



**ADASTRA HOLDINGS LTD.**

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**INFORMATION CIRCULAR  
August 14, 2023**

(This document contains information as at August 14, 2023 and all amounts are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.)

**GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

This Information Circular is furnished to the shareholders (each, a “**Shareholder**”) of Adastra Holdings Ltd. (the “**Company**”) by the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) in connection with the solicitation by the Company’s Board of proxies to be voted at the annual general and special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the Shareholders to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) at 900 – 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**PROXIES AND VOTING RIGHTS**

**Management Solicitation**

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

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

**Appointment and Revocation of Proxy**

*Registered Shareholders*

Registered Shareholders (“**Registered Shareholders**”) are entitled to vote at the Meeting. A Registered Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each common share in the capital of the Company (each, a “**Share**”) that

such Registered Shareholder holds on August 8, 2023 (the “**Record Date**”) on the resolutions to be acted upon at the Meeting and any other matter to come before the Meeting.

All references to Shareholders in this Information Circular and the accompanying instrument of proxy and notice of meeting are to Registered Shareholders unless specifically stated otherwise.

The persons named as proxy holders (the “**Designated Persons**”) in the enclosed form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company.

**In order to be voted, the completed form of proxy must be received by the Company’s registrar and transfer agent, National Securities Administrators Ltd., at their offices located at 777 Hornby St #702, Vancouver, British Columbia V6Z 1S2 (Tel: 604-559-8880), at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) prior to the scheduled commencement of the Meeting or an adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.**

A proxy may not be valid unless it is dated and signed by the Shareholder who is giving it or by that Shareholder’s attorney-in-fact duly authorized by that Shareholder in writing or, in the case of a corporation, dated and executed by a duly authorized officer, or attorney-in-fact for, the corporation. If a form of proxy is executed by an attorney-in-fact for an individual Shareholder or joint Shareholders or by an officer or attorney-in-fact for a corporate Shareholder, the instrument so empowering the officer or attorney-in-fact, as the case may be, or a notarial copy thereof, should accompany the form of proxy.

A Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it at any time, before it is exercised, by an instrument in writing: (a) executed by that Shareholder or by that Shareholder’s attorney-in-fact authorized in writing or, where that Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer of, or attorney-in-fact for, the corporation and (b) delivered either: (i) to the Company at 5451 - 275 Street, Langley, BC V4W 3X8 (Attention: Michael Forbes) at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof; (ii) to the Chairman of the Meeting prior to the vote on matters covered by the proxy on the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof; or (iii) in any other manner provided by law. Also, a proxy will automatically be revoked by either: (a) attendance at the Meeting and participation in a poll (ballot) by a Shareholder or (b) submission of a subsequent proxy in accordance with the foregoing procedures. A revocation of a proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to the revocation.

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting, including any amendments or variations to any matters identified in the notice of meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations, or other matters to come before the Meeting. **The Shares represented by a Shareholder’s proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for. If the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be voted upon, the Shares represented by that Shareholder’s proxy will be voted accordingly.**

In the case of abstentions from or withholding of the voting of Shares on any matter, the Shares which are the subject of the abstention or withholding will be counted for determination of a quorum, but will not be counted as affirmative or negative on the matter to be voted upon.

**A SHAREHOLDER HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A PERSON OR COMPANY (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR THEM ON THEIR BEHALF AT THE MEETING OTHER THAN THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED INSTRUMENT OF PROXY. TO EXERCISE THIS RIGHT, THE SHAREHOLDER MUST STRIKE OUT THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE INSTRUMENT OF PROXY AND INSERT THE NAME OF HIS OR HER NOMINEE IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED, OR COMPLETE ANOTHER INSTRUMENT OF PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDER SHOULD NOTIFY THE NOMINEE OF THE APPOINTMENT, OBTAIN THE NOMINEE’S CONSENT TO ACT AS PROXY AND**

**SHOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO THE NOMINEE ON HOW THE SHAREHOLDER'S SHARES SHOULD BE VOTED. THE NOMINEE SHOULD BRING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TO THE MEETING.**

**IF NO CHOICE IS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY WITH RESPECT TO A MATTER TO BE ACTED UPON, THE PROXY CONFERS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THAT MATTER UPON THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE FORM OF PROXY. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DESIGNATED PERSONS WILL VOTE THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY IN FAVOUR OF EACH MATTER IDENTIFIED IN THE PROXY AND FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR.**

*Non-Registered Shareholders*

The information set out in this section is of significant importance to those Shareholders who do not hold Shares in their own name. Shareholders who do not hold their Shares in their own name (referred to in this Information Circular as "**Beneficial Shareholders**") should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In the United States, the vast majority of such Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depository for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks), and in Canada, under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). **Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their Shares are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.**

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

In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer*, the Company has elected to send the notice of meeting, this Information Circular and a request for voting instructions (a "**VIF**") instead of a proxy (the notice of meeting, Information Circular and VIF or proxy are collectively referred to as the "**Meeting Materials**"), directly to the NOBOs and indirectly through intermediaries to the OBOs. The intermediaries (or their service companies) are responsible for forwarding the Meeting Materials to the OBOs. The Company will not pay for the delivery of proxy-related materials to OBOs. The OBOs will not receive the Meeting Materials unless their intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

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

The majority of intermediaries now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from Beneficial Shareholders to Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions, Inc. ("**Broadridge**") in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a machine-readable VIF, mails these VIFs to Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the VIFs to Broadridge, usually by way of mail, the internet or telephone. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Shares to be represented at the Meeting by proxies for which Broadridge has solicited voting instructions. If you have any questions respecting the voting of Shares held through an intermediary, please contact that intermediary for assistance.

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

Only Registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. A Beneficial Shareholder who wishes to change its vote must, at least seven (7) days before the Meeting, arrange for its intermediary to revoke its VIF on its behalf.

The Meeting Materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the Company's Shares. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder and the Company or its agent has sent the Meeting Materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of the Company's securities have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding on your behalf. By choosing to send the Meeting Materials to you, the Company (and not the intermediary holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering the Meeting Materials to you; and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the VIF.

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

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this Information Circular, no director or executive officer of the Company who was a director or executive officer since the beginning of the Company's last financial year, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliates of any such directors, officers or nominees, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of Shares or other securities in the Company or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors.

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

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Shares without par value. As of the close of business on the Record Date, a total of 55,970,547 Shares were issued and outstanding. Each Share 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.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the outstanding Shares.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, together with the auditor's report thereon, will be submitted to the Meeting. Receipt at the Meeting of the financial statements and auditor's report will not constitute approval or disapproval of any matters referred to therein. The Company's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis ("**MD&A**") are available on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

#### **NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to set the number of directors of the Company at three (3). An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

Management of the Company recommends the approval of setting the number of directors of the Company at three (3).

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company are elected at each annual general meeting of the Company and hold office until the next annual general meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed, unless the director's office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Company's Articles or applicable corporate statute.

Management of the Company proposes to nominate each of the following directors of the Company, as set out in the table below, for election by the Shareholders as directors of the Company. Information concerning such persons, as furnished by the individual nominees, is as follows:

Name, Place of Residence and Position(s) with the Company	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years <sup>(1)</sup>	Director Since	Number of Shares Owned <sup>(1)</sup>
Michael Forbes <sup>(2)</sup> British Columbia, Canada  <i>Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Secretary and Director</i>	Mr. Forbes has been the CEO of the Company since April 2021. Also, Businessman, CEO, President and owner of a number of privately held companies in the pharmaceutical, medical, real estate, and cannabis sector including founding five cannabis medical clinics under the Concord Medical Clinic umbrella, building Clarity Cannabis and Honeycomb Cannabis to over 10 locations, and founding the cannabis licensed production facility, Sitka Weed Works, in British Columbia, Canada. Mr. Forbes has a BSc. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, certifications in Hormone Restoration, Age Management Medicine and more recently Cannabis Plant Production and Facility Management from Kwantlen Polytechnic University.	April 29, 2021 to present	1,256,860 <sup>(3)</sup>
Paul Morgan <sup>(2)</sup> British Columbia, Canada  <i>Director</i>	Mr. Morgan is a corporate/commercial lawyer at Blue Bridge Law located in Victoria, British Columbia and has been actively practicing in British Columbia since 2013. Mr. Morgan's legal practice has included a particular focus on various segments of the cannabis industry including, but not limited to, retailers and licensed producers of cannabis since approximately 2016.	July 13, 2021 to present	Nil <sup>(4)</sup>
John Smoke Wallin California, United States  <i>Director</i>	Mr. Wallin serves as Managing Director and partner at STS Capital Partners, a global boutique investment bank focused on M&A. He serves as Chairman of Taliera, a company he founded in 2006 to incubate and celebrate iconic beverage brands. He is Chairman and Co-Founder of Vertical Wellness, a health and wellness brand company. He has led over \$1.7 billion in M&A and financings, both publicly and privately. Mr. Wallin helped build National Wine & Spirits into one of the largest distributors of beer, wine and spirits in the US and also served as Chair and President of the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA). He has been an active leader in The Young Presidents Organization and is incoming Chair for YPO's Pacific One chapter. Mr. Wallin earned an MBA at Vanderbilt University and a BS in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University.	May 14, 2022 to present	Nil <sup>(5)</sup>

(1) Information has been furnished by the respective nominees individually.

- (2) Member of the Company's audit committee.
- (3) This number includes 500 Shares held directly and 1,288,198 Shares held indirectly through MDC Forbes Inc., a company wholly-owned by Michael Forbes. This number does not include an aggregate of 300,000 options held indirectly through MDC Forbes Inc., each of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$1.06 per Share until October 25, 2026.
- (4) This number does not include an aggregate of 300,000 options held directly, each of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$1.06 per Share until October 25, 2026.
- (5) This number does not include an aggregate of 300,000 options held directly, each of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$0.75 per Share until August 19, 2027.

Management does not contemplate that any of its nominees will be unable to serve as directors. If any vacancies occur in the slate of nominees listed above before the Meeting, then the Designated Persons intend to exercise discretionary authority to vote the Shares represented by proxies for the election of any other persons as directors.

**Management of the Company recommends that Shareholders vote for the election of each of the nominees listed above as a director of the Company.**

#### **CORPORATE CEASE TRADE ORDERS OR BANKRUPTCIES**

##### **Orders**

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within the ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, 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.

##### **Bankruptcies**

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular has 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.

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular has been, a director or an executive officer of any company that, while the person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in the 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 made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcies or insolvency.

## Penalties or Sanctions

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company has been subject to: (a) 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 (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.

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### General

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

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

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

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("**CEO**"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("**CFO**"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

**"plan"** includes any plan, contract, authorization or arrangement, whether or not set out in any formal document, where cash, compensation securities or any other property may be received, whether for one or more persons; and

**"underlying securities"** means any securities issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of compensation securities.

### Notice Regarding Share Consolidation

Effective at the open of the Canadian Securities Exchange ("**CSE**") on April 9, 2021, the outstanding Shares were consolidated on the basis of three (3) pre-consolidation Shares for each one (1) post-consolidation Share (the "**Consolidation**"). All numbers with respect to Shares and securities convertible into Shares and stock prices in this Statement of Executive Compensation are presented on a post-Consolidation basis.

**Director and NEO Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities**

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or any subsidiary thereof to each NEO and each director of the Company, in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO or director for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof for each of the two most recently completed financial years, other than stock options and other compensation securities:

Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities							
Name and Position	Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Value of all other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Michael Forbes <sup>(3)</sup> CEO, Corporate Secretary and Director	2022	120,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	7,350	127,350
	2021	40,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	40,000
John Smoke Wallin <sup>(4)</sup> Director	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paul G. Morgan <sup>(5)</sup> Director	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Andrew Hale <sup>(6)</sup> Former CEO, President and Director	2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2021	134,666	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	134,666
James Scott Munro <sup>(7)</sup> Former President, Interim CEO and Director	2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Oliver Foeste <sup>(8)</sup> Former CFO	2022	286,539 <sup>(9)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	286,539
	2021	74,518 <sup>(9)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	74,518
Stephen Brohman <sup>(10)</sup> Former CFO, Corporate Secretary and Director	2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2021	61,091	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	61,091
Blaine Bailey <sup>(11)</sup> Former CFO, Corporate Secretary and Director	2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities							
Name and Position	Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Value of all other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Donald Reed Dinsmore <sup>(12)</sup> Former COO, Corporate Secretary and Director	2022	102,705	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	102,705
	2021	122,535	50,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	172,535
George Routhier <sup>(13)</sup> Former Director	2022	2,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2,000
	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

- (1) For the year ended December 31st.
- (2) "Perquisites" include perquisites provided to an NEO or director that are not generally available to all employees and that, in aggregate, are: (a) \$15,000, if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$150,000 or less, (b) 10% of the NEO or director's salary for the financial year if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is greater than \$150,000 but less than \$500,000, or (c) \$50,000 if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$500,000 or greater.
- (3) Michael Forbes was appointed as a director of the Company on April 29, 2021, CEO on May 3, 2021 and Corporate Secretary on March 24, 2022. Mr. Forbes is the owner of MDC Forbes Inc. which charged the Company \$120,000 in consulting fees during the year ended December 31, 2022. During the year ended December 31, 2022, MDC Forbes Inc. also charged the Company rent of \$7,350.
- (4) John Smoke Wallin was appointed as a director of the Company on May 14, 2022.
- (5) Paul Morgan was appointed as a director of the Company on July 13, 2021.
- (6) Andrew Hale was appointed CEO, President and a director of the Company on December 19, 2019. Mr. Hale resigned from all positions with the Company on February 26, 2021.
- (7) James Scott Munro was appointed as a director of the Company on February 26, 2021 and President and Interim CEO on March 1, 2021. Mr. Munro resigned from all positions with the Company on April 29, 2021.
- (8) Oliver Foeste was appointed CFO of the Company on July 13, 2021. Mr. Foeste was CFO of the Company until January 1, 2023.
- (9) The Company was charged by Invictus Accounting Group LLP, a company controlled by Mr. Foeste, for accounting, tax and financial reporting related services in addition to the CFO services, in the amount of \$286,539 in 2022 and \$74,518 in 2021.
- (10) Stephen Brohman was appointed as a director of the Company on September 2, 2014 and CFO and Corporate Secretary on December 19, 2019. Mr. Brohman resigned from all positions with the Company on July 13, 2021.
- (11) Blaine Bailey was appointed CFO on June 21, 2005, Corporate Secretary on April 5, 2007 and a director of the Company on February 3, 2014. Mr. Bailey resigned as Corporate Secretary on August 20, 2007, CFO on December 19, 2019 and as a director of the Company on March 26, 2021.
- (12) Donald Reed Dinsmore was appointed as a director of the Company on April 29, 2021 and COO and Corporate Secretary on May 3, 2021. Mr. Dinsmore resigned from all positions with the Company on March 24, 2022.
- (13) George Routhier was appointed as a director of the Company on December 19, 2019 and did not stand for re-election on June 23, 2022.

