#### WHITE PINE RESOURCES INC.

141 Adelaide Street West, Suite 301 Toronto, Ontario M5H 3L5

#### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR As at November 4, 2016

### SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

THIS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR IS FURNISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLICITATION BY THE MANAGEMENT OF WHITE PINE RESOURCES INC. (the "Company") of proxies to be used at the annual and special meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time), at 365 Bay Street, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2V1, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof (the "Meeting") for the purposes set out in the enclosed notice of meeting (the "Notice"). Although it is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone, facsimile or other proxy solicitation services. In accordance with National Instrument 54-101 - Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("NI 54-101"), arrangements have been made with brokerage houses and clearing agencies, custodians, nominees, fiduciaries or other intermediaries to send the Notice, this management information circular (the "Circular"), the annual financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2016 and related management's discussion and analysis and other meeting materials, if applicable, (collectively the "Meeting Materials") to the beneficial owners of the common shares of the Company (the "Common Shares") held of record by such parties. The Company may reimburse such parties for reasonable fees and disbursements incurred by them in doing so. The costs of the solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company may also retain, and pay a fee to, one or more professional proxy solicitation firms to solicit proxies from the shareholders of the Company in favour of the matters set forth in the Notice.

#### **NOTICE-AND-ACCESS**

The Company has decided to use the notice-and-access ("**Notice-and-Access**") rules provided under NI 54-101 for the delivery of the Meeting Materials to holders of Common Shares who appear on the records maintained by the Company's registrar and transfer agent as registered holders of Common Shares ("**Registered Shareholders**") and beneficial owners of Common Shares (the "**Non-Registered Holders**") for the Meeting. The Notice-and-Access method of delivery of Meeting Materials allows the Company to deliver the Meeting Materials over the internet in accordance with the Notice-and-Access rules adopted by the Ontario Securities Commission under NI 54-101.

Registered Shareholders will receive a form of proxy and Non-Registered Holders will receive a voting instruction form, enabling them to vote at the Meeting. However, instead of a paper copy of the Meeting Materials, shareholders receive only a notice with information on the date, location and purpose of the Meeting, as well as information on how they may access such materials electronically. The use of this alternative means of delivery is more environmentally friendly as it will help reduce paper use and will also reduce the cost of printing and mailing the Meeting Materials to shareholders. Shareholders are reminded to view the Meeting Materials prior to voting. Materials can be viewed online under the Company's profile at <u>www.sedar.com</u> or on TSX Trust Company, the Company's transfer agent and registrar, website at <u>https://noticeinsite.tsxtrust.com/WhitePineResourcesASM2016</u>. The Meeting Materials will remain posted on TSX Trust Company' website at least until the date that is one year after the date the Meeting Materials were posted. The Company will not be adopting stratification procedures in relation to the use of Notice-and-Access provisions.

Shareholders may always request paper copies of the Meeting Materials be sent to them by postal delivery at no cost to them. Requests may be made up to one year from the date the Meeting Materials are posted on TSX Trust Company' website. In order to receive a paper copy of the Meeting Materials or if you have questions concerning Notice-and-Access, please call TSX Trust Company toll free at 1-888-600-5869. Requests should be received by Thursday, December 8, 2016 in order to receive the Meeting Materials in advance of the Meeting date.

### APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

A Registered Shareholder may vote in person at the Meeting or may appoint another person to represent such Registered Shareholder as proxy and to vote the Common Shares of such Registered Shareholder at the Meeting. In order to appoint another person as proxy, a Registered Shareholder must complete, execute and deliver the form of proxy accompanying this Circular, or another proper form of proxy, in the manner specified in the Notice.

The purpose of a form of proxy is to designate persons who will vote on the shareholder's behalf in accordance with the instructions given by the shareholder in the form of proxy. The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are officers or directors of the Company. A **REGISTERED SHAREHOLDER DESIRING TO APPOINT SOME OTHER PERSON, WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER OF THE COMPANY, TO REPRESENT HIM OR HER AT THE MEETING MAY DO SO BY FILLING IN THE NAME OF SUCH PERSON IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF PROXY OR BY COMPLETING ANOTHER PROPER FORM OF PROXY. A Registered Shareholder wishing to be represented by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof must, in all cases, deposit the completed form of proxy with the Company's transfer agent and registrar, TSX Trust Company, at 200 University Avenue, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario M5H 4H1 (the "Transfer Agent"), not later than 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time) on Thursday, December 15, 2016 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, not later than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays and holidays, preceding the time of such adjourned Meeting at which the form of proxy is to be used. A form of proxy should be executed by the Registered Shareholder or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.** 

