# AARDVARK VENTURES INC. (the "Company")

#### Form 52-110F2

## Disclosure by Venture Issuers

#### Item 1: The Audit Committee's Charter

#### Mandate

The primary function of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and shareholders, the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Consistent with this function, the Committee will encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control system and review the Company's financial statements.
- Review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors.
- Provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board of Directors.

## Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of three Directors as determined by the Board of Directors, the majority of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

At least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. For the purposes of the Company's Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is 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 presumably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual shareholders' meeting. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

#### Meetings

The Committee shall meet a least twice annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Committee will meet at least annually with the Chief Financial Officer and the external auditors in separate sessions.

# Responsibilities and Duties

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

#### <u>Documents/Reports Review</u>

- (a) Review and update this Charter annually.
- (b) Review the Company's financial statements, MD&A and any annual and interim earnings, press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information and any reports or other financial information (including quarterly financial statements), which are submitted to any governmental body, or to the public, including any certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors.

# **External Auditors**

- (a) Review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board of Directors and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) Obtain annually, a formal written statement of external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company.
- (c) Review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors.
- (d) Take, or recommend that the full Board of Directors take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- (e) Recommend to the Board of Directors the selection and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- (f) At each meeting, consult with the external auditors, without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- (g) Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company.
- (h) Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements.
- (i) Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors. The pre-approval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services if:

- i. the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to its external auditors during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided:
- ii. such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
- iii. such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee who are members of the Board of Directors to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval such authority may be delegated by the Committee to one or more independent members of the Committee.

## Financial Reporting Processes

- (a) In consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- (b) Consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- (d) Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- (e) Review significant judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- (f) Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- (g) Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- (h) Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- (i) Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- (j) Review certification process.
- (k) Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

Other

Review any related-party transactions.

## Item 2: Composition of the Audit Committee

The current members of the Audit Committee are Gary Monaghan, Scott Davis and Gordon Villeneuve, two of whom are independent (Messrs. Davis and Villeneuve) and all of whom are financially literate as defined by NI 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"). To assess financial literacy, the Board considers 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.

# Item 3: Relevant Education and Experience

All members of the Audit Committee have been involved in enterprises which engage corporate acquisitions and/or private equity investing, each of which requires a working understanding of, and ability to analyze and assess, financial information (including financial statements).

#### **Gary Monaghan**

Mr. Monaghan has been active in the mining industry since 2005, as a director of UC Resources Ltd. Mr. Monaghan has over twenty-five years of senior management experience in the communications industry working for companies such as Shaw Communications, Rogers Communications, and MDU Communications. He was the President and founder of MDU Communications Inc. (OTCBB: MDTV) from September 1998 to May 2001.

#### **Scott Davis**

Mr. Davis is a partner of Cross Davis & Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants, a firm focused on providing accounting and management services for publicly-listed companies. His experience includes CFO positions of several companies listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. His past experience consists of senior management positions, including four years at Appleby as an Assistant Financial Controller, two years at Davidson & Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as an Auditor and five years with Pacific Opportunity Capital Ltd. as an Accounting Manager.

#### **Gordon Villeneuve**

Mr. Villeneuve is the owner and operator of Apex Business Brokers., a full-service business brokerage firm operating in Vancouver, British Columbia. Mr. Villeneuve is a Certified Business Broker and has over twenty years of experience with business ownership and management in both large and small organizations.

# **Item 4: Audit Committee Oversight**

At no time during the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor (currently, DeVisser Gray LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants) not adopted by the Board.

## **Item 5: Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

# Item 6: Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has not adopted formal policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services. Subject to the requirements of the NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by, as applicable, the Board and the Audit Committee, on a case by case basis.

## Item 7: External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The following table sets out the aggregate fees charged to the Company by the external auditor in each of the last two financial years for the category of fees described.

	2020(1)	2019(1)	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>
Audit Fees	Nil <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil <sup>(2)</sup>
Audit-Related Fees	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tax fees	Nil	Nil	Nil
All Other Fees	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Fees:	Nil	Nil	Nil

<sup>(1)</sup> Financial year ended August 31.

(2) Following completion of the most recent financial year, the Company incurred audit fees of \$20,000 for completion of the audits for the financial years ended August 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

## Item 8: Exemption

During the most recently completed financial year, the Company relied on the exemption set out in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 with respect to compliance with the requirements of Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*).