### External Management Companies

Except as set out herein, the Company has not engaged the services of an external management company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

## Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

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

Compensation Securities							
Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	Number of Compensation Securities/Number of Underlying Securities /Percentage of Class	Date of Issue or Grant	Issue, Conversion or Exercise Price (\$)	Closing Price of Security or Underlying Security on Date of Grant	Closing Price of Security or Underlying Security at Year End	Expiry Date
Michael Forbes <sup>(1)</sup> CEO, Corporate Secretary and Director	Stock Options	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Smoke Wallin Director	Stock Options	300,000 / 300,000 / 8.19%	August 19, 2022	\$0.75	\$0.63	\$0.25	August 19, 2027
Paul G. Morgan <sup>(2)</sup> Director	Stock Options	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oliver Foeste <sup>(3)</sup> Former CFO	Stock Options	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Donald Reed Dinsmore Former COO, Corporate Secretary and Director	Stock Options	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
George Routhier Former Director	Stock Options	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (1) Although not granted in 2022, Michael Forbes, Corporate Secretary, CEO and a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of 300,000 stock options as at December 31, 2022 that were granted in prior years, each stock option of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$1.06 per Share until October 25, 2026.
- (2) Although not granted in 2022, Paul Morgan, a director of the Company, owned an aggregate of 300,000 stock options as at December 31, 2022 that were granted in prior years, each stock option of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$1.06 per Share until October 25, 2026.
- (3) Although not granted in 2022, Oliver Foeste, the former CFO of the Company, owned an aggregate of 300,000 stock options as at December 31, 2022 that were granted in prior years, each stock option of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$1.06 per Share until October 25, 2026. These stock options terminated on April 1, 2023.

No compensation securities were re-priced, cancelled or replaced, had their term extended, or otherwise have been materially modified during the year ended December 31, 2022.

## Vesting and Conditions of Compensation Securities

The compensation securities are subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in the Stock Option Plan, as outlined below. All compensation securities currently held by NEOs or directors of the Company vested on the date of grant.

Unless the Company permits otherwise, the NEO or director of the Company which holds stock options shall pay the Company in cash all local, provincial and federal withholding taxes applicable to the grant or exercise of the options, or the transfer or other disposition of Shares acquired upon exercise of the options. Any such payment must be made promptly when the amount of such obligation becomes determinable. In addition to any remedies available to the Company under the Stock Option Plan to comply with all withholding obligations, the Company

may in its discretion sell on an NEO or director's behalf, or require the NEO or director to sell, any Shares acquired by such NEO or director under the Stock Option Plan, or retain any amount which would otherwise be payable to the NEO or director in connection with any such sale.

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

No compensation securities were exercised by a NEO or director of the Company during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### **Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans**

The board of directors of the Company adopted the Company's current incentive stock option plan (the "**Stock Option Plan**") on January 30, 2020, whereby it can grant stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company. The Stock Option Plan is a rolling plan under which, unless authorized by the shareholders of the Company in accordance with applicable securities laws, the number of Shares that may be reserved for issuance under the Stock Option Plan, together with all of the Company's other compensation or incentive mechanisms involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of issued Shares of the Company (calculated on an undiluted basis) at the time a stock option is granted.

As at December 31, 2022, the Company had 3,665,000 stock options outstanding. The Stock Option Plan is administered by the Board, and stock options may be granted under the Stock Option Plan to such directors, officers, employees, or consultants of the Company and its affiliates, if any, as the Board may from time to time designate. The exercise price of options will be determined by the Board, but such price will not be less than the minimum prevailing price permitted by the CSE. All options granted under the Stock Option Plan will expire not later than the maximum period as determined by the applicable securities laws and the policies of the CSE. Vesting of options shall be at the discretion of the Board, however in the occurrence of a change of control all options, subject to approval by the CSE, shall vest immediately and be fully exercisable. Vested stock options terminate earlier than the expiry date as follows: (i) immediately in the event of dismissal with cause; (ii) 90 days from date of termination other than for cause; (iii) one year from the date of disability; or (iv) one year from the date of death. Options granted under the Stock Option Plan are not transferable or assignable other than by will or other testamentary instrument or pursuant to the laws of succession.

The Company does not have any other incentive plans other than its Stock Option Plan.

On August 11, 2023, the Board adopted the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "**2023 Plan**"). The 2023 Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of stock options, restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**") and deferred share units ("**DSUs**"). The purpose of the 2023 Plan is to, among other things, provide the Company with a share related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those directors, officers, employees and consultants as may be granted awards under the 2023 Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Company and to enable and encourage such directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Company.

The 2023 Plan is a rolling plan which, subject to the adjustment provisions provided for therein (including a subdivision or consolidation of Shares), provides that the aggregate maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of awards granted under the 2023 Plan shall not exceed 20% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time, such number being 11,194,109 Shares as of the record date of August 8, 2023, less the number of awards outstanding under the Stock Option Plan. As there were 3,665,000 stock options outstanding under the Stock Option Plan, the total number of equity awards eligible to be granted under the 2023 Plan as at August 8, 2023 was 7,529,109 equity awards.

The 2023 Plan is considered an “evergreen” plan, since the Shares covered by awards that have been exercised, settled or terminated shall be available for subsequent grants under the 2023 Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

As of the date hereof, the Company has not granted any stock options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs to its directors, officers and consultants under the 2023 Plan.

The 2023 Plan is subject to approval by the Shareholders. Pursuant to CSE requirements, every three years after institution, all unallocated options, rights and other entitlements under any security based compensation arrangement which does not have a fixed maximum number of securities issuable thereunder (commonly referred to as “rolling plans”), must be approved by the majority of the Company’s Board and its Shareholders. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to adopt the 2023 Plan. Upon approval by the Shareholders of the 2023 Plan, no further stock options will be granted under the Stock Option Plan.

A copy of the 2023 Plan is available at the offices of the Company, at 5451 - 275 Street, Langley, BC V4W 3X8 during normal business hours up to and including the date of the Meeting and is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule “A”.

For additional details regarding the terms of the 2023 Plan, see below under the heading “Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan”.

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

Other than disclosed below, the Company has not entered into written employment or consulting agreements with any of its executive officers.

The Company entered into a consulting agreement with MDC Forbes Inc, a company owned by Michael Forbes, effective May 10, 2021 (the “**Forbes Agreement**”). Under the terms of the Forbes Agreement, Mr. Forbes agreed to provide consulting services and act as CEO of the Company in consideration for a grant by the Company of an option to purchase 300,000 Shares at an exercise price of \$1.00 per Share, with said option to be fully exercisable on the effective date until October 25, 2026. The Forbes Agreement may be terminated at any time by (a) Mr. Forbes, giving the Company at least twenty (20) business days’ written notice, or (b) the Company, (i) for any reason, by giving Mr. Forbes at least twenty (20) business days’ written notice or pay in lieu, or (ii) without notice, if Mr. Forbes is in breach of any material terms of the Forbes Agreement, demonstrates a continued inability to perform the services and/or obligations of the Forbes Agreement to the satisfaction of the Company, continually misses deadlines for deliverables, or engages in any conduct which is dishonest or damages the reputation of the Company.

Subsequent to the year ended December 31, 2022, on January 4, 2023, the Company entered into a consulting agreement (the “**Fehr Agreement**”) with A. Fehr & Associates Ltd. (“**F&A**”), whereby Lachlan McLeod, an employee of F&A, became CFO of the Company. Per the Fehr Agreement, Lachlan was to provide a minimum of 32 hours per month for \$6,500 and any time in excess for \$130 per hour. After 12 months of service, F&A would be entitled to a termination fee in addition to a change in control benefit, each fee is equal to 6 months of the averaged billings over the prior 24 months. Subsequently, the Company paid a placement fee of \$52,500 to F&A to employ Lachlan McLeod directly and terminated the Fehr Agreement.

On June 2, 2023, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Lachlan McLeod (the “**McLeod Agreement**”) for a salary of \$133,750, which will increase to \$160,000 on June 1, 2024. Under the McLeod Agreement, Mr. McLeod is entitled to severance of 9 weeks within the first 3 years of employment, plus an additional 3 weeks with each subsequent year completed, to a maximum of 6 months’ severance. After 12 months of service, Mr. McLeod is entitled to a change in control benefit of 3 months’ salary. Mr. McLeod is also entitled to stock options on terms that are at least as favorable as other executives of the Company. No stock options have been issued to Mr. McLeod as of the date of this Information Circular.

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

At December 31, 2022, except for the terms outlined above, there were no contract, agreement, plan or arrangement between the Company and its NEOs that provides for payments to NEOs at, following, or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation or retirement, or as a result of a change in control of the Company or a change in a NEO's responsibilities.

### **Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation**

The Company's executive compensation program during the most recently completed financial year was administered by the Board. The Board was solely responsible for determining the compensation to be paid to the Company's directors and NEOs and evaluating their performance. The Board has not adopted any specific policies or objectives for determining the amount or extent of compensation for directors or NEOs. Due to the Company being an early stage issuer and having limited financial resources, compensation is not tied to any performance criteria or goals. The Board has not established a compensation committee. The Board reviews annually the total compensation package of each of the Company's executives on an individual basis.

The significant elements of compensation for the NEOs are cash consulting fees, salary and equity awards. There is no policy or target regarding allocation between cash and non-cash elements of the Company's compensation program. Cash consulting fees and salary are determined primarily upon, among other things, the responsibility, skills and experience required to carry out the functions of each position held by each NEO and varies with the amount of time spent by each NEO in carrying out his or her functions on behalf of the Company. The grant of equity awards, as a key component of the executive compensation package, signals management's commitment to the growth of the Company and enables the Company to attract and retain qualified executives. Equity awards are based on the total of equity awards available under the Stock Option Plan, and if approved, the 2023 Plan. In granting equity awards, the Board reviews the total of equity awards available under the Stock Option Plan, or if approved, the 2023 Plan, and recommends grants to newly retained executive officers at the time of their appointment, and considers recommending further grants to executive officers from time to time thereafter. The amount and terms of outstanding equity awards held by an executive are taken into account when determining whether and how new equity awards should be made to such executive. The exercise periods of the stock options are to be set at the date of grant. The equity awards may contain vesting provisions in accordance to the Stock Option Plan or, if approved, the 2023 Plan.

The Company is unaware of any significant events that have occurred during the year ended December 31, 2022, that have significantly affected compensation of its management team and directors. The Company did not make any changes to its compensation policies during or after the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

Specific information regarding the compensation of each NEO is as follows:

#### CEO - Michael Forbes

Mr. Forbes's compensation for the year ended December 31, 2022, consisted of \$120,000 in consulting fees charged to the Company by MDC Forbes Inc., a company owned by Mr. Forbes. Mr. Forbes did not collect a salary or receive any stock options during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The CEO's compensation is determined by the Board, in its subjective discretion, after considering the time spent by the CEO on: (i) the Company's day to day operations; (ii) reviewing potential transactions and negotiating them on behalf of the Company; and (iii) new business ventures.

#### CFO – Lachlan McLeod

Subsequent to the year ended December 31, 2022, and per the McLeod Agreement discussed above, Mr. McLeod will receive a salary of \$133,750 starting on June 2, 2023, which will increase to \$160,000 on June 1, 2024. Mr.