A Registered Shareholder attending the Meeting has the right to vote in person and, if he or she does so, his or her form of proxy is nullified with respect to the matters such person votes upon at the Meeting and any subsequent matters thereafter to be voted upon at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

A Registered Shareholder who has given a form of proxy may revoke the form of proxy at any time prior to using it by: (a) depositing an instrument in writing, including another completed form of proxy, executed by such Registered Shareholder or by his or her attorney authorized in writing or by electronic signature or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, by an authorized officer or attorney thereof at, or by transmitting by telephone or electronic means, a revocation signed, subject to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), by electronic signature, to (i) the registered office of the Company, located at 141 Adelaide Street West, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3L5, at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof; or (ii) with the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof; or (b) in any other manner permitted by law.

## EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY PROXIES

The Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of management nominees will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Registered Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and, if a Registered Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, the Common Shares represented by the proxy shall be voted accordingly. Where no choice is specified, the proxy will confer discretionary authority and will be voted for the election of directors, for the appointment of auditors and the authorization of the directors to fix their remuneration and for each item of special business, as stated elsewhere in this Circular.

The enclosed form of proxy also confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein to vote with respect to any amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting in such manner as such nominee in his judgment may determine. At the time of printing this Circular, the management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

### ADVICE TO NON-REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many shareholders of the Company, as a substantial number of shareholders of the Company do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Only Registered Shareholders or the persons they appoint as their proxies are permitted to attend and vote at the Meeting and only forms of proxy deposited by Registered Shareholders will be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. Common Shares beneficially owned by a Non-Registered Holder are registered either: (i) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") with whom the Non-Registered Holder deals in respect of the Common Shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans); or (ii) in the name of a clearing agency (such as CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. ("CDS")) (a "Clearing Agency") of which the Intermediary is a participant. Accordingly, such Intermediaries and Clearing Agencies would be the Registered Shareholders and would appear as such on the list maintained by the Transfer Agent. Non-Registered Holders do not appear on the list of the Registered Shareholders maintained by the Transfer Agent.

#### Distribution of Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Holders

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, the Company has distributed copies of the Meeting Materials to the Clearing Agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Holders as well as directly to NOBOs (as defined below).

Non-Registered Holders fall into two categories - those who object to their identity being known to the issuers of securities which they own ("**OBOs**") and those who do not object to their identity being made known to the issuers of the securities which they own ("**NOBOs**"). Subject to the provisions of NI 54-101, issuers may request and obtain a list of their NOBOs from Intermediaries directly or via their transfer agent and may obtain and use the NOBO list for the distribution of proxy-related materials to such NOBOs. If you are a NOBO and the Company or its agent has sent the Meeting Materials directly to you, your name, address and information about your holdings of Common Shares have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding the Common Shares on your behalf.

The Company's OBOs can expect to be contacted by their Intermediary. The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to deliver the Meeting Materials to OBOs and it is the responsibility of such Intermediaries to ensure delivery of the Meeting Materials to their OBOs.

#### Voting by Non-Registered Holders

The Common Shares held by Non-Registered Holders can only be voted or withheld from voting at the direction of the Non-Registered Holder. Without specific instructions, Intermediaries or Clearing Agencies are prohibited from voting Common Shares on behalf of Non-Registered Holders. Therefore, each Non-Registered Holder should ensure that voting instructions are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.

The various Intermediaries have their own mailing procedures and provide their own return instructions to Non-Registered Holders, which should be carefully followed by Non-Registered Holders in order to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

Non-Registered Holders will receive either a voting instruction form or, less frequently, a form of proxy. The purpose of these forms is to permit Non-Registered Holders to direct the voting of the Common Shares they beneficially own. Non-Registered Holders should follow the procedures set out below, depending on which type of form they receive.

A. <u>Voting Instruction Form</u>. In most cases, a Non-Registered Holder will receive, as part of the Meeting Materials, a voting instruction form (a "**VIF**"). If the Non-Registered Holder does not wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on the Non-Registered Holder's behalf), the VIF must be completed, signed and returned in accordance with the directions on the form.

