



**Norsemont  
Mining**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING**

**AND**

**INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

**To be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

Dated: July 24, 2020

**NORSEMONT MINING INC.**

Suite 610, 700 West Pender Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1G8

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **Annual General and Special** meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of **NORSEMONT MINING INC.** (formerly “Norsemont Capital Inc.”) (the “**Company**”) will be held at Suite 610 – 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020**, at **10:00 a.m.** (Pacific Time) for the following purposes:

- to receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31, 2019, together with the auditor’s report thereon;
- to fix number of directors of the Company at six (6);
- to elect directors for the ensuing year;
- to appoint Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company’s auditor for the ensuing year, and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor;
- to amend the Company’s Articles to provide that the chairman of the board of directors shall have a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes by the directors;
- to approve a new omnibus equity incentive plan for the Company; and
- to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

The accompanying management information circular (the “**Information Circular**”) provides additional information relating to the matters to be dealt with at the Meeting and is deemed to form part of this Notice. Also accompanying this Notice are (i) Form of Proxy or Voting Instruction Form, and (ii) Financial Statement Request Form. Any adjournment of the Meeting will be held at a time and place to be specified at the Meeting.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on **July 24, 2020**, will be entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Meeting. Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Meeting either in person or by proxy. Each common share (the “**Common Shares**”) is entitled to one vote.

**Registered shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting in person and who wish to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy, or another suitable form of proxy and deliver it in accordance with the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the Information Circular.**

**Non-registered shareholders who plan to attend the Meeting must follow the instructions set out in the form of proxy or voting instruction form to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting. If you hold your shares in a brokerage account, you are not a registered shareholder.**

**DATED** at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of **July, 2020**.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Signed: “*Allan Larmour*”

ALLAN LARMOUR

Interim Chief Executive Officer and Director

## NORSEMONT MINING INC.

Suite 610, 700 West Pender Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1G8

# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

The information contained in this Management Information Circular, unless otherwise indicated, is as of **July 24, 2020**.

**This Management Information Circular is being mailed by the management of NORSEMONT MINING INC. (formerly “Norsemont Capital Inc.”) (the “Company” or “Norsemont”) to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 24, 2020, which is the date that has been fixed by the directors of the Company as the record date (the “Record Date”) to determine the shareholders who are entitled to receive notice of the meeting.** The Company is mailing this Information Circular in connection with the solicitation of proxies by and on behalf of the Company for use at its annual general and special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the shareholders that is to be held on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) at Suite 610 – 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1G8. The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail. Certain employees or directors of the Company may also solicit proxies by telephone or in person. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Company.

The Company is not relying on the “Notice and Access” delivery procedures outlined in National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* to distribute copies of proxy-related materials in connection with the Meeting by posting them on a website.

## QUORUM

Under Norsemont’s Articles, the quorum for the transaction of business at a Meeting of shareholder is one or more persons present and being, or representing by proxy, two or more shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

## SECTION 1 - VOTING

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### WHO CAN VOTE?

If you are a registered shareholder of the Company as at **July 24, 2020**, you are entitled to notice of and to attend at the Meeting and cast a vote for each share registered in your name on all resolutions put before the Meeting. If the shares are registered in the name of a corporation, a duly authorized officer of the corporation may attend on its behalf, but documentation indicating such officer’s authority should be presented at the Meeting. If you are a registered shareholder but do not wish to, or cannot, attend the Meeting in person you can appoint someone who will attend the Meeting and act as your proxyholder to vote in accordance with your instructions (see “**Voting By Proxy**” below). If your shares are registered in the name of a “nominee” (usually a bank, trust company, securities dealer, financial institution or other intermediary) you should refer to the section entitled “**Non-Registered Shareholders**” set out below.

It is important that your shares be represented at the Meeting regardless of the number of shares you hold. If you will not be attending the Meeting in person, we invite you to complete, date, sign and return your form of proxy as soon as possible so that your shares will be represented.

## VOTING BY PROXY

**If you do not come to the Meeting, you can still make your votes count by appointing someone who will be there to act as your proxyholder. You can either tell that person how you want to vote or you can let him or her decide for you. You can do this by completing a form of proxy.**

**In order to be valid, you must return the completed form of proxy to the Company's transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company, 323 – 409 Granville St. Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2, Attention: Proxy Department, or by fax at 1-800-517-4553 not later than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the time fixed for the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.**

### *What Is A Proxy?*

A form of proxy is a document that authorizes someone to attend the Meeting and cast your votes for you. We have enclosed a form of proxy with this Information Circular. You should use it to appoint a proxyholder, although you can also use any other legal form of proxy.

### *Appointing A Proxyholder*

**You can choose any individual to be your proxyholder.** It is not necessary for the person whom you choose to be a shareholder. To make such an appointment, simply fill in the person's name in the blank space provided in the enclosed form of proxy. To vote your shares, your proxyholder must attend the Meeting. If you do not fill a name in the blank space in the enclosed form of proxy, the persons named in the form of proxy are appointed to act as your proxyholder (the "**Management Proxyholders**"). Those persons are directors, officers or other authorized representatives of the Company.

### *Instructing Your Proxy*

You may indicate on your form of proxy how you wish your proxyholder to vote your shares. To do this, simply mark the appropriate boxes on the form of proxy. If you do this, your proxyholder must vote your shares in accordance with the instructions you have given.

**If you do not give any instructions as to how to vote on a particular issue to be decided at the Meeting, your proxyholder can vote your shares as he or she thinks fit. If you have appointed the persons designated in the form of proxy as your proxyholder they will, unless you give contrary instructions, vote your shares IN FAVOUR of each of the items of business being considered at the Meeting.**

For more information about these matters, see Section 3 - The Business of the Meeting. **The enclosed form of proxy gives the persons named on it the authority to use their discretion in voting on amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting.** At the time of printing this Information Circular, the management of the Company is not aware of any other matter to be presented for action at the Meeting. If, however, other matters do properly come before the Meeting, the persons named on the enclosed form of proxy will vote on them in accordance with their best judgment, pursuant to the discretionary authority conferred by the form of proxy with respect to such matters.

### *Changing Your Mind*

If you want to revoke your proxy after you have delivered it, you can do so at any time before it is used. You may do this by (a) attending the Meeting and voting in person; (b) signing a proxy bearing a later date; (c) signing a written statement which indicates, clearly, that you want to revoke your proxy

and delivering this signed written statement to the Company at Suite 610, 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1G8 or (d) in any other manner permitted by law.

Your proxy will only be revoked if a revocation is received by 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon (Pacific Time) on the last business day before the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or delivered to the person presiding at the Meeting before it (or any adjournment) commences. If you revoke your proxy and do not replace it with another that is deposited with us before the deadline, you can still vote your shares but to do so you must attend the Meeting in person. **Only registered shareholders may revoke a proxy. If your shares are not registered in your own name and you wish to change your vote, you must arrange for your nominee to revoke your proxy on your behalf (see below under “Non-Registered Shareholders”).**

#### **REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

Registered Shareholders may wish to vote by Proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders electing to submit a Proxy may do so by completing, dating and signing the enclosed form of Proxy and returning it to the Company’s transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company, 323 – 409 Granville St. Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2, Attention: Proxy Department, or by fax at 1-800-517-4553.

In all cases, the Proxy must be received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the Meeting or the adjournment thereof at which the Proxy is to be used.