McLeod is also entitled to stock options on terms that are at least as favorable as other executives of the Company. No stock options have been issued to Mr. McLeod as of the date of this Information Circular. Mr. McLeod does not and is not anticipated to receive any compensation in the form of consulting fees.

The CFO's compensation is determined by the Board, in its subjective discretion, after primarily considering the time spent by the CFO on reviewing the Company's financial statements.

**Pension Plan Benefits**

The Company does not have any pension, defined benefit, defined contribution or deferred compensation plans in place.

**SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS**

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans which were in effect as at the financial year ended December 31, 2022:

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	3,665,000	1.35	1,932,054
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	Nil	N/A	Nil
<b>Total</b>	3,665,000	1.35	1,932,054

(1) The Stock Option Plan is a rolling stock option plan under which the Company can issue such number of options as is equal to 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time. As of August 8, 2023, there were 55,970,547 Shares outstanding and the Company could issue up to an additional 1,932,054 options to acquire Shares on such date.

**INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

No current or former director, executive officer, employee, proposed nominee for election to the Board, or associate of such persons is, or at any time since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

No indebtedness of a current or former director, executive officer, proposed nominee for election to the Board, or associate of such person is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

**INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, no: (i) director, proposed director or executive officer of the Company; (ii) person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, Shares or who exercises control or direction of Shares, or a combination of both, carrying more than ten percent of the voting rights attached to the Shares

outstanding (each, an “Insider”); (iii) director or executive officer of an Insider; or (iv) associate or affiliate of any of the directors, executive officers or Insiders, has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company’s most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company, except with an interest arising from the ownership of Shares where such person or company will receive no extra or special benefit or advantage not shared on a pro rata basis by all holders of the same class of Shares.

#### **APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to appoint Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as auditor of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be to be paid to the auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants was first appointed auditor of the Company on August 15, 2018.

**Management of the Company recommends that Shareholders vote for the appointment of Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company’s auditor for the Company’s fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.**

**UNLESS SUCH AUTHORITY IS WITHHELD, PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVIDSON & COMPANY LLP, CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS, AS AUDITOR OF THE COMPANY TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FIX THEIR REMUNERATION.**

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE**

Under National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* (“NI 52-110”), a reporting issuer is required to provide disclosure annually with respect to its audit committee, including the text of its audit committee charter, information regarding the composition of the audit committee, and information regarding fees paid to its external auditor. The Company provides the following disclosure with respect to its audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”):

##### **The Audit Committee Charter**

The full text of the Audit Committee’s charter (the “**Audit Committee Charter**”) is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under the Company’s SEDAR profile, and is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter may be obtained by any Shareholder, upon request, without charge, from the Company by contacting its office by mail at 5451 - 275 Street, Langley, British Columbia V4W 3X8.

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

The Company’s Audit Committee is currently comprised of three directors consisting of Paul Morgan, Michael Forbes and John Smoke Wallin. As defined in NI 52-110, Mr. Forbes, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Secretary, is not “independent”, as he is an executive officer of the Company and each of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Wallin are independent. All of the Audit Committee members are “financially literate”, as defined in NI 52-110, as all have the industry experience necessary to understand and analyze financial statements of the Company, as well as the understanding of internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting.

The Audit Committee is responsible for review of both interim and annual financial statements for the Company. For the purposes of performing their duties, the members of the Audit Committee have the right, at all times, to inspect all the books and financial records of the Company and any subsidiaries and to discuss with management and the external auditor of the Company any accounts, records and matters relating to the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee members meet periodically with management and annually with the external auditor.

### **Relevant Education and Experience**

The following sets out the education and experience of each Audit Committee member that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member and that provides each member with: (i) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements; (ii) the ability to assess the general application of such accounting principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and provisions, (iii) 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 individuals engaged in such activities; and (iv) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting:

#### *Paul Morgan*

Mr. Morgan is a practicing corporate/commercial lawyer and has a strong understanding of and experience with the review and analysis of financial statements. His relevant academic and professional credentials include: Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from the University of Victoria (2004); LLB (First Class Honours) from Canterbury Christ Church University (2011); and Member of the Law Society of British Columbia (since 2013).

#### *Michael Forbes*

Mr. Forbes is an experienced businessman and founder, President and owner of dozens of private companies in the retail, pharmacy, medical, real estate, and cannabis industries, and has a strong understanding of financial statements analysis of financial information as well as the people and processes required for internal controls over financial reporting.

#### *John Smoke Wallin*

Mr. Wallin serves as Managing Director and partner at STS Capital Partners, a global boutique investment bank focused on M&A. He serves as Chairman of Taliera, a company he founded in 2006 to incubate and celebrate iconic beverage brands. He is Chairman and Co-Founder of Vertical Wellness, a health and wellness brand company. Mr. Wallin helped build National Wine & Spirits into one of the largest distributors of beer, wine and spirits in the US and also served as Chair and President of the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA). Mr. Wallin earned an MBA at Vanderbilt University and a BS in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University.

### **Audit Committee Oversight**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Board has not failed to adopt a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor.

### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on the exemptions in Sections 2.4, 6.1.1(4), 6.1.1(5), or 6.1.1(6) or Part 8 of NI 52-110. Section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-Audit Services*) provides an exemption from the requirement that the Audit Committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided by the auditor, where the total amount of fees related to the non-audit services



are not expected to exceed 5% of the total fees payable to the auditor in the financial year in which the non-audit services were provided. Sections 6.1.1(4) (*Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*), 6.1.1(5) (*Events Outside Control of Member*) and 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*) provide exemptions from the requirement that a majority of the members of the Company's Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company. Part 8 (*Exemptions*) permits a company to apply to a securities regulatory authority or regulator for an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110 in whole or in part.

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

Formal policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services have yet to be formulated and adopted. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by the Board and the Audit Committee, on a case-by-case basis, as applicable.

#### **External Auditor Service Fees**

In the following table, "Audit Fees" are fees billed by the Company's external auditor for services provided in auditing the Company's annual financial statements for the subject year. "Audit-Related Fees" are fees not included in audit fees that are billed by the auditor for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit review of the Company's financial statements. "Tax Fees" are fees billed by the auditor for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. "All Other Fees" are fees billed by the auditor for products and services not included in the foregoing categories.

The aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditor in the last two fiscal years by category, are as follows:

<b>Year Ended</b>	<b>Audit Fees</b>	<b>Audit Related Fees</b>	<b>Tax Fees</b>	<b>All Other Fees</b>
December 31, 2022	\$124,754	Nil	Nil	Nil
December 31, 2021	\$87,225	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### **Exemption**

The Company is relying on the exemption provided by section 6.1 of National Instrument 52-110 which provides that the Company, as a venture issuer, is not required to comply with Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of National Instrument 52-110.

#### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

There were no management functions of the Company, which were, to any substantial degree, performed by a person other than the directors or executive officers of the Company, except as otherwise described in this Information Circular.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, the Company is required to disclose its corporate governance practices as follows:

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over the Company's management through frequent meetings of the Board.

Paul Morgan and John Smoke Wallin are “independent” in that each are independent and free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the director’s ability to act in the best interests of the Company, other than the interests and relationships arising from being securityholders. Michael Forbes is the CEO and Corporate Secretary of the Company and is therefore not independent.

### **Directorships**

Certain directors of the Company are currently also directors of other reporting issuers, as described in the table below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Reporting Issuer</b>	<b>Trading Market</b>
Michael Forbes	Pharmadrug Inc.	CSE
John Smoke Wallin	Top Strike Resources Corp.	CSE

### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Board briefs all new directors with respect to the policies of the Board and other relevant corporate and business information. The Board does not provide any continuing education as the Board’s practice is to recruit for the Board only persons with extensive experience in identifying and targeting junior businesses for transactions and in public company matters.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has not adopted a written ethical business code of conduct for directors, officers and employees. However, 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.

The Board is also responsible for applying governance principles and practices, tracking development in corporate governance, and adapting “best practices” to suit the needs of the Company. Certain of the directors of the Company may also be directors and officers of other companies, and conflicts of interest may arise between their duties. Such conflicts must be disclosed in accordance with, and are subject to such other procedures and remedies as applicable under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

### **Nomination of Directors**

The Company does not have a stand-alone nomination committee. The full Board has responsibility for identifying potential Board candidates. The Board assesses potential Board candidates to fill perceived needs on the Board for required skills, expertise, independence and other factors. Members of the Board and representatives of the industry are consulted for possible candidates.

### **Compensation**

The Board reviews the compensation of its directors and executive officers annually. The directors will determine compensation of directors and executive officers taking into account the Company’s business ventures and the Company’s financial position.

### **Other Board Committees**

The Company has no other committees other than the Audit Committee.

### **Assessments**

The Board regularly monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communications between the Board and management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and its committees.

### **Approval of Quorum Resolution**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass a special resolution to reduce the quorum requirement for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Shareholders to one or more persons, present in person or by proxy. A special resolution needs to be passed by Shareholders holding at least two-thirds of the votes cast by the Shareholders, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

The current quorum requirement for the Company is two persons who are, or who are represented by proxy, shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued and outstanding shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

The motion to amend the Company's Articles and reduce the quorum requirement for Shareholder meetings is being submitted to the Shareholders to ensure flexibility and transparency with regards to the process for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Shareholders and to avoid situations where the Company is unable to pass important corporate matters because of its inability to satisfy the higher quorum requirement.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the following special resolutions (the "**Quorum Resolution**"):

**"RESOLVED**, as a special resolution of the shareholders of Adastra Holdings Ltd. (the "**Company**"), that:

1. Article 11.3 of the Company's Articles be amended by deleting the current section 11.3 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"Subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series of shares and to Section 11.4, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is one or more persons, present in person or by proxy."

2. Any one director and officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized to and directed, as the "Authorized Signatory" of the Company, to:
  - (a) execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Company under the seal of the Company or otherwise, the Notice and any and all instruments and documents of any kind whatsoever in such form and with such amendments or variations as the Authorized Signatory deems necessary, appropriate or expedient in the circumstances, and
  - (b) do or cause to be done all such other acts or things for or on behalf of the Company as may be, in the Authorized Signatory's sole discretion, necessary, appropriate or expedient in the circumstances

for the purpose of giving effect to these resolutions and the completion of the matters contemplated herein and the execution and delivery by the Authorized Signatory of any agreement, direction, certificate, form, acknowledgement or other document of any kind whatsoever in the name of or on behalf of the Company in connection with any matter contemplated by these resolutions shall be binding on the Company and shall be conclusively presumed to be the act of the Company.”

**Management of the Company recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the Quorum Resolution at the Meeting. It is the intention of the Designated Persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the Quorum Resolution.**

#### **Approval of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to approve the 2023 Plan which was adopted by the Board on August 11, 2023. An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting, other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by related persons to whom securities may be issued as compensation or under the 2023 Plan.

The term “related person” is defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions and generally refers to a director or executive officer of the issuer or of a related entity of the issuer, an associate of a director or executive officer of the issuer or of a related entity of the issuer, or a permitted assign of a director or executive officer of the issuer or of a related entity of the issuer. The term “permitted assign” includes a spouse of the person.

The 2023 Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of stock options (“**Options**”), RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as described in further detail below. The purpose of the 2023 Plan is to, among other things, provide the Company with a share related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and to reward such of those directors, officers, employees and consultants as may be granted awards under the 2023 Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Company and to enable and encourage such directors, employees and consultants to acquire Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Company.

#### **Key Terms of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan**

##### *Shares Subject to the 2023 Plan*

The 2023 Plan is a rolling plan which, subject to the adjustment provisions provided for therein (including a subdivision or consolidation of Shares), provides that the aggregate maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of awards granted under the 2023 Plan shall not exceed 20% of the Company’s issued and outstanding Shares from time to time. The 2023 Plan is considered an “evergreen” plan, since the Shares covered by awards which have been exercised, settled or terminated shall be available for subsequent grants under the 2023 Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases. Based on 55,970,547 Shares issued and outstanding as of the record date on August 8, 2023, the Company could grant up to an aggregate of 7,529,109 in equity awards under the 2023 Plan in addition to the 3,665,000 equity awards currently outstanding under the Stock Option Plan, for a total of 11,194,109 equity awards (or 20% of the Company’s number of issued and outstanding Shares).

##### *Administration of the 2023 Plan*

The Plan Administrator (as defined in the 2023 Plan) is determined by the Board, and is initially the Board. The 2023 Plan may in the future continue to be administered by the Board itself or delegated to a committee of the

Board. The Plan Administrator determines which directors, officers, consultants and employees are eligible to receive awards under the 2023 Plan, the time or times at which awards may be granted, the conditions under which awards may be granted or forfeited to the Company, the number of Shares to be covered by any award, the exercise price of any award, whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any award, and the nature of any such restrictions or limitations, any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, or waiver of termination regarding any award, based on such factors as the Plan Administrator may determine.

In addition, the Plan Administrator interprets the 2023 Plan and may adopt guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to the 2023 Plan, and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the 2023 Plan.

#### *Eligibility*

All directors, officers, employees and consultants are eligible to participate in the 2023 Plan. The extent to which any such individual is entitled to receive a grant of an award pursuant to the 2023 Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.