B. <u>Form of Proxy</u>. Less frequently, a Non-Registered Holder will receive, as part of the Meeting Materials, a form of proxy that has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature) which is restricted as to the number of Common Shares beneficially owned by the Non-Registered Holder but which is otherwise not completed. If the Non-Registered Holder does not wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on the Non-Registered Holder's behalf), the Non-Registered Holder must complete and sign the form of proxy and in accordance with the directions on the form.

### Voting by Non-Registered Holders at the Meeting

Although a Non-Registered Holder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Common Shares registered in the name of an Intermediary or a Clearing Agency, a Non-Registered Holder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder who holds Common Shares beneficially owned by such Non-Registered Holder and vote such Common Shares as a proxyholder. A Non-Registered Holder who wishes to attend the Meeting and to vote their Common Shares as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder who holds Common Shares beneficially owned by such Non-Registered Holder, should (a) if they received a VIF, follow the directions indicated on the VIF; or (b) if they received a form of proxy strike out the names of the persons named in the form of proxy and insert the Non-Registered Holder's or its nominees name in the blank space provided. Non-Registered Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediaries, including those instructions regarding when and where the VIF or the form of proxy is to be delivered.

All references to shareholders in the Meeting Materials are to Registered Shareholders as set forth on the list of registered shareholders of the Company as maintained by the Transfer Agent, unless specifically stated otherwise.

#### VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

As of November 2, 2016 (the "**Record Date**"), there were a total of 33,966,533 Common Shares issued and outstanding. Each Common Share outstanding on the Record Date carries the right to one vote at the Meeting.

Only Registered Shareholders as of the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting. On a show of hands, every Registered Shareholder and proxy holder will have one vote and, on a poll, every Registered Shareholder present in person or represented by proxy will have one vote for each Common Share held.

To the knowledge of the Company's directors and executive officers, as of the date hereof, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the outstanding Common Shares, other than as set forth below:

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Common Shares	Percentage of Issued and Outstanding Common Shares
Robert Cudney	5,475,972	16.1%

Notes:

(1) The above information is based upon information supplied by the Transfer Agent and the Company's management.

(2) 527,450 Common Shares are held by Mr. Cudney directly and 4,948,522 Common Shares are held by Northfield Capital Corporation, a corporation controlled by Mr. Cudney.

### INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED ON

No director or executive officer of the Company who was a director or executive officer at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year, or any associate or affiliates of any such directors or officers, 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.

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## PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

To the knowledge of the board of directors (the "**Board**"), the matters to be brought before the Meeting are those matters set forth in the accompanying Notice.

#### 1. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2016 and the report of the auditors shall be placed before the shareholders at the Meeting. No vote will be taken on the financial statements. The financial statements and additional information concerning the Company are available under the Company's profile at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

#### 2. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The articles of the Company permit a minimum of three and a maximum of ten individuals to serve on its board of directors. At the Meeting, it is proposed that four directors be elected. The following table states the names of the persons nominated by management for election as directors, any offices with the Company currently held by them, their principal occupations or employment, the period or periods of service as directors of the Company and the approximate number of voting securities of the Company beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised as of the date hereof.

Name, province or state and country of residence and position, if any, held in the Company	Principal occupation	Served as Director of the Company since	Number of Common Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or controlled or directed at present <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Voting Shares Owned or Controlled
R. Brian Murray Ontario, Canada	Consultant	Proposed	Nil	Nil
Alex Falconer Ontario, Canada	Chartered Public Accountant	Proposed	Nil	Nil
Roger S. Peacock Ontario, Canada	Barrister and Solicitor	Proposed	Nil	Nil
Rona Gayda Alberta, Canada	Administrative Assistant	Proposed	Nil	Nil

Notes:

(1) The information as to voting securities beneficially owned, controlled or directed, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective nominees individually.

(2) The principal occupation during the past five years of the nominee not elected to his present term of office by the shareholders of the Company is as follows:

R. Brian Murray:	Mr. Murray is President of Murcon Ltd., a company providing consulting services since 1990. Mr. Murray is currently President (since May 2013) and Director (since July 1997) of Cava Resources Inc.; Director of Braveheart Resources Inc. since December 2010; Director of Process Capital Corp. since November 1996; and Director of Gorilla Minerals Corp. since May 2012. Prior thereto, Mr. Murray acted as Chief Financial Officer of Cava Resources Inc. from October 2010 to May 2013; Chief Financial Officer and Director of Shoal Point Energy Ltd. from November 2010 to June 2013 and Chief Executive Officer of Braveheart Resources Inc. from December 2010 to October 2015.
Alex Falconer:	<i>Mr.</i> Falconer is President of Falconer & Associates Inc., a company providing accounting and financial outsourcing services since 1996. <i>Mr.</i> Falconer is currently Director and Chief Financial Officer of Argo Gold Inc. since May 1996; Director of Cava Resources Inc. since November 2004; Chief Financial Officer of Spackman Equities Group Inc. since June 2014; and Chief Financial Officer of Aylen Capital Inc. since November 2015. Prior thereto, Mr. Falconer acted as Chief Financial officer of Monarch Energy Ltd. from November 2011 to June 2014.
Roger S. Peacock:	Mr. Peacock has been General Counsel at Star Navigation Systems Group Inc. since January 2003 and has served as a director of several publically listed companies.

Rona Gayda: Mrs. Gayda is an Administrative Assistant. Prior thereto, Mrs. Gayda was a Property Manager from July 2014 to May 2016; Site Administration with Integral Energy Services for Oilpatch BlackGold; and Certified Nursing Assistant with Victorian Order of Nurses from 2006 to 2012.

The term of office of each director will be from the date of the Meeting at which he is elected until the next annual meeting, or until his successor is elected or appointed.

PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ABOVE-NAMED NOMINEES, UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS OR HER SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT THEREOF. Management has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director but, IF A NOMINEE IS FOR ANY REASON UNAVAILABLE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR, PROXIES IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE REMAINING NOMINEES AND MAY BE VOTED FOR A SUBSTITUTE NOMINEE UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS OR HER SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT OF THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

#### Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies

Other than as set forth below, no proposed director, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, has been a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:

- (a) was subject to: (i) a cease trade order; (ii) an order similar to a cease trade order; or (iii) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (collectively, an "**Order**") and that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to an Order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

Brian Murray was a director of Process Capital Corp when it was ceased traded in May 2012 by the Ontario Securities Commission, the Alberta Securities Commission and the British Columbia Securities Commission for failing to file certain required financial statements and related filings. The company currently remains cease traded.

Brian Murray was a director of High American Gold Inc. (now Antioquia Gold Inc.) when it was cease traded in August 2002 by the Ontario Securities Commission, the Alberta Securities Commission and the British Columbia Securities Commission for failing to file its annual financial statements and related filings. On March 5, 2008, the Ontario Securities Commission issued a full revocation of the cease trade order issued on August 26, 2002 against High American Gold Inc. (now Antioquia Gold Inc.). The British Columbia Securities Commission and the Alberta Securities Commission also issued full revocations of the cease trade orders previously issued against High American Gold Inc. (now Antioquia Gold Inc.) effective March 6, 2008 and March 10, 2008, respectively.

Brian Murray was a director of Explorers Alliance Corp. in February 2002 when it when it was cease traded by the Ontario Securities Commission, the Alberta Securities Commission and the British Columbia Securities Commission for failure to file financial statements and related filings. The company currently remains cease traded; however, Mr. Murray resigned as a director of the company in January 2008.

Other than as set forth below, no proposed director, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, has been a director or executive officer of any company that, while the proposed director was acting in that capacity, or within a year of the proposed director 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.

Brian Murray was a director of Leasecor Equipment Finance Inc., a private company, which filed a proposal under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) in January 2008 and became bankrupt thereafter.

Alex Falconer was a director/officer of Shoal Point Energy Ltd., a private company, when, on September 30, 2009, the Company filed a notice to make a proposal for the benefit of its creditors under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada), for which proposal more than 90% of the creditors of the company voted in favor. On or about November 17, 2009, the company's proposal was approved by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, in the Judicial District of Calgary, and was subsequently effected by the company.

## Personal Bankruptcies

None of the directors of the Company have, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of such person.

## **Penalties and Sanctions**

None of the directors of the Company have been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority or been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

# 3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MNP LLP, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, AS AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIRECTORS TO FIX THEIR REMUNERATION, UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS OR HER SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT THEREOF. MNP LLP, Chartered Accountants were first appointed as the auditors of the Company on May 13, 2015.

# 4. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Shareholders of the Company are being asked to pass a special resolution, the text of which is annexed as Exhibit "A" to the Notice accompanying this Circular, which would authorize the Company to amend the articles of incorporation to consolidate each of the issued and outstanding Common Shares by changing each fifty (50) Common Shares into one (1) Common Share (the "**Special Resolution**").