#### **NON-REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

Only registered holders of common shares or the persons they appoint as their proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. In many cases, however, common shares beneficially owned by a holder (a “**Non-Registered Holder**”) are registered either:

- (a) in the name of an Intermediary (an “**Intermediary**”) that the Non-Registered Holder deals with in respect of the shares. Intermediaries include banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers, and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIAs, RESPs and similar plans; OR
- (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (CDS)) of which the Intermediary is a participant.

Non-Registered Holders who have not objected to their Intermediary disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as “**NOBOs**”. Those Non-Registered Holders who have objected to their Intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as “**OBOs**”.

Pursuant to NI 54-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company has distributed copies of proxy-related materials in connection with this Meeting (including this Information Circular) indirectly or directly to the NOBOs and to the Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Holders.

Intermediaries that receive the proxy-related materials are required to forward the proxy-related materials to Non-Registered Holders unless a Non-Registered Holder has waived the right to receive them. Intermediaries often use service companies to forward the proxy-related materials to Non-Registered Holders.

The Company will not be paying for Intermediaries to deliver to OBOs (who have not otherwise waived their right to receive proxy-related materials) copies of the proxy-related materials and related documents. Accordingly, an OBO will not receive copies of the proxy-related materials and related documents unless the OBO's Intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

Generally, Non-Registered Holders who have not waived the right to receive proxy-related materials (including OBOs who have made the necessary arrangements with their Intermediary for the payment of delivery and receipt of such proxy-related materials) will be sent a voting instruction form which must be completed, signed and returned by the Non-Registered Holder in accordance with the Intermediary's directions on the voting instruction form. In some cases, such Non-Registered Holders will instead be given a proxy which has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature) which is restricted as to the number of Common Shares beneficially owned by the Non-Registered Holder but which is otherwise not completed. This form of proxy does not need to be signed by the Non-Registered Holder, but, to be used at the Meeting, needs to be properly completed and deposited with Odyssey Trust Company as described under "**Voting By Proxy**" above.

The purpose of these procedures is to permit Non-Registered Holders to direct the voting of the Common Shares that they beneficially own. Should a Non-Registered Holder wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on behalf of the Non-Registered Holder), the Non-Registered Holder should insert the Non-Registered Holder's (or such other person's) name in the blank space provided or, in the case of a voting instruction form, follow the corresponding instructions on the form.

**Non-Registered Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediaries and their service companies, including instructions regarding when and where the voting instruction form or Proxy form is to be delivered.**

#### **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES**

The solicitation of proxies involves securities of an issuer located in Canada and is being effected in accordance with the corporate laws of Canada and securities laws of the provinces of Canada. The proxy solicitation rules under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are not applicable to the Company or this solicitation, and this solicitation has been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the securities laws of the provinces of Canada. Shareholders should be aware that disclosure requirements under the securities laws of the provinces of Canada differ from the disclosure requirements under United States securities laws. The enforcement by Shareholders of civil liabilities under United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Company is incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), as amended (the "**Act**"), certain of its directors and its executive officers are residents of Canada and a substantial portion of its assets and the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. Shareholders may not be able to sue a foreign company or its officers or directors in a foreign court for violations of United States federal securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its officers and directors to subject themselves to a judgment by a United States court.

## SECTION 2 - VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

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The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

As at the close of business on the Record Date being **July 24, 2020, 48,324,906** common shares were issued and outstanding. Each shareholder entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting is entitled to one vote for each common share registered in his or her name at the close of business on **July 24, 2020**.

On a show of hands, every individual who is present and is entitled to vote as a shareholder or as a representative of one or more corporate shareholders will have one vote, and on a poll every shareholder present in person or represented by a Proxy and every person who is a representative of one or more corporate shareholders, will have one vote for each Common Share registered in that shareholder's name on the list of shareholders as at the Record Date, which is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Company's transfer agent and will be available at the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no persons or corporations beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares of the Company as at **July 24, 2020**.

## SECTION 3 - THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended **December 31, 2019** will be placed before you at the Meeting. They have been mailed to the shareholders who have requested they receive a copy of same together with the Notice of Meeting and this Information Circular. These audited financial statements are available through the Internet on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

**No approval or other action needs to be taken at the Meeting in respect of these documents.**

Pursuant to National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* and National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer*, both of the Canadian Securities Administrators, a person or corporation who in the future wishes to receive annual and interim financial statements from the Company must deliver a written request for such material to the Company. Shareholders who wish to receive annual and interim financial statements are encouraged to complete the appropriate section on the Financial Statement Request Form attached to this Information Circular and send it to the Company.

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### *Number of Directors*

Under the Company's Articles and pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), the number of directors may be set by ordinary resolution but shall not be fewer than three. The Company currently has **four (4)** directors and wishes to increase the number of directors to six (6). All of the current directors are being put forward by management of the Company for election at the Meeting and one additional director is also being nominated.

### Recommendation

**The Company's management recommends that the shareholders vote in favour of the resolution setting the number of directors at six (6). Unless you give other instructions, the Management Proxyholders intend to vote FOR the resolution setting the number of directors at six (6).**

### NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

Directors of the Company are elected for a term of one year. The term of office of each of the nominees proposed for election as a director will expire at the Meeting, and each of them, if elected, will serve until the close of the next annual general meeting, unless he or she resigns or otherwise vacates office before that time.

The following table sets out the names of management's nominees for election as directors of the Company; all offices in the Company each nominee now holds; each nominee's principal occupation, business or employment; the period of time during which each nominee has been a director of the Company; and the number of common shares that are beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, by each nominee as at Record Date.



Each of the nominees has agreed to stand for election and management of the Company is not aware of any intention of any of them not to do so. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director but, if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy reserve the right to vote for other nominees in their discretion.

<b>Name and place of residence<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Principal occupation for the past five years<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Director since</b>	<b>Number of shares<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Allan Larmour<sup>(3)</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Interim CEO and Director</i>	Strategic business planning and investment consultant since 2009.	August 29, 2013	Nil
<b>Kant Trivedi</b> Ontario, Canada <i>Director</i>	President and Chief Operating Officer of Blockfusion Technologies Inc. since 2017.	October 30, 2015	Nil
<b>Charles Ross<sup>(3)</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	President Goldex Resources Corp, Aug/07-present, Tearlach Resources Limited, CFO, Dec 96-Present, Halio Energy Inc, CFO, April/16-present.	April 27, 2020	Nil
<b>Bill Koutsouras<sup>(3)</sup></b> Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands <i>Director</i>	Principal of Kouts Capital 2011 to present, previous 10 years as Executive VP, CFO and a Director of Endeavour Financial Corporation, Chartered Accountant and Financial Analyst.	July 28, 2020	Nil
<b>Marc Levy</b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Nominee</i>	President of Mosam Ventures Inc., October 2004 to present, President and Chief Executive Officer of Avarone Metals Inc. (formerly Remstar Resources Ltd.), August 2006 to present.	New appointment	536,511
<b>Art Freeze</b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Nominee</i>	Director of Canasil Resources Inc., Orex Minerals Inc., Barsele Minerals Corp. and Silver Viper Minerals Corp., Advisor to Grande Portage Resources Ltd., previous Consultant Geologist to Goldcorp Inc. until 2016.	New appointment	Nil

**NOTES:**

- (1) Information as to the residency and principal occupation has been provided by the respective directors.
- (2) Information as to shares beneficially owned, as of July 24, 2020, not being within our knowledge has been furnished by the respective person, has been extracted from the list of registered shareholders maintained by the Company's transfer agent, has been obtained from insider reports filed by respective person and available through the Internet at the Canadian System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders ([www.sedi.ca](http://www.sedi.ca)) or has been obtained from early warning report and alternative monthly reports filed by the respective person and are available through the Internet on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee as of July 31, 2020.