#### *Types of Awards*

Awards of Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs may be made under the 2023 Plan. All of the awards described below are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, exercise price, vesting, settlement and forfeiture provisions determined by the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, subject to such limitations provided in the 2023 Plan, and will generally be evidenced by an award agreement. In addition, subject to the limitations provided in the 2023 Plan and in accordance with applicable law, the Plan Administrator may accelerate or defer the vesting or payment of awards, cancel or modify outstanding awards, and waive any condition imposed with respect to awards or Shares issued pursuant to awards.

#### Options

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of treasury Shares at an exercise price set at the time of the grant. The Plan Administrator will establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted, which exercise price must in all cases be the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant and (ii) the date of grant, and as otherwise required pursuant to the policies of the any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed (the “**Market Price**”), unless otherwise permitted by applicable securities laws or the policies of a stock exchange on which the Shares are listed. Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in the 2023 Plan, each Option expires on its respective expiry date, provided such expiry date does not exceed 10 years. The Plan Administrator will have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options. Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator or as otherwise set forth in any written employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the participant. The Plan Administrator has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Option becomes exercisable. The Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions, in addition to those specified in the 2023 Plan, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified performance goals.

Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular award agreement, an exercise notice must be accompanied by payment of the exercise price. Subject to the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, a participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an exercise notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Company (a “**Cashless Exercise**”) in consideration for an amount from the Company equal to (i) the Market Price of the Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate exercise price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered relating to such Shares (the “**In-the-Money**”).

**Amount**) by written notice to the Company indicating the number of Options such participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Company may require. Subject to the provisions of the 2023 Plan and the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, the Company will satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the participant such number of Shares having a fair market value equal to the In-the-Money Amount.

#### Restricted Share Units

An RSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or the value thereof) for each RSU after a specified vesting period. The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of the 2023 Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant RSUs to any participant in respect of a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable participant in a taxation year (the "**RSU Service Year**").

The number of RSUs (including fractional RSUs) granted at any particular time under the 2023 Plan will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of any bonus or similar payment that is to be paid in RSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator, by (b) the greater of (i) the Market Price of a Share on the date of grant and (ii) such amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion. The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, to the extent applicable.

Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election of such holder but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Share in respect of each vested RSU, (b) a cash payment or (c) a combination of Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Company shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the 2023 Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.

#### Performance Share Units

A PSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company, which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or the value thereof) for each PSU after specific performance-based vesting criteria determined by the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, have been satisfied. The performance goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any PSUs granted, the effect of termination of a participant's service and the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any PSU will be determined by the Plan Administrator and by the other terms and conditions of any PSU, all as set forth in the applicable award agreement. The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of the 2023 Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant PSUs to any participant in respect of a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable participant in a taxation year (the "**PSU Service Year**").

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs. Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election of such holder but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Share in respect of each vested PSU, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Company to a participant shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the 2023 Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

### Deferred Share Units

A DSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or, at the election of the holder and subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator, the cash value thereof) for each DSU on a future date. The Board may fix from time to time a portion of the total compensation (including annual retainer) paid by the Company to a director in a calendar year for service on the Board (the “**Director Fees**”) that are to be payable in the form of DSUs. In addition, each director is given, subject to the provisions of the 2023 Plan, the right to elect to receive a portion of the cash Director Fees owing to them in the form of DSUs.

Except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular award agreement, DSUs shall vest immediately upon grant. The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of Director Fees that are to be paid in DSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator, by (b) the Market Price of a Share on the date of grant. Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested DSU for: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury in respect of each vested DSU, or (b) at the election of the holder and subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator, a cash payment on the date of settlement. Any cash payments made under the 2023 Plan by the Company to a participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.

### *Dividend Equivalents*

Except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular award agreement, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs shall be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Dividend equivalents shall vest in proportion to, and settle in the same manner as, the awards to which they relate. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, held by the participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price at the close of the first business day immediately following the dividend record date, with fractions computed to three decimal places.

### *Black-out Periods*

In the event an award expires, at a time when a scheduled blackout is in place or an undisclosed material change or material fact in the affairs of the Company exists, the expiry of such award will be the date that is 10 business days after which such scheduled blackout terminates or there is no longer such undisclosed material change or material fact.

### *Term*

While the 2023 Plan does not stipulate a specific term for awards granted thereunder, as discussed below, awards may not expire beyond 10 years from its date of grant, except where shareholder approval is received or where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period of the Company. All awards must vest and settle in accordance with the provisions of the 2023 Plan and any applicable award agreement, which award agreement may include an expiry date for a specific award.

### *Termination of Employment or Services*

The following table describes the impact of certain events upon the participants under the 2023 Plan, including termination for cause, resignation, termination without cause, disability, death or retirement, subject, in each case, to the terms of a participant’s applicable employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement:

Event	Provisions
Termination for Cause/Resignation	Any Option or other award held by the participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date (as defined in the 2023 Plan) shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date.
Termination without Cause	A portion of any unvested Options or other awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Options may be exercised by the participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the expiry date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested award other than an Option, such award will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date.
Disability	Any award held by the participant that has not vested as of the date of such participant's Termination Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant at any time until the expiry date of such Option. Any vested award other than an Option will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date.
Death	Any award that is held by the participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such participant shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option, and (b) the first anniversary of the date of the death of such participant. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested award other than an Option, such award will be settled with the participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) within 90 days after the date of the participant's death.
Retirement	Any (i) outstanding award that vests or becomes exercisable based solely on the participant remaining in the service of the Company or its subsidiary will become 100% vested, and (ii) outstanding award that vests based on the achievement of Performance Goals (as defined in the 2023 Plan) that has not previously become vested shall continue to be eligible to vest based upon the actual achievement of such Performance Goals. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the expiry date of such Option; and (B) the third anniversary of the participant's date of retirement. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested award other than an Option that is described in (i), such award will be settled within 90 days after the participant's retirement. In the case of a vested award other than an Option that is described in (ii), such award will be settled at the same time the award would otherwise have been settled had the participant remained in active service with the Company or its subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, following his or her retirement, the participant commences (the " <b>Commencement Date</b> ") employment, consulting or acting as a director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or in an analogous capacity) or otherwise as a service provider to any person that carries on or proposes to carry on a business competitive with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any Option or other award held by the participant that has not been exercised or settled as of the Commencement Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Commencement Date.



### *Change in Control*

Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Shares will cease trading on the CSE, the Company may terminate all of the awards, other than an Option held by a participant that is a resident of Canada for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada), granted under the 2023 Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each holder at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each Award equal to the fair market value of the Award held by such participant as determined by the Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, provided that any vested awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers (as defined in the 2023 Plan) will be settled within 90 days of the Change in Control.

Subject to certain exceptions, a “**Change in Control**” includes (a) any transaction pursuant to which a person or group acquires more than 50% of the outstanding Shares, (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets, (c) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, (d) the acquisition of the Company via consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise, (e) individuals who comprise the Board at the last annual meeting of shareholders (the “**Incumbent Board**”) cease to constitute at least a majority of the Board, unless the election, or nomination for election by the shareholders, of any new director was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Board, in which case such new director shall be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board, or (f) any other event which the Board determines to constitute a change in control of the Company.

### *Non-Transferability of Awards*

Except as permitted by the Plan Administrator and to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of a participant, by will or as required by law, no assignment or transfer of awards, whether voluntary, involuntary, by operation of law or otherwise, vests any interest or right in such awards whatsoever in any assignee or transferee and immediately upon any assignment or transfer, or any attempt to make the same, such awards will terminate and be of no further force or effect. To the extent that certain rights to exercise any portion of an outstanding award pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon the death of a participant, the period in which such award can be exercised by such beneficiary or legal representative shall not exceed one year from the participant’s death.

### *Amendments to the 2023 Plan*

The Plan Administrator may also from time to time, without notice and without approval of the holders of voting Shares, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate 2023 Plan or any awards granted pursuant thereto as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided that (a) no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the 2023 Plan or any award granted pursuant thereto may materially impair any rights of a participant or materially increase any obligations of a participant under the 2023 Plan without the consent of such participant, unless the Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable securities laws or stock exchange requirements, and (b) any amendment that would cause an award held by a U.S. Taxpayer to be subject to the income inclusion under Section 409A of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be null and void ab initio.

Notwithstanding the above, and subject to the rules of any applicable stock exchange, the approval of Shareholders is required to effect any of the following amendments to the 2023 Plan:

1. increasing the number of Shares reserved for issuance under the 2023 Plan, except pursuant to the provisions in the 2023 Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;

2. reducing the exercise price of an Option award except pursuant to the provisions in the 2023 Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;
3. extending the term of an Option award beyond the original expiry date (except where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period applicable to the participant or within 10 business days following the expiry of such a blackout period);
4. permitting an Option award to be exercisable beyond 10 years from its date of grant (except where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period);
5. changing the eligible participants; and
6. deleting or otherwise limiting the amendments that require approval of the Shareholders.

Except for the items listed above, amendments to the 2023 Plan will not require approval of the Shareholders. Such amendments include (but are not limited to): (a) amending the general vesting provisions of an award, (b) amending the provisions for early termination of awards in connection with a termination of employment or service, (c) adding covenants of the Company for the protection of the participants, (d) amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any jurisdiction where a participant resides, and (e) curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error.

#### *Anti-Hedging Policy*

Participants are restricted from purchasing financial instruments such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of awards granted to them.

#### **Approval of 2023 Plan**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to ratify, confirm and approve the 2023 Plan, which was adopted by the Board on August 11, 2023, and the granting of equity awards of up to 20% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Shares from time to time (including the number of any equity awards outstanding under the Stock Option Plan and any other incentive plan adopted by the Company from time to time). An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting, other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by related persons to whom securities may be issued as compensation or under the 2023 Plan.

The term "related person" is defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* and generally refers to a director or executive officer of the issuer or of a related entity of the issuer, an associate of a director or executive officer of the issuer or of a related entity of the issuer, or a permitted assign of a director or executive officer of the issuer or of a related entity of the issuer. The term "permitted assign" includes a spouse of the person.

A copy of the 2023 Plan is attached as Schedule "A" to this Information Circular. A copy of the 2023 Plan is also available free of charge at the office of the Company, 5451 - 275 Street, Langley, BC V4W 3X8, during normal business hours up to and including the date of the Meeting.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the following ordinary resolutions (the “**Plan Resolution**”):

“RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of Adastra Holdings Ltd. (the “**Company**”), other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by related persons (as such term is defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*) to whom securities may be issued as compensation or under the Company’s Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, that:

1. The Company’s Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”) described in the Company’s information circular dated August 14, 2023 (the “**Circular**”), including the reservation for issuance under the Plan at any time of a maximum of 20% of the issued common shares of the Company, be and is hereby approved;
2. The Plan described in the Circular, including the reservation for issuance under the Plan at any time of a maximum of 20% of the issued common shares of the Company be and is hereby approved;
3. The board of directors of the Company be authorized in its absolute discretion to administer the Plan and amend or modify the Plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and with the policies of the applicable stock exchange; and
4. Any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his or her opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions, including, without limitation, making any changes to the Plan required by the applicable stock exchange or applicable securities regulatory authorities and to complete all transactions in connection with the administration of the Plan.”

The form of the Plan Resolution set forth above is subject to such amendments as management of the Company may propose at the Meeting, but which do not materially affect the substance of the Plan Resolution.

In the event the Plan Resolution receives a negative vote, the Company will not adopt the 2023 Plan.

**Management of the Company recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the Plan Resolution at the Meeting. It is the intention of the Designated Persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the Plan Resolution.**

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Other than the above, management of the Company know of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting. If any other matters that are not currently known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the Designated Persons named therein to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information about the Company can be obtained through SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Shareholders may contact the Company at its office by mail at 5451 - 275 Street, Langley, British Columbia V4W 3X8, to request copies of the Company’s financial statements and related MD&A. Financial information is provided in the Company’s comparative annual financial statements and MD&A for the most recently completed financial year and in the financial statements and MD&A for subsequent financial periods, which are available on SEDAR.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia this 14th day of August, 2023.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**

**ADASTRA HOLDINGS LTD.**

*"Michael Forbes"*

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Michael Forbes  
Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Secretary and Director

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**2023 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

*[see attached]*

**ADASTRA HOLDINGS LTD.**

**OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

August 11, 2023

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# Adastra Holdings Ltd.

## Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

### ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

#### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to provide the Corporation with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants as may be granted Awards under this Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Corporation and to enable and encourage such Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants to acquire Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Corporation.

### ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION

#### 2.1 Definitions

When used herein, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the indicated meanings, respectively:

- (a) **"Affiliate"** means any entity that is an "affiliate" for the purposes of National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions of the Canadian Securities Administrators*, as amended from time to time;
- (b) **"Award"** means any Option, Restricted Share Unit, Performance Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit granted under this Plan which may be denominated or settled in Shares, cash or in such other form as provided herein;
- (c) **"Award Agreement"** means a signed, written agreement between a Participant and the Corporation, in the form or any one of the forms approved by the Plan Administrator, evidencing the terms and conditions on which an Award has been granted under this Plan and which need not be identical to any other such agreements;
- (d) **"Board"** means the board of directors of the Corporation as it may be constituted from time to time;
- (e) **"Business Day"** means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which the principal commercial banks in the City of Vancouver are open for commercial business during normal banking hours;
- (f) **"Canadian Taxpayer"** means a Participant that is resident of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act;

- (g) **“Cash Fees”** has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(a);
- (h) **“Cashless Exercise”** has the meaning set forth in Subsection 4.5(b);
- (i) **“Cause”** means, with respect to a particular Participant:
  - (i) “cause” (or any similar term) as such term is defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Employee;
  - (ii) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation or “cause” (or any similar term) is not defined in such agreement, “cause” as such term is defined in the Award Agreement; or
  - (iii) in the event neither (a) nor (b) apply, then “cause” as such term is defined by applicable law or, if not so defined, such term shall refer to circumstances where (i) an employer may terminate an individual’s employment without notice or pay in lieu thereof or other damages, or (ii) the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof may terminate the Participant’s contract without notice or without pay in lieu thereof or other termination fee or damages;
- (j) **“Change in Control”** means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:
  - (i) any transaction at any time and by whatever means pursuant to which any Person or any group of two (2) or more Persons acting jointly or in concert hereafter acquires the direct or indirect “beneficial ownership” (as defined in the *Securities Act* (British Columbia)) of, or acquires the right to exercise Control or direction over, securities of the Corporation representing more than 50% of the then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, including, without limitation, as a result of a take-over bid, an exchange of securities, an amalgamation of the Corporation with any other entity, an arrangement, a capital reorganization or any other business combination or reorganization;
  - (ii) the sale, assignment or other transfer of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Corporation to a Person other than a subsidiary of the Corporation;
  - (iii) the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, other than in connection with the distribution of assets of the Corporation to one (1) or more Persons which were Affiliates of the Corporation prior to such event;
  - (iv) the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Corporation’s shareholders whereby the Corporation is acquired through consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise by any other Person (other than a short form amalgamation or exchange of securities with a subsidiary of the Corporation);

- (v) individuals who comprise the Board as of the date hereof (the “**Incumbent Board**”) for any reason cease to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board, unless the election, or nomination for election by the Corporation’s shareholders, of any new director was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Board, and in that case such new director shall be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- (vi) any other event which the Board determines to constitute a change in control of the Corporation;

provided that, notwithstanding clause (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, a Change in Control shall be deemed not to have occurred if immediately following the transaction set forth in clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) above: (A) the holders of securities of the Corporation that immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction represented more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors of the Corporation hold (x) securities of the entity resulting from such transaction (including, for greater certainty, the Person succeeding to assets of the Corporation in a transaction contemplated in clause (ii) above) (the “**Surviving Entity**”) that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees (“**voting power**”) of the Surviving Entity, or (y) if applicable, securities of the entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of 100% of the securities eligible to elect directors or trustees of the Surviving Entity (the “**Parent Entity**”) that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees of the Parent Entity, and (B) no Person or group of two or more Persons, acting jointly or in concert, is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting power of the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) (any such transaction which satisfies all of the criteria specified in clauses (A) and (B) above being referred to as a “**Non-Qualifying Transaction**” and, following the Non-Qualifying Transaction, references in this definition of “Change in Control” to the “Corporation” shall mean and refer to the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) and, if such entity is a company or a trust, references to the “Board” shall mean and refer to the board of directors or trustees, as applicable, of such entity).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of any Award that constitutes “deferred compensation” (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), the payment of which is triggered by or would be accelerated upon a Change in Control, a transaction will not be deemed a Change in Control for Awards granted to any Participant who is a U.S. Taxpayer unless the transaction qualifies as “a change in control event” within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code;

- (k) “**Code**” means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (l) “**Committee**” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(b);

- (m) **“Consultant”** means any individual or entity engaged by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation to render consulting or advisory services (including as a director or officer of any subsidiary of the Corporation), other than as an Employee, Officer, or Director, and whether or not compensated for such services provided, however, that any Consultant who is in the United States or is a U.S. Person at the time such Consultant receives any offer of Award or executes any Award Agreement must be a natural person, and must agree to provide bona fide services to that Corporation that are not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction, and do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Corporation’s securities;
- (n) **“Control”** means the relationship whereby a Person is considered to be “controlled” by a Person if:
- (i) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a corporation, the beneficial ownership by that Person, directly or indirectly, of voting securities or other interests in such corporation entitling the holder to exercise control and direction in fact over the activities of such corporation;
  - (ii) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture, means the contractual right to direct the affairs of the partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture; and
  - (iii) when applied in relation to a trust, the beneficial ownership at the relevant time of more than 50% of the property settled under the trust, and
- the words **“Controlled by”**, **“Controlling”** and similar words have corresponding meanings; provided that a Person who controls a corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture will be deemed to Control a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture which is Controlled by such Person and so on;
- (o) **“Corporation”** means Aadastra Holdings Ltd., or any successor entity thereof;
- (p) **“Date of Grant”** means, for any Award, the date specified by the Plan Administrator at the time it grants the Award or if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was granted;
- (q) **“Deferred Share Unit”** or **“DSU”** means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 7;
- (r) **“Director”** means a director of the Corporation who is not an Employee;
- (s) **“Director Fees”** means the total compensation (including annual retainer and meeting fees, if any) paid by the Corporation to a Director in a calendar year for service on the Board;
- (t) **“Disabled”** or **“Disability”** means, with respect to a particular Participant:

- (i) “disabled” or “disability” (or any similar terms) as such terms are defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant;
  - (ii) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or “disabled” or “disability” (or any similar terms) are not defined in such agreement, “disabled” or “disability” as such term are defined in the Award Agreement; or
  - (iii) in the event neither (i) or (ii) apply, then the incapacity or inability of the Participant, by reason of mental or physical incapacity, disability, illness or disease (as determined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or by a court) that prevents the Participant from carrying out his or her normal and essential duties as an Employee, Officer, Director or Consultant for a continuous period of six months or for any cumulative period of 180 days in any consecutive twelve month period, the foregoing subject to and as determined in accordance with procedures established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of this Plan;
- (u) “**Effective Date**” means the effective date of this Plan, being ♦, 2023;
- (v) “**Elected Amount**” has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(a);
- (w) “**Electing Person**” means a Participant who is, on the applicable Election Date, a Director;
- (x) “**Election Date**” means the date on which the Electing Person files an Election Notice in accordance with Subsection 7.1(b);
- (y) “**Election Notice**” has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(b);
- (z) “**Employee**” means an individual who:
- (i) is considered an employee of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for purposes of source deductions under applicable tax or social welfare legislation; or
  - (ii) works full-time or part-time. on a regular weekly basis for the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or such subsidiary;
- (aa) “**Exchange**” means the primary exchange on which the Shares are then listed, if applicable;
- (bb) “**Exercise Notice**” means a notice in writing, signed by a Participant and stating the Participant’s intention to exercise a particular Option;

- (cc) **“Exercise Price”** means the price at which an Option Share may be purchased pursuant to the exercise of an Option;
- (dd) **“Expiry Date”** means the expiry date specified in the Award Agreement (which shall not be later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant) or, if not so specified, means the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant;
- (ee) **“In the Money Amount”** has the meaning given to it in Subsection 4.5(b);
- (ff) **“Insider”** means an “insider” as defined in applicable Securities Laws or in the rules of the Exchange;
- (gg) **“Market Price”** at any date in respect of the Shares shall be the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant and (ii) the date of grant, and as otherwise required pursuant to the policies of the Exchange, if applicable. In the event that such Shares are not listed and posted for trading on any Exchange, the Market Price shall be (i) the issuance price per Share of the most recent financing completed by the Corporation within the last three (3) months; or (ii) otherwise, the fair market value of such Shares as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion and, with respect to an Award made to a U.S. Taxpayer, in accordance with Section 409A of the Code;
- (hh) **“Officer”** has the meaning defined in applicable Securities Laws;
- (ii) **“Option”** means a right to purchase Shares under Article 4 of this Plan that is non-assignable and non-transferable, unless otherwise approved by the Plan Administrator;
- (jj) **“Option Shares”** means Shares issuable by the Corporation upon the exercise of outstanding Options;
- (kk) **“Participant”** means a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant to whom an Award has been granted under this Plan;
- (ll) **“Performance Goals”** means performance goals expressed in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criteria or the attainment of a percentage increase or decrease in the particular criteria, and may be applied to one or more of the Corporation, a subsidiary of the Corporation, a division of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or an individual, or may be applied to the performance of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation relative to a market index, a group of other companies or a combination thereof, or on any other basis, all as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion;
- (mm) **“Performance Share Unit”** or **“PSU”** means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 6;
- (nn) **“Person”** means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, trust, body

corporate, and a natural person in his or her capacity as trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative;

- (oo) **"Plan"** means this Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time;
- (pp) **"Plan Administrator"** means the Board, or if the administration of this Plan has been delegated by the Board to the Committee pursuant to Section 3.2, the Committee;
- (qq) **"PSU Service Year"** has the meaning given to it in Section 6.1;
- (rr) **"Restricted Share Unit"** or **"RSU"** means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 5;
- (ss) **"Retirement"** means, unless otherwise defined in the Participant's written or other applicable employment agreement or in the Award Agreement, the termination of the Participant's working career at the age of 65 or such other retirement age, with consent of the Plan Administrator, if applicable, other than on account of the Participant's termination of service by the Corporation or its subsidiary for Cause;
- (tt) **"RSU Service Year"** has the meaning given to it in Section 5.1;
- (uu) **"Section 409A of the Code"** or **"Section 409A"** means Section 409A of the Code and all regulations, guidance, compliance programs, and other interpretive authority issued thereunder;
- (vv) **"Securities Laws"** means securities legislation, securities regulation and securities rules, as amended, and the policies, notices, instruments and blanket orders in force from time to time that govern or are applicable to the Corporation or to which it is subject;
- (ww) **"Security Based Compensation Arrangement"** means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to Directors, Officers, Employees and/or service providers of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation, including a share purchase from treasury which is financially assisted by the Corporation by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise;
- (xx) **"Share"** means one (1) common share in the capital of the Corporation as constituted on the Effective Date or any share or shares issued in replacement of such common share in compliance with Canadian law or other applicable law, and/or one share of any additional class of common shares in the capital of the Corporation as may exist from time to time, or after an adjustment contemplated by Article 10, such other shares or securities to which the holder of an Award may be entitled as a result of such adjustment;
- (yy) **"subsidiary"** means an issuer that is Controlled directly or indirectly by another issuer and includes a subsidiary of that subsidiary, or any other entity in which the Corporation



has an equity interest and is designated by the Plan Administrator, from time to time, for purposes of this Plan to be a subsidiary;

- (zz) **“Tax Act”** has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(d);
- (aaa) **“Termination Date”** means, subject to applicable law which cannot be waived:
  - (i) in the case of an Employee whose employment with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation terminates, (i) the date designated by the Employee and the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation as the **“Termination Date”** (or similar term) in a written employment or other agreement between the Employee and Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or (ii) if no such written employment or other agreement exists, the date designated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on which the Employee ceases to be an employee of the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provided that, in the case of termination of employment by voluntary resignation by the Participant, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of resignation was given; and in any event, the **“Termination Date”** shall be determined without including any period of reasonable notice that the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation (as the case may be) may be required by law to provide to the Participant or any pay in lieu of notice of termination, severance pay or other damages paid or payable to the Participant;
  - (ii) in the case of a Consultant whose agreement or arrangement with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation terminates, (i) the date designated by the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation, as the **“Termination Date”** (or similar term) or expiry date in a written agreement between the Consultant and Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or (ii) if no such written agreement exists, the date designated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on which the Consultant ceases to be a Consultant or a service provider to the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, or on which the Participant’s agreement or arrangement is terminated, provided that in the case of voluntary termination by the Participant of the Participant’s consulting agreement or other written arrangement, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of voluntary termination was given; in any event, the **“Termination Date”** shall be determined without including any period of notice that the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation (as the case may be) may be required by law to provide to the Participant or any pay in lieu of notice of termination, termination fees or other damages paid or payable to the Participant; and
  - (iii) in the case of a Director or Officer, the date such individual ceases to be a Director or Officer, as applicable,

in each case, unless the individual continues to be a Participant in another capacity.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a U.S. Taxpayer, a Participant’s **“Termination Date”** will be the date the Participant experiences a **“separation from**

service” with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

- (bbb) **“U.S.”** or **“United States”** means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States, and the District of Columbia;
- (ccc) **“U.S. Person”** shall mean a **“U.S. person”** as such term is defined in Rule 902(k) of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act (the definition of which includes, but is not limited to, (i) any natural person resident in the United States, (ii) any partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States, (iii) any partnership or corporation organized outside of the United States by a U.S. Person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the U.S. Securities Act, unless it is organized, or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors who are not natural persons, estates or trusts, and (iv) any estate or trust of which any executor or administrator or trustee is a U.S. Person);
- (ddd) **“U.S. Securities Act”** means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended; and
- (eee) **“U.S. Taxpayer”** shall mean a Participant who, with respect to an Award, is subject to taxation under the applicable U.S. tax laws.