In the event that shareholders pass the Special Resolution, the presently issued and outstanding 33,966,533 Common Shares will be consolidated into approximately 679,330 Common Shares. If the consolidation would otherwise result in a shareholder holding a fraction of a Common Share, no fraction or fractional certificate will be issued and a shareholder will not receive a whole Common Share for each such fraction held. In all other respects, the postconsolidated Common Shares will have the same attributes as the existing Common Shares.

In addition to the requisite shareholder approval being sought at the Meeting, any such consolidation also requires approval of all applicable regulatory authorities. In order to pass the Special Resolution amending the Company's articles of incorporation, at least two thirds of the votes cast at the Meeting must be voted in favour of the Special Resolution. If the special resolution amending the articles of incorporation does not receive the requisite shareholder approval, the Company will continue with its present share capital. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Shareholders vote in favour of the Special Resolution.

### PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COMPANY, UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS, HER OR ITS COMMON SHARES ARE TO BE VOTED AGAINST SUCH RESOLUTION.

## 5. AMENDMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF STOCK OPTION PLAN

Shareholders of the Company are being asked to approve amendments to the stock option plan of the Company (the "**Stock Option Plan**"). The Company currently has a fixed Stock Option Plan with 1,715,000 Common Shares which may be reserved for issue upon the exercise of options which may be granted pursuant to the Stock Option Plan. Management of the Company, subject to ratification by the shareholders of the Company, have amended the Stock Option Plan to make it a "rolling" plan (the "**Amended Stock Option Plan**"). The number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance under the Amended Stock Option Plan is limited to 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares at the date of the grant of options. As at the date of this Circular a total of 3,396,653 Common Shares may be reserved for issuance under the Amended Stock Option Plan.

The purpose of the Amended Stock Option Plan is to, among other things, encourage Common Share ownership in the Company by directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its affiliates and other designated persons. Options may be granted under the Amended Stock Option Plan only to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries and other designated persons as designated from time to time by the Board. Any Common Shares subject to an option which is exercised, or for any reason is cancelled or terminated prior to exercise, will be available for a subsequent grant under the Amended Stock Option Plan. The option price of any Common Shares cannot be less than the market price of the Common Shares. Options granted under the Amended Stock Option Plan may be exercised during a period not exceeding ten years, subject to earlier termination upon the termination of the optionee's employment, upon the optionee ceasing to be an employee, officer, director or consultant of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or ceasing to have a designated relationship with the Company, as applicable, or upon the optionee retiring, becoming permanently disabled or dying. The options are non-transferable. The Amended Stock Option Plan contains provisions for adjustment in the number of Common Shares issuable thereunder in the event of a subdivision, consolidation, reclassification or change of the common shares, a merger or other relevant changes in the Company's capitalization. Subject to shareholder approval in certain circumstances, the Board may from time to time amend or revise the terms of the Amended Stock Option Plan or may terminate the Amended Stock Option Plan at any time. The Amended Stock Option Plan does not contain any provision for financial assistance by the Company in respect of options granted under the Amended Stock Option Plan.

Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve and pass the following resolution:

# **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. the Company's stock option plan and the amendments thereto, as described in the management information circular of the Company dated November 4, 2016, be and are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed."

The Amended Stock Option Plan is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such plan which will be made available at the registered office of the Company at 141 Adelaide Street West, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3L5, until the business day immediately preceding the date of the Meeting.

In order to confirm and approve the amendments to the Stock Option Plan a majority of votes cast at the Meeting by shareholders must be voted in favour of the amendments to the Stock Option Plan.

**PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE STOCK OPTION PLAN UNLESS A SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT THE SHARES ARE TO BE VOTED AGAINST SUCH APPROVAL.** In the event shareholder approval is not given, the Stock Option Plan will not be amended.

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Under applicable securities legislation, the Company is required to disclose certain financial and other information relating to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the most highly compensated executive officer of the Company as at March 31, 2016 whose total compensation was more than

\$150,000 for the financial year of the Company ended March 31, 2016 (collectively the "Named Executive **Officers**") and for the directors of the Company.

### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table provides a summary of compensation paid, directly or indirectly, for each of the two most recently completed financial years to the Named Executive Officers and the directors of the Company:

TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES <sup>(1)</sup>							
Name and position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
John Tait President and Chief Executive Officer	2016 2015	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Michael Leskovec <sup>(2)</sup> Former Chief Financial Officer	2016 2015	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Chris Irwin Director	2016 2015	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil

Notes:

(1)

This table does not include any amount paid as reimbursement for expenses. (2)

Mr. Leskovec resigned as Chief Financial Officer on February 29, 2016.

#### Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

No compensation securities were granted or issued to any Named Executive Officer or to any director of the Company during the most recently completed financial year of the Company for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

No compensation securities were exercised by any Named Executive Officer or any director of the Company during the most recently completed financial year of the Company.

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

The shareholders of the Company first approved the Stock Option Plan on September 30, 2013. 3,396,653 Common Shares are currently reserved for issue upon the exercise of options granted pursuant to the Stock Option Plan. Options to purchase 1,715,000 Common Shares are currently outstanding under the Stock Option Plan as of the Record Date.

The purpose of the Stock 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 Stock 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 Stock 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 Stock 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 Stock 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 Stock Option Plan, any other employee 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 Stock 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 approve the Amended Stock Option Plan. For a description of the Amended Stock Option Plan see the heading "Amendment and Confirmation of Stock Option Plan".

The Company has no equity compensation plans other than the Stock Option Plan.

#### **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

The Company has in place the following employment agreements between the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof and its Named Executive Officers:

#### John Tait

Mr. Tait was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective September 30, 2014. Mr. Tait's employment arrangements with the Company are unwritten and do not provide for any notice or payments to Mr. Tait following or in connection with any termination, resignation, retirement, change in control of the Company or a change in Mr. Tait's responsibilities.

There are no employment agreements in place with any of the directors of the Company.

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

#### Compensation of Directors

Directors of the Company do not receive any compensation for attending meetings of the Board, committees of the Board, and shareholders meetings. Other than stock options to purchase Common Shares which are granted to the Company's directors from time to time, the Company does not have any arrangements pursuant to which directors are remunerated by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for their services in their capacities as directors, consultants or experts.

### Compensation of Named Executive Officers

#### Principles of Executive Compensation

The Company believes in linking an individual's compensation to his or her performance and contribution as well as to the performance of the Company as a whole. The primary components of the Company's executive compensation are base salary and option-based awards. The Board believes that the mix between base salary and incentives must be reviewed and tailored to each executive based on their role within the organization as well as their own personal circumstances. The overall goal is to successfully link compensation to the interests of the shareholders. The following principles form the basis of the Company's executive compensation program:

1. align interest of executives and shareholders;

- 2. attract and motivate executives who are instrumental to the success of the Company and the enhancement of shareholder value;
- 3. pay for performance;
- 4. ensure compensation methods have the effect of retaining those executives whose performance has enhanced the Company's long term value; and
- 5. connect, if possible, the Company's employees into principles 1 through 4 above.

The Board is responsible for the Company's compensation policies and practices. The Board has the responsibility to review and make recommendations concerning the compensation of the directors of the Company and the Named Executive Officers within the constraints of the agreements described under "*Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements*". The Board also has the responsibility to make recommendations concerning annual bonuses and grants to eligible persons under the Stock Option Plan. The Board also reviews and approves the hiring of executive officers.

#### Base Salary

The Board approves the salary ranges for the Named Executive Officers. At the current stage of the Company's development, salaries have been determined by Board discussion without any formal targeted objectives. Going forward, the base salary review for each Named Executive Officer will be based on assessment of factors such as current competitive market conditions, compensation levels within the peer group and particular skills, such as leadership ability and management effectiveness, experience, responsibility and proven or expected performance of the particular individual. Comparative data for the Company's peer group will also be accumulated from a number of external sources including independent consultants. The Company's policy for determining salary for executive officers is consistent with the administration of salaries for all other employees.

#### Annual Incentives

The Company is not currently awarding any annual incentives by way of cash bonuses. However, the Company, in its discretion, may award such incentives in order to motivate executives to achieve short-term corporate goals. The Board approves annual incentives.

The success of Named Executive Officers in achieving their individual objectives and their contribution to the Company in reaching its overall goals are factors in the determination of their annual bonus. The Board assesses each Named Executive Officers' performance on the basis of his or her respective contribution to the achievement of the predetermined corporate objectives, as well as to needs of the Company that arise on a day to day basis. This assessment is used by the Board in developing its recommendations with respect to the determination of annual bonuses for the Named Executive Officers.