**Recommendation**

**The Company's management recommends that the shareholders vote in favour of the election of the proposed nominees as directors of the Company for the ensuing year. Unless you give instructions otherwise, the Management Proxyholders intend to vote FOR the nominees named in this Information Circular.**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR**

At the Meeting, Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, located at Suite 1500 – 1140 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia. V6E 4G1, will be recommended

by management and the Board of Directors for re-appointment as auditor of the Company at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors. See Section 5 – Audit Committee – External Service Fees.

#### **Recommendation**

**The Company’s management recommends that the shareholders vote in favour of the appointment of Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company’s auditor for the ensuing year and grant the Board of Directors the authority to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditor. Unless you give instructions otherwise, the Management Proxyholders intend to vote FOR the appointment of Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, to act as the Company’s auditor until the close of its next annual general meeting and also intend to vote FOR the proposed resolution to authorize the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor.**

#### **ALTERATION OF ARTICLES**

Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution altering Section 17.2 of the Company’s Articles to provide the chairman with a deciding or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes at a meeting of directors. Section 17.2 of the Articles currently provides as follows:

“17.2 **Meetings of Directors.** The directors may meet together for the conduct of the business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chairman shall not have a second or casting vote. Meetings or the board held at regular intervals may be held at such place, at such time and upon such notice (if any) as the Board may by resolution from time to time determine.”

The Company believes that providing the chairman with a deciding or casting vote will provide the board with a means to resolve any potential disputes and achieve consensus in the event of an occasional tie vote at a meeting of the directors. At the meeting, the shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION, that Section 17.2 of the Company’s Articles be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“17.2 **Meetings of Directors.** The directors may meet together for the conduct of the business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Meetings or the board held at regular intervals may be held at such place, at such time and upon such notice (if any) as the Board may by resolution from time to time determine.”

#### **Recommendation**

**The Company’s management recommends that the shareholders vote in favour of the amendment of the Company’s Articles to provide the chairman with a deciding or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes at a meeting of the directors. Unless you give instructions otherwise, the Management Proxyholders intend to vote FOR the amendment of the Articles to provide the chairman with a deciding or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes at a meeting of the directors.**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE 2020 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass an ordinary resolution approving a new rolling long-term omnibus equity incentive plan in the form set out as Schedule “B” hereto (the “**2020 Equity Incentive Plan**”).

#### *Background & Purpose*

On July 3, 2020, the Board passed a resolution to adopt the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, subject to, and effective upon, the approval of shareholders. The 2020 Equity Incentive Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of options (“**Options**”), restricted share units (“**RSUs**”), performance share units (“**PSUs**”) and deferred share units (“**DSUs**”), as described in further detail below. Provided that the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is approved by the shareholders at the Meeting, all future grants of equity-based awards will be made pursuant to, or as otherwise permitted by, the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, and no further equity-based awards will be made pursuant to the Company’s current equity incentive plan, the 2019 Stock Option Plan as of the date of the Meeting. The Company’s current 2019 Stock Option Plan (as defined herein) will remain in effect only in respect of outstanding equity-based awards.

The purpose of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is to, among other things, provide the Company with a share related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those directors, employees and consultants as may be granted awards under the 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Company.

A summary of the key terms of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is set out below, which is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan. A copy of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is attached as Schedule “B” hereto.

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

##### *Shares Subject to the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan*

The 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is a rolling plan which, subject to the adjustment provisions provided for therein (including a subdivision or consolidation of Common Shares), provides that the aggregate maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of awards granted under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan shall not exceed 10% of the Company’s issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time, such number being 48,324,906 as at July 24, 2020. The capacity provided under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is in addition to the 2,657,000 stock options outstanding under the Company’s 2019 Stock Option Plan as of July 30, 2020. The 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is considered an “evergreen” plan, since the Common Shares covered by awards which have been exercised, settled or terminated shall be available for subsequent grants under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares increases.

##### *Insider Participation Limit*

The 2020 Equity Incentive Plan also provides that the aggregate number of Common Shares (a) issuable to insiders at any time (under all of the Company’s security-based compensation arrangements) cannot exceed 10% of the Company’s issued and outstanding Common Shares and (b) issued to insiders within any one year period (under all of the Company’s security-based compensation arrangements) cannot exceed 10% of the Company’s issued and outstanding Common Shares.

Furthermore, the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan provides that (i) the Company shall not make grants of awards to non-employee directors if, after giving effect to such grants of awards, the aggregate number of Common Shares issuable to non-employee directors, at the time of such grant, under all of the Company's security based compensation arrangements would exceed 1% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on a non-diluted basis, and (ii) within any one financial year of the Company, (a) the aggregate fair value on the date of grant of all Options granted to any one non-employee director shall not exceed \$100,000, and (b) the aggregate fair market value on the date of grant of all awards (including, for greater certainty, the fair market value of the Options) granted to any one non-employee director under all of the Company's security based compensation arrangements shall not exceed \$150,000; provided that such limits shall not apply to (i) awards taken in lieu of any cash retainer or meeting director fees, and (ii) a one-time initial grant to a non-employee director upon such non-employee director joining the Board.

Any Common Shares issued by the Company through the assumption or substitution of outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards from an acquired company shall not reduce the number of Common Shares available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of awards granted under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

#### *Administration of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan*

The Plan Administrator (as defined in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan) is determined by the Board, and is initially the Board. The 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common Shares to be covered by any award, the exercise price of any award, whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and may adopt guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

#### *Eligibility*

All directors, employees and consultants are eligible to participate in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan. The extent to which any such individual is entitled to receive a grant of an award pursuant to the 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, and will generally be evidenced by an award agreement. In addition, subject to the limitations provided in the 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common Shares issued pursuant to awards.

## Options

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of treasury Common 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 Common 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 Canadian Securities Exchange (the “**Market Price**”). Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, each Option expires on its respective expiry date. 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 the Canadian Securities Exchange, 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 Common 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 Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange, the Company will satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the participant such number of Common Shares having a fair market value equal to the In-the-Money Amount.

## Restricted Share Units

A RSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Common Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common 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 of 1986, 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 Common

Share in respect of each vested RSU, (b) a cash payment or (c) a combination of Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Common 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 Common Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common Share in respect of each vested PSU, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Common 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 Common Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common 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 Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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
<b>Termination for Cause/Resignation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan) shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date.</li> </ul>
<b>Termination without Cause</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A portion of any unvested Options or other awards shall immediately vest, such portion to be equal to the number of unvested Options or other awards held by the participant as of the Termination Date multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days between the date of grant and the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the number of days between the date of grant and the date any unvested Options or other awards were originally scheduled to vest. 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</li> </ul>

Event	Provisions
	Termination Date.
<b>Disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any award held by the participant that has not vested as of the date of such participant's Termination Date shall vest on such 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Death</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any award that is held by the participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such participant shall vest on such 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</li> </ul>
<b>Retirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 2020 Equity Incentive 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.</li> </ul>

### *Change in Control*

Under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, except as may be set forth in an employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and a participant:

- (a) If within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control (as defined below), a participant's employment, consultancy or directorship is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company without Cause (as defined in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan), without any action by the Plan Administrator:
  - (i) any unvested awards held by the participant at Termination Date shall immediately vest; and
  - (ii) any vested awards may be exercised, surrendered to the Company, or settled by the participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the expiry date of such award; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date.



Any award that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled at the end of such period being immediately forfeited and cancelled.

- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Common Shares will cease trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange, 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 Common 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 2020 Equity Incentive Plan*

The Plan Administrator may also from time to time, without notice and without approval of the holders of voting Common Shares, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 2020 Equity Incentive 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 of 1986, as amended, shall be null and void ab initio.

Notwithstanding the above, and subject to the rules of the Canadian Securities Exchange, the approval of shareholders is required to effect any of the following amendments to the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan:

- (a) increasing the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, except pursuant to the provisions in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;
- (b) increasing or removing the 10% limits on Common Shares issuable or issued to insiders;
- (c) reducing the exercise price of an option award (for this purpose, a cancellation or termination of an award of a participant prior to its expiry date for the purpose of reissuing an award to the same participant with a lower exercise price shall be treated as an amendment to reduce the exercise price of an award) except pursuant to the provisions in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;
- (d) 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);
- (e) 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);
- (f) increasing or removing the limits on the participation of non-employee directors;
- (g) permitting awards to be transferred to a person;
- (h) changing the eligible participants; and
- (i) deleting or otherwise limiting the amendments which require approval of the shareholders.

Except for the items listed above, amendments to the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan will not require shareholder approval. 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.

#### *Shareholder Approval of 2020 Equity Incentive Plan*

**Accordingly, at the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and if thought fit, approve an ordinary resolution ratifying the adoption of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan. In order to be effective, an ordinary resolution requires approval by a majority of the votes cast by shareholders for such resolution. The text of the proposed resolution is set forth below. Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote IN FAVOUR of this resolution.**

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (a) the omnibus equity incentive plan adopted by the board of directors of the Company on January 23, 2020 (the “**2020 Equity Incentive Plan**”), in the form attached as Schedule “B” to the management information circular of the Company dated July 24, 2020, hereby confirmed, ratified and approved, and the Company has the ability to grants awards under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan until September 2, 2023, which is the date that is three years from the date of the meeting of the holders (the “**Shareholders**”) of common shares of the Company (“**Common Shares**”) at which Shareholder approval of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is being sought.
- (b) The Options and Awards (as defined in the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan) to be issued under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, and all unallocated Options and Awards under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, be and are hereby approved;
- (c) The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company is hereby authorized to make such amendments to the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan from time to time, as may be required by the applicable regulatory authorities, or as may be considered appropriate by the Board, in its sole discretion, provided always that such amendments be subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities, if applicable, and in certain cases, in accordance with the terms of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, the approval of the Shareholders.
- (d) Any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as, in the opinion of such director or officer of the Company, may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Company will consider and transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof. Management of the Company knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting. Should any other matters properly come before the Meeting the common shares represented by the proxies solicited hereby will be voted on such matter in accordance with the best judgement of the persons voting by proxy.

## SECTION 4 – EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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### GENERAL

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

**“Company”** means Norsemont Mining Inc.;

**“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;

**“NEO”** or **“named executive officer”** 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 ended **December 31, 2019** whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a named executive officer 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;

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

Based on the foregoing definitions, during the most recently completed financial year ended **December 31, 2019**, the Company had **two (2)** NEOs, namely Allan Larmour, Interim CEO and Kulwant Sandher, CFO,

### DIRECTOR AND NEO COMPENSATION

#### *Director and NEO compensation, excluding options and compensation securities*

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or its subsidiary, to each NEO and 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 a director of the Company for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or its subsidiary.

Table of compensation excluding compensation securities							
Name and position	Year Ended Dec 31	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Allan Larmour <sup>(1)</sup> Director, Interim CEO,	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kulwant Sandher <sup>(2)</sup> CFO	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kant Trivedi <sup>(3)</sup> Director	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rana Vig <sup>(4)</sup> Former Director	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sheri Rempel <sup>(5)</sup> Former Director	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

**NOTES:**

- (1) Allan Larmour was appointed as Director on August 29, 2013 and Interim CEO on June 7, 2017.  
(2) Kulwant Sandher was appointed as Chief Financial Officer on April 27, 2018.  
(3) Kant Trivedi was appointed as Director on October 23, 2015.  
(4) Rana Vig was Director from May 10, 2018 until April 24, 2020.  
(5) Sheri Rempel was Director from October 20, 2015 until May 1, 2018.

*Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities*

The Company granted the following compensation securities to the directors and NEOs during the financial year ended **December 31, 2019**.

Compensation Securities							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and 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
Allan Larmour CEO and Director	Incentive Stock Option	50,000 incentive stock options  50,000 common shares  0.10%	July 2, 2019	\$0.305	\$0.305	\$0.35	July 2, 2024

Compensation Securities							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and 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
<b>Kant Trivedi</b> Director	Incentive Stock Option	30,000 incentive stock options 30,000 common shares 0.06%	July 2, 2019	\$0.305	\$0.305	\$0.35	July 2, 2024
<b>Kulwant Sandher</b> CFO	Incentive Stock Option	70,000 incentive stock options 70,000 common shares 0.14%	July 2, 2019	\$0.305	\$0.305	\$0.35	July 2, 2024
<b>Rana Vig</b> Former Director	Incentive Stock Option	100,000 incentive stock options 100,000 common shares 0.21%	July 2, 2019	\$0.305	\$0.305	\$0.35	July 2, 2024

*Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs*

There were no compensation securities exercised by a director or NEO during the financial year ended **December 31, 2019**.

*2020 Equity Incentive Plan*

Please see “**Business of the Meeting – Approval of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan**” for a description of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

Provided that the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting, all future grants of equity-based awards will be made pursuant to, or as otherwise permitted by, the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, and no further equity-based awards will be made pursuant to the 2019 Stock Option Plan as of the date of the Meeting. The 2019 Stock Option Plan will remain in effect only in respect of outstanding equity based awards.

*2019 Stock Option Plan and Other Incentive Plans*

The Company implemented a stock option plan on June 16, 2009 (the “**2009 Stock Option Plan**”) as amended on June 4, 2019 (the “**2019 Stock Option Plan**”) enabling the Board to grant stock options to purchase common shares in the capital of the Company from time to time to eligible persons (collectively, “**Optionees**”) in consideration of such Optionees providing services to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company. The number of stock options granted by the Company to Optionees is determined by the Board, within the guidelines established by the 2019 Stock Option Plan. The stock options enable such persons to purchase common shares at a price fixed under such guidelines. The

stock options are exercisable by the Optionee giving the Company notice and payment of the exercise price for the number of common shares to be acquired.

The purpose of the 2019 Stock Option Plan is to attract and motivate directors, senior officers, employees, consultants and others providing services to the Company and its subsidiaries, and thereby advance the Company's interests, by affording such persons with an opportunity to acquire an equity interest in the Company through the issuance of stock options.

Under the 2019 Stock Option Plan, the maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance, including stock options currently outstanding, is equal to ten (10%) percent of the common shares outstanding from time to time (the "**10% Maximum**"). The 10% Maximum is an "evergreen" provision, meaning that, following the exercise, termination, cancellation or expiration of any stock options, a number of common shares equivalent to the number of options so exercised, terminated, cancelled or expired would automatically become reserved and available for issuance in respect of future stock option grants.

The following information summarizes the key terms and is intended to be a brief description of the Company's 2019 Stock Option Plan. Such summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2019 Stock Option Plan, a copy of which will be available for inspection at the Meeting. A Shareholder may also obtain a copy of the 2019 Stock Option Plan by contacting the Company care of Suite 610, 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1G8.