## 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) Whenever the Plan Administrator exercises discretion in the administration of this Plan, the term “discretion” means the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.
- (b) As used herein, the terms “Article”, “Section”, “Subsection” and “clause” mean and refer to the specified Article, Section, Subsection and clause of this Plan, respectively.
- (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period begins, including the day on which the period ends, and abridging the period to the immediately preceding Business Day in the event that the last day of the period is not a Business Day. In the event an action is required to be taken or a payment is required to be made on a day which is not a Business Day such action shall be taken or such payment shall be made by the immediately preceding Business Day.
- (e) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
- (f) The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of this Plan.

**ARTICLE 3  
ADMINISTRATION**

**3.1 Administration**

This Plan will be administered by the Plan Administrator and the Plan Administrator has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, to:

- (a) determine the individuals to whom grants under the Plan may be made;
- (b) make grants of Awards under the Plan relating to the issuance of Shares (including any combination of Options, Restricted Share Units, Performance Share Units or Deferred Share Units) in such amounts, to such Persons and, subject to the provisions of this Plan, on such terms and conditions as it determines including without limitation:
  - (i) the time or times at which Awards may be granted;
  - (ii) the conditions under which:
    - (A) Awards may be granted to Participants; or
    - (B) Awards may be forfeited to the Corporation,including any conditions relating to the attainment of specified Performance Goals;
  - (iii) the number of Shares to be covered by any Award;
  - (iv) the price, if any, to be paid by a Participant in connection with the purchase of Shares covered by any Awards;
  - (v) whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any Award, and the nature of such restrictions or limitations, if any; and
  - (vi) any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, or waiver of termination regarding any Award, based on such factors as the Plan Administrator may determine;
- (c) establish the form or forms of Award Agreements;
- (d) cancel, amend, adjust or otherwise change any Award under such circumstances as the Plan Administrator may consider appropriate in accordance with the provisions of this Plan;
- (e) construe and interpret this Plan and all Award Agreements;
- (f) adopt, amend, prescribe and rescind administrative guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to this Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying applicable foreign laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws; and

- (g) make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of this Plan.

### **3.2 Delegation to Committee**

- (a) The initial Plan Administrator shall be the Board.
- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may, from time to time, delegate to a committee of the Board (the “**Committee**”) all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to this Plan, including the power to sub-delegate to any member(s) of the Committee or any specified officer(s) of the Corporation or its subsidiaries all or any of the powers delegated by the Board. In such event, the Committee or any sub-delegate will exercise the powers delegated to it in the manner and on the terms authorized by the delegating party. Any decision made or action taken by the Committee or any sub-delegate arising out of or in connection with the administration or interpretation of this Plan in this context is final and conclusive and binding on the Corporation and all subsidiaries of the Corporation, all Participants and all other Persons.

### **3.3 Determinations Binding**

Any decision made or action taken by the Board, the Committee or any sub-delegate to whom authority has been delegated pursuant to Section 3.2 arising out of or in connection with the administration or interpretation of this Plan is final, conclusive and binding on the Corporation, the affected Participant(s), their legal and personal representatives and all other Persons.

### **3.4 Eligibility**

All Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan, subject to Section 9.1(f). Participation in the Plan is voluntary and eligibility to participate does not confer upon any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. The extent to which any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant is entitled to receive a grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.

### **3.5 Plan Administrator Requirements**

Any Award granted under this Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Plan Administrator shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares issuable pursuant to such Award upon any securities exchange or under any Securities Laws of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of the Exchange, if applicable, and any securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Corporation is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant or exercise of such Award or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, such Award may not be accepted or exercised, as applicable, in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Plan Administrator. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all Awards shall issued pursuant to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, or pursuant an exemption or exclusion from such registration requirements. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Corporation to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval.

Participants shall, to the extent applicable, cooperate with the Corporation in complying with such legislation, rules, regulations and policies.

### **3.6 Total Shares Subject to Awards**

- (a) Subject to adjustment as provided for in Article 10 and any subsequent amendment to this Plan, the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan shall not exceed 20% of the Corporation's total issued and outstanding Shares from time to time. This Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since the shares covered by Awards which have been settled, exercised or terminated shall be available for subsequent grants under the Plan and the number of Awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.
- (b) To the extent any Awards (or portion(s) thereof) under this Plan terminate or are cancelled for any reason prior to exercise in full, or are surrendered or settled by the Participant, any Shares subject to such Awards (or portion(s) thereof) shall be added back to the number of Shares reserved for issuance under this Plan and will again become available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Awards granted under this Plan.
- (c) Any Shares issued by the Corporation through the assumption or substitution of outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards from an acquired company shall not reduce the number of Shares available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Awards granted under this Plan.

### **3.7 Award Agreements**

Each Award under this Plan will be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each Award Agreement will be subject to the applicable provisions of this Plan and will contain such provisions as are required by this Plan and any other provisions that the Plan Administrator may direct. Any one Officer of the Corporation is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the Corporation, an Award Agreement to a Participant granted an Award pursuant to this Plan.

### **3.8 Non-transferability of Awards**

Except as permitted by the Plan Administrator and to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of a Participant, by will or as required by law, no assignment or transfer of Awards, whether voluntary, involuntary, by operation of law or otherwise, vests any interest or right in such Awards whatsoever in any assignee or transferee and immediately upon any assignment or transfer, or any attempt to make the same, such Awards will terminate and be of no further force or effect. To the extent that certain rights to exercise any portion of an outstanding Award pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of a Participant, the period in which such Award can be exercised by such beneficiary or legal representative shall not exceed one year from the Participant's death.

## **ARTICLE 4 OPTIONS**

### **4.1 Granting of Options**

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant Options to any Participant. The terms and conditions of each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

### **4.2 Exercise Price**

The Plan Administrator will establish the Exercise Price at the time each Option is granted, which Exercise Price must in all cases be not less than the Market Price on the Date of Grant, unless otherwise permitted by the rules of the Exchange and applicable Securities Laws.

### **4.3 Term of Options**

Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in this Plan, each Option expires on its Expiry Date.

### **4.4 Vesting and Exercisability**

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options.
- (b) Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator, or as may be otherwise set forth in any written employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant. Each vested Option may be exercised at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, for up to the total number of Option Shares with respect to which it is then exercisable. The Plan Administrator has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Option becomes exercisable.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and any Award Agreement, Options shall be exercised by means of a fully completed Exercise Notice delivered to the Corporation.
- (d) The Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions, in addition to those specified in this Section 4.4, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified Performance Goals.

### **4.5 Payment of Exercise Price**

- (a) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, the Exercise Notice must be accompanied by payment of the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price must be fully paid by certified cheque, wire transfer, bank draft or money order payable to the Corporation or by such other means as might be specified from time to time by the Plan Administrator, which may include (i) through an arrangement with a broker approved by the Corporation (or through an arrangement directly with the Corporation) whereby

payment of the Exercise Price is accomplished with the proceeds of the sale of Shares deliverable upon the exercise of the Option, (ii) through the cashless exercise process set out in Section 4.5(b), or (iii) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Securities Laws, or any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.

- (b) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, if permitted by the Plan Administrator, and subject to compliance with the policies of the Exchange and applicable Securities Laws, if applicable, a Participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an Exercise Notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Corporation (a “**Cashless Exercise**”) in consideration for an amount from the Corporation equal to (i) the Market Price of the Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate Exercise Price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered relating to such Shares (the “**In-the-Money Amount**”), by written notice to the Corporation indicating the number of Options such Participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Corporation may require. Subject to Section 8.3, the Corporation shall satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the Participant such number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) having a fair market value equal to the In-the-Money Amount.
- (c) No Shares will be issued or transferred until full payment therefor has been received by the Corporation, or arrangements for such payment have been made to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator.
- (d) If a Participant surrenders Options through a Cashless Exercise pursuant to Section 4.5(b), to the extent that such Participant would be entitled to a deduction under paragraph 110(1)(d) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “**Tax Act**”) in respect of such surrender if the election described in subsection 110(1.1) of the Tax Act were made and filed (and the other procedures described therein were undertaken) on a timely basis after such surrender, the Corporation will cause such election to be so made and filed (and such other procedures to be so undertaken).

## **ARTICLE 5 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS**

### **5.1 Granting of RSUs**

- (a) The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant RSUs to any Participant in respect of compensation, a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable Participant in a taxation year (the “**RSU Service Year**”). The terms and conditions of each RSU grant may be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each RSU will consist of a right to receive a Share, cash payment, or a combination thereof (as provided in Section 5.4(a)), upon the settlement of such RSU.
- (b) The number of RSUs (including fractional RSUs) granted at any particular time pursuant to this Article 5 will be calculated by dividing (i) the amount of any bonus or similar

payment that is to be paid in RSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator, by (ii) the greater of (A) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant; and (B) such amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion.

## **5.2 RSU Account**

All RSUs received by a Participant shall be credited to an account maintained for the Participant on the books of the Corporation, as of the Date of Grant.

## **5.3 Vesting of RSUs**

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that, with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer, the terms comply with Section 409A.

## **5.4 Settlement of RSUs**

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any RSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election of the Participant but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct,
  - (ii) a cash payment, or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 5.4 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of RSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested RSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within, if applicable.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan but subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU, under this Section 5.4 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.



**ARTICLE 6**  
**PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS**

**6.1 Granting of PSUs**

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant PSUs to any Participant in respect of compensation, a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable Participant in a taxation year (the “**PSU Service Year**”). The terms and conditions of each PSU grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Each PSU will consist of a right to receive a Share, cash payment, or a combination thereof (as provided in Section 6.6(a)), upon the achievement of such Performance Goals during such performance periods as the Plan Administrator shall establish.

**6.2 Terms of PSUs**

The Performance Goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any PSUs granted, the effect of termination of a Participant’s service and the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any PSU will be determined by the Plan Administrator and by the other terms and conditions of any PSU, all as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

**6.3 Performance Goals**

The Plan Administrator will issue Performance Goals prior to or on the Date of Grant to which such Performance Goals pertain. The Performance Goals may be based upon the achievement of corporate, divisional or individual goals, and may be applied to performance relative to an index or comparator group, or on any other basis determined by the Plan Administrator. Following the Date of Grant, the Plan Administrator may modify the Performance Goals as necessary to align them with the Corporation’s corporate objectives, subject to any limitations set forth in an Award Agreement or an employment or other agreement with a Participant. The Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be made (or specified vesting will occur), and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur), all as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

**6.4 PSU Account**

All PSUs received by a Participant shall be credited to an account maintained for the Participant on the books of the Corporation, as of the Date of Grant.

**6.5 Vesting of PSUs**

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs.

## 6.6 Settlement of PSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of PSUs provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any PSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election of the Participant but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct,
  - (ii) a cash payment, or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 6.6 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of PSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested PSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within, if applicable.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan but subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU, under this Section 6.6 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

## ARTICLE 7 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

### 7.1 Granting of DSUs

- (a) The Board may fix from time to time a portion of the Director Fees that is to be payable in the form of DSUs. In addition, each Electing Person is given, subject to the conditions stated herein, the right to elect in accordance with Section 7.1(b) to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7. An Electing Person who elects to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7 shall receive their Elected Amount (as that term is defined below) in the form of DSUs. The "**Elected Amount**" shall be an amount, as elected by the Director, in accordance with applicable tax law, between 0% and 100% of any Director Fees that would otherwise be paid in cash (the "**Cash Fees**").
- (b) Each Electing Person who elects to receive their Elected Amount in the form of DSUs will be required to file a notice of election in the form of Schedule A hereto (the "**Election**

**Notice**”) with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation: (i) in the case of an existing Electing Person, by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to the year to which such election is to apply (other than for Director Fees payable for the 2023 financial year, in which case any Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer as of the date of this Plan shall file the Election Notice by the date that is 30 days from the Effective Date with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date); and (ii) in the case of a newly appointed Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer, within 30 days of such appointment with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date. In the case of the first year in which an Electing Person who is a U.S. Taxpayer first becomes an Electing Person under the Plan (or any plan required to be aggregated with the Plan under Section 409A), an initial Election Notice may be filed within 30 days of such appointment only with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after the end of the 30-day election period. If no election is made within the foregoing time frames, the Electing Person shall be deemed to have elected to be paid the entire amount of his or her Cash Fees in cash.