#### Compensation and Measurements of Performance

It is the intention of the Board to approve targeted amounts of annual incentives for each Named Executive Officer at the beginning of each financial year. The targeted amounts will be determined by the Board based on a number of factors, including comparable compensation of similar companies.

Achieving predetermined individual and/or corporate targets and objectives, as well as general performance in day to day corporate activities, will trigger the award of a bonus payment to the Named Executive Officers. The Named Executive Officers will receive a partial or full incentive payment depending on the number of the predetermined targets met and the Board's assessment of overall performance. The determination as to whether a target has been met is ultimately made by the Board and the Board reserves the right to make positive or negative adjustments to any bonus payment if they consider them to be appropriate.

### Long Term Compensation

The Company currently has no long-term incentive plans, other than stock options granted from time to time by the Board under the provisions of the Stock Option Plan.

#### **Pension Disclosure**

There are no pension plan benefits in place for the Named Executive Officers or the directors of the Company.

#### **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

The Company does not have in place any pension or retirement plan. The Company has not provided compensation, monetary or otherwise, during the preceding fiscal year, to any person who now acts or has previously acted as a Named Executive Officer or director of the Company in connection with or related to the retirement, termination or resignation of such person. The Company has not provided any compensation to such persons as a result of a change of control of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. Except as set forth under "*Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements*", the Company is not party to any compensation plan or arrangement with Named Executive Officers or directors of the Company resulting from the resignation, retirement or the termination of employment of such person.

### SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

The following table sets forth information with respect to all compensation plans of the Company under which equity securities are authorized for issuance as of March 31, 2016:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (#)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (\$)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (#)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	1,715,000	0.49	1,681,653
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,681,653 <sup>(1)</sup> 3,396,653	0.49	1,681,653 <sup>(1)</sup> 3,396,653

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

Note:

(1) Subject to shareholder approval of the Amended Stock Option Plan. See "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Amendment and Confirmation of Stock Option Plan".

### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No director, executive officer or principal shareholder of the Company, or associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing, has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction within the preceding three years or in any proposed transaction that has materially affected or will materially affect the Company.

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No director or officer of the Company or person who acted in such capacity in the last financial year of the Company, or any other individual who at any time during the most recently completed financial year of the Company was a director of the Company or any associate of the Company, is indebted to the Company, nor is any

indebtedness of any such person to another entity the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR OF A VENTURE ISSUER

National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**") requires that certain information regarding the Audit Committee of a "venture issuer" (as that term is defined in NI 52-110) be included in the management information circular sent to shareholders in connection with the issuer's annual meeting.

### Audit Committee Charter

The full text of the charter of the Company's Audit Committee is attached hereto as Schedule "A" (the "Charter").

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

The Audit Committee members are currently John Tait (Chair) and Chris Irwin, each of whom is a director and financially literate. Mr. Irwin is independent in accordance with NI 52-110.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

The following is a description of the education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, any education or experience that would provide the member with:

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

*John Tait, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director* – Mr. Tait brings over 20 years experience in executive and director positions with public mineral exploration companies to the Company. Mr. Tait is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of White Pine Resources Inc. and a Director of Lexam VG Gold Corp. Formerly as director and President of Southern Star Resources Inc., which merged with Exall Resources to form Gold Eagle Mines Ltd. Gold Eagle Mines Ltd. that was purchased by Goldcorp Inc. for \$1.5 billion in 2008.

*Chris Irwin, Director* – Mr. Irwin is a graduate of Bishop's University (B.A., 1990), the University of New Brunswick (Bachelor of Laws, 1994) and Osgoode Hall Law School (Masters of Laws, 2009). He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1996. Mr. Irwin represents several public companies, is an officer and/or director of several public companies, and serves or has served on the audit committee of several public companies.

#### Audit Committee Oversight

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, there has not been a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor which was not adopted by the Board.

### **Reliance on Exemptions in NI 52-110 regarding**

### De Minimis Non-audit Services or on a Regulatory Order Generally

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on:

- 1. the exemption in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*) of NI 52-110 (which exempts all non-audit services provided by the Company's auditor from the requirement to be pre-approved by the Audit Committee if such services are less than 5% of the auditor's annual fees charged to the Company, are not recognized as non-audit services at the time of the engagement of the auditor to perform them and are subsequently approved by the Audit Committee prior to the completion of that year's audit); or
- 2. an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted by a securities regulator under Part 8 (*Exemptions*) of NI 52-110.

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

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in the Charter.