- the aggregate number of shares that may be issued pursuant to options granted under the Plan, unless otherwise approved by Shareholders, may not exceed that number which is equal to 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company at the time of the grant;
- the term of any stock option will not exceed ten years;
- if the optionee ceases to be an officer, director, employee, consultant or service provider for any reason other than such optionee's death or disability, all stock options held by the optionee shall be exercisable, to the extent that such stock options were exercisable on the date the optionee ceased to fall under one of the foregoing categories (the "**Termination Date**") for a period of 30 days following the Termination Date;
- if the optionee ceases to be an officer, director, employee, consultant or service provider because of optionee's death or disability all stock options held by the optionee shall become immediately exercisable and shall be exercisable by the optionee, the personal representative of the optionee's estate, or the person(s) to who the stock options are transferred pursuant to the optionee's will in accordance with the laws of descent and distribution, as applicable, for a period of 12 months following the Termination Date;
- a Consultant who is not an Employee, Director or Officer of the Company can receive awards to purchase no more than 2% of the outstanding shares of common stock on a yearly basis;
- an individual who is an Employee, Director or Officer of the Company can receive awards to purchase no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock on a yearly basis unless the Company has obtained disinterested Shareholder approval;
- the Board will determine the vesting schedule for each Stock Option in accordance with the rules and policies of the regulatory authorities

- for any stock options granted to employees, consultants or management company employees, the Company represents that the optionee is a bona fide employee, consultant or management company employee as the case may be;
- the optionee must be a director, senior officer, employee, consultant or management company employee of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company at the time of grant;
- all options are non-assignable and non-transferable;
- an option may only be exercised while the optionee is a director, senior officer, employee, consultant or management company employee or within a period of 30 days thereafter; and

Subject to shareholder approval at the Meeting, the 2019 Stock Option Plan will be replaced with the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

*Other Provisions*

The 2019 Stock Option Plan contains provisions governing the acceleration of the vesting of options in the event of a change of control of the Company or in the event of a take-over proposal.

As at the financial year end of **December 31, 2019**, there were an aggregate of **1,324,333** stock options outstanding, of which **211,666** were held by directors and officers of the Company. As at the date of this Circular, there were an aggregate of **2,157,000** stock options issued and outstanding.

Subject to shareholder approval at the Meeting, the 2019 Stock Option Plan will be replaced with the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

*Securities Authorized For Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans*

The following table sets out information with respect to all compensation plans under which equity securities are authorized for issuance as of the financial year ended **December 31, 2019**:

Equity Compensation Plan Information			
Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by Securityholders	1,324,333	\$0.24	9,617 <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,324,333	\$0.24	9,617 <sup>(1)</sup>

**NOTES:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the number of common shares available under the 2019 Stock Option Plan, which reserves a number of common shares for issuance, pursuant to the exercise of stock options, that is equal to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares from time to time.



### *Employment, consulting and management agreements*

The Company does not have any employment, consulting or management agreements or arrangements with any of the Company's current NEOs or directors.

### *Termination and Change of Control Benefits*

For the financial year ended **December 31, 2019**, there were no agreements or arrangements that provided for compensation to NEOs or directors of the Company, or that provided for payments to a NEO or director at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement, severance, a change of control in the Company or a change in the NEO or director's responsibilities.

### ***Oversight and description of director and named executive officer compensation***

#### *Compensation of Directors*

The compensation of directors and the CEO is determined by the Board as a whole. The level of compensation for directors is determined after consideration of various relevant factors, including the expected nature and quantity of duties and responsibilities, past performance, comparison with compensation paid by other issuers of comparable size and nature, and the availability of financial resources.

The Company had no arrangements, standard or otherwise, pursuant to which directors were compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as directors, or for committee participation, involvement in special assignments or for services as a consultant or expert during the financial year ended **December 31, 2019**, or subsequently, up to and including the date of this Information Circular with the exception of stock-based compensation as detailed in this Information Circular. The quantity and quality of Board compensation is reviewed on an annual basis. At present, the Board is satisfied that the current compensation arrangements adequately reflect the responsibilities and risks involved in being an effective director of the Company. The number of options to be granted to any director or officer is determined by the Board as a whole, thereby providing the independent director(s) with significant input into compensation decisions. Given the current size and limited scope of operations of the Company, the Board does not believe that a formal compensation committee is required. At such time and in the opinion of the Board, should the size and activities of the Company and the number of management employees warrant the formation of a formal compensation committee, one shall be appointed at such time.

#### *Compensation of NEOs*

Compensation of NEOs is reviewed annually and determined by the Board as a whole. The level of compensation for NEOs is determined after consideration of various relevant factors, including the expected nature and quantity of duties and responsibilities, past performance, comparison with compensation paid by other issuers of comparable size and nature, and the availability of financial resources. In the Board's view, there is, and has been, no need for the Company to design or implement a formal compensation program for NEOs.

#### *Elements of NEO Compensation*

As discussed above, the Company provides a stock option plan to motivate NEOs by providing them with the opportunity, through stock options, to acquire an interest in the Company and benefit from the Company's growth. The Board does not employ a prescribed methodology when determining the grant or allocation of stock options to NEOs.

Other than the 2019 Stock Option Plan, the Company does not offer any long-term incentive plans, share compensation plans, retirement plans, pension plans, or any other such benefit programs for NEOs.

If the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan is approved, all future awards will be governed by the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan and no future awards will be governed by the terms of the 2019 Stock Option Plan.

*Pension disclosure*

The Company does not have any pension, defined benefit, defined contribution or deferred compensation plans currently in place or proposed at this time.

## SECTION 5 - AUDIT COMMITTEE

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The Audit Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Directors, the primary function of which is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities, which will include monitoring the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and the independence and performance of the Company's external auditor, acting as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the Company's external auditor, reviewing the financial information that will be publicly disclosed and reviewing all audit processes and the systems of internal controls management and the Board have established.

National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110") requires the Company, as a venture issuer to disclose annually in its Information Circular certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

The text of the Company's Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Schedule "A" to this Information Circular.

### **COMPOSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

NI 52-110 provides that a member of an audit committee is "independent" if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of the member's independent judgment.

NI 52-110 provides that an individual is "financially literate" if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

As of July 31, 2020 the current members of the Audit Committee are Bill Koutsouras (Chair), Allan Larmour and Charles Ross.

Mr. Allan Larmour is an executive officer being the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company and is not considered independent. Bill Koutsouras and Charles Ross are not executive officers of the Company and; therefore, are considered independent members of the Audit Committee.

All members of the audit committee are considered to be financially literate. All of the Audit Committee members have the ability to read and understand financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

### **RELEVANT EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

All of the Audit Committee members are senior-level businesspeople with experience in financial matters; each has an understanding of accounting principles used by the Company to prepare financial statements and varied experience as to general application of such accounting principles, as well as the internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting, garnered from working in their individual fields of endeavour.

Each member also has an understanding of the mineral exploration and mining business in which the Company is engaged and has an appreciation of the financial issues and accounting principles that are

relevant in assessing the Company's financial disclosures and internal control systems.

In addition, each of the members of the Audit Committee have knowledge of the role of an audit committee in the realm of reporting companies from their years of experience as directors or officers of public companies other than the Company. See Section 6 - Corporate Governance – Directorships in Other Public Companies.