- (c) Subject to Subsection 7.1(d), the election of an Electing Person under Subsection 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees paid subsequent to the filing of the Election Notice. In the case of an Electing Person who is a U.S. Taxpayer, his or her election under Section 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees that are earned after the Election Date. An Electing Person is not required to file another Election Notice for subsequent calendar years.
- (d) Each Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer is entitled once per calendar year to terminate his or her election to receive DSUs by filing with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation a termination notice in the form of Schedule B. Such termination shall be effective immediately upon receipt of such notice, provided that the Corporation has not imposed a “black-out” on trading. Thereafter, any portion of such Electing Person’s Cash Fees payable or paid in the same calendar year and, subject to complying with Subsection 7.1(b), all subsequent calendar years shall be paid in cash. For greater certainty, to the extent an Electing Person terminates his or her participation in the grant of DSUs pursuant to this Article 7, he or she shall not be entitled to elect to receive the Elected Amount, or any other amount of his or her Cash Fees in DSUs again until the calendar year following the year in which the termination notice is delivered. An election by a U.S. Taxpayer to receive the Elected Amount in DSUs for any calendar year (or portion thereof) is irrevocable for that calendar year after the expiration of the election period for that year and any termination of the election will not take effect until the first day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the termination notice in the form of Schedule C is delivered.
- (e) Any DSUs granted pursuant to this Article 7 prior to the delivery of a termination notice pursuant to Section 7.1(d) shall remain in the Plan following such termination and will be redeemable only in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (f) The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time pursuant to this Article 7 will be calculated by dividing (i) the amount of Director Fees that are to be paid as DSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator or Director Fees that are to be

paid in DSUs (including any Elected Amount), by (ii) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant.

- (g) In addition to the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant DSUs to any Participant.

## **7.2 DSU Account**

All DSUs received by a Participant (which, for greater certainty includes Electing Persons) shall be credited to an account maintained for the Participant on the books of the Corporation, as of the Date of Grant. The terms and conditions of each DSU grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

## **7.3 Vesting of DSUs**

Except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular Award Agreement, DSUs shall vest immediately upon grant.

## **7.4 Settlement of DSUs**

- (a) DSUs shall be settled on the date established in the Award Agreement; provided, however that if there is no Award Agreement or the Award Agreement does not establish a date for the settlement of the DSUs, then, for a Participant who is not a U.S. Taxpayer the settlement date shall be the date determined by the Participant (which date shall not be earlier than the Termination Date), and for a Participant who is a U.S. taxpayer, the settlement date shall be the date determined by the Participant in accordance with the Election Notice (which date shall not be earlier than the "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A)). On the settlement date for any DSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested DSU for:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct; or
  - (ii) at the election of the Participant and subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator, a cash payment.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 7.4 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested DSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll or in such other manner as determined by the Corporation, if applicable.

## **7.5 No Additional Amount or Benefit**

For greater certainty, neither a Participant to whom DSUs are granted nor any person with whom such Participant does not deal at arm's length (for purposes of the Tax Act) shall be entitled, either

immediately or in the future, either absolutely or contingently, to receive or obtain any amount or benefit granted or to be granted for the purpose of reducing the impact, in whole or in part, of any reduction in the Market Price of the Shares to which the DSUs relate.

## **ARTICLE 8 ADDITIONAL AWARD TERMS**

### **8.1 Dividend Equivalents**

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular Award Agreement, an Award of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs shall include the right for such RSUs, PSUs and DSUs be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, respectively, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, held by the Participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price at the close of the first Business Day immediately following the dividend record date, with fractions computed to three decimal places. Dividend equivalents credited to a Participant's account shall vest in proportion to the RSUs, PSUs and DSUs to which they relate, and shall be settled in accordance with Subsections 5.4, 6.6, and 7.4 respectively.
- (b) The foregoing does not obligate the Corporation to declare or pay dividends on Shares and nothing in this Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.

### **8.2 Black-out Period**

In the event that an Award expires at a time when a scheduled blackout is in place or an undisclosed material change or material fact in the affairs of the Corporation exists, the expiry of such Award will be the date that is 10 Business Days after which such scheduled blackout terminates or there is no longer such undisclosed material change or material fact.

### **8.3 Withholding Taxes**

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, the granting, vesting or settlement of each Award under this Plan is subject to the condition that if at any time the Plan Administrator determines, in its discretion, that the satisfaction of withholding tax or other withholding liabilities is necessary or desirable in respect of such grant, vesting or settlement, such action is not effective unless such withholding has been effected to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator. In such circumstances, the Plan Administrator may require that a Participant pay to the Corporation the minimum amount as the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation is obliged to withhold or remit to the relevant taxing authority in respect of the granting, vesting or settlement of the Award. Any such additional payment is due no later than the date on which such amount with respect to the Award is required to be remitted to the relevant tax authority by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be. Alternatively, and subject to any requirements or limitations under applicable law, the Corporation or any Affiliate may (a) withhold such amount from any remuneration or other amount payable by the Corporation or any Affiliate to the Participant, (b) require the sale, on behalf of the applicable Participant, of a number of Shares issued upon exercise, vesting, or settlement of such Award and the

remittance to the Corporation of the net proceeds from such sale sufficient to satisfy such amount, or (c) enter into any other suitable arrangements for the receipt of such amount.

#### **8.4 Recoupment**

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, Awards may be subject to potential cancellation, recoupment, rescission, payback or other action in accordance with the terms of any clawback, recoupment or similar policy adopted by the Corporation or the relevant subsidiary of the Corporation, or as set out in the Participant's employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement, or as otherwise required by law or the rules of the Exchange, if applicable. The Plan Administrator may at any time waive the application of this Section 8.4 to any Participant or category of Participants.

### **ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES**

#### **9.1 Termination of Employee, Consultant or Director**

Subject to Section 9.2, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement:

- (a) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated or the Participant ceases to hold office or his or her position, as applicable, by reason of voluntary resignation by the Participant or termination by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, then any Option or other Award held by the Participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date;
- (b) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause (whether such termination occurs with or without any or adequate reasonable notice, or with or without any or adequate compensation in lieu of such reasonable notice) then any unvested Options or other Awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Options may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option, such Award will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date;
- (c) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement terminates on account of his or her becoming Disabled, then any Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the Participant's Termination Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time until the Expiry Date of such Option. Any vested Award other than an Option will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date;

- (d) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated by reason of the death of the Participant, then any Award that is held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such Participant shall immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the first anniversary of the date of the death of such Participant. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option, such Award will be settled with the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) within 90 days after the date of the Participant's death;
  
- (e) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated due to the Participant's Retirement, then (i) any outstanding Award that vests or becomes exercisable based solely on the Participant remaining in the service of the Corporation or its subsidiary will become 100% vested, and (ii) any outstanding Award that vests based on the achievement of Performance Goals and that has not previously become vested shall continue to be eligible to vest based upon the actual achievement of such Performance Goals. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the third anniversary of the Participant's date of Retirement. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option that is described in (i), such Award will be settled within 90 days after the Participant's Retirement. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option that is described in (ii), such Award will be settled at the same time the Award would otherwise have been settled had the Participant remained in active service with the Corporation or its subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, following his or her Retirement, the Participant commences (the "**Commencement Date**") employment, consulting or acting as a director of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries (or in an analogous capacity) or otherwise as a service provider to any Person that carries on or proposes to carry on a business competitive with the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, any Option or other Award held by the Participant that has not been exercised or settled as of the Commencement Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Commencement Date;
  
- (f) a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Options or other Awards under this Plan ceases as of:
  - (i) the date that the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provides the Participant with written notification that the Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated, notwithstanding that such date may be prior to the Termination Date; or
  
  - (ii) the date of the death, Disability or Retirement of the Participant;

- (g) notwithstanding Subsection 9.1(b), unless the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, otherwise determines, at any time and from time to time, but with due regard for Section 409A, Options or other Awards are not affected by a change of employment or consulting agreement or arrangement, or directorship within or among the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for so long as the Participant continues to be a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant, as applicable, of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation; and
- (h) notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 9.1, in the case of an Award (other than an Option) granted to a U.S. Taxpayer that is vested or that immediately vests (in whole or in part) as a result of a Participant's termination of service, then such Award will, subject to Section 11.6(d), be settled as soon as administratively practicable following the Participant's termination of service, but in no event later than 90 days following the Participant's termination of service. In the case of an Award (other than an Option) granted to a U.S. Taxpayer that remains eligible to vest (in whole or in part) following a Participant's termination of service based upon the achievement of one or more Performance Goals, such Award will be settled at the originally scheduled settlement date for such Award.

## **9.2 Discretion to Permit Acceleration**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9.1, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, at any time prior to, or following the events contemplated in such Section, or in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant, permit the acceleration of vesting of any or all Awards or waive termination of any or all Awards, all in the manner and on the terms as may be authorized by the Plan Administrator.

## **ARTICLE 10 EVENTS AFFECTING THE CORPORATION**

### **10.1 General**

The existence of any Awards does not affect in any way the right or power of the Corporation or its shareholders to make, authorize or determine any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or any other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation, to create or issue any bonds, debentures, Shares or other securities of the Corporation or to determine the rights and conditions attaching thereto, to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or to effect any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise, whether or not any such action referred to in this Article 10 would have an adverse effect on this Plan or on any Award granted hereunder.

### **10.2 Change in Control**

Except as may be set forth in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant and subject to this Section 10.2, but notwithstanding anything else in this Plan or any Award Agreement, the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of any Participant, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable, including to cause (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding Awards into or for, rights



or other securities of substantially equivalent value, as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from a Change in Control; (ii) outstanding Awards to vest and become exercisable, realizable, or payable, or restrictions applicable to an Award to lapse, in whole or in part prior to or upon consummation of such merger or Change in Control, and, to the extent the Plan Administrator determines, terminate upon or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such merger or Change in Control; (iii) the termination of an Award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction the Plan Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Corporation without payment); (iv) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Board in its sole discretion where such replacement would not adversely affect the holder; or (v) any combination of the foregoing. In taking any of the actions permitted under this Section 10.2, the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of Options held by a Canadian Taxpayer, the Plan Administrator may not cause the Canadian Taxpayer to receive (pursuant to this Section 10.2) any property in connection with a Change in Control other than rights to acquire shares of a corporation or units of a "mutual fund trust" (as defined in the Tax Act), of the Corporation or a "qualifying person" (as defined in the Tax Act) that does not deal at arm's length (for purposes of the Tax Act) with the Corporation, as applicable, at the time such rights are issued or granted.

- (a) Notwithstanding Subsection 10.2 and unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Shares will cease trading on an Exchange, then the Corporation may terminate all of the Awards, other than an Option held by a Canadian Taxpayer for the purposes of the Tax Act, granted under this Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each holder at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each Award equal to the fair market value of the Award held by such Participant as determined by the Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, provided that any vested Awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers will be settled within 90 days of the Change in Control.
- (b) It is intended that any actions taken under this Section 10.2 will comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code with respect to Awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers.

### **10.3 Reorganization of Corporation's Capital**

Should the Corporation effect a subdivision or consolidation of Shares or any similar capital reorganization or a payment of a stock dividend (other than a stock dividend that is in lieu of a cash dividend), or should any other change be made in the capitalization of the Corporation that does not constitute a Change in Control and that would warrant the amendment or replacement of any existing Awards in order to adjust the number of Shares that may be acquired on the vesting of outstanding Awards and/or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards, the Plan Administrator will, subject to the prior approval of the Exchange, if applicable, and in compliance with applicable Securities Laws, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end.

#### **10.4 Other Events Affecting the Corporation**

In the event of an amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or other transaction or reorganization involving the Corporation and occurring by exchange of Shares, by sale or lease of assets or otherwise, that does not constitute a Change in Control and that warrants the amendment or replacement of any existing Awards in order to adjust the number and/or type of Shares that may be acquired, or by reference to which such Awards may be settled, on the vesting of outstanding Awards and/or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards, the Plan Administrator will, subject to the prior approval of the Exchange and compliance with applicable Securities Laws, if applicable, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end.

#### **10.5 Immediate Acceleration of Awards**

In taking any of the steps provided in Sections 10.3 and 10.4, the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly and where the Plan Administrator determines that the steps provided in Sections 10.3 and 10.4 would not preserve proportionately the rights, value and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards in the circumstances or otherwise determines that it is appropriate, the Plan Administrator may, but is not required to, permit the immediate vesting of any unvested Awards.

#### **10.6 Issue by Corporation of Additional Shares**

Except as expressly provided in this Article 10, neither the issue by the Corporation of shares of any class or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any class, nor the conversion or exchange of such shares or securities, affects, and no adjustment by reason thereof is to be made with respect to the number of Shares that may be acquired as a result of a grant of Awards.

#### **10.7 Fractions**

No fractional Shares will be issued pursuant to an Award. Accordingly, if, as a result of any adjustment under this Article 10 or a dividend equivalent, a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share, the Participant has the right to acquire only the adjusted number of full Shares and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Shares, which shall be disregarded.

### **ARTICLE 11 U.S. TAXPAYERS**

#### **11.1 Provisions for U.S. Taxpayers**

Options granted under this Plan to U.S. Taxpayers may be non-qualified stock options or incentive stock options qualifying under Section 422 of the Code (“ISOs”). Each Option shall be designated in the Award Agreement as either an ISO or a non-qualified stock option. If an Award Agreement fails to designate an Option as either an ISO or non-qualified stock option, the Option will be a non-qualified stock option. The Corporation shall not be liable to any Participant or to any other Person if it is determined that an Option intended to be an ISO does not qualify as an ISO. Non-qualified stock options will be granted to a U.S. Taxpayer only if (i) such U.S. Taxpayer performs services for the Corporation or any corporation or other entity in which the Corporation has a direct or indirect controlling interest or otherwise has a significant ownership interest, as determined under Section 409A, such that the Option will constitute

an option to acquire "service recipient stock" within the meaning of Section 409A, or (ii) such option otherwise is exempt from Section 409A.

