any option granted under the Plan, and subject to any extension of such expiry date permitted in accordance with the Plan, such option hereby granted shall forthwith expire and terminate and be of no further force or effect whatsoever as to such of the optioned shares in respect of which the option has not been exercised.

# **SCHEDULE C**

# **BY-LAW RESOLUTIONS**

# **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. a new By-Law No. 4 substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix I be authorized and approved as a new By-Law of the Company; and
- 2. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as in the opinion of such director or officer of the Company may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

#### APPENDIX I TO SCHEDULE C

#### BY-LAW NO. 4

**BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED** as a by-law of White Pine Resources Inc. (hereinafter called the "Corporation") as follows:

#### ADVANCE NOTICE OF NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

1. By-law No. 3 of the by-laws of the Corporation is hereby amended by adding thereto, following Section 3.3 thereof and preceding Section 3.4 thereof, the following:

#### **"3.3A** Nomination of Directors

Subject only to the Act and the articles of the Corporation, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Corporation. Nominations of persons for election to the board may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders, or at any special meeting of shareholders if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors, (a) by or at the direction of the board or an authorized officer of the Corporation, including pursuant to a notice of meeting, (b) by or at the direction or request of one or more shareholders pursuant to a proposal made in accordance with the provisions of the Act or a requisition of the shareholders made in accordance with the provisions of the Act or (c) by any person (a "Nominating Shareholder") (i) who, at the close of business on the date of the giving of the notice provided for below in this Section 3.3A and on the record date for notice of such meeting, is entered in the securities register as a holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting or who beneficially owns shares that are entitled to be voted at such meeting and (ii) who complies with the notice procedures set forth below in this Section 3.3A:

- a) In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a Nominating Shareholder, the Nominating Shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation in accordance with this Section 3.3A.
- b) To be timely, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the secretary of the Corporation must be made (a) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not less than 30 nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of shareholders is called for a date that is less than 50 days after the date (the "Notice Date") on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice by the Nominating Shareholder may be made not later than the close of business on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the Notice Date; and (b) in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes), not later than the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting of shareholders was made.
- c) In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of a meeting of shareholders or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a Nominating Shareholder's notice as described above.
- d) To be in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the secretary of the Corporation must set forth (a) as to each person whom the Nominating Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of the person, (ii) the principal occupation or employment of the person, (iii) the class or series and number of shares in the capital of the Corporation which are controlled or which are owned beneficially or of record by the person as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and

shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice, and (iv) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Act and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below); and (b) as to the Nominating Shareholder giving the notice, any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship pursuant to which such Nominating Shareholder has a right to vote any shares of the Corporation and any other information relating to such Nominating Shareholder that would be required to be made in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Act and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below). The Corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information, including a written consent to act, as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Corporation or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.

- e) No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Corporation unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.3A; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 3.3A shall be deemed to preclude discussion by a shareholder (as distinct from nominating directors) at a meeting of shareholders of any matter in respect of which it would have been entitled to submit a proposal pursuant to the provisions of the Act. The chairperson of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination was made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the foregoing provisions and, if any proposed nomination is not in compliance with such foregoing provisions, to declare that such defective nomination shall be disregarded.
- f) For purposes of this Section 3.3A, (i) "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by a national news service in Canada, or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation under its profile on the System of Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval at www.sedar.com; and (ii) "Applicable Securities Laws" means the applicable Securities Act of each relevant province and territory of Canada, as amended from time to time, the rules, regulations and forms made or promulgated under any such statute and the published national instruments, multilateral instruments, policies, bulletins and notices of the securities commission and similar regulatory authority of each province and territory of Canada.
- g) Notwithstanding any other provision of the by-laws of the Corporation, notice given to the secretary of the Corporation pursuant to this Section 3.3A may only be given by personal delivery, facsimile transmission or by email (at such email address as stipulated from time to time by the secretary of the Corporation for purposes of this notice), and shall be deemed to have been given and made only at the time it is served by personal delivery, email (at the address as aforesaid) or sent by facsimile transmission (provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received) to the secretary at the address of the principal executive offices of the Corporation; provided that if such delivery or electronic communication is made on a day which is not a business day or later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on a day which is a business day, then such delivery or electronic communication shall be deemed to have been made on the subsequent day that is a business day.
- h) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement in this Section 3.3A."
- 2. By-law No. 3 of the by-laws of the Corporation is hereby amended by deleting Section 9.1 thereof, and replacing it with the following:

### **"9.1 Method of Giving Notices**

A notice or document required by the Act, the regulations, or the articles or by-laws of the Corporation to be sent to a shareholder or director of the Corporation may be:

- (I) sent by prepaid mail addressed to, or may be delivered personally to:
  - (a) the shareholder at his recorded address; and

- (b) the director at his recorded address or his address in the most recent notice filed under the *Corporations Information Act*, whichever is the more current; or
- (I) given in any other manner permitted by the Act."
- 3. By-law No. 3, as amended from time to time, of the by-laws of the Corporation and this by-law shall be read together and shall have effect, so far as practicable, as though all the provisions thereof were contained in one by-law of the Corporation. All terms contained in this by-law which are defined in By-law No. 3, as amended from time to time, of the by-laws of the Corporation shall, for all purposes hereof, have the meanings given to such terms in the said By-law No. 3 unless expressly stated otherwise or the context otherwise requires.