*Bill Koutsouras (Chair)*

Mr. Koutsouras is the principal of Kouts Capital since 2011, an independent investment company and consulting firm providing corporate finance related assistance to various public and private companies, including strategic advice, introduction to capital providers and transaction structuring and implementation. Previously, he spent 10 years as the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and a Director of Endeavour Financial Corporation, a mining focused merchant bank. His responsibilities included, financial advisory mandates, investment related services and the financial management and operation of the Endeavour group of companies where he was involved in over \$25 billion of M&A transactions and in raising in excess of \$4 billion of financing for junior/mid-tier resource companies. He was also one of the original executives involved in the creation of Endeavour Mining, a gold producer in West Africa. Mr. Koutsouras has extensive experience as a non-executive director of public and private companies. He is currently Chairman of Wheaton Precious Metals International, a subsidiary of Wheaton Precious Metals Corp., Chairman of Aton Resources, Lead Director at Galaxy Digital Holdings and a Director of Endeavour Financial Corporation. Mr. Koutsouras is a Chartered Professional Accountant and Chartered Financial Analyst and is a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and the CFA Institute.

*Allan Larmour*

Mr. Larmour is an accomplished entrepreneur with over 25 years of experience in Fortune 500 companies, start-up technology companies, international sales and business development, and executive management. He has been a strategic business planning and investment consultant since 2009, a director of EmerGeo Solutions Worldwide Inc., a public software development company, since July 2007, Chairman of the Board of SIS EmerGeo Solutions Inc., a private company providing crisis management and situational awareness software, since December 2009, Vice President – Worldwide Sales and Marketing of Eight Solutions Inc., a TSX Venture Exchange listed issuer, since October 2016, and Chief Executive Officer and a director of Cloud Nine Education Group Ltd., a Canadian Securities Exchange listed issuer, since 2017. He co-founded Mobidia Technology Inc., a private company development software and solutions for enhancing mobile data networks, and served as its VP Business Development from August 2006 to December 2009, and as its President and CEO from May 2004 to August 2006. He is a professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in electrical engineering and a Bachelor of Science degree in genetics, both from the University of British Columbia.

*Charles Ross*

Mr. Ross has a strong understanding of accounting principles and an ability to assess the application of these principals. He has over 25 years' experience in the international resources sector as a senior executive. He applies accounting principles regularly when evaluating financial reports of target companies. He has more than 20 years' experience acting as the CFO of various companies in both the resources and manufacturing sectors. He has prepared financial statements, supervised financial statement preparation, coordinated audits and chaired audit committees. He has setup internal controls and procedures over financial reporting in compliance with regulatory regimes in both domestic and foreign environments

## AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board of Directors.

## RELIANCE ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year ended **December 31, 2019**, has the Company 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 Corporation 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 FOR NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in the Company's Audit Committee Charter attached as Schedule "C" to this Information Circular.

## EXTERNAL AUDITOR SERVICE FEES

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

The fees paid by the Company to its auditors in each of the last two financial years, by category, are as follows:

Auditor	Financial Year Ending Dec 31	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit-related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton	2019	\$9,500	Nil	Nil	\$115.90
LaBonte LLP <sup>(5)</sup>	2018	\$9,000	Nil	\$1,250	Nil

### NOTES:

- <sup>(1)</sup> The aggregate audit fees billed.
- <sup>(2)</sup> The aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements that are not included under the heading "Audit Fees".
- <sup>(3)</sup> The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The aggregate fees billed for products and services other than as set out under the headings "Audit Fees", "Audit Related Fees" and "Tax Fees".
- <sup>(5)</sup> Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton LaBonte LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, was appointed as the Company's auditor February 8, 2017.



## SECTION 6 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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### GENERAL

National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* (“**NI 58-101**”) provides guidelines on corporate governance disclosure for venture issuers as set out in Form 58-101F2 and requires full and complete annual disclosure of a listed company’s systems of corporate governance with reference to National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* (the “**Guidelines**”). Where a company’s corporate governance system differs from the Guidelines, each difference and the reason for the difference is required to be disclosed. The Company’s approach to corporate governance is provided below.

Corporate governance relates to the activities of the Board, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the Shareholders, and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and who are charged with the day-to-day management of the Company. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices that are both in the interest of its Shareholders and contribute to effective and efficient decision making. The Guidelines establishes corporate governance guidelines that apply to all public companies. The Company has reviewed its own corporate governance practices in light of these Guidelines. In certain cases, the Company’s practices comply with the Guidelines; however, the Board considers that some of the Guidelines are not suitable for the Company at its current stage of development and therefore these Guidelines have not been adopted. NI 58-101 mandates disclosure of corporate governance practices for Venture Issuers in Form 58-101F2, which disclosure is set out below.

### COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Four of the six proposed nominees for election as a director at the 2020 Annual General and Special Meeting are current directors of the Company. Form 58-101F1 suggests that the board of directors of every listed company should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as “independent” directors under NI 52-110, which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect “material relationship” with the Company. “Material relationship” is defined as a relationship that could, in the view of the company’s board of directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director’s independent judgment.

As at the date of this Information Circular, the board consisted of four (4) directors. Of the proposed nominees, Allan Larmour, who also serves the Company as Interim CEO, is an “inside” or management director and, as such, is considered not to be “independent”. Kant Trivedi, Charles Ross and Bill Koutsouras are considered by the Board to be “independent”, within the meaning of NI 52-110. In assessing Form 58-101F2 and making the foregoing determinations, the circumstances of each director have been examined in relation to a number of factors. It is the objective of the Company to continue to have a majority of independent Board members and enhance the quality of the Company’s corporate governance.

The Company does not currently have a Chair of the Board. The independent directors exercise their responsibilities for independent oversight of management, and are provided with leadership through their positions on the Board. The Board will give consideration to appointing an “independent” member as Chair at such time as it believes that such a position is required.

Management was delegated the responsibility for meeting defined corporate objectives, implementing approved strategic and operating plans, carrying on the Company’s business in the ordinary course, managing cash flow, evaluating new business opportunities, recruiting staff and complying with

applicable regulatory requirements. The Board facilitates its independent supervision over management through meetings of the Board and by reviewing and approving long-term strategic, business and capital plans, material contracts and business transactions, and all debt and equity financing transactions. Through its audit committee, the Board examines the effectiveness of the Company's internal control processes and management information systems. The Board as a whole reviews executive compensation and recommends stock option grants accordingly.

#### **MANDATE OF THE BOARD**

The Board is elected by and accountable to the shareholders of the Company. The mandate of the Board is to continually govern the Company and to protect and enhance the assets of the Company in the long-term best interests of the Shareholders. The Board will annually assess and approve a strategic plan which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and the identification of the principal risks of the issuer's business, and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks.

#### **DIRECTORSHIPS IN OTHER PUBLIC COMPANIES**

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

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Other reporting issuer (or equivalent in a foreign jurisdiction)<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Allan Larmour	Cloud Nine Education Group Ltd.
Kant Trivedi	Not Applicable
Charles Ross	Goldex Resources Corporation, Tearlach Resources Limited, Four Nines Gold Inc., Halio Energy Inc., Norzan Enterprises Ltd.
Bill Koutsouras	Aton Resources Inc. and Galaxy Digital Holdings Ltd.
Marc Levy	Avarone Metals Inc.
Art Freeze	Canasil Resources Inc., Orex Minerals Inc., Barsele Minerals Corp. and Silver Viper Minerals Corp.

#### **NOTES:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Information not being within our knowledge has been furnished by the respective person or has been obtained from insider reports filed by respective person and available through the Internet at the Canadian System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders ([www.sedi.ca](http://www.sedi.ca)).

#### **ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

New directors are briefed on strategic plans, short, medium and long term corporate objectives, business risks and mitigation strategies, corporate governance guidelines and existing company policies. However, there is no formal orientation for new members of the Board, and this is considered to be appropriate, given the Company's size and current level of operations. However, if the growth of the Company's operations warrants it, it is likely that a formal orientation process will be implemented.