## **11.2 ISOs**

The terms and conditions of any ISOs granted to a U.S. Taxpayer on the Date of Grant hereunder, including the eligible recipients of ISOs, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 422 of the Code, and the terms, conditions, limitations and administrative procedures established by the Plan Administrator from time to time in accordance with this Plan. At the discretion of the Plan Administrator, ISOs may only be granted to an individual who is an employee of the Corporation, or of a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" of the Corporation, as such terms are defined in Sections 424(e) and (f) of the Code.

## **11.3 ISO Grants to 10% Shareholders**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, if an ISO is granted to a person who owns shares representing more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of shares of the Corporation or of a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation", as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code, on the Date of Grant, the term of the Option shall not exceed five years from the time of grant of such Option and the Exercise Price shall be at least 110% of the Market Price of the Shares subject to the Option.

## **11.4 \$100,000 Per Year Limitation for ISOs**

To the extent the aggregate Market Price as at the Date of Grant of the Shares for which ISOs are exercisable for the first time by any person during any calendar year (under all plans of the Corporation and any "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation", as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code) exceeds US\$100,000, such excess ISOs shall be treated as non-qualified stock options.

## **11.5 Disqualifying Dispositions**

Each person awarded an ISO under this Plan shall notify the Corporation in writing immediately after the date he or she makes a disposition or transfer of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such ISO if such disposition or transfer is made (a) within two years from the Date of Grant or (b) within one year after the date such person acquired the Shares. Such notice shall specify the date of such disposition or other transfer and the amount realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, by the person in such disposition or other transfer. The Corporation may, if determined by the Plan Administrator and in accordance with procedures established by it, retain possession of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO as agent for the applicable person until the end of the later of the periods described in (a) or (b) above, subject to complying with any instructions from such person as to the sale of such Shares.

## **11.6 Section 409A of the Code**

- (a) This Plan will be construed and interpreted to be exempt from, or where not so exempt, to comply with Section 409A of the Code to the extent required to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan. Any reference in this Plan to Section 409A of the Code shall also include any regulation promulgated thereunder or any other formal

guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to Section 409A of the Code. Each Award shall be construed and administered such that the Award either (A) qualifies for an exemption from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or (B) satisfies the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. If an Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (I) distributions shall only be made in a manner and upon an event permitted under section 409A of the Code, (II) payments to be made upon a termination of employment or service shall only be made upon a "separation from service" under Section 409A of the Code, (III) unless the Award specifies otherwise, each installment payment shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code, and (IV) in no event shall a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year in which a distribution is made except in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that an Award or payment, or the settlement or deferral thereof, is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Award will be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will meet the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A of the Code. The Corporation reserves the right to amend this Plan to the extent it reasonably determines is necessary in order to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan in light of Section 409A of the Code. In no event will the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates be liable for any tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on a Participant under Section 409A of the Code or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A of the Code.

- (b) All terms of the Plan that are undefined or ambiguous must be interpreted in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code if necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code.
- (c) The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may permit the acceleration of the time or schedule of payment of a U.S. Taxpayer's vested Awards in the Plan under circumstances that constitute permissible acceleration events under Section 409A of the Code.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, in the case of any "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code who is a U.S. Taxpayer, distributions of non-qualified deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code made in connection with a "separation from service" within the meaning set forth in Section 409A of the Code may not be made prior to the date which is six months after the date of separation from service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the U.S. Taxpayer). Any amounts subject to a delay in payment pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be paid as soon practicable following such six-month anniversary of such separation from service.

#### **11.7 Section 83(b) Election**

If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code with respect to an Award of Shares subject to vesting or other forfeiture conditions, the Participant shall be required to promptly file a copy of such election with the Corporation.

### **11.8 Application of Article 11 to U.S. Taxpayers**

For greater certainty, the provisions of this Article 11 shall only apply to U.S. Taxpayers.

## **ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN**

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

The Plan Administrator may from time to time, without notice and without approval of the holders of voting shares of the Corporation, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Plan or any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan as it, in its discretion determines appropriate, provided, however, that:

- (a) no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Plan or any Awards granted hereunder may materially impair any rights of a Participant or materially increase any obligations of a Participant under the Plan without the consent of the Participant, unless the Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable Securities Laws or Exchange requirements; and
- (b) any amendment that would cause an Award held by a U.S. Taxpayer to be subject to income inclusion under Section 409A of the Code shall be null and void ab initio with respect to the U.S. Taxpayer unless the consent of the U.S. Taxpayer is obtained.

### **12.2 Shareholder Approval**

Notwithstanding Section 12.1 and subject to any rules of the Exchange, if applicable, approval of the holders of Shares shall be required for any amendment, modification or change that:

- (a) increases the percentage of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan, except pursuant to the provisions under Article 10 which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (b) reduces the exercise price of an Option Award except pursuant to the provisions in the Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (c) extends the term of an Option Award beyond the original Expiry Date (except where an Expiry Date would have fallen within a blackout period applicable to the Participant or within 10 Business Days following the expiry of such a blackout period);
- (d) permits an Option Award to be exercisable beyond 10 years from its Date of Grant (except where an Expiry Date would have fallen within a blackout period of the Corporation);
- (e) changes the eligible participants of the Plan; or

- (f) deletes or reduces the range of amendments which require approval of shareholders under this Section 12.2.

### **12.3 Permitted Amendments**

Without limiting the generality of Section 12.1, but subject to Section 12.2, the Plan Administrator may, without shareholder approval, at any time or from time to time, amend the Plan for the purposes of:

- (a) making any amendments to the general vesting provisions of each Award;
- (b) making any amendments to the provisions set out in Article 9;
- (c) making any amendments to add covenants of the Corporation for the protection of Participants, as the case may be, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the good faith opinion that such additions will not be prejudicial to the rights or interests of the Participants, as the case may be;
- (d) making any amendments not inconsistent with the Plan as may be necessary or desirable with respect to matters or questions which, in the good faith opinion of the Plan Administrator, having in mind the best interests of the Participants, it may be expedient to make, including amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any jurisdiction where a Participant resides, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the opinion that such amendments and modifications will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Participants and Directors; or
- (e) making such changes or corrections which, on the advice of counsel to the Corporation, are required for the purpose of curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the opinion that such changes or corrections will not be prejudicial to the rights and interests of the Participants.

## **ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **13.1 Legal Requirement**

The Corporation is not obligated to grant any Awards, issue any Shares or other securities, make any payments or take any other action if, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, such action would constitute a violation by a Participant or the Corporation of any provision of any applicable statutory or regulatory enactment of any government or government agency or the requirements of any Exchange upon which the Shares may then be listed, if applicable.

### **13.2 No Other Benefit**

No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, a Participant under the Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of a Share, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose.

### **13.3 Rights of Participant**

No Participant has any claim or right to be granted an Award and the granting of any Award is not to be construed as giving a Participant a right to remain as an Employee, Consultant, Officer or Director. No Participant has any rights as a shareholder of the Corporation in respect of Shares issuable pursuant to any Award until the allotment and issuance to such Participant, or as such Participant may direct, of certificates representing such Shares.

### **13.4 Corporate Action**

Nothing contained in this Plan or in an Award shall be construed so as to prevent the Corporation from taking corporate action which is deemed by the Corporation to be appropriate or in its best interest, whether or not such action would have an adverse effect on this Plan or any Award.

### **13.5 Conflict**

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Plan and an Award Agreement, the provisions of the Award Agreement shall govern. In the event of any conflict between or among the provisions of this Plan or any Award Agreement, on the one hand, and a Participant's employment agreement with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on the other hand, the provisions of the employment agreement or other written agreement shall prevail.

### **13.6 Anti-Hedging Policy**

By accepting an Award each Participant acknowledges that he or she is restricted from purchasing financial instruments such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of Awards.

### **13.7 Participant Information**

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

### **13.8 Participation in the Plan**

The participation of any Participant in the Plan is entirely voluntary and not obligatory and shall not be interpreted as conferring upon such Participant any rights or privileges other than those rights and privileges expressly provided in the Plan. In particular, participation in the Plan does not constitute a condition of employment or engagement nor a commitment on the part of the Corporation to ensure the continued employment or engagement of such Participant. The Plan does not provide any guarantee against any loss which may result from fluctuations in the market value of the Shares. The Corporation does not assume responsibility for the income or other tax consequences for the Participants and Directors and they are advised to consult with their own tax advisors.

### **13.9 International Participants**

With respect to Participants who reside or work outside Canada and the United States, the Plan Administrator may, in its sole discretion, amend, or otherwise modify, without shareholder approval, the terms of the Plan or Awards with respect to such Participants in order to conform such terms with the provisions of local law, and the Plan Administrator may, where appropriate, establish one or more sub-plans to reflect such amended or otherwise modified provisions.

### **13.10 Successors and Assigns**

The Plan shall be binding on all successors and assigns of the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

### **13.11 General Restrictions or Assignment**

Except as required by law, the rights of a Participant under the Plan are not capable of being assigned, transferred, alienated, sold, encumbered, pledged, mortgaged or charged and are not capable of being subject to attachment or legal process for the payment of any debts or obligations of the Participant unless otherwise approved by the Plan Administrator.

### **13.12 Severability**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Plan shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision and any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be severed from the Plan.

### **13.13 Notices**

- (a) All written notices to be given by a Participant to the Corporation shall be delivered personally, e-mail or mail, postage prepaid, addressed as noted on the Corporation's SEDAR profile: Attention: Chief Financial Officer
- (b) All notices to a Participant will be addressed to the principal address of the Participant on file with the Corporation. Either the Corporation or the Participant may designate a different address by written notice to the other. Such notices are deemed to be received, if delivered personally or by e-mail, on the date of delivery, and if sent by mail, on the fifth Business Day following the date of mailing. Any notice given by either the Participant or the Corporation is not binding on the recipient thereof until received.

### **13.14 Effective Date**

This Plan becomes effective on a date to be determined by the Plan Administrator, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Corporation.

### **13.15 Governing Law**

This Plan and all matters to which reference is made herein shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein, without any reference to conflicts of law rules.



**13.16 Submission to Jurisdiction**

The Corporation and each Participant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Province of British Columbia in respect of any action or proceeding relating in any way to the Plan, including, without limitation, with respect to the grant of Awards and any issuance of Shares made in accordance with the Plan.

**SCHEDULE A**

**ADASTRA HOLDINGS LTD.  
OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")**

**ELECTION NOTICE**

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, I hereby elect to participate in the grant of DSUs pursuant to Article 7 of the Plan and to receive [insert amount]% of my Cash Fees in the form of DSUs.

If I am a U.S. Taxpayer, I hereby further elect for any DSUs subject to this Election Notice to be settled on the later of (i) my "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A) or (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

I confirm that:

- (a) I have received and reviewed a copy of the terms of the Plan and agreed to be bound by them.
- (b) I recognize that when DSUs credited pursuant to this election are redeemed in accordance with the terms of the Plan, income tax and other withholdings as required will arise at that time. Upon redemption of the DSUs, the Corporation will make all appropriate withholdings as required by law at that time.
- (c) The value of DSUs is based on the value of the Shares of the Corporation and therefore is not guaranteed.
- (d) To the extent I am a U.S. taxpayer, I understand that this election is irrevocable for the calendar year to which it applies and that any revocation or termination of this election after the expiration of the election period will not take effect until the first day of the calendar year following the year in which I file the revocation or termination notice with the Corporation.

The foregoing is only a brief outline of certain key provisions of the Plan. For more complete information, reference should be made to the Plan's text.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Participant)

**SCHEDULE B**

**ADASTRA HOLDINGS LTD.  
OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")**

**ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUs**

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Notwithstanding my previous election in the form of Schedule A to the Plan, I hereby elect that no portion of the Cash Fees accrued after the date hereof shall be paid in DSUs in accordance with Article 7 of the Plan.

I understand that the DSUs already granted under the Plan cannot be redeemed except in accordance with the Plan.

I confirm that I have received and reviewed a copy of the terms of the Plan and agree to be bound by them.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Participant)

**Note:** An election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs can only be made by a Participant once in a calendar year.

**SCHEDULE C**

**ADASTRA HOLDINGS LTD.  
OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")**

**ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUs  
(U.S. TAXPAYERS)**

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Notwithstanding my previous election in the form of Schedule A to the Plan, I hereby elect that no portion of the Cash Fees accrued after the effective date of this termination notice shall be paid in DSUs in accordance with Article 5 of the Plan.

I understand that this election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs will not take effect until the first day of the calendar year following the year in which I file this termination notice with the Corporation.

I understand that the DSUs already granted under the Plan cannot be redeemed except in accordance with the Plan.

I confirm that I have received and reviewed a copy of the terms of the Plan and agree to be bound by them.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Participant)

**Note:** An election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs can only be made by a Participant once in a calendar year.