#### Audit Fees

The following table provides details in respect of audit, audit related, tax and other fees billed by the external auditor of the Company for professional services rendered to the Company during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015:

	Audit Fees (\$)	Audit-Related Fees (\$)	Tax Fees (\$)	All Other Fees (\$)
Year ended March 31, 2016	5,350	Nil	Nil	Nil
Year ended March 31, 2015	7,000	Nil	1,000	Nil

Audit Fees – aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements as well as services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings.

Audit-Related Fees – aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the auditor and were comprised primarily of audit procedures performed related to the Company's transition to International Financial Reporting Standards and of the review of quarterly financial statements and related documents.

Tax Fees – aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning professional services. These services included reviewing tax returns and assisting in responses to government tax authorities.

All Other Fees – aggregate fees billed for professional services which included accounting advice and advice related to relocating employees.

#### **REPORT ON GOVERNANCE**

The Company believes that adopting and maintaining appropriate governance practices is fundamental to a well-run company, to the execution of its chosen strategies and to its successful business and financial performance. National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* and National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* (the "Governance Guidelines") of the Canadian Securities Administrators set out a list of non-binding corporate governance guidelines that issuers are encouraged to follow in developing their own corporate governance guidelines. The following disclosure is required by the Governance Guidelines and describes

the Company's approach to governance and outlines the various procedures, policies and practices that the Company and the Board have implemented to address the foregoing requirements.

## **Board of Directors**

At the Meeting, it is proposed that four directors be elected. Form 58-101F1 suggests that the Board of every listed company should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as "independent" directors under NI 52-110, which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the company. "Material relationship" is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment. Of the proposed nominees, all will be considered by the Board to be "independent", within the meaning of NI 52-110. In assessing Form 58-101F1 and making the foregoing determinations, the circumstances of each director have been examined in relation to a number of factors.

## Directorships

The following table sets forth the directors of the Company who currently hold directorships with other reporting issuers:

Name of Director	Reporting Issuer
R. Brian Murray	Process Capital Corp., Cava Resources Inc., Braveheart Resources Inc. and Gorilla Minerals Corp.
Alex Falconer	Argo Gold Inc. and Cava Resources Inc.
Roger S. Peacock	Cava Resources Inc. and Explorers Alliance Corporation

### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Board does not have a formal orientation or education program for its members. The Board's continuing education is typically derived from information provided by the Company's legal counsel on recent developments in relevant corporate and securities' law matters. Additionally, historically Board members have been nominated who are familiar with the Company and the nature of its business.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

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

Under corporate legislation, a director is required to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. In addition, as some of the directors of the Company also serve as directors and officers of other companies engaged in similar business activities, directors must comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the OBCA, as well as the relevant securities regulatory instruments, in order to ensure that directors exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or officer has a material interest.

Any interested director would be required to declare the nature and extent of his interest and would not be entitled to vote at meetings of directors which evoke such a conflict.

## Nomination of Directors

The recruitment of new directors has generally resulted from recommendations made by directors and shareholders. The Company does not have a nominating committee. Prior to standing for election, new nominees to the Board are reviewed by the entire Board.

### **Other Board Committees**

The Company has no Board committees other than the audit committee.

#### Assessments

Currently the Board takes responsibility for monitoring and assessing its effectiveness as a whole, and the performance of its committees and individual directors, including reviewing the Board's decision-making processes and the quality of information provided by management, and among other things:

- overseeing strategic planning;
- monitoring the performance of the Company's assets;
- evaluating the principal risks and opportunities associated with the Company's business and overseeing the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;
- approving specific acquisitions and divestitures;
- evaluating senior management; and
- overseeing the Company's internal control and management information systems.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The management of the Company knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than as set forth in the Notice. However, if other matters which are not known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying term of proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons voting the proxy.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

Shareholders may contact the Company in order to request copies of: (i) this Circular; and (ii) the Company's financial statements and the related management's discussion and analysis (the "**MD&A**") which will be sent to the shareholder without charge upon request. Financial information is provided in the Company's financial statements and MD&A for its financial year ended March 31, 2016.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The contents of this Circular have been approved, and the delivery of it to each shareholder entitled thereto and to the appropriate regulatory agencies has been authorized by the Board.

**DATED** at Toronto, Ontario, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

### **BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

*"John Tait"* (Signed) President and Chief Executive Officer

### APPENDIX A

#### WHITE PINE RESOURCES INC.

### 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.
- 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 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.