The skills and knowledge of the Board of Directors as a whole is such that no formal continuing education process is currently deemed required. The Board is comprised of individuals with varying backgrounds, who have, both collectively and individually, extensive experience in running and managing public companies. Board members are encouraged to communicate with management, auditors and consultants to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation, with management's assistance. Board members have full access to the Company's records. Reference is made to the table under the heading "Election of Directors" for a description of the current principal occupations of the members of the Company's Board.



## **ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT**

The Board has determined that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation, 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 are sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company. Furthermore, the Board promotes fair dealing with all its stakeholders and requires compliance with the laws of each jurisdiction in which the Company operates.

The Board of Directors is also required to comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and relevant securities regulation in order to ensure that directors exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or officer has a material interest. Any interested director is required to declare the nature and extent of his interest and is not entitled to vote on any matter that is the subject of the conflict of interest.

## **NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company are elected at each annual general meeting and hold office until the next annual general meeting or until their successors are appointed. The Board as a whole determines new nominees to the Board of Directors, although a formal process has not been adopted. The nominees are generally the result of recruitment efforts by the individual Board members, including both formal and informal discussions among Board members and the President and CEO. The current size of the Board is such that the entire Board takes responsibility for selecting new directors and assessing current directors. Proposed directors' credentials are reviewed and discussed amongst the members of the Board prior to the proposed director's nomination.

The Board monitors but does not formally assess the performance of individual Board members or committee members or their contributions. The Board does not, at present, have a formal process in place for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, its committees or individual directors, but will consider implementing one in the future should circumstances warrant. Based on the Company's size, its stage of development and the limited number of individuals on the Board, the Board considers a formal assessment process to be inappropriate at this time. The Board plans to continue evaluating its own effectiveness on an *ad hoc* basis.

## **COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Company does not currently pay its directors any remuneration for acting as directors and the only compensation for acting as directors received by non-management directors is through the grant of incentive stock options. At present, the Board is satisfied that the current Board compensation arrangements adequately reflect the responsibilities and risks involved in being an effective director of the Company. The number of options to be granted to any director or officer is determined by the Board as a whole, thereby providing the independent directors with significant input into compensation decisions. Stock options to be granted to "management" directors are required, as a matter of board practice, to be reviewed and approved by the "non-management" directors. Given the current size and limited scope of operations of the Company, the Board does not believe that a formal compensation committee is required. At such time as, in the opinion of the Board, the size and activities of the Company and the number of management employees warrants it, the Board will consider it necessary to appoint a formal compensation committee. See Section 4 – Statement of Executive Compensation – Director and NEO Compensation.

## **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

## **ASSESSMENTS**

The board has not, as yet, established procedures to formally review the contributions of individual directors. At this point, the directors believe that the board's current size facilitates informal discussion and evaluation of members' contributions within that framework.

## SECTION 7 - OTHER INFORMATION

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### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As at the date of this Circular, there was no indebtedness outstanding with any current or former Director, executive officer or employee of the Corporation or its subsidiaries which is owing to the Corporation or its subsidiaries, or which is owing to another entity which indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Corporation or its subsidiaries, entered into in connection with a purchase of securities or otherwise.

No individual who is, or at any time during the most recently completed financial year was, a Director or executive officer of the Corporation, no proposed nominee for election as a Director of the Corporation and no associate of such persons:

- (i) is or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Corporation or its subsidiaries; or
- (ii) is indebted to another entity, which indebtedness 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 Corporation or its subsidiaries, in relation to a securities purchase program or other program.

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

Each person who has been a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year and each proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, as a potential participant under the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan, has a material interest in the approval of the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.

### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Applicable securities legislation defines "*informed person*" to mean any of the following: (a) a director or executive officer of a reporting issuer; (b) a director or officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of a reporting issuer; (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of a reporting issuer or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of a reporting issuer or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the reporting issuer other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) a reporting issuer that has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its securities, for so long as it holds any of its securities. Except as otherwise disclosed herein, no informed persons had (or has) any interest in any transaction with the Company since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year ended **December 31, 2019**, or in any proposed transaction, that has materially affected the Company or is likely to do so.

### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

There are no management functions of the Company or its subsidiaries which are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or executive officers (or private companies controlled by them, either directly or indirectly) of the Company.

## CEASE TRADE ORDERS, BANKRUPTCIES, PENALTIES OR SANCTIONS

For purposes of the disclosure in this section, an “order” means 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, in each case that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; and for purposes of item (a)(i) below, specifically includes a management cease trade order which applies to directors or executive officers of a relevant company that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days whether or not the proposed director was named in the order.

Except as disclosed herein, none of the proposed directors, including any personal holding company of a proposed director:

- (a) is, as at the date of the Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of the Circular, a director, chief executive officer (“CEO”) or chief financial officer (“CFO”) of any company (including the Corporation) that:
  - (i) was the subject, while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company, of a cease trade or similar 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; or
  - (ii) was subject to a cease trade or similar 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, CEO or CFO but which resulted from an event that occurred while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company; or
- (b) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of the Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director; or
- (d) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (e) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

Mr. Larmour was a director of EmerGeo Solutions Worldwide Inc. (“EmerGeo”) when it became the subject of a cease trade order issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission dated August 7,

2013, for its failure to file a comparative financial statement for the financial year ended March 31, 2013, and a management's discussion and analysis for the period ended March 31, 2013. On November 6, 2013, EmerGeo became the subject of a cease trade order issued by the Alberta Securities Commission for its failure to file annual audited financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis, and certification of annual filings for the year ended March 31, 2013, and interim unaudited financial statements, interim management's discussion and analysis, and certification of interim filings for the interim period ended June 30, 2013. As at the date hereof, both cease trade orders remain in effect.

Mr. Larmour was also a director of EmerGeo Solutions Inc., a subsidiary of EmerGeo incorporated on July 2, 2002, and in the business of providing emergency and crisis management software and services, when it filed an Assignment in Bankruptcy on February 16, 2012. The assets of EmerGeo Solutions Inc. were subsequently sold and recovered amounts paid to debtors.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Financial information about the Company is included in the Company's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the financial year ended **December 31, 2019**, which have been electronically filed with regulators and are available through the Internet on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Copies may be obtained without charge upon request to the Company at Suite 1080, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1H2. You may also access the Company's public disclosure documents through the Internet on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### **DIRECTOR APPROVAL**

The contents of this Circular and the sending thereof to the shareholders have been approved by the Directors of the Company.

**Dated** at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

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

Signed: "*Allan Larmour*"

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Allan Larmour  
Chief Executive Officer

## SCHEDULE "A"

### NORSEMONT CAPITAL INC. (the "Company")

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

##### Article 1 – Mandate and Responsibilities

The Audit Committee is appointed by the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") to oversee the accounting and financial reporting process of the Company and audits of the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- (a) recommend to the Board the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company;
- (b) recommend to the Board the compensation of the external auditor;
- (c) oversee the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting;
- (d) pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiaries by the Company's external auditor;
- (e) review the Company's financial statements, MD&A and annual and interim earnings press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information;
- (f) be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of all other public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, and to periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures;
- (g) establish procedures for:
  - (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
  - (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- (h) review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Company.

The Board and management will ensure that the Audit Committee has adequate funding to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

##### Article 2 – Pre-Approval of Non-Audit Services

The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more of its members the authority to pre-approve non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiaries by the Company's external auditor. The

pre-approval of non-audit services must be presented to the Audit Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

The Audit Committee may satisfy its duty to pre-approve non-audit services by adopting specific policies and procedures for the engagement of the non-audit services, provided the policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service, the Audit Committee is informed of each non-audit service and the procedures do not include delegation of the Audit Committee's responsibilities to management.

### **Article 3 – External Advisors**

The Audit Committee has the authority to conduct any investigation appropriate to fulfilling its responsibilities, and it has direct access to the external auditors as well as anyone in the organization. The Audit Committee has the ability to retain, at the Company's expense, special legal, accounting or other consultants or experts it deems necessary in the performance of its duties.

### **Article 4 – External Auditors**

The external auditors are ultimately accountable to the Audit Committee and the Board, as representatives of the shareholders. The external auditors will report directly to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee will:

- (a) review the independence and performance of the external auditors and annually recommend to the Board the nomination of the external auditors or approve any discharge of external auditors when circumstances warrant;
- (b) approve the fees and other significant compensation to be paid to the external auditors;
- (c) on an annual basis, review and discuss with the external auditors all significant relationships they have with the Company that could impair the external auditors' independence;
- (d) review the external auditors' audit plan to see that it is sufficiently detailed and covers any significant areas of concern that the Audit Committee may have;
- (e) before or after the financial statements are issued, discuss certain matters required to be communicated to audit committees in accordance with the standards established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants;
- (f) consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in the Company's financial reporting;
- (g) resolve any disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting;
- (h) approve in advance all audit services and any non-prohibited non-audit services to be undertaken by the external auditors for the Company; and
- (i) receive from the external auditors timely reports of:
  - (i) all critical accounting policies and practises to be used;
  - (ii) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments and the treatment preferred by the external auditors; and

- (iii) other material written communications between the external auditors and management.

#### **Article 5 – Legal Compliance**

On at least an annual basis, the Audit Committee will review with the Company’s legal counsel any legal matters that could have a significant impact on the organization’s financial statements, the Company’s compliance with applicable laws and regulations and inquiries received from regulators or governmental agencies.

#### **Article 6 - Complaints**

Individuals are strongly encouraged to approach a member of the Audit Committee with any complaints or concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters. The Audit Committee will from time to time establish procedures for the submission, receipt and treatment of such complaints and concerns. In all cases the Audit Committee will conduct a prompt, thorough and fair examination, document the situation and, if appropriate, recommend to the Board appropriate corrective action.

To the extent practicable, all complaints will be kept confidential. The Company will not condone any retaliation for a complaint made in good faith.



**SCHEDULE "B"**

**OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

(See Attached)

**NORSEMONT MINING INC.**

**OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

July 3, 2020

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**Norsemont Mining Inc.**  
**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, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those Directors, 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, 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;
- (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 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 Norsemont Mining Inc., 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, 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 July 3, 2020;
- (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 (a) the Canadian Securities Exchange, or (b) the primary exchange on which the Shares are then listed, as determined from by the Plan Administrator, if (i) the Canadian Securities Exchange is no longer the Corporation’s primary exchange, or (ii) the Shares are not listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange;
- (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 the rules of the Exchange from time to time;
- (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. In the event that such Shares are not listed and posted for trading on any Exchange, the Market Price shall be the fair market value of such Shares as determined by the Board 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) **“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;
- (ii) **“Option Shares”** means Shares issuable by the Corporation upon the exercise of outstanding Options;
- (jj) **“Participant”** means a Director, Employee or Consultant to whom an Award has been granted under this Plan;
- (kk) **“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;

- (ll) **“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;
- (mm) **“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;
- (nn) **“Plan”** means this Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time;
- (oo) **“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;
- (pp) **“PSU Service Year”** has the meaning given to it in Section 6.1;
- (qq) **“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;
- (rr) **“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 67 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;
- (ss) **“RSU Service Year”** has the meaning given to it in Section 5.1.
- (tt) **“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;
- (uu) **“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;
- (vv) **“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;
- (ww) **“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;
- (xx) **“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;

(yy) **“Tax Act”** has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(d);

(zz) **“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, the date such individual ceases to be a Director,

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.

(aaa) **“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;

(bbb) **“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);

- (ccc) **“U.S. Securities Act”** means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended; and
- (ddd) **“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, 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, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. The extent to which any Director, 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 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 10% 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 Limits on Grants of Awards**

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan:

- (a) the aggregate number of Shares:
  - (i) issuable to Insiders at any time, under all of the Corporation's Security- Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Shares; and

- (ii) issued to Insiders within any one (1) year period, under all of the Corporation's Security Based Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Shares,

provided that the acquisition of Shares by the Corporation for cancellation shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining non-compliance with this Section 3.7 for any Awards outstanding prior to such purchase of Shares for cancellation; and

- (b) (i) the Plan Administrator shall not make grants of Awards to Directors if, after giving effect to such grants of Awards, the aggregate number of Shares issuable to Directors, at the time of such grant, under all of the Corporation's Security Based Compensation Arrangements would exceed 1% of the issued and outstanding Shares on a non-diluted basis, and (ii) within any one financial year of the Corporation, (A) the aggregate fair value on the Date of Grant of all Options granted to any one Director shall not exceed \$100,000, and (B) the aggregate fair market value on the Date of Grant of all Awards (including, for greater certainty, the fair market value of the Options) granted to any one Director under all of the Corporation's Security Based Compensation Arrangements shall not exceed \$150,000; provided that such limits shall not apply to (i) Awards taken in lieu of any cash retainer or meeting director fees, and (ii) a one-time initial grant to a Director upon such Director joining the Board.

### **3.8 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.

### **3.9 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.

### 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, 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 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 the terms comply with Section 409A, with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer.

### **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.
- (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 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 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.
- (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 2020 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.

### **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. 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 a portion of any unvested Options or other Awards shall immediately vest, such portion to be equal to the number of unvested Options or other Awards held by the Participant as of the Termination Date multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the date any unvested Options or other Awards were originally scheduled to vest. 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 vest on such 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 vest on such 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, 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:

- (a) 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 of Directors 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(a), 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 Subsection 10.2(a)) 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.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 9.1, and except as otherwise provided in a written employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and a Participant, if within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control, a Participant's employment, consultancy or directorship is terminated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause:
  - (i) any unvested Awards held by the Participant at the Termination Date shall immediately vest; and
  - (ii) any vested Awards of Participants may, subject to Sections 5.4(d) and 6.6(d) (where applicable), be exercised, surrendered or settled by such Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Award; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any vested Awards (other than Options) granted to U.S. Taxpayers will be settled within 90 days of the Participant's "separation from service". Any Award that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled at the end of such period will be immediately forfeited and cancelled.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection 10.2(a) 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.

- (d) 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, 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, 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**

Subject to any limitations in Section 3.6, the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance in respect of granted ISOs shall not exceed 10,000,000 Shares, and 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, 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) increases or removes the 10% limits on Shares issuable or issued to Insiders as set forth in Subsection 3.7(a);
- (c) reduces the exercise price of an Option Award (for this purpose, a cancellation or termination of an Option Award of a Participant prior to its Expiry Date for the purpose of reissuing an Option Award to the same Participant with a lower exercise price shall be treated as an amendment to reduce 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;
- (d) 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);
- (e) 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);
- (f) increases or removes the limits on the participation of Directors;
- (g) permits Awards to be transferred to a Person;

- (h) changes the eligible participants of the Plan; or
- (i) 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.

### **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 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**

**NORSEMONT MINING INC.  
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 % 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**

**NORSEMONT MINING INC.  
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**

**NORSEMONT MINING INC.  
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.